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PUBLIC NOTICE / ADVERTISEMENT

NATIONAL LEVEL 'DHAII AKHAR' LETTER WRITING COMPETITION 2026-27

No. Phil/WBC/Dhai Akhar/2026-27

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Applications/Entries are invited from residents of West Bengal Circle (including Sikkim & A&N Islands) for the **Dhai Akhar National Level Letter Writing Competition (FY 2026-27)**, organized by the Department of Posts to promote creative writing, handwriting skills, and public engagement with post and philately.

1. COMPETITION THEME & TOPIC

- **Theme:** "A Letter to Mother Earth: My Promise to Protect Nature"
- **Language Options:** English, Hindi, or any Vernacular language.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Nationality/Jurisdiction:** Open to all citizens residing within West Bengal Circle.
- **Age Categories:**
 1. **Category I (Up to 18 Years):** As on January 1, 2026.
 2. **Category II (Above 18 Years):** As on January 1, 2026.

3. CATEGORIES, STATIONERY & WORD LIMITS

Category Code	Age Group	Permitted Stationery	Maximum Word Limit	Writing Mode
01 (A)	Up to 18 Years	Inland Letter Card (ILC)	500 Words	Handwritten Only
01 (B)	Up to 18 Years	Plain A-4 size paper inside Embossed/Stamped Envelope	1000 Words	Handwritten Only
02 (A)	Above 18 Years	Inland Letter Card (ILC)	500 Words	Handwritten Only
02 (B)	Above 18 Years	Plain A-4 size paper inside Embossed/Stamped Envelope	1000 Words	Handwritten Only

Note: Typed letters will **NOT** be accepted under any circumstances. Entries directly collected from educational institutions by respective Postal Divisions are exempt from mandatory stamp affixation.

4. SCHEME OF AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

Winners will be selected first at the **West Bengal Circle Level** and subsequently evaluated for **National Level** awards.

Prizes

Prize	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Circle Level	₹25,000	₹10,000	₹5,000
National Level	₹50,000	₹25,000	₹10,000

5. IMPORTANT DATES & TIMELINES

- **Commencement of Competition:** August 1, 2026
- **Last Date for Posting Entries:** October 31, 2026
- **Declaration of West Bengal Circle Results:** December 31, 2026 (tentative)

6. HOW TO APPLY & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Drafting the Letter:** Write a handwritten letter on the prescribed theme ("*A Letter to Mother Earth: My Promise to Protect Nature*") using either an Inland Letter Card or plain A-4 paper enclosed in an envelope.
2. **Mandatory Age Certificate:** Participants must write a self-declaration certificate directly on the letter:

"I certify that I am below/above the age of 18 as on 01/01/2026."

3. **Addressing the Letter:** The letter must be addressed to the **Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle**.
4. **Posting:** Letters are to be posted or dropped into the designated letter box/place set up in each Post Office specifically for the **Dhai Akhar National Level Letter Writing Competition (FY 2026-27)** on or before **October 31, 2026**.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Entries will be evaluated at the Circle Level by an Evaluation Committee chaired by the **Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle**, alongside academicians/literary scholars, or journalism faculty members.
- The top 03 entries per category from West Bengal Circle (12 entries in total) will be forwarded to the Directorate for final National Level evaluation.
- Age and identification documents of winning candidates will be verified prior to final award distribution.


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