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The Department of Post is organizing the “Universal Postal Union 2026 International Letter Writing Competition for young People” on 08.03.2026 in Mumbai, Chtt. Sambhaji Nagar, Pune Nagpur, Goa and Navi Mumbai. Schools are encouraged to organise the competition independently at their respective institution on 07.03.2026 for their students aged from 9 to 15 years on the subject “Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world.”

The letter can be writtern in English or any language listed in the 8th schedule of the constitution of India.

Details of the competition is enclosed herewith at Annexure I & II.

All Heads of Govt./Govt. aided/unaided/primary/secondary Schools are hereby informed to motivate and encourage students to take part in the International letter writing competition.


(Shailesh R. Sinai Zingde)
Director of Education

Encl:- As above.

To,

All Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided/Unaided/Primary/Secondary Schools.

Copy to:-

1. The Asstt. Director Postal Services, Department of Posts Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Circle, Mumbai – 400001.
2. The Director (Administration), Directorate of Education, Porvorim-Goa.
3. The Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Educational Zone, Mapsua/Margao/Panaji-Goa.
4. The A.D.E.I. of 12 taluka.
5. P.A. to the Director of Education, Porvorim-Goa.
- ✓ 6. The Nodal Officer, IT for uploading on the website

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Annexure-I

DETAILS OF 2026 INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

1. General details:

1	Subject	Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world.
2	Participants eligibility	It is open to participants for age 9-15 years
3	Content and form	Composition must be presented in the form of Letter.
4	Date/Time of Competition	The competition shall be organized by the schools in such a way that the entries shall reach the Circles by 20.03.2026 . Further, the circles shall evaluate all the entries and best three entries should reach the Directorate by 31.03.2026 .
5	Language	English or any language listed in the 8 th schedule of the Constitution of India.

2. Prizes (at Circle level)

- a. First Prize: Rs.25,000/- and a certificate
- b. Second Prize: Rs.10,000/- and a certificate
- c. Third Prize: Rs. 5,000/- and a certificate

3. Prizes (at National level):

- a. First Prize: Rs. 50,000/- and a Certificate.
- b. Second Prize: Rs. 25,000/- and a Certificate.
- c. Third Prize: Rs. 10,000/- and a Certificate.

4. The best entry at the national level shall qualify as the official Indian entry for the International level Competition

The Universal Postal Union shall select the award-winning entries. The winners will receive a special medal (gold for first prize, silver for second, and bronze for third) and a certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU). The gold medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Bern, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole

discretion of the UPU. Writers awarded a special mention will also receive a certificate as well as other prizes (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU).

5. **It may be ensured that each and every entry has the following details on its first page in bilingual (both English and Hindi):**

- i. Candidate's Passport size photograph.
- ii. Candidate's name.
- iii. Date of Birth.
- iv. Sex (Male/Female).
- v. Father's/Guardian's name.
- vi. Name of the School/Institution and full address.
- vii. Full postal address.

For further details, please contact the Chief Postmaster General/Postmaster General/Director Postal Services/**Nodal Officer** of your Circle/Region. Information will be available on the Department's website <http://www.indiapost.gov.in>

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Annexure -II

2026 International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People

RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

- a. The 2026 International Letter Writing Competition shall be open to participants for the age of 9-15 years (Note: participants who will turn 16 years of age before 5 may 2026 will be rejected). **The age of the participants will be certified with a proof like Birth Certificate, AADHAR card, certificate issued by Schools etc.**
- b. Date and time of the Competition: **The competition shall be organized by the schools in such a way that the entries shall reach the Circles by 20.03.2026. Further, the circles shall evaluate all the entries and best three entries should reach the Directorate by 31.03.2026.**
- c. The UPU International Bureau does not accept compositions sent directly by schools, individual or similar. Interested individuals/schools are request to contact postal circle offices for participation.
- d. The participants will apply for participation in the competition along with three passport size photographs in the following format in bilingual (**both English and Hindi**) on plain paper.

1	Name of the competition *	2026 International Letter Writing Competition for Young People.
2	Full Name of the participant *	
3	Father's /Guardian's Name *	
4	Full Address for correspondence *	
5	Name and complete address of the School/ Institution where studying *	
6	Age with exact date of birth *	
7	Sex (Male /Female) *	
8	Centre	

* **Mandatory field.**

- e. Participants shall submit completely filled application form along-with 1 photocopy of age proof document to the Nodal Officer of concerned Postal Circle in duplicate before the last date of submission of application form as decided by the Postal Circle. One copy of the application form will be retained by the participants as hall ticket for the purpose of entry at venue on the day of competition. The Department/Schools will provide the answer book to the participants at the venue but they shall bring their own pen/pencil. **The participants shall write their composition in their own handwriting not exceeding 800 words.** Entries with More than 800 words would not be considered for evaluation. Circles shall ensure

that the selected entries are strictly adhering to the theme and not more than the limit of 800 words.

IMPORTANT: - *All the particulars as mentioned above including the full name and address of the participant should appear on the first page of the Answer Book also. Entries, which do not furnish all relevant details, would not be considered valid.*