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Empanelment of Stringers in Regional News Unit Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata - 2026

The Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata invites applications for empanelment as Stringers from individuals / firms with experience in TV News coverages for the 23 districts in the State of West Bengal: Alipurduar, Bankura, Birbhum, Cooch Behar, Dakshin Dinajpur (South Dinajpur), Darjeeling, Hooghly, Howrah, Jalpaiguri, Jhargram, Kalimpong, Kolkata, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Paschim Burdwan (West Burdwan), Paschim Medinipur (West Midnapur), Purba Burdwan (East Burdwan), Purba Medinipur (East Midnapur), Purulia, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur (North Dinajpur).

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. **In case of firms, the key person for the operation of stringership must be clearly mentioned, and he/she must be working in the respective district of West Bengal where they are applying and must continue to be in the same district once selected.**

Last date of receipt of Application is 04/03/2026 till 6:00 pm.

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 qualifications, 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 a Demand Draft of **Rs. 1,180/- (inclusive of GST)** towards non-refundable processing fee in favour of the **“DDO, DDK, Kolkata”** payable at **Kolkata** should be submitted in a sealed cover with superscription. – **“Empanelment of Stringers of RNU Kolkata, DD News- 2026”** on or before the last date of submission of application.

The address for submitting the Application is: **The Head, Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra, 18/3, Uday Shankar Sarani, Kolkata-700095.** 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 the application detailing the experience or qualifications of the applicant and the team, if required. For any clarification, write to ddnewskol@gmail.com.

Stringers will be paid for coverages, irrespective of the 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 from more than 10 kms, it will be treated as two coverages and the 2nd coverage will be 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 the 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 coverage. Proof of ownership of the equipment must be submitted at the time of the interview, if shortlisted. A physical verification of the equipment and documents will be done on the day of the interview. A test coverage assignment will be given to all applicants for their submission to RNU before their interview date. Submission of the test coverage assignment on time is essential for being called for the interview. Details will be shared in 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 of subcontracting 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 that creates embarrassment to Prasar Bharati.

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

To

The Head,
Regional News Unit
Doordarshan Kendra
Kolkata

Dear Sir/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 (I): Degree/Diploma in Cinematography, Videography etc.:

| Sl. No. | Institution & Duration of the Course | Details of Degree / Diploma / Certificate | Year of Passing | % of Marks |
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(C) Technical Qualifications (II): Degree/Diploma in Journalism, broadcast Journalism etc.:

| Sl. No. | Institution & Duration of the Course | Details of Degree / Diploma / Certificate | Year of Passing | % of Marks |
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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 |
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(B) Experience as newsman / Electronic Journalist etc.:

| Sl. No. | Period from_____ to _____ | Duration of Experience in Months / Years | Organization | Area of Work |
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(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 a sole proprietorship or partnership firm, a registered company, or a society
(A signed declaration to be furnished separately with a photocopy of the Registration Certificate issued by the 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 _____