



**NOTIFICATION NO. 1/2019  
DATED. 13.01.2019**



**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
PUBLIC (SPECIAL . A) DEPARTMENT**

**HIGH COURT OF  
JUDICATURE, MADRAS**

**DISTRICT JUDGE (ENTRY LEVEL) DIRECT RECRUITMENT  
FOR TAMILNADU STATE JUDICIAL SERVICE**

Date of notification	13/01 /2019
Last date for submission of On-line Application	04/02/2019
Last date for remittance of fee through Bank	06/02/2019
<b>Tentative Schedule of Examination</b>	
Preliminary Examination (OMR Method) (Forenoon & Afternoon)	06/04/2019
Main Written Examination (Forenoon & Afternoon)	25/05/2019 & 26/05/2019
Viva-voce	Fourth week of June 2019

Online applications are invited, through [www.tn.gov.in](http://www.tn.gov.in) and <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> for direct recruitment to the post of District Judge (Entry Level) in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service under the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment), Rules 2007 as amended [hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules'].

**Note:-**

- (a) Applications submitted through [www.tn.gov.in](http://www.tn.gov.in) or <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> will alone be accepted and no other means/modes of application will be entertained.
- (b) Applicants are advised to read "the Rules", the detailed notification, instructions available in [www.tn.gov.in](http://www.tn.gov.in) or <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> issued for filling up of online application and guidelines for remittance of examination fee, thoroughly, prior to filling up of online application. The applicants shall ensure that they fulfil all the requirements of eligibility for

the post applied before filling up the online application.

- (c) Applicants must furnish all the relevant information called for. Furnishing of false and/or incomplete information shall lead to rejection of their application.

### **1. VACANCIES AND PAY SCALE**

Name of the post	Name of the service	No. of vacancies	Scale of pay
<b>District Judge (Entry Level)</b>	Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service	<b>31</b> (Including vacancies arising out of creation of new courts / retirements)	Rs. 51,550 – 1230 - 58,930 – 1380 - 63,070+ Allowances

The vacancies have been arrived as 31 (approximately) , following the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Malik Mazhar Sultan vs U.P.Public Service Commission (2008 (17) SCC 703), for the cadre of District Judge (Entry Level).

### **2. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES:**

The category wise breakup details, in respect of the vacancies, are as follows:-

Sl.No.	ROSTER POINT	NO. OF POSTS	Total Number of Post
1	GT	6	10 (3 Woman including 1 Woman HH)
2	GT(Woman)	2	
3	GT(PSTM)	1	
4	GT(Woman)(Hard of Hearing)	1	
5	BC	5	9 (3 Woman)
6	BC(Woman)	2	
7	BC(PSTM)	1	
8	BC(Woman)(PSTM)	1	
9	MBC&DC	3	6 (2 Woman)
10	MBC&DC (Woman)	1	
11	MBC&DC (PSTM)	1	
12	MBC&DC (Woman)(PSTM)	1	
13	SC (A)	1	1
14	SC	3	4 (1 Woman)
15	SC (Woman)	1	
16	ST (PSTM)	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>

**NOTE:**

**The number of vacancies advertised are only approximate, it may likely be increased subject to sanction of new posts by the Government and it may also be liable for modification including reduction with reference to vacancy position at any time before finalisation of selection.**

**3. QUALIFICATIONS****(A) AGE LIMIT (as on 01.07.2019)**

Category of candidates		Minimum Age (should have completed)	Maximum Age (should Not have completed)
For Practising Advocates/ Pleader / Assistant Public Prosecutors / Judicial Officers.	For Reserved category (BC / BCM /MBC&DC / SC / SC(A) / ST	35 years	48 years
	Unreserved	35 years	45 years

**Note:-**

- (i) Applicants claiming under Reserved Category must have been born not earlier than 01.07.1971 and not later than 01.07.1984.
- (ii) Candidates coming under Unreserved category must have been born not earlier than 01.07.1974 and not later than 01.07.1984.
- (iii) No special age concession is applicable for Differently Abled Candidates, Ex-Service men and Destitute Widow.
- (iv) The applicants from other States, (i.e. except Tamil Nadu) shall be treated as Unreserved Category irrespective of their category in their own states. They are required to fill up their category as Unreserved Category (UR) in the application form and can compete only under 'Unreserved Category (UR)' and they cannot seek age relaxation or reservation under any circumstances even though they may belong to Reserved Category in their respective states.

**(B) ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS (As on 13.01.2019)**

The Applicants should possess the following qualification:

<b>I.</b>	<b>For Practising Advocates/ Pleaders / Assistant Public Prosecutors/ Judicial Officers:</b>	<p>(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 recognized by Bar Council of India or any other equivalent qualification and enrolled as an Advocate under a State Bar Council established under the Advocates Act, 1961.</p> <p>(ii)(a) Must be practising as an Advocate/Pleader in the High Courts or Supreme Courts or Courts Subordinate thereto and must have practiced for a period of not less than seven years on the date of notification</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(b) Must be an Assistant Public Prosecutor having not less than seven years of experience as an Advocate and /or Assistant Public Prosecutor on the date of notification.</p> <p>(c) Must have practised for a period of not less than 7 years on the date of notification and continue to be a practicing Advocate/working Assistant Public Prosecutor till the date of selection and appointment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(d) Serving Judicial Officers (Civil Judges and Senior Civil Judges) having seven years practice, as Advocate and Judicial Service put together, are permitted to participate in the selection subject to the outcome of SLP No.14156/2015 pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>
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**Note:-**

- (i) The educational qualification prescribed for the post should have been obtained by acquiring the required and recognised qualification in the order of study, viz., 10<sup>th</sup> / SSLC + HSC or its equivalent + Bachelor Degree.
- (ii) Applicants applying under the category of “practicing Advocates” ,who have 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.
- (iii) The applicants applying under the category of “Practicing Advocates” must be Practicing as Advocate in Courts of Civil and/ or Criminal Jurisdiction on the date of notification and continue to be Practicing Advocate till the date of selection and appointment.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

**i. THE APPLICANT:**

- a) must be a citizen of India;
- b) Must possess adequate knowledge to read, write and speak in English and Tamil

**Note:-** The successful candidates who have not studied Tamil as second language in S.S.L.C. / Matric, must pass the Tamil Language Proficiency Test within the period of probation.

**ii. CHARACTER AND CONDUCT :**

- (a) The character of a candidate must be such as to make him suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service. The applicant must produce a certificate of character and conduct given after the date of notification from three responsible persons not related to him, in the format prescribed in Annexure-A. Out of the three persons certifying, one must be a Senior Advocate or counsel and the other two shall be responsible persons, not being relatives of the applicants but who are well acquainted with the applicants in their private life.

**Note:**

- (i) The person certifying need not be Gazetted Officer or Government Servant or Judicial Officer.
  - (ii) The Character and conduct certificate need not be submitted by the applicants coming under the category of “Judicial Officers”.
- (b) No person shall be appointed as a member of the Service unless he is in good mental and physical health and is free from any disability, except a person who is claiming reservation under The Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Before appointment, candidates with disability shall be required to appear before the Medical Board constituted for assessment which will examine them and certify whether they are fit for appointment to the service and their disability will not affect the effective performance of duty as a member of the service.
- (c) Must satisfy such other conditions prescribed in “the Rules” for appointment to the post of District Judge (Entry Level).

**5. DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

No person shall be qualified for appointment to the Service or being in service:-

- (i) Who has entered into, or contracted marriage or living in relationship with a person having a spouse living, or who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage or living in relationship with any person;
- (ii) If dismissed or removed or stigmatic termination from services by, Central Government or High Court or any State Government or Statutory or Local authority or from any employment, **or**

If a candidate after being selected as Assistant Public Prosecutor / Judicial Officer has been discharged/removed from service or convicted of any offence **or**

If a candidate who is or has been temporarily or permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commissions or any other Recruitment Agency, Board or Commission, from appearing for examinations/interview or selections conducted by it **or**

If a candidate has been removed or suspended from its roll by the Bar Council, **or**

If any disciplinary proceedings or penalty or punishment has been imposed or contemplated by the Bar Council or any Disciplinary authority or court, which in the opinion of the Hon'ble High Court, renders him unsuitable for appointment in Judicial Service, **or**

If being Assistant Public Prosecutor / Government Pleader/Judicial Officer placed under suspension/Disciplinary Proceedings initiated/ contemplated or pending either under Rule 17(a) or 17(b) of Tamil Nadu Discipline (Control and Appeal) Rules, 1973 or any other Rules.

(iii) If, being an Advocate, was found guilty of professional misconduct by the Bar Council under the provisions of Advocates Act, 1961 (Central Act 25 of 1961) or orders of the Court or Judicial forum.

- (iv) a) If, the candidates do not fulfil the conditions prescribed in “the Rules”, **or**
- b) If, he/she influences or attempts to influence, or obtains or attempts to obtain, any favour in any form at any stage of Selection Process; **or**
- c) Impersonates by or for the candidate; **or**
- d) Makes or submits any forged documents in support of his or her candidature; **or**
- e) If he/she conceals any material information or provides any false information or makes false/wrong claim at any stage of selection process, **or**
- f) If he/she uses or attempts to use, improper or illegal means, either for purpose of being permitted to appear in Examination or at any stage of examination, in examination room/hall, **or**
- g) If he/she, during written examination harasses or threatens or uses un-parliamentary words or causes physical injury to or misbehaves with, any Officer or employee engaged; **or**
- h) If he/she, disobeys any directions relating to Examination including oral directions by the invigilator or observer or any other officer or employee engaged for conducting examination, **or**

- i) If he/she attempts to enlist support or canvases in any form for his/her candidature or selection/appointment, through persons of influence or officers of Government/High Court will also disqualify him/her from appointment.

**6. PRACTICE /EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE / NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE / SERVICE CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED IN ORIGINAL WHEN CALLED FOR**

- (a) Besides submitting the Degree Certificate and Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council, Bar experience certificate shall be submitted by applicants coming under the category of “Practicing Advocate” in the format prescribed in Annexure-B. (From the authorities specified below).
  - (i) 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.
  - (ii) 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.
  - (iii) In the case of advocates, practicing in Subordinate Courts, such Certificate should be obtained from the Presiding Officer of the Court in which the candidate is / has been practicing.
- (b) In case of applicants coming under the category of “Assistant Public Prosecutor or Government Pleader”, besides the appointment order as Assistant Public Prosecutor or Government Pleader, No Objection / Service Certificate from the Head of Department specifying the length of qualifying service of the candidates’ shall be submitted in the format prescribed in Annexure ‘C’.
- (c) In case of serving Judicial Officers applying for the post they shall obtain “No Objection/Service Certificate” from the Registrar General of the High Court concerned specifying the length of service in the format prescribed in Annexure C.



## **7. CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS**

Applicants selected for appointment to the post will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness before their appointment in the form prescribed below:

<b>Name of the post</b>	<b>Standard of Vision</b>	<b>Form of Certificate of Physical Fitness</b>
<b>District Judge (Entry Level)</b>	Standard-III or better	For posts other than Executive and Ministerial

Applicants with defective vision should produce eye fitness certificate from a qualified eye specialist before appointment.

## **8. FEES**

Examination fee Rs.2,000/- for all applicants, except the candidates falling under the categories mentioned below.

Any candidate who is not bonafide resident / domicile of state of Tamil Nadu, shall be treated as Unreserved Category (UR) in all respects for the selection process and shall also have to pay examination fees accordingly.

## **9. EXAMINATION FEE CONCESSION**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Concession</b>	<b>Condition</b>
(i)	Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Caste (Arunthathiyars) and Scheduled Tribes	Total Exemption As per eligibility criteria.	--
(ii)	Differently Abled Persons.	Total Exemption As per eligibility ceriteria	For Differently Abled Persons, the disability should be not less than 40%.

Persons claiming fee concessions and other claims made in the application have, to produce evidence for such claim as and when evidence is called for, otherwise their application will be rejected.

**10. MODE OF PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES:-**

- i. After submission of application, the applicant who is not exempted from payment of fees, shall take printout of 'Challan' that is generated and remit the requisite fees along with service charges levied by the bank before the last date prescribed for remittance of fee, at any branch of Indian Bank. The branch concerned will retain the Bank Copy of the 'Challan' and return the “Applicant Copy” to the applicant, which shall be retained by the applicant and cited for all future references/disputes, if any, regarding the payment of fee.
- ii. Failure to pay the fee prescribed within the time stipulated will result in rejection of application.
- iii. If the applicants claim exemption of Examination fee and is later found to be not eligible, their application will be rejected at any stage of selection.
- iv. No other mode of payment like Demand Draft/Postal Order/Cheque/NEFT/RTGS or any other mode of online payment will be entertained and those applications will be summarily rejected.
- v. Fees once paid, shall not be refunded or adjusted towards any other recruitment under any circumstances.

**11. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS**

The selection will be made through three successive stages viz.,

- (i) Preliminary Examination [Objective Type Question Paper in Optical Mark Recognition Paper (OMR Paper)] for selection of candidates for admission to the Main Examination,
- (ii) Main Examination; and
- (iii) Viva–Voce Test.

**(A) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)****(a)**

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum marks for a Pass		
			For U.R	For BC, BCM, MBC/DC	For SC/SC(A) /ST
Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) Paper – I	3 Hours	150	60	52.50	45
Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) Paper – II	3 Hours	150	60	52.50	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>90</b>

**(b) SCHEME OF THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:**

The Preliminary Examination will consist of two papers each containing 150 multiple choice objective type questions based on the syllabus given below. They will be conducted in the forenoon and afternoon session on the same day. The papers will be set in English and each question shall carry one mark and '1/2' (half) 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 short listing the candidates and the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted for determining the final order of merit of the candidates.

**Note:**

- (i) No candidate who has secured less than the minimum 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 will be called upon for Main Examination.

**(c) 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, Court Fees and Suit Valuation Act, 1955, Indian Limitation Act, 1963, The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, Commercial Courts Act, 2015, General Clauses Act, 1897, Benami Transactions Prohibition Act.

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

Motor Vehicles Act 1988 in reference to Accident claims, 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), Guardian and Wards Act 1890, Indian Trust Act 1882, Family Courts Act, 1984.

The Trade Marks Act, 1999, The Copyright Act, 1957, The Patent Act, 1970, Designs Act, The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Employee's Compensation Act, 2016, other Labour Laws, Income Tax Act, Co-operative Societies Act, Mental Health Care Act 2017, Mental Health Act 2007, Laws relating to Mines and Minerals.

**Preliminary Examination Paper – II**

Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, Criminal Rules of Practice, 1990, Indian Penal Code, 1840, Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

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

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 (POCSO 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, Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967, the National Security Act, 1980

Medical Jurisprudence, Central and Tamilnadu State Criminal Minor Acts, Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

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 (DESCRIPTIVE TYPE):-**

The Main Written Examination shall be held on two consecutive days in the Forenoon and Afternoon session. There shall be four descriptive type question papers. Each paper shall be of three hours duration and shall carry 100 Marks each. On the first day, the examination shall be for Law Paper - I & Translation and Essay Writing Paper and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the examination shall be for Law Paper II & Judgment Writing, as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Paper	Maximum Marks	Minimum Pass Marks		
			UR	BC, BCM, MBC/DC	SC/SC(A)/ST
1 <sup>st</sup>	Law Paper – I	100	45	40	35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Translation and Essay Writing Paper: (Writing Skill, Essay Writing on Current Developments in Law and Translation).	100	45	40	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Law Paper – II	100	45	40	35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Judgment Writing	100	45	40	35
<b>Total</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>140</b>

The syllabus for Law Paper-I and Law Paper -II is the same as that of the preliminary examination. The questions for Judgement writing paper would test the

candidate's skills in Framing of issues, framing of charges, writing Judgements/Orders in Civil and Criminal cases.

**Note:-**

- (i) The question papers for the main examination will be in English and Tamil. Except the Translation paper all the other papers shall be answered by the candidates either in English or Tamil, but not partly in English and partly in Tamil or in any other Language. 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 answer sheets to be evaluated and in case the candidate absents himself for one or more papers, his attended papers will not be evaluated.
- (iii) The candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks prescribed for each paper in the Main Examination shall not be eligible for Viva Voce 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 the quoting of wrong citation may be detrimental to candidates.
- (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, shall not be entertained.
- (vii) All the directions/instructions/guidelines and formats issued regarding examination shall be treated as part of the advertisement.
- (viii) Out of the successful candidates in the Main examination, candidates for Viva-Voce test will be shortlisted in the ratio of 1:2 or 1:3 or in the ratio as deemed fit and proper by the High Court following the rule of reservation.

**(C) VIVA-VOCE TEST**

Viva-voce test shall be for hundred (100) marks and candidates of all categories shall obtain minimum 40 marks for a pass in the Viva-voce.

1. 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, intellectual depth, the like of the candidate, his/her tact and ability to handle various situations in the Court, Administrative and Management Skills.
2. Candidates who have obtained a minimum of 40 marks in the viva-voce test alone are eligible for inclusion in the Select List.
3. The marks secured by the candidate in the Viva Voce Test shall be added to the total marks secured by him/her in the Main Examination.
4. 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 candidate would be enquired into and verified by the Competent Authority, prior to the Viva-Voce (Personal Interview).

**12. PREPARATION OF SELECT-LIST:**

Selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of Total Marks obtained by the candidates in the Main Written Examination & Viva-voce.

**Note:**

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., in such cases the suitability of such candidates are subject to the final approval of the High Court before their appointment.

**13. CENTRE FOR EXAMINATIONS:**

The Preliminary/Main Examinations and Viva-voce will be held at Chennai.

**Note** – (i) Request for change of venue will not be entertained under any circumstances.

- (ii) The High Court reserves right to increase or decrease the number of examination venues and re-allot the candidates accordingly.
- (iii) Candidates should appear for the Preliminary/Main Examination/ Certificate Verification/ Viva Voce Test at their own expenses.

#### **14. INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES**

- A. The Rule of reservation and the distribution of vacancies for BC/BCM/MBC OR DC/SC/SCA/ST/PSTM/DAP (Persons with Disabilities) candidates will apply in accordance with the Policy/Rules/Instructions issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu from time to time. The benefit of reservation is admissible only to bonafide domiciles/residents of the State of Tamil Nadu.
- B. The category of reservation and all other information once filled in the application form shall not be allowed to be changed.
- C. In G.O.(Ms.) No.145, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (S) Department, dated 30.09.2010, and G.O.(Ms.)No.40 Personnel and Administrative Reforms(S) Department dated 30.04.2014, the Government have issued orders to fill 20% of all vacancies in direct recruitment on preferential basis to persons who studied the **prescribed qualifications in Tamil Medium. The 20% reservation of vacancies on preferential allotment to Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) will apply to this recruitment.** Applicants claiming this reservation must have studied the prescribed qualifications for the post in Tamil Medium and should have the certificate for the same. **Having written the University Examinations or Competitive Examinations in Tamil language alone will not qualify the candidate for claiming this reservation.** If the Applicants with PSTM Certificate are not available for selection for appointment against reserved turn, such turn shall be filled by Non-PSTM Applicants but belonging to the respective category. The PSTM certificate shall be produced by the applicant in prescribed format.
- D. As per Sections 26 and 27(c) of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, reservation of appointment to “Destitute Widows” and “Ex-Servicemen” **will not apply** to this recruitment.
- E. If no qualified and suitable woman applicants are available for selection against the vacancies reserved for them, those vacancies will be filled by other eligible applicants belonging to the respective categories.



F. Wherever vacancies are reserved for Arunthathiyars on preferential basis, even after filling the vacancies reserved for SC (Arunthathiyars) on preferential basis, if more number of qualified Arunthathiyars are available, they shall be entitled to compete with the Scheduled Castes other than Arunthathiyars in the inter-merit among them and if any posts reserved for Arunthathiyars remain unfilled for want of adequate number of qualified applicants, it shall be filled by Scheduled Castes other than Arunthathiyars.

G. Success in the examination does not confer any right to appointment unless the High Court of Madras is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment.

H. The post of District Judge (Entry Level) has been identified as suitable for /HH/OA/OL/BL/LC/DF/AC (without the assistance of the scribe and with the assistive device) categories of Differently Abled Persons **as per Rules. [LV-Low Vision, HH-Hard of Hearing, OA One Arm, OL-One Leg, BL-Both Legs, LC-Leprosy cured, DF-Dwarfism, AC-Acid Attack Victims]**

Provided the candidates who are able to perform the following physical activities alone are eligible as per Rule 10 of Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, as amended in G.O.(Ms) No.234, Home (Courts-I) Department, dated 03.04.2018;

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| (a) Work performed by Sitting   | - | S  |
| (b) Work performed by Standing  | - | ST |
| (c) Work performed by Walking   | - | W  |
| (d) Work performed by Seeing  | - | SE |
| (e) Work performed by Hearing   | - | H  |
| (f) Work performed by Reading and Writing   | - | RW |
| (g) Communicating (Communicating would also include verbal or non-verbal communication) | - | C  |

I. The candidates claiming reservation under the Differently Abled Category in terms of Rule of Reservation provided in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, shall produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Medical Board to the effect that his/her disability will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post of District Judge (entry level) and also satisfy the High Court that his/her disability will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post of District Judge (entry level).

J. Differently Abled candidates should attend the Preliminary/Main Examination and Viva Voce Test on their own without any assistance of scribe.

K. Any subsequent claim made after the submission of online application will not be entertained. Evidence for all claims made in the online application should be uploaded/ submitted, in time when the documents are called for. Failure to upload/submit the documents within the stipulated time limit will entail rejection of application.

L. The Candidate shall furnish:

- (i) Correct and true information regarding arrest, described but name not specifically mentioned in FIR, facing/concluded criminal proceedings, charges framed, accused in private complaints, convictions/proceedings closed/dropped from charges/ discharged /acquitted or proceedings quashed by any Court of law, **or**
- (ii) The details with regard to debarment / disqualification by any recruiting agency, criminal or any disciplinary proceedings initiated / pending or finalised, participation in agitation or affiliated to any Political Organisation, **or**
- (iii) Information relating to his/her Candidature in election for Parliament / State Legislature / Local Bodies /Trade Union etc.
- (iv) The details such as originals of the judgment, order/ or G.O. dropping further action in departmental proceedings or any document that may prove the suitability of such applicants for a Government appointment in such cases must be produced at the stage / time of certificate verification without fail.
- (v) All information that relates to the suitability of the applicants for the appointment, which arises after the submission of application and till the date of his /her selection and appointment, shall be reported to the High Court in writing immediately.

M. Incomplete applications and applications containing wrong claims or incorrect particulars relating to category of reservation / other basic qualifications / eligibility / age/ communal categories / educational qualification / PSTM/ physical qualification will be liable for rejection. The candidate will also be debarred from appearing for all future examinations and selections conducted by the Madras High Court. Suppression of facts or false claim is noted subsequently, the selection of the candidate concerned will be declared invalid.

**15. INFORMATION UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT AND CLAIM FOR RE-VALUATION/RE-TOTALLING:**

- a) No candidate is permitted to peruse/obtain copies of the answer sheets (Preliminary and Main Examination) till finalization of the recruitment process.
- b) Information can be sought with regard to details of marks (raw and scaled) awarded to the Candidates in each and every stage, only after the finalization of the recruitment process. Key answers intended for valuation for the Preliminary Exam will be published in the High Court's website after completion of the Preliminary Examination. However, no key answers for the Main Examination will be published or provided to the candidates.
- c) Request for re-evaluation and re-totalling of marks in the answer sheets of the Preliminary Examination & Main Examination will not be entertained.
- d) If any dispute or question arises relating to disqualification/suitability of the Candidates or interpretations of the Rules, the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, shall be final.

**16. COMMUNICATION TO THE CANDIDATES AND COMMUNICATION FOR GRIEVANCES:**

- (i) Grievance Redressal Cell for guidance of applicants: In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding applications, candidature, etc., applicants can contact the Registry of the High Court, Madras over Telephone No. **044 - 25301388** on all working days between 10.00 a.m. and 05.45 p.m. or through e-mail: [recruitment.mhc@gov.in](mailto:recruitment.mhc@gov.in).
- (ii) Individual communication regarding the date and time of certificate verification, Viva Voce Test and counselling will not be sent to the candidates by post. All details will be made available on the High Court's website. Candidates will be informed of the above fact only through SMS and registered e-mail and they should visit the High Court's website periodically and keep themselves updated.
- (iii) No Call Letter or Hall Ticket will be sent by post and the same will be made available online.

**17. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- (a) The decision of the High Court of Madras as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Preliminary Examination, Main Examination or

Viva Voce Test shall be final. Only candidates, to whom Hall Tickets have been issued by the High Court, shall be admitted for Examination (Preliminary and Main) and Viva-voce.

(b) Mobile Phones and other Articles Banned

- (i) Candidates are not allowed to bring cellular phone, calculators, watches and rings with inbuilt memory notes, pencil box, pouch, hand bag etc., or any other electronic devices and non-electronic devices such as P&G Design Data Book, books, notes, hand bags and recording devices either as separate piece or part of something used by the applicant such as watch or ring etc., to the examination hall/room on the date of examination, except the permitted writing material (i.e. pen).
- (ii) If they are found to be in possession of any such thing or instrument they will not be allowed to write the examination, besides invalidation of answer paper and / or debarment. If it is considered necessary they will be subjected to thorough physical search including frisking on the spot.

**18. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION**

1. Candidates have to be decently dressed and should reach the Examination hall 30 minutes before commencement of the Examination with the Hall Tickets. On no account an applicant will be allowed inside the Examination hall after 30 minutes from the commencement of Examination.
2. Candidates shall appear for the Examination only in the venue mentioned in the Hall Ticket. Change of Venue will not be permitted.
3. Candidates shall show the Hall Ticket to the Invigilator / Chief Invigilator/Inspection authorities at the Examination centre, on demand for verification.
4. Candidates shall maintain strict discipline in the examination venue. Applicants found smoking or inebriated or found to have entered into quarrel of any kind, or misbehaved with the Chief Invigilator or with the inspection Authorities or with the Invigilator or with any other applicant who has come to write the Examination in the Examination venue, are liable for severe action including appropriate criminal action.
5. Tea, Coffee, snacks, soft drinks etc., will not be allowed inside the Examination venue.

6. Candidates should always sit in the seat allotted to them as per their Register Number and must not change it, they shall adhere to the instructions given for filling up of answer sheets. Before filling up the details they should check the answer sheets / answer books to see whether it is printed properly, not damaged and has a number assigned on it. If Answer Sheet/Answer Book is defective in any way, the candidate should immediately inform the invigilator before filling up the candidate's particulars and the invigilator will replace it. Once the candidate has commenced writing, the answer sheet / answer book will not be replaced.
7. The Candidate will be supplied with Question Booklet 10 minutes before commencement of the Examination. Before writing or shading the answer, candidate should ensure that all the questions are there in Seriatim without any omission and there are no blank pages in Question Booklet. In case any defect is found it shall be reported to the Invigilator immediately, who will replace the same with a new Question Booklet.
8. Candidates should carry only, Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black) and Hall Ticket inside the Examination Hall. Other materials are not allowed.
9. Borrowing of any material, instruments from other candidates during examination is strictly prohibited.
10. For the Preliminary Examination the candidate should shade the answer field completely, as per the correct method indicated in the first page of the OMR answer sheet.
11. Candidates are strictly prohibited from involving in any indiscipline or irregular practices like, consulting with other applicants, copying, permit his/her papers to be copied, carrying notes, seeking the help of an Invigilator / any outsider, etc. Any violation would lead to the applicants being expelled from the Examination Hall and their Answer sheet will be invalidated. They shall be debarred from the present and future Examinations.
12. No candidate will be allowed to exceed the time limit allotted for answering the paper and no applicant will be allowed to leave the Examination hall before the closing time of the Examination.
13. At the end of the session, Answer Sheet/Answer Book should be returned to the Invigilator. Applicants are prohibited from taking with them from the examination hall any used / unused answer sheet / answer book supplied to them.

14. Candidates are allowed to take the Question Booklet only after the Examination is over.
15. Any representation regarding objections in question paper should be sent to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court, Madras, within two days from the date of examination specifying the Serial Number of the Question Booklet, question number, along with the Photostat copy of the question paper, self attested photo copies of source documents/ proof on the basis of which he/she submits objections/ clarifications. In such representations, Register Number, Name and address of the applicant, Question Number, etc. should invariably be quoted. No representation received after two days from the date of examination or without any of the requisite particulars, will evoke any response.
16. It is cautioned that the Candidates are required to write their Roll No. only in the space provided for that purpose at the first cover-page in the answer book. Writing of, his/her own name or roll no. or any mark of identification in any form or any Number or name or mark, by which the answer-book of a candidate may be distinguished/ identified from others, in any space other than the one provided for, is strictly prohibited and shall, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of his/her candidature and withholding of his/her result, without assigning any reason. No correspondence, in this regard, shall be entertained.

## **19. HOW TO APPLY**

A. **FOR REGISTRATION:** The candidate is required to visit [www.tn.gov.in](http://www.tn.gov.in) or <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> and select the link inviting online applications and enter the following details:-

1. Email – ID.
2. Mobile No.
3. Name (Initial and Name as in the School Leaving Certificate)
4. Create New Password.
5. Confirm Password.
6. Captcha Code.

After the candidate has successfully entered all the details, a link will be sent to the email ID provided by the candidate. The candidate shall click on the link and activate the same. Once activated, the candidate can login to the website by using his/her email ID as the user ID and the password will be the one created by him/her during registration.

**NOTE:**

- (i) The applicant is requested not to disclose his/her login credentials to any one, and the Madras High Court or the Government of Tamil Nadu will not be responsible for any misuse of data. Registered e-mail ID and registered password of the candidates must be noted and preserved for future use.
- (ii) Applicants are advised to have a valid Mobile Number/valid personal E-mail ID. In case the applicants do not have a valid email ID/Mobile Number, they should create their own email ID and obtain mobile number before applying online and must keep the email account/mobile number active throughout the selection process.
- (iii) No request for change of Mobile Number/E-mail ID will be entertained. High Court will send various intimations relating to the recruitment through SMS/E-Mail only to the Mobile Number / E-mail ID registered during the process of recruitment.
- (iv) The High Court of Madras or the Government of Tamil nadu shall not be responsible in any manner, for non delivery of SMS/email at any stage either due to shifting of the mobile phone or if the same is out of coverage area or is out of order due to some technical fault on the part of the candidate or service provider.
- (v) It will be the responsibility of the candidate to update himself by visiting <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> periodically for any important announcement.
- (vi) The High Court shall not be responsible in case of any communication not reaching the applicant due to defect etc in given address, email ID, mobile number, etc.

**B.**

- (i) **STEP ONE (PERSONAL INFORMATION):** The applicants shall fill their personal information as required in the application form. They shall upload their scanned copy of passport size photograph of high contrast and their full signature. After submitting the personal information, the candidate shall select ‘**SAVE/NEXT STEP**’ button to complete step-1 and proceed to step-2.

**Note:-**

**(For photograph, the size of the file should be between 20 KB and 50 KB with dimensions of 200 pixels height and 230 pixels width and for signature, it should be between 10 KB and 20 KB with dimensions of 140 pixels height and 60 pixels width)**

- (ii) **STEP TWO (EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION DETAILS):** The applicants shall fill the educational particulars as required in the application form. After submitting the educational particulars, the applicants shall select “SAVE/NEXT STEP” button to complete step - 2 and proceed to step-3.
- (iii) **STEP THREE (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION):** The applicants shall fill the Additional information as required in the application form. After submitting the requisite particulars, they shall select “SAVE/NEXT STEP” button to complete step -3 and proceed to step-4.
- (iv) **STEP FOUR (DECLARATION):** The applicants shall fill the declarations as required in the application form. After completing the declaration form, they shall select “NEXT STEP” button to complete step -4.
- (v) **STEP FIVE (CONFIRMATION OF DETAILS):**
  - (i) On completion of step-4, the details furnished by the applicants in steps 1 to 4 appear on the screen as preview. The applicants shall carefully peruse the details furnished by them and confirm the same by selecting “SUBMIT” button.
  - (ii) Before proceeding to next step, if the applicant intends to make any correction or modification in the details furnished in the previous step, he/she can select “PREVIOUS STEP” and make necessary modification.
  - (iii) When the applicants choose “SUBMIT” button, a pop up dialog box will appear and indicate to the applicants that if they choose to select “OK” option, they will not be permitted to make any alterations/changes or edit the details provided by them and if the applicants want to edit the information provided by them, they shall select the “CLOSE” option to cancel and go back to previous steps.



**Note:** On selecting the OK option a dialog box with three options namely, 1. View, 2. Challan, 3. Payment will appear and under the status column, “application is submitted, payment pending”. The applicants shall select the challan option. A challan containing the required details of the applicant will be generated automatically. The applicant shall take the printout of the challan and shall make the payment following the procedure mentioned in **Point No. 10 - Mode of Payment**.

- (iv) After making payment, the applicant shall select the payment option and fill the particulars of the challan and upload the copy of the same to complete the process. On completion, a message that “the application has been successfully submitted” will appear on the screen.
- (v) The applicants who wish to peruse and take printout of their filled in application form shall select the view option and download their application in PDF form.
- (vi) The applicants need not send the print out to the undersigned or to the High Court or Government of Tamil Nadu.

**C.** All the particulars mentioned in the online application including name of the applicant, post applied for, educational qualifications, communal category, date of birth, address, e-mail ID, centre of examination etc. will be considered as final and no modifications will be allowed after submission of the online application. Since certain fields are mandatory and cannot be edited, applicants are requested to fill the online application form with utmost care and caution as no correspondence regarding change of details will be entertained.

**D. Upload/Submission of Documents :**

Applicants should upload/submit their testimonials and all other relevant certificates for proof in respect of claims made in the application with reference to this notification as and when called for. If the required certificate is not uploaded or submitted by the applicants within the time stipulated, their application will be rejected.

**20. INSTRUCTIONS:-**

- (a) Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply Online well in advance.
- (b) Government of Tamil Nadu or High Court does not assume any responsibility for the candidates not being able to submit their applications within the last date for any reason.
- (c) Candidates shall not apply more than once for a post.
- (d) 'SMS' alerts for the tests, will be notified to the registered mobile number of the candidate.
- (e) Candidates should take due care to upload good quality photographs in the application. If the candidates cannot be identified from the photograph uploaded by them, they shall not be allowed to write the examination.
- (f) Hall Tickets: Hall Tickets for Preliminary/Main Examination will not be sent by post. The candidates should download the Hall Tickets from the website <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>. The Hall Tickets will be ready for download one week prior to the date of the Preliminary/Main Examination and the same shall be informed through announcement and through SMS/E-mail.
- (g) The candidature is provisional at all stages and the High Court reserves the right to reject any candidature at any stage, even after the selection has been made when any violation or wrong is noticed.
- (h) Applications containing wrong claims or incorrect particulars or suppression of materials information, relating to category of reservation, age, communal categories, educational / technical / Other qualifications, PSTM, Physical qualification and other basic eligibility criteria, will be rejected and the Candidate will also be debarred from appearing for all future examinations and selections conducted by/for the Madras High Court. If the suppression or false claim is noticed subsequently, the selection of the candidate concerned will be declared invalid. If any correction or spelling mistake is found in the Hall Ticket, the same may be informed to the Registry immediately for rectification.

- (i) The decision of the High Court of Madras in respect of all matters pertaining to this Recruitment Process, as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Preliminary/Main Examination, and Viva – Voce. shall be final. Only candidates, to whom hall tickets have been issued by the High Court, shall be admitted in the Examination hall.
- (j) Success in the Examination does not confer any right to appointment unless the High Court of Madras is satisfied after enquiring as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respect for appointment.
- (K) If any dispute or question arises relating to the disqualification / suitability of the candidates or interpretation of the Rules, the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, shall be final.

**21. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION AND LAST DATE FIXED FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION :-**

Online application can be submitted from 13.01.2019, (12.00 Hrs). The last date fixed for submission of Online application will be 04.02.2019 till (23.59 Hrs).

SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009  
DATED:

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)  
PUBLIC (SPECIAL. A) DEPARTMENT**

ANNEXURE - A  
(Either in English or Tamil)  
CHARACTER AND CONDUCT CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, Son/Daughter/Wife  
of \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, who is applying for  
District Judge Recruitment 2018 (Notification No. \_\_\_\_\_), is well known to me  
for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years and his/her character and conduct are good.

Date : / /

Place :

Details of the Person Certifying

Name:

Address

Mobile/Land Line (with STD Code)No.

Signature of the Person  
Issuing Certificate

**நன்னடத்தைச் சான்றிதழ்**

திரு. திருமதி. செல்வி. \_\_\_\_\_ த.பெ/க.பெ. \_\_\_\_\_  
என்பவர் \_\_\_\_\_ எனும்  
முகவரியில் வசித்து வருகிறார். அவரை எனக்கு கடந்த  
\_\_\_\_\_ ஆண்டுகளாக நன்கு தெரியும். மாவட்ட நீதிபதி பதவிக்கான 2019-  
ம் ஆண்டின் போட்டித் தேர்விற்கு (அறிவிக்கை எண் : \_\_\_\_\_)/  
விண்ணப்பிக்கும் அவர் நற்பண்புகளும் நன்னடத்தையும் கொண்டவர் எனச்  
சான்றளிக்கிறேன்.

நாள் :

இடம் :

கையொப்பம் :

சான்றளிப்பவர் விவரம்

பெயர் : \_\_\_\_\_

முகவரி :

கைபேசி/தொலைபேசி (STD குறியீட்டு எண்ணுடன்) எண்:

ANNEXURE – B

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPERIENCE AT THE BAR, CHARACTER AND CONDUCT**

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms.(mention name), son/daughter/wife of (mention name), Address and designation/Advocate (as may be applicable)), has been practising, as Advocate in this court since (mention date). As such he / she has completed (mention no of years) years practice as on \_\_\_\_\_(**date of Notification**).

His/her character and conduct are \_\_\_\_\_.

This Certificate is issued after verifying the records available with the office of the undersigned.

Date:

Signature, Name and Designation  
of the Presiding Officer /  
Competent Authority.

Seal of the Court/Officer.

- Note:
- (i) Candidate practicing independently as Advocate, he/she has to attach the details of cases, conducted by him/her preferably for the last five years to fortify his/her claim of having been in active practice as provided in Annexure-D.
  - (ii) The certificate issuing authority shall verify the details furnished by the candidate in Annexure-D from the records available with him / her and issue certificate, accordingly.

FORM – C.

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE / SERVICE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr/Ms/Mrs/\_\_\_\_\_ S/o, D/o,  
W/o.\_\_\_\_\_ is working as  
\_\_\_\_\_, since \_\_\_\_\_(date), and has put in  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of service. This institution/office grants permission to the above  
said individual to apply for and participate in the recruitment process for recruitment  
of District Judge (Entry Level).

date : \_\_\_\_\_

(Designation)

**ANNEXURE -D**  
**DETAILS OF CASES APPEARED INDEPENDENTLY / ASSISTED HIS/HER**  
**SENIOR ADVOCATE**

Sl. No.	Case No.	Parties' name on whose behalf appeared	On the file of	Pending/ Disposed	Stage of Case / Date of Judgment	Remarks
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I, hereby declare that the particulars furnished in this Annexure are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby, declare that I am in active practise continuously for seven years on the date of notification.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

**COUNTER SIGNATURE OF  
CERTIFYING AUTHORITY**

**DATE:**

**PLACE:**