

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE, FORT, MUMBAI – 400 032.

(Press Advertisement No. A.5504/2025)

1. On-line applications are invited in the prescribed form from eligible candidates for **89 vacancies** for the post of **District Judge**, by Nomination (25%), in the Judicial Service of the State of Maharashtra in the pay scale of Rs.144840-194660 + dearness allowance and other allowances as admissible under the Rules. The number of vacancies are likely to vary, which shall be notified on the official website only. In that event no separate applications shall be invited.

2. This selection process is regulated by the Maharashtra Judicial Service Rules, 2008 and the amendments approved by the High Court thereto which are yet to be notified.

3. **Eligibility Criteria :-**

A candidate :-

(a) must be a citizen of India.

(b) must be a holder of Degree in Law.

(c) (1) must be practising as an Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto or serving as a Judicial Officer in the Maharashtra Judicial Service for not less than seven years on the date of publication of Advertisement and while computing the period for practising as an Advocate, the period during which he/she has :

(i) held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer; or

(ii) worked as a Law Clerk (after provisional enrollment or registration as an Advocate) with any of the Judges of the High Court of Bombay or Judicial Officers of the Courts subordinate to the High Court of Bombay, shall be included;

OR

(2) working or must have worked as Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate for not less than 7 years in the post or posts on the date of publication of the Advertisement, and while computing the period of 7 years, the period during which the candidate has practised as an Advocate shall be included.

Explanation: In case of a serving Judicial Officer, period of seven years as on the date of publication of the advertisement, shall include continuous period of service as a Judicial Officer in the Maharashtra Judicial Service and service (if any) as a Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate and practice (if any) as an Advocate and experience (if any) of working as a Law Clerk (after provisional enrollment or registration as an Advocate) with any of the Judges of the High Court of Bombay or Judicial Officers of the Courts subordinate to the High Court of Bombay.

(d) **Age** :- A candidate must have attained the age of thirty-five years and must not have attained the age of forty-eight years in the case of candidates who are persons with disability and/or belonging to backward communities and forty-five years in the case of others, as on the date of publication of advertisement.

(e) **Knowledge of Marathi** :- A candidate must have sufficient knowledge of Marathi to enable him/her to speak, read, write and translate with facility from Marathi into English and vice-versa.

4. The candidate, if selected, will be appointed initially on probation for a period of two years.

5. The candidate must submit following original documents alongwith attested copies thereof to the Officer of the High Court on the date and stage of examination process which will be declared by the High Court :

i) showing he/she is a citizen of India.

ii) showing his/her age as on the date of publication of Advertisement. e.g. Birth Certificate, Secondary School Certificate, School Leaving Certificate or Certificate of Age, Nationality and Domicile issued by the competent authority or a copy of the relevant page of the service book in case of serving Judicial Officers.

iii) **in case of practising Advocate** showing his/her standing as a legal practitioner in Court, as per **Form A1**,

iv) **in case of practising Advocate**, certifying that he/she has sufficient knowledge of Marathi to enable him/her to speak, read, write and translate with facility from Marathi into English and vice- versa, as per **Form A2**.

v) **in case of practising Advocate** certifying as per **Form A3** that he/she is of good moral character from two respectable persons, whose names have been mentioned in the on-line application form. Such certificate must have been issued on or after the date of publication of Advertisement.

vi) **in case of practising Advocate**, the copies of mark lists of all Semesters/Academic Years and Degree Certificate of LL.B. Examination.

vii) in case of practising Advocate, copies of mark lists and Degree Certificates other than LL.B. of all academic years.

viii) a copy of Sanad issued by a Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa.

ix) a copy of Certificate of Practice issued by the Bar Council of India, in case of candidates who have obtained law degree in the academic year 2009-2010 and onwards.

x) income tax returns, if any, in respect of the immediate preceding three years.

xi) the candidate **belonging to backward** class must also produce a certificate to the effect that he/she belongs to a community recognised as backward for the purpose of recruitment to the services under the Government of Maharashtra.

xii) candidates who are **persons with disability** must also produce a Disability Certificate/UDID Card assessed and issued by a competent Medical Authority or a Government-appointed Medical Board and a **‘Certificate Regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee (person with disability as per the RPwD Act, 2016) to Write’** (in prescribed **Form 1**) in case of such candidates who are permitted to avail services of a scribe/reader.

6. Certificates under sub-clauses (iii) and (iv) of Clause No. 5 above, may be signed in the case of candidates practising in the High Court of Bombay, by the Registrar (Judicial-I), High Court, Appellate Side, Bombay or by the Prothonotary & Senior Master, High Court, Original Side, Bombay or the Registrars (Judicial) of the High Court

Benches at Nagpur, Aurangabad, by the Officer on Special Duty, Circuit Bench at Kolhapur or Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Bombay at Goa, Porvorim-Goa, as the case may be; and in case of the Courts other than the High Court of Bombay by the Principal District Judge of the District or by the Principal Judge of the Court where the candidate practices, or within whose jurisdiction the candidate ordinarily resides. The certifying Authority should state the period during which the candidate has actually practised.

6.1. The candidate shall produce original certificates for verification at the time of submitting the attested copies of the documents referred to above. Non production of any of the above documents may result in disqualifications and the decision of the High Court in this regard is final.

7. A candidate who has committed any copying or misconduct during course of written examination, or has been convicted in criminal case or is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from judicial service or could not successfully complete probation period of any post in judicial service shall not be eligible to appear for the Competitive Examination.

8. Disqualification for appointment in the service:

8.1. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Maharashtra Judicial Service -

- (a) if he/she is not a citizen of India;
- (b) if he/she is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from judicial service or from service in Government or Statutory or Local Authority or failed to complete probation

period in judicial service on any post, or in Government or Statutory or Local Authority; or

(c) if he/she has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude or he/she is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it; or

(d) if he/she directly or indirectly influences the Recruiting Authority by any means for his/her candidature; or

(e) if he is a man, he has more than one wife living and if a woman has married a man already having another wife; or

(f) if he/she has more than two children.

8.2. For the purpose of this clause, where a couple has only one child, any number of children born out of a single subsequent delivery shall be deemed to be one child.

8.3. A person having more than two children on the date of commencement of the Maharashtra Civil Services (Declaration of Small Family) Rules, 2005 i.e. 28th April, 2005, shall not be disqualified for appointment under this clause so long as the number of children he/she had on the date of such commencement does not increase.

8.4. A child or more than one child born in a single delivery within the period of one year from the date of commencement of said rules shall not be taken into consideration for the purpose of disqualification mentioned in this clause.

9. Special Instructions / Guidelines for Persons with Disability (PwD) :

9.1	Entitlement of Scribe and compensatory time.
9.1.1	A Candidate with at least 40% bench mark disability as per Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ('RPwD Act' for the sake of brevity) or a person with disability within the meaning of S.2(s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and having difficulty in writing shall be entitled to the facility of scribe / reader and compensatory time in the written examination conducted by the High Court.
9.1.2	Such candidate must hold and produce a valid Disability Certificate / UDID Card as per the RPwD Act, and the rules framed thereunder.
9.1.3	Except for persons with following category of disability (1) Blindness (2) Locomotor disability (both arm affected – BA) (3) Cerebral Palsy, for availing the facility of Scribe / Reader and Compensatory time, a person with disability (as defined u/s. 2(s) of the RPwD Act) including a person with benchmark disability (as defined u/s. 2(r) of the RPwD Act) must hold and furnish ' A Certificate Regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee (person with disability as per the RPwD Act, 2016) to Write ' as per prescribed Form 1 .
9.1.4	<p>Certificate in Form 1 shall be by a Medical Authority which would be multi-member authority comprising of :</p> <p>(i) Chief Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon / Chief District Medical Officer as Chairperson.</p> <p>(ii) Orthopaedic / PMR Specialist</p> <p>(iii) Neurologist, if available*</p> <p>(iv) Clinical Psychologist / Rehabilitation Psychologist / Psychiatrist / Special Educator</p> <p>(v) Occupational therapist, if available*</p> <p>(vi) Any other expert based on the condition of the candidate as may be nominated by the Chairperson.</p> <p>(*the Chief Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon / Chief District Medical Officer may make full efforts for inclusion of neurologists, occupational therapist from the nearest District or the Medical College / Institute, if the same is not available in the District)</p>
9.2.	The Candidate shall arrange services of scribe / reader on his own and such services shall not be provided or made available by the High Court.

9.2.1.	Scribe / reader must have studied at least upto matriculation but not beyond graduation of any stream especially law. The scribe / reader should not be a Law graduate or a person who is pursuing 5 years Law Course or any other such course in the stream of law which is permissible to be opted on completion of 12 th standard / Higher Secondary School Certification Exam.
9.2.2.	Candidate proposing to avail services of scribe / reader must furnish a ‘Letter of Undertaking Using Own Scribe’ in the annexed Form No. 2.
9.2.3.	Scribe / reader whose services have been availed by the candidate shall not be allowed to act as a scribe / reader or reserved scribe / reader for any other candidate at the same time in the same examination.
9.2.4.	The candidate shall be entitled to arrange at his / her own cost services of a reserved scribe / reader in case the originally selected scribe / reader is for any reason unavailable at the time of examination. The reserved scribe, his selection and conduct shall be governed by the same conditions as applicable to a scribe / reader. However, the candidate shall not be allowed to swtichover from scribe/reader to reserved scribe/reader once the question paper/booklet is distributed.
9.2.5.	If it is found at any stage of the examination process that the PwD candidate has violated conditions as to selection of scribe / reader then, apart from initiating appropriate legal action against the candidate and scribe / reader, the High Court may in its discretion cancel the candidature of such candidate and may further debar such candidate from participation in any of the examinations conducted by it.
9.2.6.	A Scribe / reader, who is found to have violated any of the conditions imposed herein or to have been an accessory to manipulate the process or to have indulged in any malpractice, copying or suggesting answers or on his own writing answers / blackening options would be forthwith expelled from the examination hall and liable for legal action. The High Court may in its discretion debar such person from acting as a scribe / reader in any of the examinations conducted by it or under its supervision.
9.2.7	Only a candidate who in the opinion of the High Court fulfils the conditions for availing services of a scribe/reader, shall be permitted to use such services. Eligibility of a person chosen by the candidate as his/her scribe /reader shall be subject to the scrutiny and approval by

	the High Court.
9.3.	<p>For availing services of a scribe / reader and compensatory time, the candidate must forward by post following documents :</p> <p>(i) A true copy of the Disability Certificate /UDID card issued as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 (as amended)</p> <p>(ii) 'A Certificate Regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee (person with disability as per the RPwD Act, 2016) to Write', (Form 1)</p> <p>(iii) 'A letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe / reader' (Form No. 2)</p> <p>(iv) 'A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of the Scribe / Reader along with the Scribe / Reader', including self attested copies of Scribe / reader pertaining to (a) photo ID Card such as Aadhar Card / Pan Card / Voter ID Card / Passport, etc. (any one) issued by any Government Authority alongwith (b) his/her Mark List / Degree Certificate showing Last Educational Qualification (Form 3A)</p> <p>(v) 'A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of the Reserved Scribe / Reader along with the Reserved Scribe / Reader', including self attested copies of Reserved Scribe / reader pertaining to (a) photo ID Card such as Aadhar Card / Pan Card / Voter ID Card / Passport, etc. (any one) issued by any Government Authority alongwith (b) his/her Mark List / Degree Certificate showing Last Educational Qualification (Form 3B).</p>
9.4.	Procedure to be followed on the date of examination :
9.4.1.	Candidate shall be solely responsible for ensuring the presence of the scribe / reader at the venue and time of the examination and the High Court shall not be in any case responsible for providing alternate services on account of default on part of the scribe / reader or reserved scribe / reader.
9.4.2.	Only a scribe / reader whose particulars are mentioned in the application form and permission regarding availing services of such scribe / reader has been granted to the candidate, alone shall be allowed to act as a scribe / reader and no change for any reason whatsoever in the scribe / reader shall be allowed.
9.4.3.	Benefit of "compensatory time" for persons with disabilities, having functional limitation in writing if so desired by him/her (as
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	mentioned at Clause No. 9.1.3 above), will be allowed to the said candidate if he/she is entitled for the same, as follows : not exceeding 30 minutes for Preliminary Written Examination and not exceeding 1 hour for Main Written Examination.
9.4.4.	Sitting arrangement of candidate(s) who are permitted to avail services of a scribe / reader shall be separately made and it shall be so arranged that confidentiality of the examination process is not in any manner affected due to interaction between the candidate and the scribe / reader.
9.5.	Special Instruction to candidates who have been permitted to avail services of a scribe / reader :
9.5.1.	Scribe / reader is expected to write the answer / blacken the option as stated by the candidate only after the question has been read out to the candidate by the scribe / reader. Scribe / reader is not expected to guide or intervene or make any suggestion to the candidate as to the choice of option / answers to the question.
9.5.2.	Scribe / reader shall neither talk or discuss or chitchat with the candidate except to the extent of reading out the question nor shall talk or discuss or chitchat with other scribe / reader or candidates during the course of examination.
9.5.3.	As scribe / reader is selected by the candidate, the candidate shall be solely liable and responsible for misconduct if any, by the scribe / reader.
9.5.4.	In the event of the candidate or scribe / reader violating any instructions / directions issued by the High Court or the Chief Conductor or the Supervisor such candidate and / or scribe / reader, apart from being liable for appropriate legal action, the High Court may in its discretion cancel the candidature of such candidate and may further debar such candidate and / or the scribe / reader from appearing in any examination conducted by it.
9.5.5.	If at any stage of the examination process, it is revealed that the candidate did not fulfil requisite conditions as to grant of benefit of services of scribe / reader and / or compensatory time or if it is found that the candidate had furnished false or incorrect information about himself / herself or the scribe / reader or if it is found that the candidate and / or scribe / reader has/have suppressed any information then the High Court may in its discretion cancel the candidature of such candidate and may further debar such candidate

	from appearing in any examination conducted by it.
9.6.	Other instructions :
9.6.1.	High Court shall not provide any other concession, facility, benefit or relaxation except to the extent hereinabove provided for and the benefits hereinabove provided shall not be in any manner construed as creating any equity or conferring or vesting any right or privilege or assurance in any such differently abled candidate for participating in the further stage(s) of the examination or for appointment to any of the post for which the examination is conducted or any other posts / offices / assignments under the control of the High Court.

10. Preliminary Written Examination :- For the purpose of short-listing the candidates, the High Court may, if necessary, hold a Preliminary Written Examination comprising of multiple choice objective type questions which can be scrutinized by computers and call upon the candidates obtaining the cut off marks, as may be fixed by the High Court, to appear for Main Written Examination, in the ratio of 1:10 of the advertised vacancies to the successful candidates.

10.1. The Recruiting Authority may fix separate cut-off marks for candidates who are persons with disabilities.

10.2. If there are more than one candidate who have secured identical cut-off marks as fixed by the High Court, all such candidates will be called upon to appear for Main Written Examination.

10.3. The number of candidates eligible to appear for the main written examination shall be increased to the extent of number of candidates who are common -

(i) in the list of Judicial Officers eligible to appear for the *viva-voce* for the post of District Judge by accelerated promotion, either in the selection process 2025 or selection process 2024;

(ii) in the select list for the post of District Judge by accelerated promotion in Selection Process – 2024.

10.4. The marks secured by the candidates in the Preliminary Written Examination will not be taken into consideration for final selection.

11. Main Written Examination and Viva-voce :- The Main Written Examination shall comprise of two papers carrying 100 marks each, having duration of 3 hours each. The medium of Main Written Examination shall be English. The High Court will hold *viva-voce* carrying 50 marks of the eligible candidates who have secured not less than 50% marks in each paper of Main Written Examination. Provided that the candidates belonging to communities recognized as backward by the Government for the purpose of recruitment and /or who are persons with disability, who have secured not less than 45% marks as aforesaid shall be eligible for the *viva-voce*.

11.1. The High Court may call the candidates for *viva-voce* in the ratio of 1:3 of the advertised vacancies to the successful candidates. If there are more than one candidate who have secured identical cut-off marks as fixed by the High Court, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for *viva-voce*.

11.2. The number of candidates eligible to appear for the *viva-voce* shall be increased to the extent of number of candidates who are common - (i) in the list of Judicial Officers eligible to appear for the *viva-voce* for the post of District Judge by accelerated promotion, either in the selection process 2025 or selection process 2024; (ii) in the select list for the post of District Judge by accelerated promotion, in Selection Process – 2024.

11.3. Only those candidates who obtain at least 40% of marks in *viva-voce* test shall be eligible for selection.

11.4. Candidates who are persons with disability who obtain at least 35% of marks in *viva-voce* examination, shall be eligible for selection.

11.5. If any of the posts to be filled by nomination remain unfilled for want of suitable candidate, the same shall be filled up by regular promotion in the Selection Process – 2025, subject to such regular promotees being placed only on subsequent regular promotee positions in the annual roster as per the Maharashtra Judicial Service (Seniority) Rules, 2007 and the vacancies in the subsequent selection process shall be computed so as to apply the proportion of 50:25:25 to the entire cadre.

12. The performance shall be evaluated in numerical marks obtained in written and *viva-voce* examination.

13. High Court shall not entertain any request for rechecking or revaluation of the answer sheets or reconsideration or re-totalling of marks for any reason whatsoever.

14. The Preliminary Written Examination will be conducted at Mumbai, Nagpur, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Kolhapur. The candidates shall specifically mention in their application forms the examination centre where they wish to appear for the Preliminary Written Examination. The choice of centre once exercised shall not be allowed to be changed. The High Court reserves its right to delist any particular centre and allot candidates therein to other nearby centres.

15. The candidates will have to appear for Preliminary Written Examination, Main Written Examination and *viva-voce* at their own cost and shall not be entitled to claim travelling allowance or any expenses from the High Court or Courts subordinate thereto.

16. A candidate, who is found indulging in unfair practices viz., copying or misconduct during the course of examination, using any form of electronic gadgets, tampering with the question papers, influencing any official concerned with the Preliminary Written Examination or Main Written Examination or *viva-voce*, etc., will be debarred from appearing for Preliminary Written Examination, Main Written Examination or *viva-voce*, as the case may be, on that occasion or for any number of years or permanently, as may be decided by the appropriate authority.

17. The decision of the High Court as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Preliminary Written Examination, Main Written Examination and *viva-voce* shall be final.

18. The High Court, on the basis of cumulative marks secured by a candidate, shall prepare in the order of merit, a select list of candidates eligible for appointment, not exceeding the number of advertised vacancies.

18.1. Besides the select list, the High Court may prepare wait list, not exceeding 10% of the advertised vacancies or one, whichever is higher.

18.2. The lists so prepared shall be published in the Official Gazette within one month of their finalisation and cease to be operative on

the expiry of one year from the date of such publication or publication of such lists for selection process 2026 for the post of District Judge by nomination, whichever is later.

18.3. Inclusion of the name of a candidate in any of the aforesaid lists shall not confer any right of appointment on such candidate.

19. No person selected for Nomination shall be appointed,

(i) unless the High Court is satisfied that he/she is of good character and is in all respects suitable for appointment to the service;

(ii) unless he/she is certified by the medical authority specified by the High Court that he/she is medically fit to discharge the duties of the post for which he/she is selected.

20. The selected candidate will have to execute a Bond in the sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) to work on the post for a period of 3 years from the date of joining, in default the candidate himself/herself, his/her legal heirs, legal representatives, executors and assignees will be liable to pay/forfeit to the Government of Maharashtra the said amount.

21. At the time of appointment, the selected candidate will have to give an undertaking that for a period of two years from the date on which he/she ceases to be in service, he/she will not practice in any Court over which he/she had presided over or the Courts subordinate thereto.

22. The candidates shall submit their applications **On-line** only in the prescribed format through the High Court website i.e.

<https://bombayhighcourt.nic.in> The link will open from Friday, 30th January, 2026 after 10.30 a.m. till Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 upto 04.30 p.m. only.

23. Before starting filling in on-line application, the candidate must have his/her **latest passport size photograph** and signature duly scanned in separate files in the “.jpg” format in such a manner that each file size shall not exceed 40KB and shall attach the same at the appropriate places shown in the on-line application form.

24. **Procedure for on-line payment of Fees :-**

a) The candidate belonging to communities recognized as backward by the Government for the purpose of recruitment or persons with disability or a candidate who is transgender is required to pay Registration fees of **Rs.500/-** (Rupees Five Hundred only) and **Rs.1,000/-** (Rupees One Thousand only) in case of others through 'SBCollect' – an on-line payment gateway facility only (<https://onlinesbi.sbi.bank.in/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=917433>) into the account of Assistant Registrar for Registrar General, High Court, Appellate Side, Mumbai. **The fee is non-refundable.** Mere payment of non-refundable fee by the candidate does not create any right in favour of the candidate to appear for the Preliminary Written Examination / Main Written Examination.

b) The on-line payment shall be made by the candidates by way of Internet Banking (through SBI or any other Bank) / Credit Cards / UPI / payment through e-Challan at any branch of State Bank of India. For making payment through e-Challan, candidate has to take print out of e-Challan to submit in any Branch of

State Bank of India.

c) It is to be noted that after making due on-line payment of the fees **successfully** by using any of the above modes for payment, the candidate should mention the generated SBCollect Reference Number **correctly** in the relevant space provided in the on-line application form.

d) Only successful payment transactions shall be considered for the acceptance of the on-line application.

e) High Court Registry does not take any responsibility of the rules/terms and conditions framed or will be framed by '**SBCollect**'. So also the Registry will not entertain any inquiry/claim in any form whatsoever in respect of payment through '**SBCollect**' facility. The Registry does not take any responsibility of security/claims, etc. while making payment.

25. The eligible candidates other than serving Judicial Officers in Maharashtra Judicial Service who are already in Government service shall apply through their proper channel (their existing Head of Office/Department).

26. Except the following documents, no other documents or printout of the duly filled in signed application form, shall be sent by post to the High Court :

(a) Receipt / e-Challan about payment of fees;

(b) In case of candidates who are already in the service of Government, document(s) signifying permission / sanction / No Objection Certificate of the current employer / Head of Office/Department to apply for the said Examination,

(c) True copy of Disability Certificate / UDID Card in case of PwD candidates;

(d) For availing services of a scribe / reader and compensatory time as may be applicable in case of persons with disability :

(d)(i) 'A Certificate Regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee (person with disability as per the RPwD Act, 2016) to Write', (Form 1),

(d)(ii) 'A letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe / reader' (Form No. 2),

(d)(iii) 'A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of the Scribe / Reader along with the Scribe / Reader', including self attested copies of Scribe / reader pertaining to (a) photo ID Card such as Aadhar Card / Pan Card / Voter ID Card / Passport, etc. (any one) issued by any Government Authority alongwith (b) his/her Mark List / Degree Certificate showing Last Educational Qualification (Form 3A) and

(d)(iv) 'A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of the Reserved Scribe / Reader along with the Reserved Scribe / Reader', including self attested copies of Reserved Scribe / reader pertaining to (a) photo ID Card such as Aadhar Card / Pan Card / Voter ID Card / Passport, etc. (any one) issued by any Government Authority alongwith (b) his/her Mark List / Degree Certificate showing Last Educational Qualification (Form 3B).

26.1. Aforesaid documents be submitted in an envelope superscribed with the words "Application for the post of District Judge – 2025" by

Registered Post A.D./Courier/Speed Post only, so as to reach the Office of “The Registrar (Legal & Research), 105, 1st Floor, PWD Building, High Court, Fort, Mumbai – 400 032” on or before **Wednesday, 25th February, 2026.**

27. The applications containing incomplete/incorrect information will be rejected. Should any of the particulars furnished be found to be false to the knowledge of the candidate, he/she will not be allowed to continue to participate in the selection process and, if appointed, will be liable to be dismissed. The wilful suppression of any material fact will be similarly treated.

28. Eligibility of the candidate, shall be finally decided after scrutiny of the documents produced by him/her on the date given by the High Court. The scrutiny of documents may be carried out at any time and at any stage of the Selection Process. Only when he/she is found eligible upon scrutiny of the documents, he/she will be called to appear for the Main Written Examination or *viva-voce*, as the case may be.

29. If the candidate fails to produce the attested copies of certificates and/or the originals, as the case may be on the date given by the High Court, he/she will not be permitted to appear for Main Written Examination or *viva-voce*, as the case may be.

30. The selection will be made strictly on merit on the basis of the marks secured by the candidates in the Main Written Examination and *viva-voce*.

31. Success in the examinations and resultant selection shall confer

no right of appointment to the candidate and unless the Government, in consultation with the High Court, is satisfied, after such enquiry as may be considered necessary, that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment, he/she will not be appointed to the post.

32. The High Court reserves its right of short-listing at the time of scrutiny of applications by applying uniform and reasonable norms.

33. Candidates should avoid submitting multiple applications. In the event of committing any mistake in filling up the on-line application form, the candidates **shall not** fill in a fresh application but shall send an e-mail from the e-mail id mentioned in his application to: rgrp-bhc@bhc.gov.in , quoting the concerned column number containing incorrect / erroneous information and the correct information in lieu thereof. In the subject of the e-mail, candidates shall mention ***“A.5504/2025 – Registration ID (mention Registration Id here)”***. No e-mail for correction of entries shall be entertained unless a candidate has submitted on-line application. No such e-mail shall be entertained after the cut-off date and time of filling on-line application.

34. The relaxation in age, marks and fee to Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) candidates is subject to the decision in the Public Interest Litigation No. 30 of 2024 (Bhausahab Bhujangrao Pawar V/s. The State of Maharashtra) alongwith connected petitions.

Date : 30th January, 2026

**Sd/-
Registrar General,
High Court, Bombay.**

A Certificate Regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee (person with disability as per the RPwD Act, 2016) to Write

1. This is to certify that, we have examined Mr./Ms./Mrs. (name of the candidate), S/o D/o a resident of (Village/ District/ State), aged yrs, a person with (nature of disability/ condition), and to state that he/ she has limitation which hampers his / her writing capability owing to his / her above condition. He/ she requires support of scribe for writing the examination.

2. The above candidate uses aids and assistive device such as prosthetics & orthotics, hearing aid (name to be specified) which is / are essential for the candidate to appear at the examination with the assistance of scribe.

3. This certificate is issued only for the purpose of appearing in written examinations conducted by recruitment agencies as well as academic institutions and is valid upto (it is valid for maximum period of six months or less as may be certified by the medical authority)

Signature of Medical Authority

(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)
Orthopaedic /PMR specialist	Clinical Psychologist/ Rehabilitation Psychologist / Psychiatrist / Special Educator	Neurologist (if available)	Occupational therapist (if available)	Other Expert, as nominated by the Chairperson (if any)

(Signature & Name)

Chief Medical Officer / Civil Surgeon / Chief District Medical OfficerChairperson

Name of Government Hospital / Health Care Centre with Seal

Place :

Date :

Letter of Undertaking for Using Own Scribe / reader

I(name of the candidate) a candidate with(name of the disability) appearing for the **Preliminary Examination DJ 2025 (MAH.)** bearing Roll No. at (name of the Sub-Centre) in the District, Maharashtra. My qualification is

I do hereby state that.....(name of the scribe/ reader) will provide the service of scribe/Reader for the undersigned for taking the aforesaid examination.

I do hereby undertake that his qualification is In case, subsequently it is found that his qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is higher than my qualification, I shall forfeit my right to the post and claims relating thereto.

I do hereby state that.....(name of the Reserved scribe/ reader) will provide the service of scribe/Reader for the undersigned for taking the aforesaid examination.

I do hereby undertake that his qualification is In case, subsequently it is found that his qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is higher than my qualification, I shall forfeit my right to the post and claims relating thereto.

(Signature / Thumb impression of the candidate with Disability)

Place :-

Date :-

A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of the Scribe / Reader along with the Scribe / Reader

1 Name of the Exam : **Preliminary Examination DJ 2025 (MAH.)**

2 Subject(s) :

3 Centre :

Photo of the
Scribe /
Reader

Information of Candidate and the Scribe/ Reader :-

1. Name of the Candidate :

2. Seat No. / Registration ID of
the Candidate :

3. Name of the Scribe/ Reader :

4. Permanent residential
address of Scribe/ Reader :

5. Identity Card No. of the
Scribe/ Reader :
[Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Smart Card
Driving Licence, Voter ID Card,
Passport etc (any one)]
(Scribe / Reader must show original
identity card and self-attested copy to
the supervisor)

6. Mobile No of
(1) Candidate : (2) Scribe/Reader :

7. Last Educational Qualification
of Scribe / Reader :

8. Relationship of the Candidate
with the Scribe / Reader (if
any) :

-: CERTIFICATE :-

We, the undersigned Shri/Smt. (name of the
Candidate) candidate eligible for this exam and Shri/Smt.
..... (name of the scribe /reader) scribe /reader of the
eligible candidate, affirm as follows :-

- (1) The above information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We have read all the instructions regarding provision of Scribe /Reader to the disabled candidates and other instructions given by the High Court and undertake to follow them strictly.
- (2) Candidate needs a scribe/reader as per the rules/ instructions of the High Court regarding providing scribe /reader to disabled candidates.
- (3) A valid certificate issued by the competent authority regarding the prescribed disability is available with the candidate and will be produced at any stage of the examination process or any time thereafter.
- (4) I understand that if a candidate appoints a scribe/ reader, he /she cannot act as a scribe / reader or as a reserved scribe / reader for another candidate in the same examination at the same time.
- (5) The candidate and the scribe/ reader are not candidates for the same examination
- (6) If the prescribed criteria are not fulfilled by the candidate for seeking assistance of the scribe /reader or taking the compensatory time or if it is noticed at any stage that the information given by the candidate about himself /herself or the scribe / reader is wrong or any information has been concealed by the candidate or the scribe / reader, the candidature of the candidate and the scribe / reader for the respective examination will be cancelled and the candidate and the scribe / reader will be debar from appearing for subsequent examinations as per the discretion of the High Court or other legal action will be taken. In such a case, if the concerned has been appointed to the service, then his /her service will be terminated.

Signature of the Candidate

Signature of the Scribe / reader

Date :

Date :

(Particulars of a Reserved Scribe / Reader)

A Joint Certificate to be given by the Candidate seeking the assistance of a Reserved Scribe / Reader along with the Reserved Scribe / Reader

1 Name of the Exam : **Preliminary Examination DJ 2025 (MAH.)**

2 Subject :

3 Centre :

4 Name of the Sub-centre :

Photo of the
Reserved
Scribe /
Reader

Information of Candidate and the Reserved Scribe/ Reader :-

1. Name of the Candidate :
2. Seat No. / Registration ID of the Candidate :
3. Name of the Reserved Scribe/ Reader :
4. Permanent residential address of Reserved Scribe/ Reader :
5. Identity Card No. of the Reserved Scribe/ Reader :
[Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Smart Card Driving Licence, Voter ID Card, Passport etc. (any one)]
(Reserved Scribe / Reader must show original identity card and self-attested copy to the supervisor)
6. Mobile No of (1) Candidate : (2) Reserved Scribe/Reader :
7. Last Educational Qualification of Reserved Scribe / Reader :
8. Relationship of the Candidate with the Reserved Scribe / Reader (if any) :

-: CERTIFICATE :-

We, the undersigned Shri/Smt. (name of the Candidate) candidate eligible for this exam and Shri /Smt. (name of the Reserved scribe /reader) Reserved scribe /reader of the eligible candidate, affirm as follows :-

- (1) The above information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We have read all the instructions regarding provision of Reserved Scribe /Reader to the disabled candidates and other instructions given by the High Court and undertake to follow them strictly.
- (2) Candidate needs a Reserved scribe/reader as per the rules/ instructions of the High Court regarding providing scribe /reader to disabled candidates.
- (3) A valid certificate issued by the competent authority regarding the prescribed disability is available with the candidate and will be produced at any stage of the examination process or any time thereafter.
- (4) I understand that if a candidate appoints a scribe/ reader, he /she cannot act as a scribe / reader or as a reserved scribe / reader for another candidate in the same examination at the same time.
- (5) The candidate and the Reserved scribe/ reader are not candidates for the same examination
- (6) If the prescribed criteria are not fulfilled by the candidate for seeking assistance of the scribe /reader or taking the compensatory time or if it is noticed at any stage that the information given by the candidate about himself /herself or the Reserved scribe / reader is wrong or any information has been concealed by the candidate or the Reserved scribe / reader, the candidature of the candidate and the Reserved scribe / reader for the respective examination will be cancelled and the candidate and the Reserved scribe / reader will be debar from appearing for subsequent examinations as per the discretion of the High Court or other legal action will be taken. In such a case, if the concerned has been appointed to a post in the government service, then his /her service will be terminated.

Signature of the Candidate

Signature of the Reserved Scribe / reader

Date :-

Date :-

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, _____

Email :- _____

Tel. No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF EXPERIENCE

(For the post of District Judge, by Nomination Only)

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms _____ is enrolled as an Advocate on the roll of the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa on ___/___/____, and since ___/___/____ she/he is practicing as an advocate in Civil, Criminal Courts/Family Court etc. at _____

Place :-

Date :-

Signature with name &

Designation of Certifying Authority

Seal

(Note : In case of candidate who are/were Government Pleader or Government Advocate or Public Prosecutor or Assistant Public Prosecutor, submit certificate of experience on the letter head of concerned District Office of Assistant Director & Prosecutor instead of Principal District and Sessions Judge of District, as may be applicable.)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, _____

Email :- _____

Tel. No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF LANGUAGE

(For the post of District Judge, by Nomination Only)

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms _____
practicing as an Advocate at _____ has good knowledge of
Marathi and he/she can speak, read, write and translate with facility
from Marathi into English and Vice-Versa.

Place :-

Date :-

Signature with name &

Designation of Certifying Authority

Seal

(Note : In case of candidate who are/were Government Pleader or Government Advocate or Public Prosecutor or Assistant Public Prosecutor, submit certificate of experience on the letter head of concerned District Office of Assistant Director & Prosecutor instead of Principal District and Sessions Judge of District, as may be applicable.)

CHARACTER CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____,
Son/Daughter/Wife of _____, residing
at _____, who is
applying for the post of District Judge in the Judicial Service of the
State of Maharashtra (Selection Process 2025), is well known to me
for the past _____ years and his/her character and conduct are
good.

Date :-
Place :-

Signature of the Person
Issuing Certificate

Details of the Person Certifying :-

Name :

Address :

Mobile/Land Line (with STD Code) No. :

INSTRUCTIONS

1	A candidate must carefully read the entire Advertisement and follow all the instructions/directions before starting actual filling up on-line application, so as to avoid mistakes.
2	Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply on-line well in advance.
3	The High Court of Bombay does not assume any responsibility for the candidates not being able to submit their online applications within the last date for any reason.
4	Candidate should provide correct E-mail ID (<i>Electronic Mail Identification Directory</i>) and his/her own mobile number on which correspondence can be made, which should not be changed during the Selection process.
5	Candidates should take due care to upload good quality latest photograph at respect place provided in the on-line application. If the candidate cannot be identified from the photograph uploaded by them, they shall not be allowed to appear for the examinations.
6	Candidates shall fill on-line application carefully and submit the same by pressing “ I Agree ” button. Thereafter, candidate cannot change/alter/edit/modify the information submitted in the on-line application.
7	After pressing “ I Agree ” button “ Registration ID ”, would be generated. Candidates are directed to note down the Registration ID for their future reference. Registration ID will be notified through SMS on the given Mobile Number.
8	“SMS” or “E-mail” alerts for the examinations, will be notified on the registered mobile number and E-mail ID of the candidates, as mentioned in the application.
9	Eligible and interested candidates are required to apply on-line only through the High Court of Bombay website https://bombayhighcourt.nic.in No other means/mode of application will be accepted.

10	The candidates should submit copies of documents as mentioned at Clause Nos. 26 and 26.1 of the detailed advertisement by post to the High Court on or before Wednesday, 25th February, 2026) and no other document at this stage to be submitted.
11	No complaint/grievance of the candidate shall be entertained or heard by the High Court in case of their failure to see the Admit Card/call letter on their e-mail account within stipulated time.
12	Correct Enrollment Number and Date should be filled in the on-line application form as period of practice will be counted from date of enrollment till date of Advertisement.
13	Admit Cards for Preliminary Written Examination and Main Written Examination, will not be sent by post. The candidates should download the Admit Cards from their respective profile. The candidate must carry hard copy of Admit Card at the time of examinations.
14	The candidate shall follow the procedure for on-line payment of fees as mentioned in Clause No. 24 of the detailed Advertisement. It is made clear that on-line payment shall be accepted through Internet Banking / Credit Cards / UPI / payment through e-Challan only. No other mode / means of payment will be accepted. The candidate should mention the SBCollect Reference Number correctly, after making successful payment of fees, in the Column No. 40 of the on-line application form.
15	The candidates should avoid submitting multiple applications. In the event of committing any mistake in filling up the online application form, the candidates shall not fill in a fresh application but shall send an e-mail from the e-mail id mentioned in his application to: rgrp-bhc@bhc.gov.in , quoting the concerned column number containing incorrect / erroneous information and the correct information in lieu thereof. In the subject of the e-mail, candidates shall mention <i>“A.5504/2025 – Registration ID (mention Registration Id here)”</i> . No e-mail for correction of entries shall be entertained unless a candidate has submitted on-line application. No such e-mail shall be

	entertained after the cut-off date and time of filling on-line application.
16	In case of multiple applications, the application with the latest Registration Number and with correct SBCollect Reference Number shall only be entertained by the High Court and fee paid against one Registration Number shall not be adjusted against any other Registration Number.
17	The character certificates produced on record should be as per prescribed Form A3 and from same persons, whose names are mentioned in the on-line application form. Such certificates must have been issued on or after the date of publication of Advertisement.
18	The candidates are advised to visit the website from time to time. All the relevant information/instructions shall be published on official website of the High Court of Bombay.
19	The time-table and venue for Preliminary Written Examination, Main Written Examination and <i>viva-voce</i> of the candidates would be displayed on the official website of the High Court of Bombay.
20	Eligibility of the candidate, shall be finally decided after scrutiny of the documents produced by him/her on the date given by the High Court. The scrutiny of documents may be carried out at time and at any stage of the Selection Process. Only when candidate is found eligible upon scrutiny of the documents, he/she will be called to appear for the Main Written Examination or <i>viva-voce</i> , as the case may be.
21	If it is revealed that any information supplied by a candidate in the Application Form is incorrect/false; name of such candidate shall be removed from the 'Select List' without any notice.

**Guidelines for filling in Online Application Form for the post of
District Judge, by nomination – 2025**

Sr. No.	Field Name	Field No.	Allowed Input
1	First, Middle and Last Name	5	Only Alphabets are allowed
2	Change in Name (Previous Name)	6a	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed
3	Notification	6b	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
4	Postal address	7	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
5	District of Postal Address	8	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed in District name if living outside Maharashtra
6	Pin Code	9	Only 6 numeric digits are allowed
7	Mobile No.	10	Only 10 numeric digits are allowed
8	Resi. Phone	10	Only Numbers are allowed
9	Email-ID	11	Alphabets, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Underscore (_) and Dot or Full Stop (.) are allowed
10	PAN Number	17	Only Alphabets and Numbers are allowed
11	Name of Father	18	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed
12	Name of Mother	20	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed

Sr. No.	Field Name	Field No.	Allowed Input
13	Spouse Name and profession	23a & 23b	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
14	No. of living Children	24	Only Numbers are allowed
15	Sub-type of Disability	25b	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed
16	Percentage (%) of Disability	25c	Only Numbers are allowed.
17	Stream (Applicable for other) and University	26	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
18	Marks obtained and out of total marks		Only Numbers are allowed
19	State whether you were enrolled as an advocate and on what date and enrolment no. (e.g.MAH-12345-2013)	27	Alphabets, Numbers and Hyphen (-) are allowed.
20	Please provide the Judge Code	30a	Only Numbers are allowed
21	Details of Present Posting	30b	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed
22	Give the names of the Courts in which and the Judges before whom you have practised during the period of three years immediately preceding the date of the publication of the Advertisement.	32	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed

23	Experience In (in short)	33	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
24	State the amount of your professional earnings during the immediately preceding three years	35	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
25	Case No., Crime No., Offence u/s, Act, Police Stn., Court	36	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed
26	Whether you are facing/have you ever faced any disciplinary action from the Bar Council of India or Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa or any Bar Association or any other professional body? If yes, give details.	37	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.) and Space are allowed (Max 500 characters)
27	Referees name and occupation	39	Only Alphabets and Space are allowed
28	Referees Address	39	Alphabet, Numbers, Hyphen (-), Slash or divide (/), Comma (,), Dot or Full Stop (.), and Space are allowed
29	SBCollect Reference No.	40	Only Alphabets and Numbers are allowed

Note :- In case of any error while filling online application, mail us on rgit-bhc@nic.in and rgrp-bhc@bhc.gov.in mentioning therein Mobile Number and Subject **“Recruitment for the post of District Judge – 2025.”**

A e-mail about error sent by 4.00 p.m. on last day of submission of application will only be entertained.
