# Department of Posts signs Agreement with Stock Holding Services Limited to Promote Access to Capital Market Services

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The Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, signed an agreement with Stock Holding Services Limited (SSL) on 27 January 2026 at Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, to promote access to regulated capital market services for citizens across the country. With its extensive nationwide network of more than 1.65 lakh post offices, including a strong presence in rural and remote areas, India Post plays a significant role in extending financial services to underserved populations.


(MoU signing between the Department of Posts and Stock Holding Services Limited (SSL).

(L–R) Smt. Rajul Bhatt, DDG (FS), Smt. Vandita Kaul, Secretary (Posts), and Shri Prabhat Kumar Dubey, MD & CEO, Stock Holding Services Limited.

This collaboration seeks to leverage the reach and trust of India Post to encourage wider participation of citizens in organized and regulated capital markets.

Under the Agreement, citizens will be enabled to access SSL's services through digital utilities such as onboarding links and QR codes made available through official platforms and at selected post office locations. The services include opening of demat and trading accounts, mutual fund investments, participation in IPOs, and other permitted investment products.

A key focus of the partnership is financial awareness and investor education. SSL will conduct investor education and financial literacy programs, with the support of the Department of Posts, to promote informed participation in financial markets, particularly among first-time investors and citizens in rural and semi-urban areas.

Speaking on the occasion, **Smt. Vandita Kaul**, Secretary (Posts), said that the collaboration reflects a shared commitment towards financial inclusion and aligns with the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**. She highlighted that the initiative will leverage India Post's extensive network and recent digital transformation to enable wider and secure citizen participation in capital markets.

**Shri Prabhat Kumar Dubey**, MD & CEO, Stock Holding Services Limited, expressed his happiness at being associated with the Department of Posts for this initiative. He stated that SSL is committed to expanding access to transparent and regulated capital market services and enhancing investor awareness across the country.

The partnership marks another step in India Post's ongoing transformation into a digitally enabled, citizen-centric service delivery entity and is expected to contribute significantly to investor awareness, citizen empowerment, and economic growth.

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