



Postal department to hold International Letter Writing Competition at 4 centers in Goa on March 8

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The Department of Posts, Government of India, will be organizing the UPU 2026 International Letter Writing Competition for Young People at four locations in Goa on March 8th, 2026. The competition is being conducted as part of the annual global initiative of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** to promote creativity, critical thinking, and the art of letter writing amongst school students.

The Department of Posts, Goa Division, Goa, will conduct the competition at Goa University, Saraswat Vidyalyaya High School, Mapusa; A. J. De Almeida High School, Ponda, and Rosary Higher Secondary School, Navelim.

Children in the age group of **9 to 15 years** are eligible to participate in the competition. Interested candidates must submit details including name, address, date of birth, gender, school name and the preferred center by **February 25th, 2026** via email at dogoa.mh[at]gmail[dot]com or contact Smt. Priyanka Cainsunkar on 8208263377 for more information.

The participants must write a handwritten letter with maximum 800 words on the theme **"Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world."** Letters may be written in English or any language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India. Further details are available on the official website of India Post: <http://www.indiapost.gov.in>

At the Circle level, prizes include ₹25,000, ₹10,000 and ₹5,000 for first, second and third places respectively while at the National level, prizes include ₹50,000, ₹25,000 and ₹10,000. The best national entry will represent India at the international level, where UPU will award medals, certificates, and other prizes. The Gold Medalist might also receive a visit to UPU Headquarters, Bern, Switzerland, or an alternative prize.



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