

O/o. District Educational Officer
NTR District, Vijayawada

Endt.Rc.No.2804/ C2/ 2026

Dt. 12.08. 2026

Sub: School Education – NTR District – Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana Scholarship Scheme for student – Information - Communicating – Reg.

Ref: BD/DDSY/2026, Dated at Vijayawada – 01 the 04.08.2026.

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The copy of the information in the reference cited, by Superintendent of Post Offices, Vijayawada Dn. Vijayawada is intimating that, Department of Posts – Government of India has launched a philately scholarship scheme “Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana” (scholarship for promoting Aptitude & Research in stamps as a Hobby) on 03.11.017 for generating interest regarding philately among students is herewith communicated to all the Deputy Educational Officers, Mandal Educational Officers and all the schools Headmasters under all management in the district for necessary action in the matter without any deviation.

Encls: As above.

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Sd/- L.Chandrakala
District Educational Officer
NTR District, Vijayawada

G.V. Ramana
Superintendent
12/8/2026

To

The Deputy Educational Officers and Mandal Educational Officers in the District.

All the Schools Headmasters under all management in the district.

Copy to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Vijayawada Dn. Vijayawada.

Copy submitted to the Regional Joint Director, School Education, Zone-II, Kakinada for favour of kind information.

Copy submitted to the Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi for favour of kind information.



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भारतीय डाक विभाग Department of Posts: : India
वरिष्ठ डाक अधीक्षक कार्यालय O/o Senior Superintendent of Post Offices
विजयवाडा प्रभाग Vijayawada Division, विजयवाडा Vijayawada-520001

To
The DEO,
Near Collectorate, PWD Grounds,
Vijayawada – 520 002.

BD/DDS/2026 dated at Vijayawada – 01 the 04.08.2026

Sub: Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana Scholarship scheme for students – Reg

Dear Sir,

It is to intimate that Department of posts – Government of India has launched a philately scholarship scheme “Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana” (Scholarship for promotion of Aptitude & Research in stamps as a Hobby) on 03.11.2017 for generating interest regarding philately among students.

Students of Class VI to IX having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship by central Government on the basis of Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by Department of Posts. The amount of scholarship per awardees is Rs. 6000.

Eligibility: Students of class VI to IX of recognized schools. Students should have a philately deposit account in post office or he/she is a member of Philately club in his /her school. A candidate must have good academic record i.e at the time of selection for award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 60% marks or equivalent grade/point in the recent final examination in 2026.

The notification and complete details are enclosed herewith for information. For further details please contact this office 0866-2425481 and email id dovijayawada.ap@indiapost.gov.in. Therefore, it is requested to kindly cause suitable instructions to all school authorities for giving wide publicity about the philately Scholarship scheme among the children and makes them participate in the “DEEN DAYAL SPARSH YOJANA” by opening philately club or Philately Deposit Accounts at Vijayawada head post office.

DA : Notification

Yours Sincerely,

वरिष्ठ डाक अधीक्षक Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices,
विजयवाडा प्रभाग, Vijayawada Dn.,
विजयवाडा Vijayawada-1.

No: APCO/Phil/DDSY/2026-27

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भारतीय डाक विभाग
Department of Posts – India

मुख्य पोस्टमास्टर जनरल कार्यालय, आंध्र प्रदेश सर्किल, विजयवाडा-520013
O/o Chief Postmaster General, A.P.Circle, Vijayawada-520 013

सेवा में/ To

पोस्टमास्टर जनरल/ The Postmasters General

कर्नूल/ विजयवाडा/ विशाखापट्टणम क्षेत्र

Kurnool/ Vijayawada/ Visakhapatnam Region

Dated: 01.08.2026

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विषय/Sub: Philately scholarship scheme "Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana" for the students of class VI to IX for the FY 2026-27 – Reg.

संदर्भ/Ref: Directorate letter No. 46/24/2024-Phil-DoP dated 29.07.2026

Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship Scheme **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) in 2017 for generating interest regarding Philately amongst students.

2. The eligibility condition, selection process, syllabus, amount of scholarship and application procedure are enclosed herewith. The notification for the year 2026-27 is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action. Wide publicity of the scheme may be given by displaying the notification in the notice board at all the post offices. Necessary efforts may be put to display the notification in the notice board of all the recognized schools, including Philately Clubs.

3. Press conference or issue of Press note at all Regions and Divisions shall be organized by the end of second week of August 2026 and ensure that this scheme is publicized in all prominent newspapers & channels. Regions are requested to distribute template pamphlets at schools at the Divisional level.

4. As the scheme is intended for the promotion of philately, all the philatelic stationery like Commemorative Postage Stamps, FDCs, Brochures, and PDA applications may be made available at all the Philatelic Bureaus and Counters. All the Regions may ensure that good number of applications are received by 16.09.2026 for the participation in the written quiz scheduled to be held at all the Regions on 30.09.2026.

5. Regions to intimate the progress on the various activities, duly adhering to the timelines.

This has approval of the Chief Postmaster General.

संलग्न/Encl: यथोपरि/ As above

सहायक निदेशक (फिलेटली)

Assistant Director (Philately)

मुख्य पोस्टमास्टर जनरल कार्यालय, आंध्र प्रदेश सर्किल

O/o Chief Postmaster General, A.P. Circle

विजयवाडा/ Vijayawada-520 013



NOTIFICATION dated 01.08.2026
Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana for the students of class VI to IX

Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship scheme **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) in 2017 for generating interest regarding Philately amongst students.

About scheme:

Students of classes VI to IX having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded a scholarship based on the Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by Circle office. The amount of Scholarship per awardee is Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.

Salient Features:

1. Eligibility Conditions:

- i. A Candidate must be a student (class VI to IX) of a recognized School within India.
- ii. Concerned School should have a Philately Club and the candidate should be a member of the Club.
- iii. In case the School Philately Club hasn't been established, a student having his own Philately Deposit Account may also be considered.
- iv. The requirement of having a Philately Account/Membership of the School Philately Club would concern the Date of Application, and the student applying would have to mention the same in his/her application form as mandatory.
- v. A candidate must have good academic record. At the time of selection for award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 60% marks or equivalent grade/ grade point in the recent final examination in 2026 (i.e V, VI, VII & VIII final exams for students studying in VI, VII, VIII & IX respectively), copies of progress report/marks card/certificate from the school authorities should be enclosed along with the application. There will be 5% relaxation for children belonging to SC/ST.

2. Selection Process: The Selection Process will be consisting of two levels (Level 1- Philately Written Quiz & Level- 2- Philately Project.

- i. **Level 1: A Philately Written Quiz** at Regional level will be conducted on **30th September, 2026** by postal authorities in their respective Divisions, which would act as a Screening Test for the second level. The last date for submission of the application is **16th September, 2026**. The philatelic written quiz consists of 50 multiple-choice questions. Each question will be of one mark with no negative marking. The time duration for the written quiz test will be One Hour. Department of posts reserves the right to change the dates at a later stage.
- ii. **Level 2: Philately Project:** Students selected in the written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project for final selection within Fifteen days after the announcement of written test results. There will be no weightage of the marks secured in Philately Quiz in the final evaluation and the final selection would be decided solely on the basis of the marks secured in Philately Project. The results of 1st level quiz are communicated to the selected candidates for detailing them on the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be

the given list by the Department of Posts within 15 days. The projects should be addressed to Assistant Director (Philately), O/o CPMG, A.P Circle, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada-520013.

3. Syllabus:

Philately Written Quiz: Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) quiz consisting of 50 (Fifty) questions from following subject: Current Affairs(5), History(5), Science(5), Sports/Culture/Personalities(5), Geography(5), Local Philately(10) and National Philately(15).

Philately Project: The project should not be of more than 4 to 5 pages. While preparing the project, Students may use not more than 16 stamps and not more than 500 words. Detailed guidelines regarding the Project & sample project template will be issued after the announcement of Philately written quiz to the selected candidates.

4. Amount of Scholarship:

The amount of Scholarship is Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month for a selected candidate. The top 40 students selected in Level 2 (10 students maximum from each of the VI, VII, VIII & IX Class) will be awarded scholarships.

5. Disbursement of Scholarship:

The scholarship will be transferred in the joint account (with parents) of awardees in India Post Payment Bank or Post Office Savings Bank in any branch, which has a core banking facility.

6. General Conditions:

- i. An awardee is eligible for the scholarship provided he/she maintains good conduct and continues his/her studies as a regular student.
- ii. Scholarship may be revoked at any point of time by the Competent Authority on finding any irregularities in the eligibility criteria.
- iii. A student must continue to have a Philately Deposit Account during the scholarship period.
- iv. Student selected in previous DDSY scheme has to apply afresh. The Philately Deposit Account opened by them earlier should be live without a break.

7. Application Procedure:

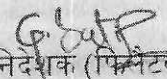
Interested candidates may submit the application addressed to the concerned Postmaster General Vijayawada/Visakhapatnam/Kurnool **with postage of Philately Stamps through Speed Post** in prescribed form on or before **16th September, 2026** (see the list below as Annexure). Proof/Certificate in fulfilling the eligibility condition prescribed in para 1 above should be enclosed along with the application. **Applications received through courier will not be accepted.**

ANNEXURE



S.No	Schools/ Students of District	Application to be sent with postage of Philately stamps through speed post
1	Srikakulam	The Postmaster General Visakhapatnam Region Visakhapatnam -530 017
2	Parvathipuram Manyam	
3	Vizianagaram	
4	Visakhapatnam	
5	Alluri Sitharama Raju	
6	Anakapalli	
7	Kakinada	
8	East Godavari	
9	Konaseema	
10	Eluru	The Postmaster General Vijayawada Region Vijayawada-520 003
11	West Godavari	
12	NTR	
13	Krishna	
14	Palnadu	
15	Guntur	
16	Bapatla	
17	Prakasam	
18	Sri Potti Srimamulu Nellore	The Postmaster General Kurnool Region Kurnool- 518 002
19	Kurnool	
20	Nandyal	
21	Anantapur	
22	Sri Sathya Sai	
23	YSR	
24	Annamayya	
25	Tirupati	
26	Chittoor	

8. Department reserves the right to change the dates/modify the scheme/eligibility criteria. The decision of Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada is final.


सहायक निदेशक (फिलेटली)

Assistant Director (Philately)

मुख्य पोस्टमास्टर जनरल कार्यालय, आंध्र प्रदेश सर्किल

O/o Chief Postmaster General, A.P. Circle

विजयवाडा/ Vijayawada-520 013

[By Department of Posts, India for the year 2026-27 for students of class VI to IX]

Application Form

1. Name of the Student : _____
2. Father's Name : _____
3. Mother's Name : _____
4. Date of Birth : ____/____/____
(Age proof to be enclosed)
5. Name of the School : _____
6. Class : _____
7. Academic Year : _____
8. Percentage of marks (in final examination 2026) : _____
9. PDA Account holder (Yes/ No) : _____ If yes, PDA A/c No.: _____
10. PDA A/C holder since : _____
11. Member in the school philatelic club (Yes/ No) : _____
12. Club membership No. : _____
13. Medium of instructions for written Philately quiz (Telugu/ English) : _____
14. Address for communication : _____

15. Contact details : _____
- a. Mobile No. : _____
- b. Landline No./ Alternate mobile No. : _____
- c. Email ID : _____

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the candidate)