

## Village accountant

The Village Accountant (variously known as "Patwari", "Talati", "Patel", "Karnam", "Adhikari", "Shanbogar", "Patnaik" etc.) is an administrative government position found in rural parts of the Indian sub-continent. The office and the officeholder are called the "patwari" in Telangana, Bengal, North India and in Pakistan while in Sindh it is called "tapedar". The position is known as the "karnam" in Andhra Pradesh, "patnaik" in Orissa or "adhikari" in Tamil Nadu, while it is commonly known as the "talati" in Karnataka, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The position was known as the "kulkarni" in Northern Karnataka and Maharashtra. The position was known as the "shanbogar" in South Karnataka.