

THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA AT SHILLONG

A D V E R T I S E M E N T

HCM.II/68/2021/Rect/3442 Dated, Shillong 29th Sept., 2023

1. Online applications are invited from the eligible Advocates as prescribed under **Schedule - B** of Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service Rules 2015 and Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules 2022 for filling up **2 (two) posts (Unreserved)** in the cadre of District Judges in the scale pay of ₹ 51,550-1230-58930-1380-63070/-p.m. plus other allowances as admissible under the Rules. The Candidates are advised to go through these Rules before applying for the said posts:-

2. **Eligibility :-**

In order to be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the cadre of the service the candidate:-

- (i) must be a citizen of India;
- (ii) must be a holder of degree in Law from a recognized University;
- (iii) must be practicing as an Advocate in Courts of criminal and civil jurisdiction on the last date fixed for receipt of applications and must have so practiced for a period of not less than 7 (seven) years as on such date as per **Annexure-A**.
- (iv) must have attained the age of 35 (thirty-five) years and must not have attained the age of 48 (forty eight) years in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) and 45 (forty five) years in the case of others, as on **the last date fixed for receipt of applications**.
- (v) must have working knowledge of either Khasi, Jaintia or Garo language.

3. **Competitive examination for direct recruitment:-**

- i) The competitive examination for appointment of District Judges by direct recruitment shall consist of:
 - a) A written examination comprising of 4 (four) papers of two hours duration each. Each paper shall carry 100 marks. The syllabus for these papers as prescribed by the High Court is attached at **Annexure-B**, and
 - b) Viva-voce examination shall carry 50 marks.
- ii) The candidate from General Category who obtain 60% or more marks and the candidate who obtain 50 % or more marks in Reserved Category in the written examination shall be eligible for viva-voce.

Selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of overall strictly on merit and suitability.

4. **Submission of application:-**

Candidates are advised to apply and submit their applications strictly through Online mode by clicking on the "Online application for Grade- I Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service" icon appearing in the website viz. www.meghalayahighcourt.nic.in.

Application received through any other mode shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

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 the **29th September, 2023** and the last date for accepting the online application is on

13th October, 2023 at 1700 hours.

Candidates who have already registered with the Recruitment Portal may log in and apply directly against the advertised vacancies/posts.

Please Note : Candidates need to upload the following mandatory documents in the portal without which the application will be rejected. The documents must be scanned in pdf format and the size of each document must not exceed 100 KB:

- (i) Court in which practicing, the period of practice and the branch of law practiced (Certificate from the District & Sessions Judge of the concerned District and the President/Secretary of the concerned Bar Association).
- (ii) Certified Date of Enrollment as Advocate.
- (iii) Declaration that Civil or Criminal proceeding is not pending against the applicant, if so, the details of the case No. etc, is to be provided.

5. Payment for online applications

Application fees for the post of Grade-I Meghalaya Higher Judicial Service is Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) only for General Candidates and Rs.700/- (Rupees Seven Hundred) only, in case of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates.

Candidates may pay using the following modes:-

1. ATM cum Debit Card issued by State Bank of India or Net banking of State Bank of India's account holders. 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 eChallan. 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 against any other purpose.

6. General information

1. Candidates are to read the instructions given in the website.
2. The last date for submission of application shall be on **13th October, 2023 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 without assigning any reasons therefor.*


REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo. No. HCM.II/68/2021-Rect/3442-A Dated 29th Sept., 2023

Copy to:-

1. The Registrar- cum- Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for his Lordship's kind information.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for his Lordship's kind information.

3. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for his Lordship's kind information.
4. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Addl. Judge, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for his Lordship's kind information.
5. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Law Department, Shillong.
6. The Registrar (Judicial Service), High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
7. The District & Sessions Judge,
Shillong/ Nongpoh/ Tura/ Jowai/ Nongstoin/ Mawkyrwat/
Williamnagar/ Ampati/ Khliehriat/ Baghmara/ Resubelpara.
8. 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.*
9. The Joint Registrar (Listing) cum OSD to Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
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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Annexure-A

Office of the District and Sessions Judge

It is certified that Mr./Mrs. _____ S/o
D/o _____ R/o _____
_____ who has enrolled as an advocate vide _____ is
a practicing Advocate in the Courts of Civil and Criminal jurisdiction
and he/she is in actual practice for a period of not less than seven years
as on 13th October, 2023.

**Seal and Signature of the
Issuing Authority**

Annexure - B

The syllabus for the examination is as below:

- (i) Paper - I: One paper of 100 marks (duration not less than 2 hours) to test the General Knowledge, aptitude, intelligence, test of comprehension and expression of law and General English including Essay Writing on legal topic and information technology.
- (ii) Paper - II: One paper of 100 marks of not less than 2 hours duration regarding objective questions and problems of law as regards the Transfer of Property Act, Civil Procedure Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Indian Evidence Act, Indian Penal Code, Limitation Act.
- (iii) Paper - III: One paper of 100 marks (duration of not less than 2 hours) consisting of Judgment writing (Paper Book to be supplied) Legal theories on jurisprudence, provision of Constitution of India.
- (iiia) Paper - IV: One paper of 100 marks (duration not less than two hours) consisting of either Khasi or Garo language.

Note:

- a) All candidates must obtain a minimum marks fixed for (iiia). If a candidate fails to secure the minimum marks fixed he shall stand disqualified and his performance in other papers shall not be evaluated.
 - b) The candidates is expected to refer to the relevant decisions of the Supreme Court and the High Court while writing answers in Paper II and Paper III.
- (iv) Interview: Viva-voce- 50 marks



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