

As part of the **Paschimbanga Divas 2026** celebrations, participants are invited to submit original works based on the guidelines:

1. The competition is open to all currently enrolled students of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata.
2. Plagiarism, AI-generated submissions, or copied work will lead to immediate disqualification.
3. Each participant may submit only one entry in the Essay Writing and Sketching categories. For Photography Contest, participants may submit up to three photographs.
4. All submissions must be emailed to **sxcpdivas@gmail.com**

For Essay Writing:

1. Topic must relate to “Paschimbanga/ West Bengal”, its
 - Culture
 - History
 - Local People
 - Heritage
 - Literature
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Traditions
 - Contemporary issues
2. Essays may be written in English, Bengali, or Hindi.
3. Word Limit- 1000 words. A clear scanned copy of the handwritten essay should be submitted in PDF(.pdf) format.

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For Photography Contest:

1. Photographs must reflect the theme "Paschimbanga/ West Bengal."
2. Subjects may include:
 - Culture and traditions
 - Architecture and heritage
 - Festivals
 - Nature and landscapes
 - Daily life and people
 - Art, crafts, and local communities
3. Image format: JPG(.jpg), participants may submit up to three photographs.
4. Images must be original and taken by the participant. Specific editing techniques (e.g., cropping, colour correction) are allowed. Heavy manipulations altering the reality of the image are not acceptable.
5. Plagiarism, inappropriate content and violation of the rules lead to disqualification.

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For Sketching Competition:

1. The artwork must be original and based on the theme "Paschimbanga / West Bengal."
2. Only traditional (hand-drawn) sketches are permitted. AI-generated artwork or digital sketches will not be accepted.
3. Participants may use any medium, including pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, crayons, pastels or watercolours.
4. The submitted artwork must not have been previously published or awarded in any other competition.
5. Submit the artwork in JPG, PNG, or PDF format. It must be scanned or photographed clearly in good lighting. The image should be unedited except for cropping, brightness correction, or minor colour adjustment for clarity.

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