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PRESS RELEASE

Department of Posts has announced a National Letter Writing Competition under the 'Dhai Akhar / Letter Writing Campaign'. The theme is '*Dear Bapu (Mahatma Gandhi), you inspire me*'.

The letter could be written in English / Hindi / Tamil language by any member of public in an Inland letter card (not more than 500 words) or in an A4 sheet (not more than 1000 words) put in an embossed envelope addressed to *the Chief Postmaster General, Tamilnadu Circle, Chennai 600 002* and posted in any Letter Box or handed over at any Post Office. Last date to write and post the letter is **15 August 2017**. Letters posted after 15.08.2017 will not be accepted.

The competition is open to all age groups and the two categories are –

- Up to 18 years - Inland Letter Card & Envelope category
- Above 18 years - Inland Letter Card & Envelope category

The participants have to give a certificate of their age on the letter such as 'I certify that I am below/above the age of 18. In case of winning entries, the age and other ID certificates will be verified.

Details of Awards –

All India level

First	Rs. 50,000/- (Patron of Post)
Second	Rs. 25,000/- (Companion of Post)
Third	Rs. 10,000/- (Post Pal)

Tamilnadu Circle Level

First	Rs. 25,000/-
Second	Rs. 10,000/-
Third	Rs. 5,000/-

Tamilnadu Circle level top Ten (10) letters in each category will be displayed during a Philately exhibition which would be organized during Gandhi Jayanti in Chennai. During the function, these entries will be rewarded at the Circle level. Content of the best letters will be given wide publicity and the writers will be given due recognition and rewards.

National level best Three (3) letters in each category will be chosen and writers of these letters will be awarded in a function in Sabarmati Ashram on 2nd October 2017, where a letter exhibition will be held.

Members of public can choose to write the letter from their home or participate in the competition to be held in each Postal Division on 05.08.2017. They can approach nearest office of Sr. Superintendent / Superintendent or any Post Office for further details.

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