

HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT SOLA, AHMEDABAD

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NO. RC/0734/2025 **RECRUITMENT NOTICE**

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE (90%)

[I] PROMOTION TO THE CADRE OF SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE (90%) FROM AMONGST THE CIVIL JUDGES ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLE OF MERIT-CUM-SENIORITY AND PASSING A SUITABILITY TEST.

1. VACANCIES :

- (i) In view of the directions and the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Malik Mazhar Sultan (3) & another Vs. Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission & others, reported in (2008) 17 SCC 703 and the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time, the High Court of Gujarat has decided to fill up **24 vacancies** in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge (90% Quota) by promotion from the Cadre of Civil Judges on the basis of Merit-cum-Seniority from amongst the Civil Judges who have put in not less than 05 (Five) Years of qualifying service, in the Pay-scale plus Allowances as admissible under the Rules.
- (ii) The High Court reserves its right to alter the number of vacancies.
- (iii) The List showing names of **72** eligible Civil Judges included in the Zone of Consideration is placed on the High Court website and HC-OJAS Portal alongwith this Notice.

2. SCHEME FOR PROMOTION :

- (i) Components for judging suitability of the Judicial Officer for Promotion :

Sr. No.	Components	Marks
1	Examination and Evaluation of Annual Confidential Reports of the preceding five years <i>[refer Annexure-A]</i>	20
2	Assessment of Average Disposal of preceding five years <i>[refer Annexure-B]</i>	20
3	Evaluation of Quality of Judgements rendered by the Judicial Officer <i>[refer Annexure-C]</i>	60

(ii) The Promotion Process shall be conducted in **Two Phases** -

in the **1st Phase**, the **First Two Components** i.e. (1) Examination and Evaluation of Annual Confidential Reports of the preceding five years and (2) Assessment of Average Disposal of preceding five years of the Officer concerned, will be considered and evaluated by the Selection Committee;

in the **2nd Phase**, the **Third Component** i.e. (3) Evaluation of Judgements shall be considered, however, the requisite Judgements will be called for from only those Judicial Officers, who will secure minimum 45% Marks in the first Two Components.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR PROMOTION :

The Judicial Officer, who obtains Minimum 45% Marks in each Component and Aggregate of 50% (45% for the PwBD category Judicial Officer) in the Grand Total of all the Components, shall be eligible for being included in the Select List for promotion.

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE (10%)

[II] PROMOTION TO THE CADRE OF SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE (10%) BY PROMOTION THROUGH LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (LDCE) FROM AMONGST THE CIVIL JUDGES STRICTLY ON THE BASIS OF MERIT.

1. VACANCIES :

(i) In view of the directions and the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Malik Mazhar Sultan (3) & another Vs. Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission & others, reported in (2008) 17 SCC 703 and the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time, the High Court of Gujarat has decided to fill up **57 vacancies** in the Cadre of **Senior Civil Judge (10% Quota)** by promotion from the Cadre of Civil Judges on the basis of Merit through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) from amongst the Civil Judges having not less than Three Years' qualifying service, in the Pay-scale plus Allowances as admissible under the Rules.

(ii) The High Court reserves its right to alter the number of vacancies.

(iii) The List showing names of **240** eligible Civil Judges who will be called for to appear in Main Written Examination is placed on the High Court website and HC-OJAS Portal alongwith this Notice.

2. SCHEME FOR PROMOTION :

Components for judging suitability of the Judicial Officer for Promotion :

Sr. No.	Component	Marks
1	<p>Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type)</p> <p>(i) The Main Written Examination shall consist of 02 (Two) Papers each of 100 Marks. [refer <i>Annexure-D</i>]</p> <p>(ii) The Judicial Officer has to secure Minimum 50% Marks (45% for PwBD Judicial Officer) in the Aggregate and Minimum 40% Marks, in individual paper in Main Written Examination for being eligible to be called for Viva-Voce Test.</p> <p>(iii) The date of the Main Written Examination shall be declared later on by the High Court as and when decided.</p>	200
2	<p>Viva-voce Test</p> <p>The Judicial Officer has to secure minimum 40% Marks (35% for PwBD category Judicial Officer) in Viva-voce Test for being eligible to be included in the Select List.</p>	50

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR PROMOTION :

The Select List shall be prepared on the basis of Aggregate Marks obtained by the eligible Officers in the Main Written Examination and Viva-voce Test.

[III] GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- (i) The Judicial Officer who wants to avail the relaxation under **PwBD Category**, shall have to submit a Disability Certificate issued by the Competent Authority, **within one week from the date of publication of this Notice**.
- (ii) The Marks obtained by the Judicial Officers shall be communicated 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.
- (iii) Any application, even under the RTI Act, etc. with regard to the instant Promotion / Recruitment Processes, will not be entertained till completion of the entire Process.
- (iv) No Judicial Officer shall be eligible for appointment to the service, if he / she directly or indirectly influences the Recruiting Authority, by any means for his candidature.

- (v) The decision of the High Court as to the eligibility or otherwise of a Judicial Officer for admission to the Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) and Viva-voce Test shall be final. No Officer, to whom a 'Call-letter-cum-Admission Slip' has not been issued by the Recruiting Authority, shall be admitted for the Examination concerned.
- (vi) The Officer who is found indulging in any unfair practices, viz. copying or misconduct during the course of examination, using electronic gadgets, tampering with question paper, influencing any official concerned with the Main Written Examination or Viva-voce Test, will be debarred from appearing for 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 and shall also render himself/herself liable for Disciplinary Action.
- (vii) The Judicial Officers attending the Main Written Examination and/or the Viva-voce Test shall be treated as on Duty and TA/DA as applicable shall be paid, as the case may be.
- (viii) Decision of the High Court of Gujarat in respect of all matters pertaining to these Promotion / Recruitment Processes would be final and binding, on all the Judicial Officers.

**High Court of Gujarat,
Sola, Ahmedabad - 380 060.**

Date : 05/12/2025

**Sd/-
Registrar (Recruitment)**

Annexure -A

(1) Examination and Evaluation of Annual Confidential Reports of the preceding five years : [20 Marks]

(i) The Marks will be allocated for each year in following manner:

1.	Outstanding	4 Marks
2.	Very Good	3 Marks
3.	Good / Reasonably Good	2 Marks
4.	Average / Fair	1 Mark
5.	Below Average / Poor	0 Mark

- (ii) The Annual Confidential Reports of the last five years i.e. from **01/01/2020** to **31/12/2024** of all the eligible Civil Judges shall be considered.
- (iii) If the Grading in the Annual Confidential Report for a particular Year in respect of any Judicial Officer is not available or not assigned, then the Average Marks will be assigned, derived from the Grading available / assigned for the remaining Years.
- (iv) In case of Officers, who are working on deputation or those who are under suspension, the information regarding Annual Confidential Reports, will be considered for the period of Five Years', prior to the date of his / her suspension / deputation, as the case may be.
- (v) The above formula is however, for the purpose of general guidelines and in particular individual cases, if the Committee finds it so necessary, for reasons to be recorded, appropriate Marks, may be assigned.

Annexure - B

(2) Assessment of Average Disposal of preceding five years : [20 Marks]

(i) The Marks will be allocated for each year in following manner:

1.	Excellent /Outstanding	4 Marks
2.	Very Good / Good	3 Marks
3.	Adequate	2 Marks
4.	Just Adequate	1 Mark
5.	Inadequate / Poor	0 Mark

(ii) The Assessment of Average Disposals of the last five years i.e. from **01/01/2020** to **31/12/2024** of all the eligible Civil Judges shall be considered.

(iii) In Case, the **Average Disposal** is not assigned for any one or more Years, for a Judicial Officer, in such cases, **average of Marks for Disposals assigned for Years available**, shall be considered.

(iv) In case of Officers, who are working on deputation or those who are under suspension, the information regarding Assessment of Average Disposals, will be considered for the period of Five Years', prior to the date his / her suspension / deputation, as the case may be.

(v) In case, the requisite information in respect of any Judicial Officer will not be available with the Registry of the High Court of Gujarat, then in order to compensate for the shortage of average assessment of five years, the calculation, will be made from the records available with the Registry.

(vi) The above formula is however, for the purpose of general guidelines and in particular individual cases, if the Committee finds it so necessary, for reasons to be recorded, appropriate Marks, may be assigned.

Annexure - C

GUIDELINES TO SUBMIT JUDGEMENTS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS

- He/she will have to submit only the soft copies of **20 Judgements** of his/her choice, delivered during the period from **01/01/2024 to 30/11/2025** out of which, **10 Judgements** must have been delivered in Civil Matters and **10 Judgements** in Criminal Matters. **Out of these Judgements, 04 Judgements (02 Civil + 02 Criminal) will be picked-up by the Honourable Promotion Committee for evaluation.**
- If he/she has exclusively worked either on the Criminal Side or on the Civil Side or on Labour Side only, during the entire period or in substantial portion thereof, it would be open for him/her to submit all Judgements in Civil or Criminal or Labour Matters, as the case may be.
- In case, if he/she were working on deputation or were placed under suspension during the said period, judgements of the period immediately preceding the date of deputation or suspension, as the case may be, shall be submitted.
- The Judgements/Orders passed in any Interim Application including Orders passed below Exh.5; an Order passed under Order VII Rule 11 of CPC on Civil Side and Orders passed in Bail Application, on Criminal Side, as well as the judgements, which have been delivered outside the prescribed period, shall be awarded Zero (0) Mark.
- The last date for submitting the requisite judgements shall be decided later on by the Committee, after considering and evaluating the first Two Components i.e. ACRs and Disposals. The judgements received after the stipulated date shall not be considered.

: Important Instruction :

He/she will have to enter the details of the judgements to be submitted, in the Online Module. The link of the said Module shall be provided through Email. Further, they will have to send the soft files of the judgements alongwith the duly signed Certificate in below given format, issued by the Principal Judicial Officer / District Judge / Competent Authority, through Email only.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that, Mr./Ms. _____, working as _____, has submitted the judgements delivered by him/her as per the requirements of the High Court of Gujarat, and the same are verified by the undersigned, and found to be in order. The List of the same is as under.

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Sr. No.	Criminal Case Nos.	Date of judgement	Reasons for not submitting as per the requirement.
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Date :

Place :
Officer/

Signature : _____

Name of the Principal Judicial
District Judge / Competent Authority

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOFT FILES TO BE SEND THROUGH EMAIL

1. There must be 20 separate files and the file name must be as under :
e.g. If your Sr. No. is 23 then file name will be 023_CIVIL_01.pdf to 023_CIVIL_10.pdf and 023_CRIMINAL_01.pdf to 023_CRIMINAL_10.pdf
2. All above files must be enclosed in **single ZIP file** having name as under:
e.g. If your Sr. No. is 23 and Name is Aaaaaaaa Bbbbbbb Ccccc then the single .zip file name will be - 023_ABC_SD2025.zip
(.RAR or any other compressed file format is not allowed)
3. Before sending the PDF files, **ensure that, the soft files are the same as contained in the Index and the Gujarati text contained in soft files are readable.**

Annexure – D

Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) [200 Marks]

PAPER – I (CRIMINAL) (Total Marks: 100 Marks, Duration : 04 Hours)

Part-A - 50 Marks, Duration : 120 Minutes and **Part-B** - 50 Marks, Duration : 120 Minutes

Syllabus

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

PAPER – II (CIVIL) (Total Marks: 100 Marks, Duration : 04 Hours)

Part-A - 50 Marks, Duration : 120 Minutes and **Part-B** - 50 Marks, Duration : 120 Minutes

Syllabus

(1) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (2) The Limitation Act, 1963 (3) The Indian Contract Act, 1872 (4) The Constitution of India (5) The Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (6) The Specific Relief Act, 1963 (7) The Gujarat Court Fees Act, 2004 (8) The Sale of Goods Act, 1930 (9) The Transfer of Property Act 1882 (10) The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (11) The Commercial Courts, Act, 2015 (12) Succession Laws, Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim & Christian) (13) The Gujarat Rent Control Act, 1999 (14) Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (15) Legal Maxims

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