

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.F.) DEPARTMENT**  
**NOTIFICATION NO.364/2026, DATED 30.09.2026**

Notification issued for recruitment to ten (10) posts of District Judge (Entry Level) under Direct Recruitment (25% quota) for the year 2026. Notification is issued in terms of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.1867 of 2006, dated 04.01.2007. The scale of pay for the post of District Judge is Rs.144840-194660.

Applications are invited for appointment to **TEN (10)** posts of District Judge (Entry Level) in the A.P. State Judicial Service by direct recruitment, category wise.

| <b>Class/Category</b>             | <b>Number of posts</b>         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| OC                                | 02                             |
| Economically Weaker Section (EWS) | 02 (of which 1 post for woman) |
| BC-B                              | 01                             |
| BC-C                              | 01                             |
| BC-E                              | 01                             |
| SC Group-III                      | 01                             |
| ST                                | 02 (of which 1 post for woman) |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>10 posts</b>                |

**Note:**

1. Selection against BC-E vacancy will, however, be subject to the outcome of Civil Appeal Nos.2628-2637/2010 pending consideration before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
2. The High Court of A.P. reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of vacancies or cancel the Notification, at any stage, without assigning any reason whatsoever. No right will accrue to the candidate by virtue of the Notification.

The Andhra Pradesh State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2026 shall be applicable to the recruitment process.

All necessary steps not provided under these rules for recruitment, shall be decided by the High Court.

**I(i). QUALIFICATIONS:**

A person to be appointed to the category of District Judges by direct recruitment shall be:

- (a) A person who has been practicing for not less than 7 years as an Advocate as on the date of publication of Notification on the News Papers/ website of High Court i.e.30.09.2026.  
or
- (a)(i) One who has been or who is in Judicial service and has a combined standing/experience of seven years or more as an Advocate or a Judicial Officer as on the date of Notification i.e.30.09.2026.  
or
- (a)(ii) The Assistant Public Prosecutors and Additional Public Prosecutors / Public Prosecutors who completed the combined standing/experience of seven years or more as an Advocate or service as on the date of Notification i.e.30.09.2026.
- (b) A Person, who has completed (35) thirty five years of age and who has not completed forty five (45) years of age as on first day of the month of September, 2026 (as on 01.09.2026) in which the Notification inviting applications for such appointment is published in the news papers/website of High Court i.e. on 30.09.2026.

Provided that, the upper age limit in respect of persons, who intend to avail reservation under the category of Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) is relaxable by three years.

- (c) One who has good character, and is free from any infirmity which renders him/her, unfit for such appointment.

**(ii) DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

- (a) No person shall be eligible for appointment to the category of District Judges by direct recruitment, if:
  - (i) he/she is not a citizen of India;
  - ii) he/she is dismissed/removed/compulsory retired from Judicial service or any service of State/Central Government;
  - iii) he/she has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
  - iv) he/she is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission/agency from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it;

- v) he/she directly or indirectly influences the recruitment authority/agency by any means for his candidature;
  - vi) he has more than one wife living;
  - vii) he/she marries knowingly a person having a spouse; and
  - viii) he/she is convicted in connection with any crime involving moral turpitude and concerned with the same.
- b) A full time salaried Law Officer in the employment of the Central Government or State Government or any Public Corporation or Body constituted by statute shall not be eligible.
- c) A candidate who has committed any copying or misconduct during the course of Screening Test/Written Examination or has been convicted in a Criminal Case or is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from Judicial Service or any other service or could not successfully complete probation period of any post in Judicial Service or other service shall not be eligible to appear for the competitive examination.
- d) Any candidate having found to be of doubtful integrity in any year, shall not be eligible to appear for the post of District Judge.
- e) No candidate who is facing disciplinary charges or is undergoing punishment for any irregularity in discharge of his/her duties shall be eligible for appointment to the post of District Judge.

## **II. RESERVATION :**

1. The vertical reservations in respect of Backward Classes (A, B, C, D & E), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and horizontal reservation for Women and Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) shall be, as per the A.P. State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2026 read with amended Rule 22 and 22-A of the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules issued vide G.O.Ms.No.77, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 02.08.2023 and G.O.Ms.No.46, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 19.04.2025 is applicable.
- 2) The candidates who are eligible and intend to avail reservation in their category, shall submit caste certificate in their category, if not intended to claim reservation, may opt for Open Competition category.
- 3) The candidates who intend to avail reservation under Backward Classes (A,B,C,D or E) shall enclose latest certificate issued either in the year 2025 or 2026 to the effect that, they belong to Non-Creamy Layer in terms of G.O. Ms. No. 3, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Department, dated 04-04-2006 and G.O. Ms. No. 26, Backward Classes Welfare (C) Department, dated 09-12-2013 and as per the income ceiling which is in force on the

date of Notification; in case of non enclosing the certificate, his/her candidature will be considered against Open Competition.

- 4) The candidates who intend to avail reservation under Economically Weaker Sections shall enclose latest EWS certificate issued either in the year 2025 or 2026 in terms of G.O.Ms.No.66, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 14.07.2021 and G.O.Ms.No.73, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 04.08.2021, by the Tahsildar concerned mentioning therein, that, the gross annual family income from all sources is below Rs.8,00,000/-. In case of non enclosing the certificate, his/her candidature will be considered against Open Competition.

### **III. DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

1. The candidates shall enclose attested copy of certificate evidencing date of Birth/SSC, Law Degree and other certificates.
2. The candidate shall enclose attested copy of community certificate issued by the Competent Authority, if intend to avail reservation under SC, ST, BC and EWS (the certificate shall show specifically the classification of the group).
3. The candidate who intend to claim Non-Creamy Layer under Backward Classes (A,B,C,D or E) shall enclose community certificate and also copy of latest certificate (issued either 2025 or 2026) of Non-Creamy Layer as per law; in case of non enclosing the certificate, his/her candidature will be considered against the Open Competition.
4. The candidate who intend to claim reservation under Economically Weaker Sections shall enclose attested copy of latest certificate in terms of G.O.Ms.No.66, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 14.07.2021 and G.O.Ms.No.73, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dated 04.08.2021, EWS Certificate issued by the Tahsildar concerned mentioning therein that the gross annual family income from all sources is below Rs.8,00,000/-.
5. The candidate who intend to claim under Persons with Benchmark Disability category (PwBD), shall enclose attested copy of latest certificate issued by the Medical Board specifying the nature of disability and percentage of disability.
6. The Other Backward Class (OBC) Certificates will not be considered.
7. Attested copy of Bar Council Enrolment Certificate.
8. Original Practice certificate issued by the Bar Association.
9. Service Certificate in the Cadre of Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Civil Judge (Senior Division) issued by the Competent Authority.
10. Service Certificate in the Cadre of the Assistant Public Prosecutors/ Additional Public Prosecutors /Public Prosecutors, issued by the Competent Authority.
11. Original Statement of List of cases handled independently (Civil or Criminal or others) during the period of standing at the Bar.

12. Original Statement of List of cases handled with the Senior (Civil or Criminal or others) during the period of standing at the Bar.
13. Original Statement of depositions/written arguments /orders or Judgments in Civil or Criminal or other cases dealt independently, reflecting the name of the candidate, during the period of standing at the Bar.
14. Original Statement of depositions/written arguments /orders or Judgments in Civil or Criminal or other cases dealt with the Senior, reflecting the name of the candidate, during the period of standing at the Bar.
15. Two Testimonials from two respectful persons and other documents if any.
16. The candidate shall produce all original certificates on the day of *Viva Voce* for verification. If the candidate fails to produce any of the required certificate, his/her candidature will be rejected, without any further correspondence.

#### **IV. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:**

The process of selection is as follows:-

- a) For the purpose of short-listing the candidates, if any, the High Court will conduct Computer Based Screening Test for 100 marks comprising of 100 multiple choice objective type Questions. The duration of examination will be two (2) hours. The Venue and Time will be mentioned in the Hall Ticket, to be downloaded by the candidate at an appropriate point of time.

The candidate who secure 40% and above marks in the screening test will be short-listed in the ratio of 1:10 of the available vacancies, for the written examination.

Provided that, if there is more than one candidate who have secured identical marks in the screening test in particular category, all such candidates shall be called for the written examination.

The marks obtained in the screening test shall not be added to the marks obtained in the written examination and they shall not be counted for determining final order of merit in selection of the candidates, as the screening test is conducted only for the purpose of short-listing the candidates.

**Note:** Conduct of Screening Test will depend on the number of applications received from the aspiring candidates.

- b) Written Examination consist of the following three (3) papers. Each paper will carry 100 marks. The duration of each paper is three (3) hours.

The question/s in the examination shall be answered only in English (except Translation)

Paper-I- Constitution and Civil Law

Paper-II - Criminal Law

Paper-III- English (Translation and Essay writing).

English (Translation and Essay Writing) paper (III) is divided into two parts. Part-I carries 40 marks (Translation) and Part-II (Essay writing) carries 60 marks. In Part-I the candidate is required to translate a passage from English to Telugu and from Telugu to English. In Part-II, candidate's ability in Essay writing is tested. The Essay writing test shall be on Legal Subjects only.

The candidates shall secure 40% of marks in each Part in Paper-III English (Translation and Essay writing test) and the marks secured in Paper-III shall not be taken into account for eligibility for viva voce or selection. The marks secured in Paper-I, Paper-II and viva voce shall be taken into account for selection.

#### **V. MINIMUM MARKS TO BE SECURED IN THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VIVA VOCE:**

The candidates who are eligible and claim under OC/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category must secure not less than 55% of marks in Paper-I and Paper-II and not less than 60% of marks in aggregate in the written examination.

And the candidates of the BC category who intend to avail reservation under Backward Class category under Direct Recruitment must secure not less than 50% marks in Paper-I and Paper-II and not less than 55% of marks in aggregate in the written examination.

And the candidates of the SC/ST/ PwBD category who intend to avail reservation under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories must secure not less than 45% marks in Paper-I and Paper-II and not less than 50% of marks in aggregate in the written examination.

#### **VI. VIVA VOCE:**

The *Viva Voce* test will carry fifty (50) marks.

The successful candidates in written examination will be called for *Viva Voce* in the ratio of 1:3 of the available vacancies, and if there is more than one candidate who have secured identical cut off marks, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for *Viva Voce*.

Any candidate who remain absent for the *Viva Voce* will be deemed to have been disqualified for the selection.

No TA and DA will be paid to the candidates appearing for Screening Test (if any)/Written Examination/*Viva Voce*.

The decision of High Court as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to Screening Test (if any), Written Examination and *Viva Voce* shall be final. Only candidates who are issued with Hall Tickets shall be admitted for the examination.

**VII. MINIMUM AGGREGATE MARKS TO BE SECURED IN THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND VIVA VOCE FOR SELECTION TO THE POST OF DISTRICT JUDGE.**

For the selection to the post of District Judge (Entry Level) under Direct Recruitment, the candidates claim under OC/EWS category must secure at least 60% marks in aggregate in the Written Examination and *Viva Voce*, the candidates of BC category who intend to avail reservation under B.C. category must secure at least 55% marks in aggregate in the written examination and *Viva Voce*, and SC/ST/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities category candidates who intend to avail reservation under SC/ST/ Persons with Benchmark Disabilities must secure at least 50% marks in aggregate in written examination and *Viva Voce* under respective category. The candidates who secure less than the above such percentage of marks will be ineligible for selection to the post.

Provided that if two or more candidates secure equal marks in the written examination and *Viva voce*, the elder in age will be considered for provisional selection. In case of a tie in age also, the candidate, who possesses higher educational qualification would be considered. In case of tie in higher educational qualification also, the candidate with highest marks in the prescribed educational qualification will be considered.

**VIII. SYLLABUS FOR THE SCREENING TEST AND WRITTEN EXAMINATION:**

**CONSTITUTION AND CIVIL LAWS:**

- 1) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- 2) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
- 3) The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (BSA)
- 4) The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act 2013.
- 5) The Tenancy Laws including Land Reforms and Ceiling
- 6) The Constitution of India
- 7) Administrative Law
- 8) The Transfer of Property Act, 1882

- 9) The Indian Contract Act, 1872
- 10) The Motor Vehicle Act, 1988
- 11) The Specific Relief Act, 1963
- 12) The Laws on Inheritance, Succession, Marriage, Divorce, Adoption, Guardianship and Custody including in-country and inter-country adoptions.
- 13) The Family Courts Act, 1984.
- 14) The Indian Easements Act, 1882
- 15) The Law of Torts
- 16) The Limitation Act, 1963
- 17) The Patents Act, 1970
- 18) The Copyright Act, 1957
- 19) The Trade Marks Act, 1999
- 20) The Registration Act, 1908, and Stamp Act, 1899
- 21) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930
- 22) The Guardian & Wards Act, 1890
- 23) The Indian Trusts Act, 1882

#### **CRIMINAL LAWS:**

- 1) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973
- 2) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
- 3) The Indian Penal Code, 1860
- 4) The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS)
- 5) The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (BSA)
- 6) The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS)
- 7) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955
- 8) The Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989)
- 9) The Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 (Section 138 to 148)
- 10) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
- 11) The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

- 12) The A.P. Excise Act, 1968
- 13) The A.P. Prohibition Act, 1995
- 14) The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972
- 15) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- 16) The Electricity Act, 2003
- 17) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- 18) The Arms Act, 1959
- 19) The A.P. Forest Act, 1967.

**IX) FEE & MODE OF PAYMENT AND ADDRESS TO WHOM APPLICATIONS TO BE SENT AND LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:**

The application in the *Pro forma* prescribed hereunto accompanied by a crossed Demand Draft for Rs.1500/- for OC/BC/EWS and Rs.750/- for SC/ST/Persons with Benchmark Disabilities candidates drawn in favour of "Registrar(Recruitment), High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Nelapadu, Amaravati" payable at Nelapadu, along with testimonials and certificates attested by a Gazetted Officer in proof of the eligibility, be addressed to **the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati, Nelapadu, Guntur District, PIN Code – 522 239, Andhra Pradesh** should reach not later than **15.10.2026 by 5.00 P.M.** with the cover superscribed as "Application for appointment to the post of District Judge (Entry Level) in the A.P. State Judicial Service under Direct Recruitment".

*Pro forma* application and other details will be available in the website of High Court of Andhra Pradesh **<https://aphc.gov.in>**

**X. Note:**

- (1) The candidates are required to visit the website of High Court of A.P. to keep them update on all the steps/results until completion of the recruitment.
- (2) Incomplete applications, applications without testimonials and certificates in proof of the particulars given, and the applications received after the last date will be summarily rejected.
- (3) If any of the candidate suppresses any material information/furnishes any false or fabricated information in his/her application and enclosures, in whole or part of document, and on detecting the same, the Application will be rejected at any stage including at Viva Voce or even after selection; further the candidate is liable for legal consequences as per law including prosecution.

- (4) The provisional selection of candidate shall be subject to verification of antecedents. Mere selection does not confer any right on the candidate.
- (5) The fee once remitted shall not be refunded under any circumstances. Failure to pay the application/examination fee, the application will be summarily rejected.
- (6) The High Court of A.P. is not responsible for any postal/courier delays. No further correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

**G.SAI PRASAD**  
**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**