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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF CIVIL JUDGES

RC/0719/2024-25

Starting date for submission of Online Application	01/02/2025 (12.00 noon)
Closing date for submission of Online Application	01/03/2025 (23:59 Hrs.)

Tentative Schedule

- Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) - Test of Gujarati Language <i>[For those candidates, who have not passed Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) examination with subject of Gujarati] [See Note-1 below Item No. 2 (i)]</i>	23/03/2025 (Sunday)
Main Written Examination	15/06/2025 (Sunday)
Viva-voce Test (Oral Interview)	August/September-2025

1. Vacancy and Pay Scale :

The High Court of Gujarat, in view of the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Case of **Malik Mazhar Sultan & Anr. V/s. U.P. Public Service Commission & Ors.**, reported in (2008) 17 SCC 703 and as per the provisions prescribed under '*The Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005*' (as amended from time to time) invites **Online Applications** from eligible candidates for filling up approximately **212 Regular Vacancies** (existing & future), for selection, by way of Competitive Examinations, for the Cadre of **Civil Judges** in the Pay-Scale of **Rs. 77,840/- – Rs. 1,36,520/- plus allowances** as admissible under the Rules. The category-wise break-up in respect of the Regular vacancies are as shown hereinbelow:

Vacancies Regular	Category-wise vacancies					Reserved for Women out of Category-wise vacancies					Out of total vacancies Reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disability
	General	SC	ST	SEBC	EWS	General	SC	ST	SEBC	EWS	PwBD
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
212	87	15	32	57	21	29	05	10	19	07	08

Notes :

- (i) If suitable Candidates, belonging to the **Reserved Categories** are not available for selection in the Final Select List, the posts would be filled-up, as may be directed by the High Court in its Full Court Meeting.
- (ii) The High Court reserves its right to **alter the number of vacancies** notified.

For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

Looking to the responsibilities and nature of duties to be performed by the Judicial Officers, following categories of PwBD Candidates shall be allowed to apply:

- a) low-vision provided that such impairment is not 50% and more,
- b) Hard of Hearing provided that such impairment is not of 50 decibel or more in speech frequencies in both ears,
- c) Locomotor disability including Acid Attack victim of not less than 40 percent, leprosy cured, dwarfism and muscular dystrophy but excluding cerebral palsy.

2. Essential Qualifications :

- (i) A prospective Candidate must possess a **Degree in Law** from a University recognized by law in India & -

- Will have to pass the vernacular (Gujarati) language proficiency test. *[See instructions at Item No.5(I)(iv)]*

Provided that, those candidates who have cleared their Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) examination with subject of Gujarati, shall not be required to pass aforementioned examination.

Note-1: *As decided by the High Court in its Full Court Meeting, the Candidates who have passed single subject of Gujarati from various Open Schools/Boards are not exempted from appearing in the Test of Gujarati Language as mandated in the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 (as amended from time to time).*

- must be **practicing as an Advocate** in Courts of Civil and / or Criminal Jurisdiction **on the last date fixed** for submission of Online Application.

Candidates, who have passed the Degree in Law from the academic year 2009-2010 and onwards, must have also passed the All India Bar Examination, in order to be considered as eligible for being termed as a Practicing Advocate.

Note-2: In the instant Recruitment Process, High Court of Gujarat has decided to allow all such Candidates to register their Online Application who have appeared in AIBE XIX and waiting for result/certificate, subject to giving an undertaking to the effect that, if he/she does not clear the AIBE before Viva-voce Test / Document Verification stage, his/her Application would stand rejected.

OR

- must be working in the Courts or other Allied Departments on the last date fixed for receipt of applications.

Employees working in the following Departments are considered as 'Employees of Allied Departments':

- (i) High Court of Gujarat or any Court, subordinate to it.
 - (ii) Office of the Government Pleader, High Court of Gujarat.
 - (iii) Office of the Government Pleader, City Civil Court, Ahmedabad.
 - (iv) Office of Legal Section of the Legal Department, Sachivalaya, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
- (ii) Must possess Certificate(s), certifying to be possessing **Basic Knowledge of Computer Application / Operation.**

3. Age Limit:

As on the last date fixed for submission of Online Application, a **candidate** belonging to **General Category** must not have crossed the age of **35 years** and others i.e. in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Socially & Educationally Backward Classes or Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) or Economically Weaker Sections, must not have completed **38 years** of age.

The employees working in the Courts or other Allied Departments shall be allowed on a uniform basis, relaxation of a maximum period of 05 years or to the extent of equal number of years for which service has been put in by him/her, whichever is less, in the upper age limit.

However, **in any case, the Upper Age Limit for such Candidate under any Category shall not exceed 40 years**, as on the last date of submitting the 'Online Application'.

4. Fees and Mode of Payment :

- (i) The candidates belonging to General Category are required to pay Examination Fees of **Rs.2000/-** plus Bank Charges whereas **Rs.1000/-** plus Bank Charges are required to be paid by the Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled

Tribes, Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, Persons with Benchmark Disability and Economically Weaker Sections Categories via “Print Application / Pay Fee” Menu option through SBI e-Pay, provided on HC-OJAS Portal.

- (ii) Please refer [“How to Pay Examination Fees”](#) available on the HC-OJAS Portal.

5. Scheme of Examinations & Syllabus :

(I) The Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) : (Tentatively scheduled on 23/03/2025)

The e-Call-Letter-cum-Admission Slip will be made available for download on HC-OJAS Portal, one week prior to the Examination.

- (i) The Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) shall be of **100 Marks**, the duration whereof will be **02 Hours**, consisting of **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)** each of **01 Mark** with **Negative Marking of 0.33 Mark** for each **Wrong / Multiple Answer**, and would be based on the following **Syllabus** :

Paper-I

Part - A

- (1) The Indian Penal Code, 1860 and The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023
- (2) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and The Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023
- (3) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023.
- (4) The Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949
- (5) The Probation of Offenders' Act, 1958
- (6) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- (7) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- (8) The Gujarat Prevention of Gambling Act, 1887
- (9) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- (10) Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994
- (11) The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
- (12) The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969
- (13) The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
- (14) The Information Technology Act, 2000
- (15) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986

Part - B

- (1) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- (2) The Limitation Act, 1963
- (3) The Indian Contract Act, 1872

- (4) The Constitution of India
- (5) The Indian Partnership Act, 1932
- (6) The Specific Relief Act, 1963
- (7) The Gujarat Court Fees Act, 2004
- (8) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930
- (9) The Transfer of Property Act 1882
- (10) The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- (11) The Commercial Courts, Act, 2015
- (12) Succession Laws, Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim & Christian)
- (13) Legal Maxims

Part - C

General Knowledge, English Language, Test of Reasoning, Numerical & Mental Ability and Basics of Computer Applications.

- (ii) The language of the Question Paper of Preliminary Examination will be English Only.
- (iii) Preliminary Examination Paper (Objective Type) **shall be assessed / evaluated** by the Computer, as per entries made on **OMR Sheet**. As the evaluation is being done on the **Computer by Scanning**, there is no human intervention and hence, queries relating to **rechecking of the OMR Sheets**, subsequent to the Preliminary Examination, will not be entertained by the High Court in any case. High Court reserves right to hold examination by any other mode. Even in that case also rechecking/re-evaluation request(s) will not be entertained by the High Court.
- (iv) Candidates who have not passed Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) examination with subject of Gujarati are required to pass the vernacular (Gujarati) Language Proficiency Test as prescribed below and to secure minimum 40% Marks for being eligible for being called for Main Written Examination.

Note-1: *As decided by the High Court in its Full Court Meeting, the Candidates who have passed single subject of Gujarati from various Open Schools/Boards are not exempted from appearing in the Test of Gujarati Language as mandated in the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 (as amended from time to time).*

Paper-II: Test of Gujarati Language:

(Marks -50 – Duration 1½ Hours)

[For those Candidates, who have not passed Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) Examination with subject of Gujarati]

Syllabus:

- (૧) ગુજરાતી નિબંધ લેખન
- (૨) ફક્રા ઉપરથી પ્રશ્નોના જવાબ
- (૩) સમાનાર્થી શબ્દો
- (૪) વિરુદ્ધાર્થી શબ્દો
- (૫) પત્રલેખન
- (૬) ભાષાંતર – અનુવાદ (ગુજરાતી – અંગ્રેજી અને અંગ્રેજી – ગુજરાતી)
- (૭) ટૂંકનોંધ (કોઈપણ વિષય પર)
- (૮) ગુજરાતી વ્યાકરણ

(v) **To become eligible for Main Written Examination, the Candidate -**

has to secure 50% or more Marks for unreserved category and 45% or more Marks for reserved categories (SC, ST, SEBC, EWS, PwBD) in the Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) and must have also passed their Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) examination with subject of Gujarati;

OR

has to secure 50% or more Marks for unreserved category and 45% or more Marks for reserved categories (SC, ST, SEBC, EWS, PwBD) in the Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) and 40% or more Marks in the Test of Gujarati Language, in case they have not passed their Secondary (SSC) or Higher Secondary (HSC) examination with subject of Gujarati.

(vi) **For candidate of Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD),** candidates upto 20 (twenty) times of the total number of vacancies reserved for such candidates will be eligible to take the Main Written Examination from amongst the Candidates who have secured the qualifying marks.

(vii) The Marks obtained by the Candidates in the Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) as well as the Test of Gujarati Language shall not be taken into consideration for preparing the Final Merit of the candidates.

(II) (A) **Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) :**
(Tentatively scheduled for 15/06/2025)

The e-Call-Letter-cum-Admission Slip will be made available for download on HC-OJAS Portal, one week prior to the Examination.

- (i) The Main Written Examination shall consist of *Two Papers*, based on the **Syllabus** given below :

Paper- I : (CRIMINAL) [Marks : 100, Duration : 03 Hours]

- (1) The Indian Penal Code, 1860 and The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023
- (2) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023
- (3) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023.
- (4) The Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949
- (5) The Probation of Offenders' Act, 1958
- (6) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- (7) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- (8) The Gujarat Prevention of Gambling Act, 1887
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- (10) Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994
- (11) The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
- (12) The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969
- (13) The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
- (14) The Information Technology Act, 2000
- (15) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986

Paper - II : (CIVIL) [Marks : 100, Duration : 03 Hours]

- (1) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- (2) The Limitation Act, 1963
- (3) The Indian Contract Act, 1872
- (4) The Constitution of India
- (5) The Indian Partnership Act, 1932
- (6) The Specific Relief Act, 1963
- (7) The Gujarat Court Fees Act, 2004
- (8) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930
- (9) The Transfer of Property Act 1882
- (10) The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- (11) The Commercial Courts, Act, 2015
- (12) Succession Laws, Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim & Christian)
- (13) Legal Maxims

- (ii) **Language** of Question Paper-I & Question Paper-II of Main Written Examination shall be **English**. Answers to Questions of Papers I & II of Main Written Examination may be given either in **English or in Gujarati**, if not instructed otherwise.

- (iii) The Candidates belonging to reserved categories (SC, ST, SEBC, EWS, PwBD) must secure minimum 45% Marks and all other Candidates must secure minimum 50% Marks in the

Main Written Examination for being eligible to be called for Viva-voce (Oral Interview) Test, **provided that the Candidate has secured minimum 40% Marks in each paper.**

- (vi) **For candidate of Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD)** upto 05 times the number of vacancies of such candidates shall be called for Viva-Voce Test from amongst the Candidates who have secured the qualifying marks in the Main Written Examination.

(II) (B) Viva-voce (Oral Interview) Test :
(Tentatively scheduled in the month of August/September- 2025)

- (i) Viva-voce Test shall be of **50 Marks.**
- (ii) The **object of the Viva-voce Test** is to assess the suitability of the Candidate for the cadre by judging the mental alertness, knowledge of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgement, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character and intellectual depth and the like, of the Candidate.
- (iii) For being eligible to be included in the Select List, the Candidate has to obtain minimum **40% Marks** in the Viva-voce Test.
- (iv) Since 'Character' and 'Suitability' of a Candidate holds an important and paramount place for being considered for Appointment to the State Judicial Service, therefore, kindly note that, these aspects can be inquired into, by the Competent Authority, prior to the Viva-voce (Oral Interview) as prescribed in Annexure -'A' to the Sub Rule (1) (i) of Rule-11 of "The Gujarat State Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2014".

6. Preparation of Select-List :

The Select List shall be prepared on the basis of total Marks obtained in the Main Written Examination & Viva-voce Test.

7. Production of Bond :

The Candidates upon eventual Regular Appointment, he/she is required to execute a '**Bond**' for a sum of **Rupees Five Lac**, on the condition that, after joining service he/she will serve for a **minimum period of three years**, after completion of the Training and in case, if he/she **resigns** from service or **leaves** service in

any other manner, before the above mentioned period, the entire amount of the Bond, would be liable to be forfeited.

8. Disqualification for Appointment :

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service –

- (i) unless he/she is a **citizen** of India.
- (ii) if he/she is **dismissed** from service by Central Government or any State Government or U.Ts. or any High Court or Statutory or Local Authority.
- (iii) if he/she has been **convicted** of an offence involving moral turpitude or who is or has been permanently **debarred** or disqualified by the High Court or the Union/State Public Service Commission or by any Recruiting or Examination Conducting Authority from appearing in examinations or selections.
- (iv) if he/she directly or indirectly **influences** the Recruiting Authority by any means for his/her candidature.
- (v) if he is a man, has **more than one wife** living, and if a woman, has married a **man**, already having **another** wife.

9. Procedure for concerned Candidate, to know the Marks obtained in the Examinations / Tests conducted by the High Court :

The Results (Marks) obtained shall be made available to the Candidates, except the Candidates disqualified at either of the examination stage, by providing a link to a web-page on the HC-OJAS Portal - <https://hc-ojas.gujarat.gov.in> with individual password (OTP - One Time Password), via SMS on his/her Registered Mobile Number, after the conclusion of the Recruitment Process.

Please refer "[Know Your Marks - RTI User Manual](#)" on HC-OJAS Portal.

10. General Instructions :

- (1) The Candidates who have **successfully submitted Online Applications** shall only be eligible for appearing at the Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test).
- (2) The **decision of the High Court** as to the **eligibility** or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination and/or Viva-voce Test shall be final. No candidate, to whom the respective '**e-Call-Letter-cum-Admission Slip**' has not been issued by

the Recruiting Authority, shall be admitted for the Examination.

- (3) The Candidates shall have to appear **at their own expenses** for the Preliminary Examination / Main Written Examination and Viva-voce Test, if called for, at the place and time that may be decided by the High Court.
- (4) **Benefit of reservation** shall be granted to the candidates belonging to **Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes / Socially & Educationally Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections** provided that the respective Certificate(s) in respect of eligibility to such Reservation as well as **'Non-creamy-layer' Certificate, valid for Current Financial Year** (for SEBC candidates) and valid EWS eligibility Certificate (**for EWS Candidates**), issued by the **Competent Authority** of the State of Gujarat, is produced by the candidate, as and when called for.
- (5) **Mere success** in the Examination(s), shall not confer any **right to appointment** and no candidate shall be appointed to the post unless the Government is satisfied, after such **inquiries** as may be considered necessary that the candidate is **suitable** in all respects for appointment to the post.
- (6) **At present, candidates are not required to send** copies of any Testimonials/Documents to the High Court. They shall, however be required to produce the following **Original Testimonials/Certificates as also One 'Set' of True Copies thereof, at the time of Viva-voce Test**, to be conducted by the High Court :
 - (i) **Printout of the duly filled-in Online Application** alongwith original e-payment receipt / Challan.
 - (ii) **School Leaving Certificate or Birth Certificate** issued under Birth & Death Registration Act.
 - (iii) Educational Qualifications **Mark-sheets and Certificates** i.e. of SSC, HSC, Graduation, Post Graduation, LL.B., Post Graduation in Law, etc. as may be applicable.
 - (iv) **Sanad** issued by the Bar Council of the State.
 - (v) **Certificate of Practice** issued by Bar Council of India (AIBE), if applicable.

- (vi) Certificates indicating to be possessing 'Basic Knowledge of Computer Application / Operation'.
- (vii) Certificate/s issued by the Competent Authority of the State of Gujarat, in respect of candidates belonging to **Reserved Category (SC/ST/SEBC/EWS)**, as may be applicable, and also '**Non-creamy layer Certificate**' of the **current financial year**, in case of those belonging to **Socially & Educationally Backward Classes**.
- (viii) Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Eligibility Certificate issued by the Competent Authority of the State of Gujarat, in case the Candidate has applied under Reserved Category (EWS). The validity of the said certificate will be in accordance with the provisions prescribed by the State Government.
- (ix) In case of **Persons with Benchmark Disability** (a) a Certificate from a Competent Authority to the effect that he/she has a disability of low-vision provided that such impairment is not 50% and more **OR** he/she has a disability of Hard of Hearing provided that such impairment is not of 50 or more decibel more in speech frequencies in both ears **OR** he/she has a disability of Locomotor disability including Acid Attack victim of not less than 40 percent, leprosy cured, dwarfism and muscular dystrophy but excluding cerebral palsy and (b) a Certificate from the Standing Medical Board at Ahmedabad, to the effect that he/she would be able to perform the duties of the post in question.
- (x) **Government Gazette**, showing change in name / surname etc., if any.
- (xi) Certificates given not more than **06 months prior to the date fixed for Viva-voce (Oral Interview) Test**, from **two** Respectable Persons of Professionals / Dignitaries like Doctors, Engineers, M.L.A., M.Ps. with seal and signature unconnected with his college or university and not related to him/her, testifying to his/her character (**Original**).

- (xii) **Practice/Experience Certificate in original** issued by –
(To be obtained by the Candidate after publication of Result of Main Written Examination)
- (a) the **Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India** or any other Officer, authorized by him in case of **Advocates Practicing in the Supreme Court of India**.
 - (b) the **Registrar General or equivalent authority of the respective High Court**, in Case of the **Advocates Practicing in the Courts outside the State of Gujarat**.
 - (c) the **Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat**, in case of **Advocates practicing in the High Court of Gujarat**.
 - (d) the **Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat**, in case of **Legal Assistants / Law Clerks working on the establishment of the High Court**, on contractual basis.
 - (e) the concerned **Principal District Judge of the District**, in case of **Advocates practicing in District Court and/or Taluka Courts of the District concerned**, in case of the **Advocates practicing in the Courts in the State of Gujarat** and;
 - (f) the concerned **Principal Judicial Officers of the Courts in the City of Ahmedabad**, in case of **Advocates practicing in the City Courts at Ahmedabad**, as may be applicable, and;
 - (g) in case of **Assistant Public Prosecutor or Public Prosecutor / Assistant Government Pleader**, the Certificate shall be issued by the Authority being the **Principal Judicial Officer** heading the establishment / institution concerned, in consultation with the authority of the respective establishment as the case may be.
 - (h) the concerned **Head of the Department**, in case of **'Employee of Allied Departments'**.

Format of Practice/Experience Certificate:

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. (mention name & designation/Advocate as may be applicable) has been working / Practicing Advocate since Mention date. As such he/she has completed Mention No. of Years years in the Department (as Regular/Ad-hoc employee) / practice, on the last date fixed for submission of Online Application.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the record available with the office of the undersigned for producing before the High Court for Recruitment to the Cadre of Civil Judges, pursuant to the Advertisement.

Date :



Signature of Competent Authority
Name of the Court: _____

- Note:** (i) In case of Advocates, the Certificate issuing Authority shall collect the information as to whether the candidate is Practicing **independently or with any Senior Advocate**. If Practicing with any Senior Advocate, the name & contact number of such Senior Advocate, as also the number of cases in which the candidate appeared as an Advocate etc.
- (ii) In case of staff members, the Certificate issuing Authority shall furnish information in detail, about the period of service as **regular or ad-hoc** employee.
- (xiii) No Objection Certificate in Original (must be) issued by - the Head of the Department on the basis of the records available with the concerned office, in case of employees working in the Courts or other allied Departments.
- (xiv) **Candidates are advised to read "Common General Instructions" given on the HC-OJAS Portal.**

(7) **HOW TO APPLY :**

Please Refer "How to Apply - User Manual" on HC-OJAS Portal.

- (8) **Decision of the High Court of Gujarat in respect of all matters pertaining to this recruitment would be final and binding on all Candidates.**

High Court of Gujarat,
Sola, Ahmedabad.
Date :- 30/01/2025

Sd/-
Registrar (Recruitment)
