GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Calling of Applications from eligible SC/ST candidates who are native residents of Puducherry for Skill Development & Income Generation training Courses/Programmes under the "Grants-in-Aid (GIA)" Component of PM-AJAY (2026–2027)

The Department of Adi Dravidar & Scheduled Tribes Welfare, Government of Puducherry, invites applications from eligible Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribes (ST) candidates residing in the Union Territory of Puducherry for enrolment into various **Skill Development & Comprehensive Livelihood / Income Generation training courses/Programmes**.

These certified training courses are implemented under the **Grants-in-Aid component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)** in technical and field collaboration with **Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** and the **District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Puducherry**.

1. Programme Highlights & Benefits

- **100% Free Training:** No tuition, registration, or examination fees.
- **Certification:** Nationally recognized certification aligned with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) / NCVT / DRDA livelihood modules.
- **Toolkit & Raw Material Support:** Practical lab toolkits and training consumables provided free of cost.
- **Post-Training Placement & Self-Employment Assistance:**
  - Direct placement drives with local industrial estates (PIPDIC, SEDC, MSME clusters).
  - Direct linkage with DRDA Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and subsidy/credit linkages under PM-AJAY composite income generation guidelines for enterprise startup kits.
- **Monthly Stipend:** Rs.3000/- per trainee.

2. Available Courses, Durations, and Eligibility Criteria

Category A: Technical & Industrial Trades (in Collaboration with Government ITIs)

Sl.No.	Course / Trade Name	Minimum Educational Qualification	Duration	Intake Capacity
1	**Electric Vehicle Service Technician**	10th Class + 2-year NAC/NTC OR 10th Class + 3 years relevant experience OR 11th Class pursuing + 1.5 years relevant experience OR 12th Pass/Equivalent OR NSQF Level 3 Two Wheeler/Four-Wheeler Service Assistant with relevant experience.	450 hours (390 QP hours + 60 hours OJT)	30 per batch
2	**Geriatric Caregiver (Institutional & Home Care)**	12th Grade Pass OR pursuing 1st year UG OR completed 2nd year of 3-year diploma after 10th OR pursuing 3rd year of 3-year diploma after 10th OR pursuing 1st year of 2-year diploma after 12th OR 10th Grade pass + 3 years vocational education/training OR other equivalent NSQF pathways specified in the QP.	450 hours (330 QP hours + 120 hours OJT)	30 per batch
3	**Solar LED Technician**	8th Grade + 2-year ITI with 2 years relevant experience OR 10th Class with 2 years relevant experience OR NSQF Level 3 Electrical Technician with 2 years relevant experience OR 12th Class with 6 months relevant experience, as applicable to the QP.	450 hours (330 QP hours + 120 hours OJT)	40 per batch

4	**Yoga Wellness Trainer**	12th Class pass OR prescribed equivalent pathways such as 11th pass with continuous schooling, 10th pass with 3-year relevant experience, or previous relevant NSQF qualification with relevant experience, as applicable to the current QP.	450 hours (390 QP hours + 60 hours OJT)	30 per batch

Category B: Rural Livelihoods, Agro-Allied & Enterprise Trades (in Collaboration with DRDA)

Sl.No.	Course / Trade Name	Minimum Educational Qualification	Duration	Intake Capacity
1	**Jute Bag Production**	Minimum 8th Standard pass	15 Days / 90 Training Hours	40 per batch
2	**Idly Batter Production, Food Processing, Packaging and Micro-Enterprise Development**	Minimum 8th Standard pass	5 Days (30 Hours) - 6 hours per day.	40 per batch
3	**Millets fruits/Vegetables Value Added Products**	Minimum 8th Standard pass	3 days	40 per batch

3. General Eligibility Conditions

1. **Community:** Applicant must belong to a recognized **Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST)** of the Union Territory of Puducherry and must have been continuously residing in the UT of Puducherry for the last 5 years or more (Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe, or Yanam).
2. **Age Limit:** 18 to 45 years as on the date of application (relaxable up to 50 years for single women, widows, and persons with disabilities).

3. **Annual Family Income:** There will be no fixed income limits of the applicants. However, priority will be accorded to the applicants having annual household income not more than **₹2.50 Lakhs** per annum.
4. **Residency:** Must be a resident of the Union Territory of Puducherry (minimum 5 years of continuous residence).
5. **Prior Participation:** The applicant should not have availed similar free government-sponsored training under any Government schemes in the preceding 2 years.

4. Mandatory Documents to be Attached

Self-attested photocopies of the following credentials must be enclosed with the application:

- Recent passport-size photographs (3 copies).
- Proof of Identity: Aadhaar Card / Voter ID.
- Community Certificate (SC/ST Certificate issued by a competent Revenue Authority - Tahsildar / Deputy Tahsildar).
- Nativity / Residence Certificate issued by the Revenue Department, Puducherry.
- Annual Family Income Certificate (valid for current financial year).
- Educational Qualification Certificates / Marksheets (Transfer Certificate / 8th / 10th / 12th / ITI).
- First page copy of Bank Passbook (Bank Account must be Aadhaar-seeded / active DBT enabled).
- Disability Certificate (if applying under PwD quota).

5. Selection Procedure

1. Applications will be scrutinized and selected by the District Selection Committee under the Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare & Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry.
2. If applicant numbers exceed the sanctioned intake capacity, selection will be made based on merit, economic backwardness, and a basic counselling/aptitude evaluation.
3. Preference will be given to candidates belonging to low-income households, particularly landless labourers, women-headed families, and rural SC clusters under PM-AJAY Adarsh Grams.

6. Submission Guidelines & Important Dates

- **Application Availability:** Prescribed application forms can be obtained from the official website of Government of Puducherry and Downloadable online via: (https://py.gov.in). Also, the application form is enclosed in the annexure.
- **Submission Deadline:**
  - **Date of Notification:** 19.11.2026
  - **Last Date for Submission of Completed Applications:** 11.12.2026 by 5:00 PM
- **Where to Submit:** Duly filled application forms along with required enclosures must be submitted in person or by Registered Post to the Director, Adi Dravidar Welfare & Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Kamaraj Salai, Gnanathiyagu Nagar, Thattanchavady, Puducherry - 605009.

(Envelope must be superscribed: "APPLICATION FORM FOR PM-AJAY SKILL DEVELOPMENT & INCOME GENERATION TRAINING COURSES – 2026-27")

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