

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA: SHILLONG

ADVERTISEMENT

No:HCM.II/27/2024-Rect/20

Dated Shillong, the 17th February, 2026

Direct Recruitment to Meghalaya Judicial Service- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class-2026

1. Online applications are invited from eligible candidates as prescribed under **Schedule - B** of Meghalaya Judicial Service Rules 2006 (as amended up-to-date), for filling up 10 (Ten) vacant posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class (Grade-III) in the cadre of Meghalaya Judicial Service by way of direct recruitment from amongst the eligible candidates.

Sl.No.	Category	Total No. of Posts
1	Unreserved/General	02
2	Khasi-Jaintia	04
3	Garo	04
Total		10

2. **Pay Scale:-** The pay scale for the said post is in the pay level J-1 of Pay Matrix i.e. Rs. 77,840/-p.m. plus other allowances as admissible under the Rules.
3. **Eligibility/Qualifications:-** A candidate for the direct recruitment to the service:
 - (a) Must be a citizen of India;
 - (b) Must be a holder of degree in law granted by a recognized University established by law in India;
 - (c) Must not have attained the age of 35;
 - (d) Must not have completed as on the last date fixed for receipt of applications 38 years of age in the case of candidates belonging to

Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes and 35 years of age in the case of others.

- (e) The candidates must have practiced for a minimum period of 3 (three) years.

Explanation:-

- (i) The number of years of practice will be calculated from the date of their provisional enrolment/registration with the concerned State Bar Council.
- (ii) The candidate must produce a certificate duly certified either by the Principal Judicial Officer of the concerned Court in which he/she has practiced or by an advocate practicing in the concerned Court having a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by the Principal Judicial Officer of such District or a Principal Judicial Officer at such station.
- (iii) Candidates who are practicing before the High Court or the Supreme Court of India shall produce a certificate duly certified by an advocate who has a minimum standing of 10 years duly endorsed by an officer designated by the concerned High Court or the Supreme Court of India.
- (iv) In the case of candidates who has worked as Law Clerks with any of the Judges or Judicial Officers In the country, the number of months/years of experience as Law Clerk will be considered while calculating the total number of years of practice.

4. Disqualification for Appointment:- No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service:-

- i. Unless he is a citizen of India;
- ii. If he is dismissed from service by any High Court, Government, statutory or local authority;
- iii. If he has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or who has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Commission for appearing for examination or selection conducted by it.

5. Reservation:- The reservation for SC/ST/PWDs category candidates shall be admissible in accordance with the State Reservation Policy.

6. Details of the Examination:-

- i. The Meghalaya Judicial Services Examination, 2026 will be held in three successive stages, viz., (i) Preliminary Written Examination (MCQ Type), (ii) Final Written Examination (Subjective/Narrative) and (iii) Viva voce/Personality Test at Shillong, Meghalaya. The candidates selected based on the result of the Preliminary Written Examination will be allowed to appear for the Final Written Examination and the number of candidates to be selected to appear for Viva voce/Personality Test will be based on the result of the Final Written Examination.
- ii. In the first phase, there will be a Preliminary test consisting of objective type questions of 100 (Hundred) marks. Each question in the preliminary test shall carry 02 (two) marks. The duration of the Preliminary Test will be 2 (two) hours. The Preliminary test will be conducted as per the syllabus prescribed in the Meghalaya Judicial Services Rules, 2006 (As amended up to date). The Preliminary test will be conducted using an OMR Sheet. The answer-key of the preliminary test will be published after the test. Objections from the candidates, if any, must be filed before the Registry of the High Court of Meghalaya within 7(seven) days from the date of such publication of answer key. Any objection filed beyond the stipulated time will not be entertained. This Court reserves the right to decide ratio for shortlisting the candidates for written examination in the Second Phase.

Syllabus for Preliminary Examination
Total Marks – 100 Marks

Part-I

- (i) The Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC)/Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
- (ii) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC)/ Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS).
- (iii) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (IEA)/ Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023.
- (iv) Limitation Act, 1963.

Part- II

- (i) Constitution of India
- (ii) Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- (iii) Meghalaya Urban Areas Rent Control act, 1972

(iv) Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Note: The marks obtained in the Preliminary test will not be carried forward in the written test in the second stage.

iii. **Syllabus for Written Examination:-** The Written examination in the Second Phase will consist of 4 (four) papers as per the syllabus prescribed in the Meghalaya Judicial Services Rule, 2006 (As amended up-to date). Paper on English i.e. Paper I, Law Paper-I and Law Paper-II will be of 100 (one hundred) marks each. Paper on local language (either Khasi or Garo) will be of 70 (Seventy Marks). Duration of the written examination will be 3 (three hours) for the first three papers and 2 (two) hours for the local language paper. Total marks for written test in the second phase is 370 (three hundred and seventy).

Paper-I (English)	(a) Essay writing (b) Precise writing (c) Grammar etc.	100 marks
Law Paper-I	(a) Constitution of India (b) Code of Civil Procedure (c) Transfer of Property Act (d) Indian Contract Act	100 marks
Law Paper-II	(a) Indian Penal Code (b) Criminal Procedure Code (c) Indian Evidence Act (d) Law of Torts	100 Marks
Paper on local language either Khasi or Garo	-	70 marks

The answer script shall be evaluated by adopting the evaluation method as prescribed in the Meghalaya Judicial Services Rule, 2006 (As amended up-to date).

Note: Candidates will not be allowed to answer the questions with the assistance of books/Bare Acts in any phase of the examination procedure.

iv. **Viva-Voce:-** Viva voce/Personality Test will carry 30 (thirty) marks.

The Selection Board shall call such number of successful candidates in the written test in the Second Phase for viva-voce/personality test as it deems fit strictly according to the merit list prepared on the basis of aggregate marks obtained by those candidates but such number in no case should exceed five times the number of vacant posts.

Note:-The High Court of Meghalaya reserves the right to relax eligibility criteria and qualifying marks in each subject or aggregate, if required.

7. **Mode of Application:-** (i) Candidates are advised to apply and submit their applications strictly through Online mode by clicking on the “Online application for Grade- III Meghalaya Judicial Service” icon appearing in the website viz. www.meghalayahighcourt.nic.in.

(ii). Applications received through any other mode shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

(iii). For candidates applying for the first time through online mode, a one- time registration process is required to enable them to apply against the advertised vacancies/posts. Kindly read the instructions on the web page carefully before applying online. The online application will be enabled from **17th February, 2026 12:00 p.m.** and the last date for accepting the online application is on **17th March, at 1700 hours.**

8. **Application Fees:-**

- i. **General:** - Rs. 700/-
- ii. **SC/ST:** - Rs. 350/-
- iii. **PwBD:** - Exempted on production of valid certificate

9. **Payment for online Application:-** Candidates may pay using the following modes:

1. UPI/Netbanking or ATM cum Debit Card/Credit Card. Please select ePayment and select State Bank of India in the Meghalaya Payment Portal Page and proceed for payment.

2. Cash Payment at any branch of SBI using eChallans: Candidates may also pay by Cash at any branch of SBI. For cash payment using eChallan, select Payment across Bank Counter and generate the eChallan. Take a print out of the same and make the required payments. Payments must be made within 3 (three) days from the last date of receipt of application. The amount once deposited shall not be refunded or adjusted against any other purpose.

10. Particulars and Certificates Required:-

- i. Certificate of Educational qualification, i.e., School Certificates, Degree Certificate in Law.
- ii. Proof of date of birth
- iii. Certificate of Practice.
- iv. SC/ST Certificate for SC/ST Candidates

11. General Instructions:-

- 1. Candidates are advised to read thoroughly and cautiously the Advertisement, the syllabus and the instructions given in the website.
- 2. The last date for submission of application shall be on **17th March, 2026 at 1700 hours.**
- 3. No TA/DA shall be paid to the applicants for attending the examination or personal interview.
- 4. The Hon'ble the Chief Justice reserves the right to relax any conditions mentioned in this Advertisement.
- 5. For further details, the Registry of the High Court of Meghalaya may be contacted during office hours.
- 6. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the recruitment process at any time without assigning any reasons thereof.

Note: Any form of solicitation for selection by or on behalf of any candidate will lead to outright rejection of his/her candidature.

By Order,

Registrar General
High Court of Meghalaya

Memo. No. HCM.II/27/2024-Rect/20-A

Dated 17th February, 2026

Copy to:-

1. The Registrar and Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of His Lordship's kind information.
3. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of His Lordship's kind information.
4. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of His Lordship's kind information.
5. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Law Department, Shillong for kind information.
6. The Members, Recruitment Committee for recruitment of Judicial Officers, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
7. The District & Sessions Judge, Shillong/ Nongpoh/ Tura/ Jowai/ Nongstoin/ Mawkyrwat/ Williamnagar/ Ampati/ Khliehriat/ Baghmara/ Resubelpara *with a request to display this Advertisement within their jurisdiction.*
8. DDG & SIO, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
9. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong *with a request to cause publication of the advertisement in the local dailies i.e., The Shillong Times, U Nongsain Hima and Salantini Janera.*
10. The Assistant Registrar, i/c Establishment Section, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
11. The System Analyst, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for uploading the advertisement on the website.
12. Shri. Gulrez Sohliya, Scientist 'D', NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to reflect the advertisement on the Online Portal.
13. Notice Board.
14. Office file.



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