

भारतीय डाक विभाग
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS: INDIA
मुख्य पोस्टमास्टर जनरल कार्यालय नॉ.प्र.सर्किल, विजयवाड़ा-520013.
Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada-520013.

NOTIFICATION DATED 22.06.2022
Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana for the students of class VIth to IXth

Department of Posts 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 amongst students.

About scheme:

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

Sallient 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. 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 2021 (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 SC/ST.
- v. Requirement of having a Philately Account/Membership of the School Philately Club would be with respect to the Date of Application and the student applying would have to mention the same in his/her application form as mandatory.

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 25th September, 2022 by postal authorities in their respective Regions which would act as a Screening Test for the second level. The last date for submission of the application is 26th August, 2022. The philatelic written quiz consists of 50 multiple choice questions. Each question will be of one mark with no negative marking. 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 the selected candidates of the quiz will be announced through our website www.indiapost.gov.in for detailing them on the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be followed for preparation of their project. The candidates selected in Philately Written Quiz can submit their project on any one of the topic from the given list by the Department of Posts within 15 days. The projects should be addressed to ADPS(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, History, Science, Sports, Culture, Geography and Philately (local & national).

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 to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month for a selected candidate. 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 a branch, which has 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 26th August, 2022 (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.

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	
11	West Godavari	
12	NTR	
13	Krishna	
14	Palnadu	
15	Guntur	
16	Bapatla	
17	Prakasam	
18	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	
19	Kurnool	The Postmaster General, Kurnool Region, Kurnool- 518 002
20	Nandyal	
21	Anantapur	
22	Sri Sathya Sai	
23	YSR	
24	Annamayya	
25	Tirupati	
26	Chittoor	

8. Please visit www.indiapost.gov.in and from time to time and keep updated about the scheme, eligibility etc. Department reserves the right to change the dates/modify the scheme/eligibility criteria. The decision of Chief PMG, A.P Circle, Vijayawada is final.



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O/o the C P.M.G., Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada-520013

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1. Mr. M.V.S. Prasad, Secretary, Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society, 6/18, Brodiepet, GUNTUR - 522 002. for information
2. Dr. D. Vijaya Kumar, Numismatic & Philatelic Society of East Godavari, D. V. Raju Eye Hospital, P. R. College Road, KAKINADA - 533 001. for information.

