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**Notice**

**55<sup>th</sup> International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2026**

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) organizes letter-writing competition for young people each year with an aim to improve literacy through the art of letter writing. Targeted at children and young people, the annual competition encourages participants to express their creativity and refine their language skills. For the year 2026, the theme of the letter writing competition has been selected by the International Bureau of the UPU as "Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world.". Bangladesh Post, in consistent with the theme of UPU, is also organizing letter writing competition nationally. Interested enthusiastic young people are invited to participate.

**Instructions for the competitor:**

- The letter must be in English, handwritten, unpublished and must not exceed the limit of 800 words.
- The criteria that would be used to judge the quality of the letters are (i) Structure as a letter; (ii) Adherence to the theme; (iii) Creativity; (iv) Use of language. Writing in any other form except letter would lead to its outright cancellation.
- One side of paper (A4 size, 80 GSM offset paper) should be used and original handwritten manuscript letter must be submitted. Writing on both sides of a paper would not be accepted.
- Each participant is required to write his/her name, class, name of educational institution, address, Telephone / Mobile number and names of parents at the end of the letter.
- Only the letter of the participant securing the first place at the national level competition will be forwarded to the UPU international Bureau (Berne, Switzerland), to be included in the competition at the international level. All letters submitted to the UPU would become the property of the Universal Postal Union.

**Required Attachment:**

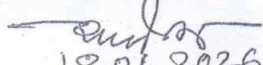
- Participating boys/girls (students) must be permanent citizens of Bangladesh. Online Birth certificate issued by the concerned authority and the certificate confirming the citizenship must be submitted with the letter.
  - His/her age (as on 05-05-2026) must be between 09 to 15 years.
  - 5 (five) copies of recent passport size good quality photograph (Lab print) to be attached.
- The top three participants according to merit list would be called upon to Directorate of Posts and they would be rewarded. The date and time would be informed in due course.

**Prizes:**

Sl. No	Prizes	International Competition	National Competition
1.	First Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Special medal (Gold) and a certificate.</li><li>The gold medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole discretion of the UPU.</li></ul>	Prize Bond worth Taka 5000/- (Five Thousands) a crest and a certificate (More /Less). He/ She will represent the Bangladesh in the 54 <sup>th</sup> International Letter-Writing Competition of UPU.
2.	Second Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Special medal (Silver) and a certificate.</li><li>The silver medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole discretion of the UPU.</li></ul>	Prize Bond worth Taka 4000/- (Four Thousands) a crest and a certificate (More /Less).
3.	Third Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Special medal (Bronze) and a certificate.</li><li>The bronze medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole discretion of the UPU.</li></ul>	Prize Bond worth Taka 3000/- (Three Thousands) a crest and a certificate (More /Less).
4.	Special Mention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Writers awarded a special mention will also receive a certificate as well as other prizes (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU).</li></ul>	-----

**Conditions:**

- The words "55<sup>th</sup> International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2026" should be written on top of the envelope.
- Any letter received after the below mentioned deadline will not be accepted.
- Letter must be sent only through Registered or GEP services of Bangladesh Post.
- Further information regarding this may be collected from [www.upu.int/en/ilwc](http://www.upu.int/en/ilwc).
- The complete letter must reach to Md. Abdul Alim, Director (UPUA), Directorate of Posts, Dak Bhaban (Room-825), Agargaon, Dhaka-1210 no later than 22.02.2026.

  
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