

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

**NOTICE**

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No. 86/ICA/NB

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**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 card 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.



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