

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
INFORMATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
Nabanna, 325 Sarat Chatterjee Road, PIN-711102

NOTICE

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No. 86/ICA/NB

Date: 24.08.2026

Applications invited under the West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists

1. Applications are hereby invited from eligible accredited and non-accredited journalists for enrolment under the West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists.
2. Applications may be submitted from 1st September, 2026.

Eligible applicants should:

3. He/she shall be a citizen of India with a valid EPIC and ordinarily resident in West Bengal.
4. He/she shall have attained 60 years of age on the date of application.
5. He/she shall have worked as a journalist/photojournalist/news correspondent/cameraperson engaged in news gathering or news production for at least 10 years in West Bengal before his/her date of retirement.
6. The applicant should have had accreditation from the Government of West Bengal for at least 10 years, to be counted covering the entire period of his/her accreditation, with or without break.
7. In cases of non-accreditation, the applicant shall have to furnish relevant documents to prove his eminence in the field of journalism and should have completed at least 15 years in the profession of journalism.
8. He/she shall have retired from regular employment/ceased regular professional engagement as a journalist, as applicable.
9. The applicant should not be engaged in a regular employment and should not draw any pension from any other source(except under Employees' Provident Fund and/or any other personal pension scheme, for which he/she had made contribution personally)and does not receive a regular salary/monthly emoluments from any organization.
10. The applicant shall be facing financial hardship and his/her monthly income shall not exceed Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand) per month

The prescribed Application Form, together with the list of required documents and declarations, may be obtained from the Directorate of Information, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, and/or downloaded from the official website of the Department.

Duly completed applications, along with all requisite documents, shall be submitted to:

The Director of Information, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, Nabanna, Howrah.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the prescribed date shall ordinarily not be considered.

The Department reserves the right to verify any information/document furnished by the applicant and to seek additional documents wherever necessary.



Dr. Saumitra Mohan, IAS

Secretary

Information & Cultural Affairs Department

Government of West Bengal

Annexure-I
APPLICATION FORM

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

INFORMATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT UNDER THE WEST BENGAL PENSION
SCHEME FOR JOURNALISTS**

To

The Director of Information

Information & Cultural Affairs Department

Government of West Bengal

Recent Passport
Size Photograph

(Self-Attested)

A. Personal Particulars

1. Name of Applicant: _____

2. Father's/Mother's/Spouse's Name: _____

3. Date of Birth: _____

4. Age as on 01.09.2026: _____

5. Permanent Address: _____

6. Present Address: _____

7. Mobile No.: _____

8. E-mail: _____

9. PAN: _____

10. EPIC: _____

B. Professional Particulars

10. Nature of journalistic work:

- ☐ Journalist
- ☐ Photojournalist
- ☐ Correspondent
- ☐ Cameraperson/News Production
- ☐ Other: _____

11. Name(s) of media organisation(s) served:

12. Total period of professional service:

From _____ to _____

Total: _____ years

13. Last organisation/designation:

14. Date of retirement/cessation of regular employment:

C. Accreditation Particulars/Experience in Journalism

15. Press Accreditation Card No.: _____

16. Year of first accreditation: _____

17. Period of Government accreditation:

From _____ to _____

18. Total aggregate period of accreditation/Engagement in Journalistic Profession(Non-Accredited)

_____ years _____ months

19. Details of breaks, if any:

D. Pension/Income Particulars

20. Are you presently employed? Yes/No

21. Do you receive any regular salary/monthly remuneration? Yes/No

22. Do you receive any pension? Yes/No

If yes:

Name of pension/scheme: _____

Amount per month: ☐ _____

Sanctioning authority: _____

23. Do you receive EPF pension? Yes/No

24. Details of present monthly income from all sources:

☐ _____

25. Brief statement regarding financial hardship:

E. Bank Particulars

26. Name of Bank: _____

27. Branch: _____

28. Account Number: _____

29. IFSC: _____

30. Name of Account Holder: _____

F. Declaration

I hereby declare that:

1. the information furnished by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief;
2. I have attained the prescribed age and satisfy the eligibility conditions under the West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists, 2026;
3. I am not in regular employment and do not receive regular salary/monthly emoluments from any organisation;
4. I have disclosed all pensionary benefits and sources of income received by me;
5. I have not concealed any material fact;
6. I shall immediately inform the Information & Cultural Affairs Department of any change in my employment, pension or other relevant circumstances;

7. I understand that furnishing false information or suppressing material facts may result in rejection/cancellation of my pension and recovery of any amount wrongly received.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Full Signature of Applicant: _____

G. Documents to be enclosed

1. Self-attested copy of Press Accreditation Card.
2. Proof of date of birth.
3. Documents establishing at least 10/15 years' journalistic experience for accredited/non-accredited journalist.
4. Documents establishing the period of Government accreditation.
5. Self-attested PAN Card.
6. EPIC
7. Recent passport-size photographs.
8. Bank passbook first page/cancelled cheque.
9. Prescribed Income Certificate.
10. Prescribed Non-Employment Declaration.
11. Prescribed Declaration/Affidavit regarding other pension and financial hardship.
12. Any other document required by the Department.

ANNEXURE-II (A)
(For Accredited Journalist)

FORMAT OF DECLARATION

Affidavit to be submitted by the applicant along with application in prescribed format before the Director of Information, Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal for enrolment in the West Bengal Pension Scheme for the Journalists, .

I, _____, son/daughter of _____

residing at _____ do

hereby solemnly affirm as under:-

(Strike out whichever is not applicable)

1. I have attained the age of 60(sixty) years on _____

2. I served for a period of not less than 10(ten) years in West Bengal before attaining the age of 60 (sixty) years as an Accredited Journalist/Photo Journalist by holding a valid Press Accreditation Card issued by the Government of West Bengal, during the said period.

3. I was in possession of valid Press Accreditation Card (No. _____) issued by the Government of West Bengal for years.

4. I draw/ do not draw pension from Employees Provident Fund and do not draw any other pension from any source(s).

5. I do not have any regular income from any organization and I am facing acute financial hardship.

6. I will not draw any other pension which is not duly admissible for being eligible under West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists,

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent above named, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at _____, the day of _____ 20 ____.

DEPONENT

ANNEXURE-II (B)
(For Non- Accredited Journalist)

FORMAT OF DECLARATION

Affidavit to be submitted by the applicant along with application in prescribed format before the Director of Information, Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal for enrolment in the West Bengal Pension Scheme for the Journalists, .

I, _____, son/daughter of _____
residing at _____ do
hereby solemnly affirm as under:-
(Strike out whichever is not applicable)

1. I have attained the age of 60(sixty) years on _____
2. I served for a period of not less than 15(fifteen) years in West Bengal before attaining the age of 60 (sixty) years as a Journalist/Photo Journalist.
3. I have worked as journalist with eminence for which I am enclosing supporting documents.
4. I draw/ do not draw pension from Employees Provident Fund and do not draw any other pension from any source(s).
5. I do not have any regular income from any organization and I am facing acute financial hardship.
6. I will not draw any other pension which is not duly admissible for being eligible under West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists,

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent above named, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at _____, the day of _____ 20____.

DEPONENT

ANNEXURE-III

INCOME CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge the monthly income of _____

Son of/Daughter of/ _____

Residing at _____

is Rs. _____

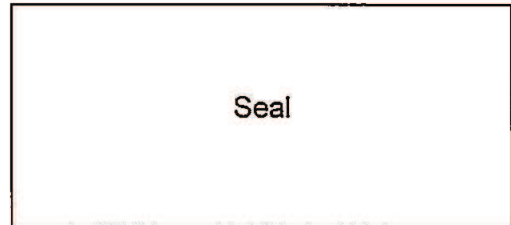
In words (_____)

It is also certified that he/she is not engaged in any regular employment.

Signature:

Designation:

Seal



Income Certificate to be issued by a Group 'A' Govt. officer for each new financial year. The documents need to be renewed on annual basis. All information provided for the certificate must be true.

ANNEXURE-IV

Life Certificate for Renewal in the West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists,

(To be submitted by Pensioner once a year in March at the time of renewal of application)

Certified that I have seen the Pensioner Shri/ Smt./Ms. ,

Pensioner enrolled under the West Bengal Pension Scheme for Journalists, and that he / she is alive on this date.

Name	
Designation of Group A Govt. Officer	
Seal	
Place :	
Date:	