



NOTIFICATION No.01/2023
DATED:01/07/2023



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC (SPECIAL-A) DEPARTMENT

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE
AT MADRAS

**DIRECT RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF DISTRICT JUDGE
(ENTRY LEVEL) IN THE TAMIL NADU STATE JUDICIAL SERVICE**

Date of Notification	01/07/2023
Last date for submission of Online Application	31/07/2023
Last date for remittance of fee through Bank	02/08/2023

Tentative Schedule of Examination

Preliminary Examination (OMR Method) (Forenoon & Afternoon)	30/09/2023	09:00 a.m to 12:00 noon 02:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m
Main Written Examination (Forenoon & Afternoon)	02/12/2023	09:00 a.m to 12:00 noon 02:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m
	03/12/2023	09:00 a.m to 12:00 noon 02:00 p.m to 05:00 p.m
Viva-voce	31/01/2024 onwards	

Applications are invited from eligible candidates **ONLY THROUGH ONLINE MODE**, i.e. through www.tn.gov.in (or) <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> for direct recruitment to the post of District Judge (Entry Level) in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service, governed by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, as amended [hereinafter referred to as “the Rules”].

CAUTION

- Recruitments are made purely on merit basis.
- The candidates, in their own interest, are cautioned against touts and agents who may indulge in cheating by making false promises of securing appointment through unfair means.
- High Court of Madras will not be responsible or liable for any loss that may be occasioned to any applicant, on account of indulging in such activity with such unscrupulous elements.
- Candidates indulging in unfair means by approaching the Recruitment body either in person or through anyone will be disqualified from appointment.

- Applicants are solely responsible for their claims made in online application. They cannot blame the service providers like internet cafe/browsing centre/Common Service centres for the mistakes made while applying online for recruitment. Applicants are advised to check the filled in online application before finally submitting the same.

Note:-

- (a) Online Applications submitted through www.tn.gov.in or <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> **WILL ALONE BE** accepted. Applications submitted through any other mode viz., by post, courier, RPAD, e-mail, hand delivery etc., will not be entertained under any circumstances or for any reason. No correspondence in this regard will be entertained, under any circumstances.
- (b) The candidates are advised to make use of only Desktop or Laptop for submitting the online application.
- (c) Before filling the online applications, the applicants are advised to go through the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules 2007, as amended, 'Notification' and 'Instructions to the Candidates' available in the Recruitment Portal of the High Court, Madras (<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>) and in the Government website (www.tn.gov.in) thoroughly and carefully. The candidates shall ensure themselves that they fulfil all the required qualifications and are not disqualified for appointment.
- (d) If the candidate had applied for the post by suppression / providing wrong information, he/she will be disqualified from participating in the selection process at any stage.

2. NUMBER OF VACANCIES AND SCALE OF PAY

Name of the post	No. of vacancies	Scale of pay
District Judge (Entry Level)	50 (Including vacancies arising out of creation of new courts / retirements)	Rs.51,550 – 1230 - 58,930 – 1380 - 63,070+Allowances (Pre-revised)

The number of vacancies has been arrived at by following the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Malik Mazhar Sultan Vs. U.P. Public Service Commission [(2008) 17 SCC 703]*

3. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES:

The category wise breakup details are as follows:

Sl.No	Category	Backlog Vacancies	Current Vacancies	Total No.of Vacancies
1.	GT	--	06	06
2.	GT (PSTM)	--	02	02
3.	GT (W)	--	02	02
4.	GT (W) (PSTM)	--	01	01
5.	GT (DAP) (HH)	01	--	01
6.	BC (OBCM)	--	03	03
7.	BC (OBCM) (PSTM)	--	02	02
8.	BC (OBCM) (W)	--	02	02
9.	BC (OBCM) (W) (PSTM)	--	01	01
10.	BC (OBCM)(DAP) (LD)	--	01	01
11.	BC(M)	--	01	01
12.	BC(M) (PSTM)	--	01	01
13.	MBC/DC	03	04	07
14.	MBC/DC (PSTM)	01	01	02
15.	MBC/DC (W)	01	03	04
16.	MBC/DC (W) (PSTM)	01	--	01
17.	SC (A)	01	--	01
18.	SC (A) (W) (PSTM)	--	01	01
19.	SC	04	02	06
20.	SC (PSTM)	--	01	01
21.	SC (W)	01	01	02
22.	SC (W) (PSTM)	--	01	01
23.	ST (PSTM)	01	--	01
Total		14	36	50

NOTE:

GT – General Turn

BC(OBCM) – Backward Classes (Other than Backward Class Muslims)

BC(M) – Backward Class (Muslims)

MBC/DC – Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

SC(A) – Scheduled Castes (Arunthathiyars on preferential basis)

SC – Scheduled Castes

ST – Scheduled Tribes

PSTM – Persons studied in Tamil Medium

W – Women

DAP – Differently abled person

LD – Locomotor Disability

HH – Hard of Hearing

The number of vacancies advertised for the post is only approximate and are liable for increase or decrease with reference to vacancy position at any time before finalisation of selection.

4. QUALIFICATIONS

(A) AGE LIMIT (as on 01.07.2023)

Category of candidates	Minimum Age (should have attained)	Maximum Age (should not have attained)
For SC / SC(A) / ST Candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu	35 years	50 years **
For Others and Candidates from other States / Union Territories	35 years	47 years **
For Persons with Benchmark Disability (SC / SC(A) / ST) Candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu (the disability should not be less than 40% [Benchmark Disabilities])	35 years	60 years***
For Persons with Benchmark Disability (Others & Candidates from other States / Union Territories (the disability should not be less than 40% [Benchmark Disabilities])	35 years	57 years ***

[Others means candidates not belonging to SC / SC(A) / ST in the State of Tamil Nadu]

****For direct recruitment, Maximum age limit has been increased for two years vide G.O.(Ms) No.91, Human Resource Management(s) Department, dated 13.09.2021.**

***** Persons with Benchmark Disability shall be eligible for Age Concession upto ten years over and above the maximum age limit prescribed. (Section 64 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016).**

Explanation-

- (i) Applicants should not have been born after **01.07.1988** and should not have been born before:
- (a) **02.07.1973** (in case of reserved category applicants viz. SC / SC(A) / ST belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu)
 - (b) **02.07.1976** (in case of 'Others' & applicants from other States / Union Territories)
 - (c) **02.07.1963** (in case of Persons with Benchmark Disability (SC / SC(A) / ST) Candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu .
 - (d) **02.07.1966** (in case of Persons with Benchmark Disability (Others & Candidates from other States / Union Territories)

(ii) The Persons belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu and belonging to one of the communities viz., Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiars) or Scheduled Tribe or Most Backward Classes & Denotified Communities or Backward Classes and Backward Classes (Muslims), as the case may be, will alone be treated as belonging to the respective communities. The Persons belonging to other States / Union Territories (i.e. except the State of Tamil Nadu) will be treated only as 'Unreserved Category', even though they may belong to one of the reserved communities in their respective States or Union Territories. Therefore, they cannot seek either age relaxation or reservation in appointment or fee concession, under any circumstances. They are required to fill up their category as "Unreserved Category (UR)" in the application form and can compete only under "Unreserved Category (UR)", by paying requisite fee. **Applications of other State / Union Territory candidates i.e. except the State of Tamil Nadu, who have applied by citing their communal status in their respective States / Union Territories and without paying prescribed fee and who are age barred will be summarily rejected and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.**

(iii) No special age concession is applicable to Destitute Widows and Ex-Servicemen.

(B) EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

The Applicants should possess the following qualification:

- (i) Must possess a Degree in Law of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission, or any other equivalent qualification and got enrolled in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu or in the Bar Council of any other State. Must be practising on the date of Notification as an advocate and must have so practised for a period of not less than seven years as on such date.
- (ii) With regard to Assistant Public Prosecutor-Grade I or Assistant Public Prosecutor Grade-II, they must be having not less than seven years of experience as an Advocate and / or Assistant Public Prosecutor on the date of this notification.

Note:-

- (i) The educational qualifications prescribed for the post should have been obtained in the order of study, viz., 10th / SSLC + HSC or its equivalent + Bachelor Degree / Law Degree.
- (ii) The applicants, who are graduated in Law from the academic year 2009-2010 and thereafter, must have also passed the All India Bar Examination, conducted by the Bar Council of India within the period prescribed.
- (iii) The Advocate shall produce the educational credentials, Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council and also the Experience Certificate indicating the length of his / her practice, as provided in Annexure - B, from the Presiding Officer of the Court in which he / she is actually practising, in original, whenever called for.
- (iv) If the candidate is an Assistant Public Prosecutor, he/she shall produce the Educational credentials, Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council and also the Service Certificate, indicating the length of his / her service, as provided in Annexure - B, from the Director of Prosecution concerned, in original, whenever called for, along with No Objection Certificate.
- (v) In case of applicants practicing as Advocates in the High Court of Madras, such certificate of practice should be obtained from the Registrar (Judicial) at the Principal Seat or at the Madurai Bench of the High Court, as the case may be.

- (vi) In case of applicants practicing as Advocates in the High Courts of other States and the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, such certificate should be obtained from the Registrar, who is in charge of the judicial side of respective High Court or the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, as the case may be.
- (vii) All the applicants shall produce a Character and Conduct certificate, as provided in Annexure-A, from a Senior Advocate or counsel or a Advocate who has a standing of not less than 10 years at the Bar and the other two from responsible persons, not being a relative but who is well acquainted with him/her in his/her private life, in original, whenever called for.

5. EXAMINATION FEE :-

Sl. No.	Category	Amount
(i)	Others (Candidates not belonging to SC / SC(A) / ST in the State of Tamil Nadu) and Candidates from other States / Union Territories	Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only)
(ii)	SC / SC(A) / ST (Fee exemption is applicable only to SC / SC(A) / ST candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu)	Total Exemption
(iii)	Differently abled Persons (the disability should not be less than 40% [Benchmark Disabilities])	
(iv)	Destitute Widows - (Certificate as in Annexure-E, should be obtained from the Revenue Divisional Officer/ Sub Collector/ Assistant Collector concerned).	

Note:

- Persons claiming Fee concession referred to above and other claims made in the application, have to upload documents for such claims. Otherwise, their applications will be summarily rejected and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.
- The application of the candidate who makes false claim/suppression of information for fee concession or age relaxation or any other benefits will be rejected at any stage of selection.
- The term '**Destitute Widow**' used in the Notification shall mean a widow whose total monthly income from all sources shall not be more than Rs.4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand Only) including any family pension or other receipts including income from private practice in the case of professionals, but shall not include a divorcee.
- A 'Destitute Widow' shall include a candidate born outside the State of Tamil Nadu and became a widow after her marriage to a person belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu and residing permanently in State of Tamil Nadu and shall also include a candidate born in the State of Tamil Nadu and became a widow after her marriage to a person belonging to any other State / Union Territory and settled permanently in the State of Tamil Nadu , but shall not include a candidate belonging to other States / Union Territories not covered under the above said categories.

6. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS/ SELECTION:-

The selection of candidates will be based on -

- (A) Preliminary Examination [Objective Type Question Paper in Optical Mark Recognition Paper (OMR Paper)]
- (B) Main Examination; and
- (C) Viva–Voce Test.

(A) (i) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE):

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks		
			For UR/ Candidates belonging to other States/UTs	For BC, BCM, MBC/DC candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu	For SC/SC(A)/ ST candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu
Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) Paper – I	3 Hours	100	40	35	30
Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) Paper – II	3 Hours	100	40	35	30
Total		200	80	70	60

(ii) SCHEME OF THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:

The Preliminary Examination consists of two papers, each containing 100 multiple choice objective type questions based on the syllabus given below. They will be conducted in the forenoon and afternoon sessions on the same day. The Question papers will be bi-lingual i.e., in English and Tamil. In case of any inconsistency between English and Tamil versions of the questions, the English version will prevail over the Tamil version. Each question shall carry **1 mark** and **'1/4' (0.25) mark** will be deducted for each incorrect answer. The duration of the Preliminary Examination will be three hours for each paper. The Preliminary Examination is conducted for the purpose of shortlisting the candidates and the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted for determining the final order of merit of the candidates. The candidate shall appear in both papers in the preliminary examination for his/her answer sheets to be evaluated.

Note:

- (i) No candidate who has secured less than the minimum pass marks prescribed for each paper, in the Preliminary Examination will be declared successful to participate in the Main Examination.
- (ii) All the successful candidates in the Preliminary Examination from the respective categories will be called upon for Main Examination.

(iii) SYLLABUS FOR THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Preliminary Examination Paper - I

Constitution of India, Interpretation of Statutes, Jurisprudence and Legal Phraseology, Legal Maxims, Legal History, Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, Right to Information Act, 2005.

Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Civil Rules of Practice, 1905, The Tamil Nadu Court Fees and Suit Valuation Act, 1955, The Limitation Act, 1963, The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, The Commercial Courts Act, 2015, The General Clauses Act, 1897, Prohibition of Benami Transaction Act, 2016.

The Indian Contract Act, 1872, The Specific Relief Act, 1963, The Indian Partnership Act, 1932, The Sale of Goods Act, 1930, Easements Act, 1882, The Transfer of Property Act, 1882, The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, Rent Control Laws, The Indian Stamp Act 1899, The Registration Act, 1908.

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Law of Torts, The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and other Laws relating to Land Acquisition.

Personal Laws including Succession Laws, (For Hindus, Muslims and Christians etc.), The Guardian and Wards Act, 1890, Indian Trust Act, 1882, The Family Courts Act, 1984.

The Trade Marks Act, 1999, The Copyright Act, 1957, The Patent Act, 1970, The Designs Act, 2000, The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999

The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, The Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, other Labour Laws, Income Tax Act, Co-operative Societies Act, The Mental Health Care Act, 2017, Laws relating to Mines and Minerals.

Preliminary Examination Paper – II

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, Criminal Rules of Practice, The Indian Penal Code, 1860, The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, including latest amendments, The Electricity Act, 2003, The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015,

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012,

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005,

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

The Information Technology Act, 2000, The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, The National Security Act, 1980

The National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 (Amendment) as Act, 2019

Medical Jurisprudence, Central and Tamil Nadu State Criminal Minor Acts.

General Knowledge, Legal Aptitude, legal reasoning, Test of reasoning and mental ability, Basic Knowledge of Computer, Environmental Laws.

Note:

The Acts and Rules mentioned in the syllabus are only illustrative and not exhaustive.

(B) MAIN EXAMINATION:-

All the successful candidates in the Preliminary Examination, will be called upon for Main Examination.

The Main Written Examination will be held on two consecutive days in the Forenoon and Afternoon sessions. There shall be four descriptive type question papers. Each paper shall be of three hours duration and shall carry 75 Marks each. On the first day, the Examination shall be for Law Paper - I & Translation and Essay Writing Paper and on the Second day, the Examination shall be for Law Paper II & Judgment Writing, as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Paper	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks		
			For UR/ Candidates belonging to other States/UTs	For BC, BCM, MBC/DC candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu	For SC/SC(A)/ ST candidates belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu
1	Law Paper – I	75	33.75	30	26.25
2	Translation and Essay Writing Paper: (Writing Skill, Essay Writing on General topic and Current Developments in Law and Translation from Tamil to English and English to Tamil).	75	33.75	30	26.25
3	Law Paper – II	75	33.75	30	26.25
4	Judgment Writing	75	33.75	30	26.25
Total		300	135	120	105

The syllabi for Law Paper-I and Law Paper -II are the same as that of the Preliminary Examination. The questions for Judgment writing paper would test the candidate's skills in framing of issues, framing of charges, writing Judgments/Orders in Civil and Criminal cases.

Note:-

- (i) The question papers for the Main Examination will be bi-lingual, i.e. in English and Tamil. In case of any inconsistency between English and Tamil version of the questions, the English version will prevail over the Tamil version. Except the Translation paper, all other question papers shall be answered by the candidates, either in English or Tamil, but not partly in English and partly in Tamil. Answer sheets written partly in English and partly in Tamil will not be evaluated and the same will be invalidated.
- (ii) The candidate shall appear for all the four papers in the Main Written Examination for his/her answer sheets to be evaluated and in case, the candidate absents himself/herself for one or more papers, his/her attended papers will not be evaluated.
- (iii) The candidate who has secured less than the minimum qualifying marks prescribed for each paper in the Main Examination will not be eligible for Viva Voce [Oral Test].
- (iv) The candidate shall strictly adhere to the instructions given while appearing for the Preliminary and Main Examination conducted by the High Court. In case of any deviation, the answer sheets of the candidates concerned will be invalidated.

- (v) It is made clear to the candidates that quoting the principle laid down or reiterated in any citation would be enough and quoting of citation shall not carry any extra weightage. Further, quoting of wrong citation may lead to reduction of marks.
- (vi) Any representation by the candidate for changing the dates of examination/selection process, change of examination centre, for relaxation of conditions mentioned in the advertisement or Examination related directions or guidelines or minimum marks or qualifications/requirements etc. or for revaluation, will not be entertained.

(C) VIVA-VOCE TEST:

Viva-voce test shall be for Hundred (100) Marks and candidates shall obtain minimum Forty (40) marks for a pass in the Viva-voce test.

- (i) The object of Viva-voce test is to assess the suitability of the candidate for the cadre by judging their mental alertness, general knowledge, knowledge of law, grasp of procedural laws and principles of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character, suitability and intellectual depth, the like of the candidate, his/her tact and ability to handle various situations in the Court, Administrative and Management Skills.
- (ii) Candidates of all categories who have obtained minimum 40 marks in the viva-voce test alone are eligible for inclusion in the Selection list. Since 'Character' and 'Suitability', of a Candidate are of utmost importance, for being considered, for appointment to the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Services as District Judge (Entry Level), the character and suitability of the candidates would be enquired into and verified by the Competent Authority, prior to or after the Viva-voce test.

7. PREPARATION OF SELECTION LIST:

Final selection of the candidates shall be made on the basis of Total Marks obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination & Viva-voce Test as per merit and by following the communal roster.

Note:

In case of the candidates who are convicted, acquitted, proceedings quashed, discharged, further proceedings closed under section 258 Cr.P.C., investigation stopped under section 167 (5) Cr.P.C., proceedings closed under section 468 Cr.P.C., dealing the suitability of such candidates, are subject to the final approval of the High Court before their appointment.

8. INTER-SE SENIORITY:-

The Seniority of the selected candidates, among themselves and the seniority vis-a-vis promotee District Judge, will be determined after the proposed amendments to the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment), Rules 2007.

9. EXAMINATION CENTRES:

- The Preliminary/Main Examinations and Viva-voce Test will be held at Chennai and / or any other place, as may be decided by the Madras High Court.
- Request for change of venue will not be entertained under any circumstances.
- No TA/DA will be paid to the candidates to appear for the Preliminary Examination / Main Examination / Viva Voce Test.

10. 'Instructions to the candidates' relating to qualification, disqualification and other instructions for the Examination / filling up of application form etc., shall form part and parcel of this Notification and shall be strictly adhered to by the candidates.

**SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI.
DATED: 01/07/2023**

**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC (SPECIAL- A) DEPARTMENT**