HIGH COURT OF ORISSA: CUTTACK

Advertisement No. 04 of 2026

RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS IN THE CADRE OF DISTRICT JUDGE THROUGH LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, 2026

On-line applications are invited from **10:00 A.M. of 09.11.2026 till 11:59 P.M. of 25.11.2026** from the eligible Judicial Officers for filling up of vacancies in the Cadre of District Judge on the basis of merit through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the year, 2026. The recruitment shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of O.S.J.S. and O.J.S. Rules, 2007 and subsequent amendments made thereto.

2. NO. OF VACANCIES:- 46 (Forty six).

3. SCALE OF PAY:-

₹1,44,840 – ₹1,94,660 with usual D.A. and other allowances as admissible from time to time.

4. ELIGIBILITY: -

An Officer must have completed three years of qualifying service as Civil Judge (Senior Division) and minimum seven years of combined service as Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Civil Judge (Senior Division) as on 01.04.2026.

For calculating qualifying service in the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division), the date of notification of promotion to the cadre will be taken into consideration.

For calculating qualifying service in the cadre of Civil Judge (Junior Division), the date of entry into judicial service as Civil Judge (Junior Division) will be taken into consideration.

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED: -

a) Recent passport size colour photograph.
[The photograph must be clearly visible with proper orientation]

b) Full Signature with proper orientation.
[The signature must be clearly visible with proper orientation and in white background]

6. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION: -

A. Written Examination

The Written examination shall be on the following two papers each carrying 75 Marks with a duration of 2 (two) hours for each paper as follows:

PAPER-1

(1)	The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908	25 marks
(2)	Personal Laws	25 marks
(3)	The Transfer of Property Act, The Specific Relief Act, The Limitation Act, The Law of Contract, The Odisha Consolidation of Holding and Prevention of Fragmentation of Land Act, The Odisha Estate Abolition Act, The Odisha Land Reforms Act, The Law relating to Motor Accident and Claims, The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, The Commercial Courts Act, 2015	25 marks

Total 75 Marks

PAPER-2

(1)	The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023	20 marks
(2)	The Indian Penal Code, 1860 and The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	20 marks
(3)	The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023	20 marks
(4)	The Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, The Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006, The Prevention of Corruption Act, The Essential Commodities Act, The Environment Protection Act, The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015	15 marks

Total 75 Marks

B. Viva-Voce: 30 Marks

Candidates securing minimum of fifty (50) per centum of marks in aggregate in both the written papers but not less than forty-five (45) per centum of marks in individual written paper shall be called for viva-voce test.

C. Evaluation of CCRs / PARs / ACRs 20 Marks

Candidates' CCRs / PARs / ACRs for five years (5) immediately preceding the year of examination shall be evaluated which shall carry twenty (20) marks.

D. Disposal Rate for preceding five years: 10 Marks

E. Assessments of quality of judgments: - 20 Marks

The candidates shall be required to submit (2) two judgments of their choice, along with a list of 10 contested judgments delivered by them in the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division), specifying the name of the Court, case number, names of the parties, and the date of delivery. From the submitted list, three additional judgments shall be selected at random. In total, five judgments shall be evaluated.

F. Merit List:-

The final selection shall be made on the basis of total marks obtained in the written test, viva-voce test, evaluation of CCRs/PARs/ACRs, disposal rate for preceding five years and assessment of quality of judgments.

Provided that a candidate shall not be selected unless such candidate secures 40% of marks in viva-voce test.

7. PERIOD OF TRAINING & PROBATION: -

Every candidate recruited to the posts in the cadre of District Judge through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination shall undergo a course of training under Rule-30-A and all these appointees shall be on probation as per Rule- 33 of O.S.J.S. & O.J.S. Rules, 2007.

8. MISCELLANEOUS: -

(a) **Before filling-up of online application form, applicants must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Court's website and *"INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND PROCESS FLOW FOR FILLING UP OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM"*.** The candidates are required to apply online by logging into the Court's website within the due date and time under intimation to their concerned Controlling Authorities.

(b) The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last minute rush.

(c) Applications should be submitted through ONLINE mode only by logging into the website of High Court of Orissa i.e. www.orissahighcourt.nic.in (Recruitment Corner → Examination Portal → **LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS IN THE CADRE OF DISTRICT JUDGE, 2026**).

(d) Incomplete / Incorrect online application(s) and applications received through modes other than the prescribed ONLINE format will not be entertained and will be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.

(e) Admission to any stage of the Recruitment process will be provisional. If on verification at any stage of the Recruitment process, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil the eligibility conditions then his/her candidature will be liable for rejection.

(f) If a candidate furnishes more than one application, only information/data of the latest application having higher Acknowledgement Number will be considered.

(g) Notice regarding date and time of each stage of examination will be published in the website of the High Court of Orissa.

(h) If a candidate fails to attend any stage of the examination his/her candidature shall be rejected.

(i) No T.A. / D.A. will be paid for appearing in the Examination.

(j) List of eligible applicants shall be published in the Court's website / Notice Board.

(k) Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.

(l) No Admission Letter for any stage of the recruitment process shall be sent by post. The candidates are therefore advised to visit the court's website www.orissahighcourt.nic.in regularly for updates regarding the date of examination, downloading of e-Admit Card etc.

(m) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change at the discretion of the Court.

(n) The Court reserves the right to cancel the entire recruitment process or any part of it at any stage without assigning any reason and the decision of the Court in that regard shall be final.

In case of any guidance/information relating to submission of online application, applicants may contact Recruitment Cell of the

Court during the period from the date of opening and date of closing of submission of application form over Mobile number- 9437498780 or E-mail at ohcrecruitment1948@gmail.com on working days between 10.30 A.M. to 04.30 P.M.

Date: 04.11.2026 **Sd/- S. K. Dash Ray**
Place: Cuttack **REGISTRAR, EXAMINATION**

Memo No. 16708 (3) / Date: 04.11.2026

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3) Superintendent, Appointment Section for information.

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