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Empanelment of Stringers in Regional News Unit
Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram - 2025

The Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram invites applications for empanelment as Stringers from individuals / firms with experience in TV News coverages for the districts of **Alappuzha, Kottayam, Palakkad, Malappuram, Wayanad and Kasargod** in the State of Kerala and for **Lakshadweep**.

Applicants should mention in the application form, the name of the district where they wish to be empanelled. Applicants must be based in the district where they apply. Applicant for the UT of Lakshadweep may simply mention Lakshadweep in District Column. **The key person for the operation of stringership must be clearly mentioned and he/she must be working in the district of Kerala and in the UT of Lakshadweep where they are applying and must continue to be in the same district once selected.**

Last date of receipt of Application is 22nd October 2025 till 5pm.

Empanelled Stringers are expected to do news coverages and short features on news, current affairs, sports, business and other subjects. Applicants preferably equipped with four-wheel vehicles, should have qualification, experience and expertise in cinematography / videography / news gathering / broadcast journalism. Details of other terms and conditions prescribed in Guidelines issued by Directorate General, Doordarshan, New Delhi vide their Memo No. 3/4/2003-P-III dated 02.07.2010 are available in the Annexure to this notification.

Applications duly supported with Demand Draft of **Rs. 1,180/- (inclusive of GST)** towards non-refundable processing fee in favour of the **“PB BCI payable at Thiruvananthapuram”** should be submitted in sealed cover with superscription. _ **“Empanelment of Stringers of DD News- 2025”** on or before last date of submission of application.

The address for submitting the Application is: **The Head, Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra, Kudappanakkunnu P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695043.** Proof in Duplicate of Academic and Technical Qualifications, Experience and Equipment ownership must be submitted along with the Application whose model is given in this notification itself.

Separate Annexures can also be given along with application detailing experience or

qualification of the applicant and the team, if required.

For any clarification write to RNU Email id – rnuddktvpm@gmail.com

Stringers will be paid for coverages, irrespective of length of footage or its usage but inclusive of transportation and delivery charges for

(i) local coverage of duration of less than 6 Hours @ Rs. 1500 per coverage and in case duration of 6 Hours is exceeded or when it involves locations apart for more than 10 kms, it will be treated as two coverages and the 2nd coverage paid @ Rs. 1,000.

(ii) In case of outstation coverage, which are coverages undertaken beyond the geographical limit of the District HQ where the Stringer is empanelled, the Stringer's fee would be Rs. 1,800 irrespective of length of the footage or usage of the coverage, inclusive of transportation and delivery charges.

Stringers should have adequate facilities and equipment to undertake the coverages. Those equipped with 4-wheel vehicles and mobile phones will be preferred. Proof of ownership of the equipments must be submitted at the time of interview. A physical verification of the equipments and documents will be done on day of interview. A test coverage assignment will be given to all applicants for their submission to RNU before their interview date. Submission of Test coverage assignment on time is essential for being called for interview. Details will be shared in the future correspondence with eligible candidates.

The coverages by a stringer should contain all elements of a news story. For each coverage, the stringer should provide raw footage, press material and a script. Stringers should not only cover assigned tasks but also alert the RNU on major news fall/breaking stories/stories of interest in their area. The Panel of Stringers shall be revised every two years.

Stringers will be removed from the panel on all or any of the following grounds:

1. When the Stringer refuses to cover the assigned coverages on two or more occasions;
2. If the coverages are poor in content or in technical quality (poor audio quality, noisy video, variation in luminance level, defocused pictures, etc.);
3. Delay in providing timely coverage;
4. When the Stringer is suspected to be sub-contracting the assigned work to others;
5. If the Stringers are found to be operating a cartel system among themselves;
6. If the information furnished by the Stringer in the application form for empanelment is found to be incorrect.
7. Any act on the part of the stringer which creates embarrassment to Prasar Bharati.

Application form for Empanelment as Stringer
(To be submitted in triplicate)

To

The Head,
Regional News Unit
Doordarshan Kendra
Thiruvananthapuram

Dear Madam,

I/We _____ of M/s_____ wish to be considered for empanelment as a Stringer with your Kendra, and furnish the following information about my qualifications, experience, equipment etc. I also enclose attested copies of certificates in support of the information furnished by me:

1. District where the applicant wishes to be empanelled:

2. Name: (In case of Firm, Name of firm and the name of the **Key person who will be the contact person for RNU for all assignments and must be based in the district)**

3. Father's Name:

4. Age and Date of Birth:

5. Place of Birth:

6. Office Address with Mobile & Telephone Nos:

7. Residence address with Mobile & Telephone Nos:

8. **Educational Qualifications of Stringer – Key person who will be the contact person for RNU for all assignments and must be based in the district**

(A) Academic Qualifications

Sl. No.	School / College / University	Degree	Year of Passing	Subject	% of Marks

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(B) Technical Qualifications: Degree/Diploma in Cinematography, Videography etc.:

Sl. No.	Institution & Duration of the Course	Details of Degree / Diploma / Certificate	Year of Passing	% of Marks

(C) Technical Qualifications: Degree/Diploma in Journalism, broadcast Journalism etc.:

Sl. No.	Institution & Duration of the Course	Details of Degree / Diploma / Certificate	Year of Passing	% of Marks

9. Experience

(A) As Camera person / news camera person / videographer etc.:

Sl. No.	Period from_____ to _____	Duration of Experience in Months / Years	Organization	Area of Work

(B) Experience as newsman / Electronic Journalist etc.:

Sl. No.	Period from_____ to _____	Duration of Experience in Months / Years	Organization	Area of Work

(C) Number of visual assignments completed and in hand during the last one year.

(D) Area of specialization (News coverages, Sports, Feature Films, Short Films, Documentaries,

Films on developmental subjects / Coverages on Health & Nutrition, Science, Family Planning, Interest of Children / and other areas:

(E) Documentary evidence / certificate to support the quality of your work (attach copies):

10. Details of Equipment and Facilities:

- (a) Type of equipment, number of make and quality of each including cameras, audio-equipment, lights, etc.
- (b) Do you own ENG Equipment? If yes, give details of type and make etc.
- (c) Do you have your own transport, telephone, mobile phone, high speed internet connection or other communication facility? Give details.

11. Details of Corporate Status:

- a) Do you carry out all work yourself?
- b) If you hire cameraman or other technicians, give their names and full details of their qualifications and experience:
- c) Whether you are sole proprietorship or partnership firm or a registered company or a society
(A signed declaration to be furnished separately with a photocopy of Registration Certificate issued by Registrar of Companies or other competent authorities)

12. a) Are you related or associated with any empanelled Stringer in Doordarshan, If yes, give names, details and your relationship:

b) Are you related to any Staff in the Ministry of I & B or any of its Media Units like AIR, Doordarshan and Films Division? If yes, give names and details of the related officials and your relationship with them.

13. Any other relevant information.

Date:
Place:

Signature
Name _____