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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (BSI)
CGO COMPLEX, 3RD MSO BUILDING, F WING, 5TH & 6TH FLOOR
DF BLOCK, SECTOR I, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA – 700 064

TERM AND CONDITIONS FOR RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS (JRFs)

Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for the appointment of Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) in the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

Number of Positions: 6 (Six)

Place of Work: Any Regional Centre/Office of BSI located at Itanagar, Shillong, Gangtok, Howrah, Kolkata, Prayagraj, Noida, Dehradun, Jodhpur, Pune, Hyderabad, Vijaya Puram, Coimbatore, or Solan (Yercaud). Appointed JRFs may be transferred or shifted from their initial place of posting to any other BSI office based on organizational requirements.

Fellowship Amount: Selected candidates will receive a consolidated monthly fellowship of ₹37,000 for the first two years, which enhanced to ₹42,000 from the third year onwards. HRA is admissible as per central rules. The initial appointment is strictly temporary for two years and extendable by one year based on satisfactory performance and approval by the Director, BSI. Fellows are not entitled to any other benefits during or after their tenure. This fellowship is purely contractual and confers no right to regularization or absorption in BSI.

Duration of Fellowship (2+1+2 years): The initial appointment is for two years as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF). Following a performance assessment, suitable candidates will be promoted to Senior Research Fellow (SRF) for a third year; otherwise, the fellowship may be terminated. The SRF tenure may be extended for an additional two years, subject to satisfactory progress and institutional requirements.

Essential Qualification: Applicants must possess a Master's degree (M.Sc.) in Botany from a UGC-recognized university with at least 55% aggregate marks at the time of submitting the application

Desirable Qualification: Preference will be given to candidates possessing a M.Sc. in Botany with specialization in Plant Taxonomy or Plant Systematics (any plant group), working knowledge of computers, strong analytical abilities, and proficient technical writing skills. Candidates who have qualified for the NET (CSIR-JRF) are exempted from the written examination. However, they must apply, select their preferred regional centres, and appear for the interview if shortlisted.

Age Limit: The upper age limit is 28 years as on the last date of application submission. This limit is relaxed by up to 5 years for SC, ST, Physically Handicapped (PH), and female applicants, and by up to 3 years for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates.

Examination Fees: The non-refundable examination fee is ₹400 for General candidates, ₹200 for OBC applicants, and ₹100 for SC/ST/PH applicants. Fees must be paid exclusively online through the Bharatkosh portal (<http://bharatkosh.gov.in>). Step-by-step payment instructions are detailed in Annexure-I.

Instruction of Submission: Hard and soft copy submission:

- i. Candidates must submit their completed application forms, BharatKosh receipts, research papers and prescribed documents in both hard and soft formats on or before 09.08.2026.
- ii. Hard copies must be sent by Registered Post to The Scientist-in-Charge, Technical Section, BSI-Hqrs., 3rd MSO Building, CGO Complex, F-Wing, DF Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700064.
- iii. Soft copies must be compiled into a single PDF file and emailed to bsi.jrf.2026@gmail.com with the file named strictly as BSI_JRF_2026_FN_LN (where FN and LN represent the applicant's first and last name, respectively).

Online Submission of Proforma template (Mandatory):

In addition to the hard and soft copies, candidates must complete and submit the online application via the Google Form link provided on the official website (www.bsi.gov.in). The absolute deadline for receipt of complete applications in all prescribed formats is 09.08.2026. Any application received after this date will not be considered.

General Conditions:

1. A physical (offline) written test consisting of one multiple-choice question (MCQ) paper will be conducted across all Regional Centers of BSI. The written test will be 3 hours long. The exact date and time will be communicated to eligible candidates in advance and posted on the official website.
2. Online interviews for shortlisted candidates will be hosted through five regional centers: Central National Herbarium (Howrah), Eastern Regional Centre (Shillong), Western Regional Centre (Pune), Southern Regional Centre (Coimbatore), and Northern Regional Centre (Dehradun).
3. Regional Centers allocation depends on applicant volume. If turnout at a specific center is too low, candidates will be shifted to the nearest regional centre. The Director, BSI reserves the right to centralize all interviews at a single location.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be notified of their interview schedules. Candidates must arrange their own travel and stay; no Travelling Allowance (TA) or daily allowance will be paid.
5. Candidates must verify their age, discipline, and qualification eligibility before applying. If found ineligible at any later stage, the application or candidature will be rejected.
6. Candidates must accurately fill out all fields and upload scanned copies of all mandatory supporting documents during online application.
7. Candidates must arrive at the examination center at least one hour before the scheduled time. Late comers will strictly not be permitted entry.
8. Electronic items, including mobile phones, pen drives, laptops, and CDs, are strictly banned inside the examination hall.
9. Candidates must bring a printed copy of their application form submitted and a valid Government-issued photo ID card (Aadhaar, Passport, Driving License, etc.) to the written examination for verification.
10. Candidates must present all original certificates, documents, and testimonials, along with one set of self-attested photocopies, during the interview for verification and retention.
11. Candidates employed in Government, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), or Autonomous Bodies must produce a "No Objection Certificate" from their employer at the time of the interview.
12. Selected JRFs are permitted to register for regular Ph.D. programmes, provided they fulfill the academic eligibility criteria of the concerned university.
13. Selected candidates are expected to travel extensively across India, including remote and inaccessible terrain, and are liable to be posted at any BSI regional centre during their tenure.
14. No correspondence will be entertained regarding the written test, interview shortlists, or final selections. Canvassing in any form will lead to immediate disqualification. BSI reserves the right not to fill any vacancy.
15. Applicants must submit only one application. If multiple forms are submitted by the same candidate, only the latest complete form will be considered, and all earlier versions will be rejected.
16. For difficulties in filling out the online form, candidates may contact the Technical Section of BSI Headquarters, Kolkata during office hours (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) via landline (033-23344960) or contact Dr. S.K. Yadav, Scientist 'B' (Mobile: 7010657047).
17. The Director, Botanical Survey of India reserves the absolute right to amend, modify, or cancel this advertisement, or nullify the selection process at any time without assigning any reason.

Scientist-in-Charge, Technical Section, BSI – Hqrs., Kolkata.

Annexure- I

Bharatkosh payment procedure for payment of Exam Fees for JRF recruitment

Go to: <http://bharatkosh.gov.in>

Go to: Quick Pay

Modules	Instructions
Ministry/Department	079 - ENVIRONMENT and FORESTS
Purpose	Exam Fees
Payment Type	Original Application
Click on Next	
Depositor's category	Individual
Pay & Account Office (PAO)	075020-PAO(BSI/ZSI), Kolkata
Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO)	275023- DIRECTOR
Amount (INR)	400 or 200 or 100 (as applicable)
Remarks	JRF recruitment 2026
Type the text shown as per the image above	Enter the text shown as per the image above
Click on Add	
Click on Next	
Fill depositor's details and click on Next	
Confirm info	
Pay	
Download the receipt from the Bharatkosh website for record.	