



India Post Invites Young Minds to Participate in UPU International Letter Writing Competition 2026

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India Post is set to conduct the UPU International Letter Writing Competition for Young People in an annual global initiative of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** to promote creativity, critical thinking, and the art of letter writing amongst school students.

The theme for 2026 is: **“Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world.”**

The competition is organized across India through all **Postal Circles**, in coordination with schools and educational institutions. India Post promotes participation, collects entries, evaluates them at Circle and National levels, and awards prizes—generally on **World Post Day (9 October)**. The best national entry will represent India at the international level, where UPU will award medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze), certificates, and other prizes. The Gold Medalist might also receive a visit to **UPU Headquarters, Bern, Switzerland**, or an alternative prize.

Eligibility and Guidelines

- **Age Group:** 9 to 15 years
- **Form:** Handwritten letter
- **Language:** English or any language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India
- **Participants:** Students of recognized schools/institutions

Schools are requested to organize the competition internally and send the selected entries to their respective Postal Circles by **20 March 2026**. Circles will evaluate entries and forward the **best three** to the Directorate by **31 March 2026**.

Prizes

Circle Level:

- First Prize: ₹25,000 and Certificate
- Second Prize: ₹10,000 and Certificate
- Third Prize: ₹5,000 and Certificate

National Level:

- First Prize: ₹50,000 and Certificate
- Second Prize: ₹25,000 and Certificate
- Third Prize: ₹10,000 and Certificate

Mandatory Entry Details

Each entry must include the following on the **first page**, in **English and Hindi**:

1. Passport size photograph of the candidate
2. Candidate's name
3. Date of Birth
4. Gender
5. Father's/Guardian's name
6. Name and full address of the School/Institution
7. Full postal address

Students, parents, and schools may contact their **Chief Postmaster General/Postmaster General/Director Postal Services/Nodal Officer** for further details. Additional information is available on the website of Department of Posts: **www.indiapost.gov.in**

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