

F. No. DE-12/5/2026-DE-DOP
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(DE Section)

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110 001
Dated: 14.08.2026

To,

1. All Heads of Circles
2. Addl. D.G.APS, Rao Tula Ram Marg, New Delhi
3. CGM Parcel/PLI Directorate
4. Director, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy, Ghaziabad
5. All Directors, Postal Training Centres, Darbhanga/Guwahati/Madurai/Mysuru/Saharanpur/Vadodara

Subject: Conduct of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion to the cadre of Inspector Posts (66.66%) Departmental quota for the vacancy year 2026 (01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026), scheduled to be held on 26th & 27th September, 2026.

Madam/ Sir,

The Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) (66.66% of vacancies) for promotion to the cadre of Inspector Posts for the **vacancy year 2026 is scheduled to be held on 26th & 27th September, 2026.**

2. Notification for the aforementioned examination is herewith enclosed. The Notification contains information on schedule for exam related activities, Eligibility criteria, Pattern & Syllabus etc. Applications are invited in online mode as given in the Notification.
3. Circles are requested to give wide publicity to this Notification.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


14/08/26

(Krishna Kumar Gupta)
Assistant Director General (DE)

Copy to:-PPS to Secretary (Posts)/ DG (Postal Services)

1. PPS to Addl. DG (Coord)/ PPS to all Members.
2. All DDsG in Directorate.
4. All Directors in Directorate.
5. Officer Commanding, P & T Admn. Cell, Kamptee.
6. All Sections of the Postal Directorate
7. Hindi Section for translation of this circular
8. All recognized Associations/Service Federations/ Unions.
9. General Manager, CEPT Mysuru-570010 with a request for displaying this Notification on India post website.
10. Guard File.

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The Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for promotion to the cadre of Inspector Posts (66.66% of vacancies) for the vacancy year 2026 is scheduled to be held as under:

Date of examination	Paper	Timings
26.09.2026 (Saturday)	Paper-I	11:00 AM to 01:30 PM
26.09.2026 (Saturday)	Paper-II	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
27.09.2026 (Sunday)	Paper-III	10:00 AM to 01:00 PM

2. Online applications are invited from the willing and eligible candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria as given in subsequent paras. Application should be submitted online through <https://app.indiapost.gov.in/employeeportal> as per instructions enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The schedule of activities for the examination are as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Online application process starts from	21.08.2026 from 9:00AM
2.	Last date to submit online application	05.09.2026 up to 5:30 PM
3.	Verification of details of online applications by Controlling Authority by doing 'Verify' / Revert to Candidate, for correction (on day to day basis)	To be completed by 09.09.2026 upto 5:30 PM
4.	Correction in Application Form, if any, by the candidate and resubmission of application by candidate (as and when received)	To be completed by 11.09.2026 till 05:30 PM
5.	Verification of 'resubmitted application' by the Controlling Authority (on day to day basis)	To be completed by 15.09.2026 upto 5:30 PM
6.	Approval/Finalization of online applications and allotment of Centre etc. by the Nodal Officer	To be completed by 17.09.2026 upto 5:30 PM
7.	Last date for allotment of Center etc. by the Nodal Officer	19.09.2026 upto 5:30 PM
8.	Admit Cards availability for downloading by candidates	From 22.09.2026 from 5:30 PM
9.	Dates of Examination	26 th & 27 th September, 2026



3. Eligibility Criteria:- As per Department of Posts (Inspector Posts) Recruitment Rules notified in GSR 89 (E) dated 05.02.2019 (enclosed as **Annexure-II**), the following categories of officials are eligible to appear for the above Examination.

- Officials of various grades, as specified below, with eight years of regular qualifying service as on the crucial date for determining the eligibility service, as specified by Central Government, are eligible for appearing in Limited Departmental Competitive Examination:
 - a. Higher Selection Grade-II (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Lower Selection Grade and Postal Assistant or Sorting Assistant;
 - b. Postmaster Grade-II (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Postmaster Grade-I and Postal Assistant;
 - c. Stenographer Grade-I (Level-6) in all offices including regular service put in as Stenographer Grade-II;
 - d. Lower Selection Grade (Level-5) in all offices including regular service put in as Postal Assistant or Sorting Assistant;
 - e. Postmaster Grade-I (Level-5) in all offices including regular service put in as Postal Assistant;
 - f. Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant (Level-4) in all offices;
 - g. Stenographer Grade-II (Level-4) in all offices.

Note: (i) Age limit for appearing in Limited Departmental Competitive Examination is not exceeding forty-five years as on the crucial date of eligibility, to which the vacancies pertain to. As per Saving clause of RRs dated 05.02.2019, standard age relaxation of 5 years is applicable to SC/ST officials.

(ii) The applicability of the Senior/Junior Clause shall be governed by Letter No. X-07/5/2025-SP-II-DOP dated 17.10.2025 circulated vide letter No. DE-12/3/2025-DE-DOP-Part (I) dated 21.10.2025 and Letter No. X-07/5/2025-SPN-II-DOP dated 28.10.2025.

4. Crucial date for calculation of age and service eligibility conditions:-

Vacancy year (vacancy period)	Crucial date of eligibility
2026 (01.01.2026 to 31.12.2026)	01.01.2026

5. The APS authorities (Controlling Authority) will verify and send 'Applications' of APS applicants through online to the concerned Nodal Officer of the respective Circle(s).

6. Pattern & Syllabus of Examination: - The pattern and syllabus applicable for the said LDCE IP has been circulated vide letter No. 7-14/2011 -SPN-II dated 22.08.2025 read with Corrigendum dated 24.09.2025 and is enclosed at **Annexure-III**.

7. Venue for conducting the Examination: The Examination will be conducted at all Circle Headquarters only. The candidates have to appear from the respective Centre of their Circle only and under no circumstances, they may be permitted to appear from other Circle Centres.

8. Applicants serving on deputation in APS will appear from the examination centre of their parent Civil Circles.

9. The procedure for selection shall be as per the guidelines issued vide Directorate's letter No. X-7/15/2021-SPN-II (Pt.) dated 17.05.2022 (**Annexure-IV**). The vacancies will be all India level and all eligible feeder grade officials, as prescribed in Recruitment Rules of Inspector Posts, of all Postal Circles shall be allowed to appear in the LDCE for Inspector Posts irrespective of availability of vacancy in a Postal Circle. A common merit list shall be drawn corresponding to the All India level vacancy position.

9.1 Applicants while submitting online application for appearing in LDCE for Inspector Posts shall also provide order of preference of all 23 Postal Circles, which shall form the base of allocation of Postal Circle to successful candidates. Preference (s) once exercised shall be final and no change shall be entertained at any subsequent stage.

10. The tentative vacancies for the vacancy year 2026 (category-wise) are as under:

	Total Vacancies	Vertical			Horizontal			
		UR	SC	ST	VH	HH	OH	Others
Vacancies for 2026	26*	20	4	2	1	0	0	0
Backlog Vacancies of PwBD (LDCE – 2025)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Final Vacancies	27*	21	4	2	1	0	0	1

* This vacancy position is tentative, subject to finalization.

11. The guidelines for reservation in Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) issued by DoPT vide O.M. No. 36012/1/2020-Estt. (Res.-II) dated 28.12.2023 and circulated by SCT Section (Now Reservation Cell), DoP vide letter No. SC-12/9/2022-SCT-DOP dated 09.01.2024, shall be followed in letter and spirit.

12. The Guidelines issued vide letter No. 34-02/2015-DD-III dated 29.08.2018 and letter No. 29-6/2019-DD-III dated 10.08.2022 by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (*Divyangjan*) shall be followed in letter and spirit.

13. Mode of the examination will be Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) based and descriptive, wherever applicable. The medium of writing of Paper-II (descriptive) of the LDCE will be in Hindi or English only. Paper attempted in any other language will not be evaluated and summarily rejected.

14. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued vide letter No. A-34012/02/2022-DE dated 11.08.2022 and Amendment dated 21.09.2023 and letter No. A-34013/02/2024-DE dated 13.01.2025 to be followed in the conduct of the examination at every stage.

15. The Competent Authority reserves the right to cancel this notification or change or modify in the schedule, at any point of time.

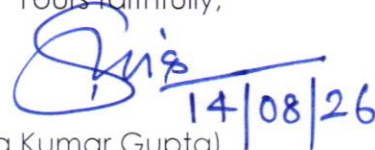
16. Technical Support: Candidates should ensure that all details in the **Self Service-> Employee Profile View & Raise request ->View employee profile**, are correct, as application inputs are fetched from PIS and MDM. In case any issue relating to employee details or office cannot be resolved by the authority, a ticket may be raised to the Support Desk (in APT 2.02), as applicable.

16.1 Circles, Regions, Divisions and Units should ensure that Office Masters are updated regularly and that **Authority Mapping** is properly maintained.

16.2 Any technical issues should be reported to the Support Desk with a screenshot of the error and a detailed description, for early resolution under Recruitment – CE and LDCE Module. Administrative issues should be taken up with the respective higher authority.

17 In case any technical issues still persist such as problem in submission/re-submission of online application by the candidates; verification by Controlling Authority(ies)/Nodal Officer(s); and downloading admit card etc., CEPT may be contacted through e-mail ID: recruitment.cept@indiapost.gov.in, during office hours.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl.: **Annexures-I, II, III & IV.**

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