

HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT

SOLA, AHMEDABAD – 380 060

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NO. RC/1250/2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGE (25%)

Starting date for submission of Online Application	20/04/2023 (12:00 Noon)
Closing date for submission of Online Application	05/05/2023 (23:59 Hours)
Tentatively Schedule of Examination / Test	
- Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) - Test of Gujarati Language <i>[For those Candidates, who have not passed Secondary as well as Higher Secondary Examination with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level/First Language at both stages)][See Note-1 below Item No.2(i)]</i>	11/06/2023 (Sunday)
Main Written Examination	16/07/2023 (Sunday)
Viva-voce Test (Interview)	September - 2023

1. VACANCY AND PAY SCALE :

- (i) The High Court of Gujarat, in view of the guidelines of 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 'The Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005', invites **Online Applications** from the eligible Practicing Advocates, for filling up, by **Competitive Examination**, approximately **57 vacancies** (existing and future), in the cadre of District Judge, in the Pay-Scale of **Rs.1,44,840/- – Rs.1,94,660/- + allowances**, as admissible under the Rules.
- (ii) The High Court reserves its right to **alter the number of vacancies**.
- (iii) While filling Online Application Form, Candidates shall specifically indicate, if they have passed their Secondary as well as Higher Secondary Examination with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level/ First Language at both stages). If the information so furnished by the Candidates is found to be false at any stage of the recruitment process, their Candidature will be liable to be rejected.

2. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS :

- (i) 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 as well as Higher Secondary Examination with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level at both stages), 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 Rule-5 (2) (aa) of the Gujarat State Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2019.

- (ii) Candidate must be a **practicing Advocate** in Courts of Civil and/or Criminal jurisdiction on the last date fixed for submission of Online Applications and must have so practiced continuously for a **period not less than Seven Years**, immediately preceding as on the last date fixed for submission of the Online Application.
- (iii) Candidate must possess **Basic Knowledge of Computer Application / Operation**, as set out by the Government of Gujarat in General Administration Department Resolution No. PRCH-102005-1532-K, dated 30/09/2006 and No. CRR-10-2007-120320-G.5, dated 13/08/2008.

3. AGE LIMIT :

A candidate must have attained the **age of 35 years** and must not have attained the **age of 48 years** in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, declared as such by the Government of Gujarat, as well as Differently Abled Candidates with Locomotor Disability and Ex-Servicemen and **45 years** in the case of General Candidates, as on the **last date fixed for submission of the Online Application**.

Note-2 : In view of the General Administrative Department's (Government of Gujarat) Resolution No. CRR/11/2021/450900/G.5, dated 29/09/2022, it has been decided by the High Court to grant Age Relaxation of 01 Year in upper Age-Limit in the instant Recruitment Process.

4. FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT :

- (i) The candidates belonging to General Category are required to pay Examination Fees of **Rs.2,000/-** plus Bank Charges whereas **Rs.1,000/-** plus Bank Charges are required to be paid by the Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, Locomotor Disabled Persons and Ex-Servicemen Categories via "**Print Application / Pay Fee**" Button through **SBI e-Pay**, provided on the web page of HC-OJAS Portal.

- (ii) Carefully Read and Follow the Instructions/Help given thereat. Select the Mode of Payment i.e. **Online Payment or Cash-Challan (Offline)** (Challan will be generated Online at SBI e-Pay Website).
- (iii) In case of Online Payment Mode, after successful payment, Candidate will get **e-Receipt** of the same. However, if Transaction / Payment fails due to any technical reasons, follow the Instructions thereat.

Note : e-Receipt will be generated / obtained ONLY upon successful transaction / Payment and at relevant point in time and the same will NOT be obtained / generated afterwards.

- (iv) **If SBI Branch : Cash-Challan (Offline) Option is selected**, Candidate is required to take printout of 'Challan' and pay the requisite Fees before the Challan Expiry Date & Time, at any of the SBI Branch, by submitting the said Challan to the Bank. The Concerned Bank Branch will retain Bank Copy of the 'Challan' and return the Candidate Copy to the Candidate.

Note : Payment of Fees cannot be made after the specified expiry Date & Time.

- (v) Candidates are advised to **preserve** the copy of the **e-Receipt / Cash-Challan** till the conclusion of the Recruitment Process.
- (vi) Confirmed 'Online Application', submitted by the Candidate, will be considered as **VALID** Application, only after he/she remits the Examination Fees, as required, in the State Bank of India through **SBI e-Pay**, before due time.
- (vii) Requisite Examination Fees, can be paid through either Mode i.e. during the Online Application window period or Offline using Cash-Challan (till the Challan Expiry Date) and **ONLY** the same shall be considered as **VALID**.
- (viii) Fees paid by **any other mode**, will **NOT** be accepted.
- (ix) Fees once paid, shall **NOT be Refunded** OR shall **NOT be Adjusted** in any subsequent Recruitment Process, under any circumstances.

5. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION & SYLLABUS :

- (I) **Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test)**
(Tentatively scheduled on 11/06/2023). [Total 02 Papers]
 - (i) **The Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) shall consist of 02 Papers** (each of 100 Marks & 02 Hours' duration) consisting of **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)** each of **01 Mark** and would be **based on the following Syllabus :-**

Paper – I : Law (100 Marks - 02 Hours)

- (a) The Constitution of India
- (b) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, The Transfer of Property Act, 1882, The Specific Relief Act, 1963, The Indian Partnership Act, 1932, The Indian Contract Act, 1872, The Sale of Goods Act, 1930, The Limitation Act, 1963, The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- (c) The Indian Penal Code, 1860, The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, The Indian Evidence Act, 1872, The Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012
- (d) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- (e) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- (f) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- (g) The Information Technology Act, 2000
- (h) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- (i) Legal Maxims
- (j) Medical Jurisprudence
- (k) Jurisprudence and Legal Phraseology

**Paper – II : English, General Knowledge & Awareness
(100 Marks - 02 Hours)**

- (a) English Language
 - (b) General Knowledge
 - (c) Current Affairs
 - (d) Indian History and Geography
 - (e) Basics of Science and Technology
 - (f) Sports
 - (g) Analytical Reasoning /Mental Ability
 - (h) Basic knowledge of Computer Operation/Application
- (ii) **The language of the 'Question Papers' (I & II) of the Preliminary Examination, will be English.**
- (iii) Preliminary Examination Papers (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. High Court reserves right to hold examination by any other mode also and if it so held, then also rechecking / re-evaluation request will not be entertained by the High Court.
- (iv) In view of amended **Rule-5, viz. Clause (aa) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule-5 of “The Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005”**, Candidates who have not passed Secondary as well as Higher Secondary Examination with subject of Gujarati (Higher

Level/First Language at both stages) 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 : *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 Rule-5 (2) (aa) of the Gujarat State Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2019.*

**Paper – III : Test of Gujarati Language :
(50 Marks – 1½ Hours)**

[For those Candidates, who have not passed Secondary as well as Higher Secondary Examination with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level/First Language at both stages)]

Syllabus for Gujarati Language Test :

- (૧) ગુજરાતી નિબંધ લેખન
- (૨) ફકરા 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 -

As decided by the High Court in its Full Court Meeting, the Candidates have to secure minimum 50% or more Marks **in each Paper** of Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) **and** must have also passed their Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level / First Language at both stages);

OR

As decided by the High Court in its Full Court Meeting, the Candidates have to secure minimum 50% or more Marks **in each Paper** of Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) **and** must have obtained 40% or more Marks in the Test of Gujarati Language, in case they have not passed their Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations with subject of Gujarati (Higher Level / First Language at both stages).

(vi) 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) Competitive Examination :-

(A) Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) :

(Tentatively scheduled on 16/07/2023)

- (i) The Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) shall consist of **Two Papers - (each of 100 Marks & 03 Hours' duration)**, based on the **Syllabus** given below:

Paper – I (Criminal) [100 Marks – 03 Hours]

- (a) The Indian Penal Code, 1860
- (b) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973
- (c) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
- (d) The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
- (e) The Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
- (f) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- (g) Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012
- (h) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- (i) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- (j) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- (k) The Information Technology Act, 2000
- (l) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- (m) The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

Paper – II (Civil) [100 Marks – 3 Hours]

- (a) The Constitution of India
- (b) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
- (c) The Indian Contract Act, 1872
- (d) The Specific Relief Act, 1963
- (e) The Indian Partnership Act, 1932
- (f) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930
- (g) The Limitation Act, 1963
- (h) The Transfer of Property Act, 1882
- (i) Succession Laws, Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim & Christian)
- (j) The Intellectual Property Laws
- (k) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
- (l) The Commercial Courts Act, 2015
- (m) The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
- (n) The Electricity Act, 2003
- (o) The Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013
- (p) The Family Courts Act, 1984
- (q) Basic Laws relating to Environment -
 - The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

(ii) **Paper Style for Main Written Examination:**

Paper – I (Criminal) & Paper – II (Civil), each shall consist of Two Parts as under :-

Paper – I (Criminal)

Part:I (50 Marks) : Answer to Questions, Short Notes, Fill in the blank, True or False, One word Answers to Questions, Assertions/Reasons, Any Type of Questions

Part:II (50 Marks) : Judgment Writing

Paper – II (Civil)

Part:I (50 Marks) : Answer to Questions, Short Notes, Fill in the blank, True or False, One word Answers to Questions, Assertions/Reasons, Any Type of Questions

Part:II (50 Marks) : Judgment Writing

(iii) Language of the Question Papers of Main Written Examination shall be English, and Answers to each Question shall be given in English, if not instructed otherwise.

(iv) The candidates who obtain minimum 50% Marks in the aggregate and minimum 40% Marks in each individual Paper in the Main Written Examination, shall be eligible for being called for Viva-voce Test (Interview).

(B) Viva-voce Test (Interview) :

(Tentatively scheduled in the month of September-2023)

(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 judgment, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character and intellectual depth, analytical ability and the like, of the candidate.

(iii) For being **eligible** to be included in the Select List, the candidate must obtain minimum **40% Marks** in Viva-voce Test.

(iv) In view of the amended Rules viz. Sub-Rule (1) (i) of Rule 11 of 'The Gujarat State Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2014', since 'Character' and 'Suitability', of a Candidate holds an important and paramount place for being considered for Appointment to the State Judicial Services, therefore, kindly note that, these aspects can be inquired into, by the Competent Authority, prior to the Viva-Voce Test (Interview), as per Annexure -'A':

Annexure-‘A’

		Name of the Candidate	Advocate/ Employee	Place of Employment, if any / Place of Practice, if any
1.	Whether the Candidate lives beyond his known means of income? If yes, please mention specific details in support of your opinion. (Please attach the documents, if any).			
2.	Whether he mixes with such persons as he should not? If yes, please mention specific details in support of your opinion. (Please annex the documents, if any).			
3.	Whether any adverse report / complaint doubting integrity of the candidate in relation to the cases attended by him is received? If yes, please mention specific details and its outcome, in support of your opinion. (Please annex the documents, if any.)			
4.	As a Competent Authority, if you have learnt about doubtful integrity of the candidate from any other source, please mention the specific details in support of your opinion. (Please annex the documents, if any).			
5.	If the Competent Authority has no knowledge of above facts, it may inquire from the source like (i) Judicial Officer at Taluka level (ii) Head of the Department in which the candidate is serving, (iii) concerned Bar Council, giving details of complaint if any, received against the candidate, and submit the specific details as indicated above.			
6.	In addition to what is stated above, the Competent Authority must mention the specific details of adverse remarks, if any, departmental inquiry, if any, whether pending or concluded, in relation to the integrity of the candidate, supported by necessary material.			

6. PREPARATION OF SELECT LIST :

Selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of **Aggregate Marks** obtained by the candidates in the Main Written Examination and Viva-voce Test (Interview). However, the Marks obtained in Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) as well as in the Test of Gujarati Language **shall not be taken into consideration while preparing the Final Merit List of the candidates.**

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 Judicial Service :

- (i) unless he/she is a **citizen** of India
- (ii) if he/she is **dismissed** from Service by the 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 or who is or has been permanently **debarred** or disqualified by the High Court or the Union/State Public Service Commission(s) 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 A CANDIDATE, TO KNOW THE MARKS OBTAINED IN THE WRITTEN TEST(S), CONDUCTED BY THE HIGH COURT :

If any candidate applies under the provisions of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**, to know the Marks obtained in a Written Test conducted by the High Court, the procedure mentioned below, should be followed, as per the decision of the Competent Authority :-

- (i) Candidate must apply with requisite Fees to the '**Public Information Officer**', High Court of Gujarat, Administrative Building, Sola, Ahmedabad – 380 060.
- (ii) Such candidate can apply **only for his / her own Marks**.
- (iii) Marks obtained in Preliminary and other Examinations shall be given **only after declaration of the Final results**.
- (iv) In view of the provisions of **Section 8(j)** of the Right to Information Act, 2005, Marks obtained by any other candidate cannot be supplied **to a third party / candidate**. No information can be given even with regard to Marks obtained by the **last candidate** selected.
- (v) Results of all **successful candidates** will be published through **Internet**, but results of unsuccessful candidates will not be shown on Internet.
- (vi) On a request made as aforesaid, information of Marks obtained, will be furnished on specific Application by a candidate, whether successful or unsuccessful in such Test/Examination, **only after Final Selection and publication of Merit List / Select List**.

10. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- a) No communication / correspondence shall be entertained from any Candidate, during the Recruitment Process.
- b) Candidates belonging to General Category, who are born **between 05/05/1978 and 05/05/1988** and the candidates belonging to Reserved Categories (SC/ST/SEBC) as well as **Locomotor Disabled Persons and Ex-Servicemen**, who are born between **05/05/1975 and 05/05/1988**, shall only be eligible to apply.

Note : In view of the Government in General Administrative Department Resolution No. CRR/11/2021/450900/G.5, dated 29/09/2022, it has been decided by the High Court to grant Age Relaxation of 01 Year in upper Age Limit in the instant Recruitment Process.


- c) The Candidates who have **successfully submitted Online Applications**, shall only be eligible for appearing at the Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination and/or Viva-voce Test, subject to their qualifying therein.
- d) 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 a Certificate of Admission viz. '**e-Call-Letter-cum-Admission Slip**' has not been issued by the Recruiting Authority, shall be admitted for the Examination concerned.
- e) 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.
- f) Benefit of relaxation in **Upper Age limit & Fees** shall be granted to the **Locomotor Disabled Persons**, provided that **Certificate** in respect of the Disability issued by the Competent Authority of the State, is produced by the candidate as and when called for, whereas, relaxation in **upper age limit** shall be granted to the **Ex-Servicemen**, provided **Certificate/Identity Card** in that respect, is produced by the candidate as and when called for.
- g) The list of **eligible/short-listed candidates** will be placed on **High Court website** as well as **HC-OJAS portal**, at the relevant time.
- h) For any exigency arising in the interregnum phases between the Recruitment Process, **no request** by e-mail or otherwise, will be entertained for conducting re-test, under any circumstances.
- i) Candidates shall be **required to download** their respective **e-Call-letters** from **HC-OJAS Portal**, by using their respective Advertisement Number, Confirmation Number and Date of Birth, for appearing at the respective Examination/Viva-voce Test, during the specified period.

- j) Candidate **shall have to produce**, at the time of **appearing** for the Preliminary / Main Written Examination/ Viva-voce Test, copies of the relevant **FIR; Police Complaint**; details of **Civil/Criminal Case**, filed against them, if any, AND an **Identity proof** i.e. either the 'ID Card issued by Election Commission of India' or 'Bar Council of the State' or 'PAN Card' or valid 'Driving License', **in original, along with the print out of the 'e-Call Letter-cum-Admission Slip'**.
- k) **Entry in the Compound of the Examination Centre with Mobile/ Cell Phones, Tablets, Laptop, electronic gadgets, Smart watch, Bluetooth devices, etc. is strictly prohibited.**
- A candidate who is found indulging in unfair practices, viz. copying or misconduct during the course of examination, using electronic gadgets or Mobile Phones etc., tampering with Question Paper, influencing any person concerned with the Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) or Written Examination or Personal Interview, **will be debarred from appearing for Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) or Main Written Examination or Viva-voce Test**, as the case may be, **for that Examination or for any number of years or permanently**, as may be decided by the High Court.
- l) **Result** of all Tests/Examinations, will be made available on the **HC-OJAS Portal** and/or by any other mode that may be decided by the High Court, at the relevant time.
- m) The Marks obtained by the Candidate concerned at various stages of the instant Recruitment Process shall be made available to the concerned candidates, by providing a link to a webpage on the HC-OJAS Portal with individual password (OTP – One Time Password), via SMS on his/her Registered Mobile Number, after the conclusion of the Selection Process. **However, the Marks of the Candidate(s) whose candidature(s) has / have been rejected by the High Court, shall not be disclosed.**
- n) **Mere success** in the Test/Examination, shall not confer any **right to Appointment**, and no candidate shall be appointed to the post unless the Recruiting Authority and/or Government is satisfied, after such **inquiries**, as may be considered necessary, that the candidate is **suitable** in all respects for Appointment to the post.
- o) Candidate should obtain the requisite **Practice / Experience Certificate** from the Competent Authority **after publication of result of Main Written Examination.**
- p) **At present, Candidates shall not send** copies of any testimonials/ documents to the High Court. They shall produce, **'Print out' of the Online Application**, along with following **original Testimonials / Certificates** as well as **one set of self attested photo copies thereof, and recent passport size photograph, at the time of Viva-voce Test**, to be conducted by the High Court, i.e. :-

- (i) Print out of **the duly filled-in 'Online Application'**.
 - (ii) **School Leaving Certificate / Birth Certificate** issued under Birth & Death Registration Act.
 - (iii) Educational qualifications i.e. **Mark-sheet and Certificates** of SSCE, HSCE, Final Year of Graduation, LL.B., Post Graduation/ Post Graduation in law etc., as may be applicable.
 - (iv) **Sanad** issued by the Bar Council.
 - (v) **Certificates possessing Basic Knowledge of Computer Application/ Operation** issued by Government or Private Institute as set out by Government of Gujarat in General Administration Department Resolution Nos. PRCH-102005-1532-C, dated 30/09/2006 and No. CRR-10-2007- 120320-G.5, dated 13/08/2008.
 - (vi) **Certificate/s** issued by **the Competent Authority of the State of Gujarat**, in respect of candidates belonging to Reserved Category (SC/ST/SEBC), as may be applicable and also valid 'Non-creamy layer' certificate, in case of those belonging to Socially & Educationally Backward Classes.
 - (vii) In case of **Locomotor Disabled** Candidate (a) a Certificate from the Competent Authority to the effect that he/she has not less than 40% disability and (b) a Certificate from the Standing Medical Board at Ahmedabad, to the effect that he/she would be able to perform the duties to the post, in question.
 - (viii) **Government Gazette**, showing change in name/surname etc, if any.
 - (ix) **Two** Original Character Certificates given, not more than **06 months prior to the date fixed for Viva-voce Test**, from two respectable persons being Professionals / Dignitaries like Doctor, Engineer, M.L.A., M.Ps., unconnected with his/her College or University and not related to him/her, certifying his/her character.
 - (x) **'Income Tax Returns'** of the last Three Financial years.
- q) **Practice/Experience Certificate**, in **original**, issued by :-
- (i) 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;
 - (ii) the **Registrar General or equivalent authority** of the respective High Courts, in case of the Advocates practicing in the Courts outside the State of Gujarat;
 - (iii) the **Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat**, in case of Advocates practicing in the High Court of Gujarat;

- (iv) 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;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) 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;

Practice / Experience Certificate must be in the following manner:-

<u>CERTIFICATE</u>	
<p>This is to certify that Mr./Ms <u> (mention name) </u>, has been continuously Practicing Advocate since <u> (mention date) </u>. As such he/she has completed <u> (mention No. of year) </u> years practice, immediately preceding the last date fixed for submission of Online Application.</p> <p>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 District Judge pursuant to the Advertisement.</p>	
Date :	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Seal of the court</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Signature of Competent Authority Name of the Court: _____</p> </div> </div>

Note : The Competent Authority, before issuing Certificate shall verify from Court Matters about the actual Practice period.

- r) While applying Online for the post, the Applicant should ensure that he/she fulfills the **eligibility and other norms** mentioned above and that the **particulars** furnished by him/her are **correct** in all respects. In case it is detected at any stage of recruitment that a candidate does not fulfill the eligibility norms and/or that he/she has suppressed / twisted or truncated any material facts, his/her candidature will stand cancelled. If any of these shortcomings is detected even after Appointment, his/her Service will be liable to be terminated.
- s) Candidate should preserve his/her **Application Number** and **Confirmation Number** after submitting Online Application, for future correspondence as well as for downloading the '**e-Call-Letter**' for appearing at Preliminary Examination/ Main Written Examination / Viva-voce Test.

- t) Candidate should scan his/her **photograph** having **5 c.m. height and 3.6 c.m. width (15kb)** & **signature** having **2.5 c.m. height and 7.5 c.m. width (15kb)** in **JPG format** for uploading the same at relevant space on the Application.
- u) The candidate shall fill up the required **data** in the Online Application, in accordance with the '**Instructions**'.
- v) Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply Online **much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability/failure** to log on the High Court's website on account of heavy load on Internet/Website.
- w) **High Court does not assume any responsibility for the candidates not being able to submit their Applications within the last date on account of the aforesaid reasons or for any other reason beyond the control of the High Court.**
- x) A candidate shall not apply **more than once**, for any reason at all.
- y) Candidate should take out **Two** 'Print outs' of the Online Application for his/her record and future requirement, before the Closing Date of Registration.
- z) Applications which do not comply with the 'Instructions' shall be **summarily rejected**.

11. HOW TO APPLY :

- (a) All eligible Candidates should apply '**Online**', through the link provided on High Court Websites **gujarathighcourt.nic.in** OR in **hc-ojas.gujarat.gov.in** in the prescribed format.
- (b) Candidate should have his/her own 'registered' **Mobile Number** and the same should be kept active during the entire recruitment process, as '**SMS**' Alerts for the Tests, are also likely to be notified on the said Mobile Number, so registered in the Online Application.
- (c) Steps for submitting Online Application through the **HC-OJAS Portal** :
 - (i) Fill up all the 'Fields' given in Online Application, carefully, as per the **Instructions**, after thoroughly reading & understanding the entire Detailed Advertisement & the Instructions given at the appropriate places.
 - (ii) '**Save**' the Online Application, by clicking 'save' button.
 - (iii) Thereafter, a **new window** will be opened which displays Candidate's Application Number. This means, the Application has been saved. Candidates shall therefore **note down the entire string of the Application No. (e.g. HCG/202223/**

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- (iv) Thereafter, by using **Application No. and Date of Birth**, candidate is required to Upload his/her ‘**Scanned Photograph (latest) and Scanned Signature**’ in the stipulated size & format [refer item 10(t)]. The Candidate shall ensure that, the uploaded ‘Photograph’ & ‘Signature’ are distinctly recognizable, after uploading.

Note: Please ensure that the ‘*Scanned Signature*’ of the Candidate alone is uploaded, which shall be verified by the High Court, at each stage, and if the ‘**Scanned Signature**’ does not match with the signature of the Candidate, at the time of successive verification during the Recruitment Process, his/her Candidature is likely to be rejected forthwith.

- (v) If necessary, by using the respective Application Number and Date of Birth, a candidate can edit his/her ‘Online Application’, through ‘**Edit Application**’ option until he/ she **confirms** the ‘Online Application’, by clicking the ‘**Confirm Application**’ button. Please note that, after such ‘**Confirmation**’, further editing of one’s Online Application, **will not be possible**.
- (vi) Please Note that only after ‘**Confirmation and Payment of requisite Examination Fees**’, the ‘System’ will register your ‘Online Application’, which will be considered valid.
- (vii) Thereafter, Candidate will get a SMS communication, conveying to him/her the Confirmation Number, on the ‘registered’ **Mobile Number**. This Confirmation Number should be securely ‘preserved’ by the Candidate, till the end of the Recruitment Process, for downloading the ‘e-Call-letter-cum-Admission Slip’ etc.
- (viii) The Candidate is now required to pay the requisite Fees by clicking “Print Application/Pay Fee” Button. Carefully follow the Instructions/Help given thereat. Select the Mode of Payment i.e. Online Payment or SBI Branch : Offline-Cash (Challan will be generated Online, by Selecting ‘Cash’ Option)

Note: (a) If ‘Cash’ (Offline) Option is selected, Candidate is required to take the printout of ‘Challan’ in **TWO** copies, generated through SBI e-Pay and pay the Fees at any of the SBI Branch by submitting the said Challan to the Bank.

(b) **ONLY After Payment** of requisite **Examination Fees**, through either Mode i.e. Online (During aforesaid Window Period) or Offline (Cash-Challan) (till the Challan Expiry Date), Confirmed Online Application shall be considered as **VALID**.

- (ix) At the end of the process, the Candidate shall take **‘Print outs’** of his/her Confirmed Application on **A4 size Paper** only, by clicking **‘Print Application’** the Main Option given in Menu, during the Online Registration Window period.
- (x) **Please note** that the Candidate is **not required** to send copy of his/her **Online Application and/or any testimonials/documents to the High Court**. They should produce the same, as and when called for.
- (d) The Candidates shall fill up the required data in the **Online Application** in accordance with the **‘Instructions’**. Applications which are not in accordance with the **‘Instructions’** shall be summarily rejected.
- (e) Take a note that the above is the general procedure for applying **Online**. **No Application, through any other mode or incomplete Applications**, will be accepted and in such case, the Application will be rejected outright.

Decision of the High Court of Gujarat in respect of all matters pertaining to this Recruitment Process would be final and binding, on all the Candidates.

**High Court of Gujarat,
Sola, Ahmedabad.
Date :15 /04/2023**

**Sd/-
Registrar (Recruitment)**