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NOTIFICATION

The 3rd July, 2026

No. LLJ-11027(11)/23 /2023,C-136531.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 read with Article 234 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in consultation with the Gauhati High Court is pleased to further amend the Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Service Rules, 2006 as follows:-

- Short title and commencement:** (i) These Rules may be called as Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026.
(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- In the Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Service Rules, 2006, (hereinafter referred to as the principal rule), after Rule 10, the following rule shall be inserted namely, -
“10A. During the selection process if any candidates has been found resorting to any unfair means, necessary action shall be taken as per the provisions of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Examination (Measures of Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Act, 2024 (Act No. 9 of 2024) including debarment from taking any public examination in the future”.
- In the Principal Rule, in the Table appearing after Rule 7, Sl.No.1 Grade-I (i), Sl. No. 2. Grade-II and Sl. No. 3. Grade-III shall be substituted as under,-

Sl. No.	Cadre	Method of Recruitment	Qualification and other Requirements
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1.	Grade-I	(i) Not exceeding 25 % of the posts in the Grade-I shall be filed by promotion from the cadre of Grade-II strictly on the basis of merit through limited departmental competitive examination conducted by the High Court as specified in Schedule-B of the Rules.	The minimum qualifying service required to appear in the LDCE from the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division) shall be not less than 3 (three) years as a Civil Judge (Senior division or not less than 7 (seven) years combined services as a Civil Judge (Junior Division) and Civil Judge (Senior Division). Provided that, if any post reserved for LDCE remains vacant, the same shall be filled through regular promotion on the basis of merit cum seniority in that particular year during the simultaneous selection process being carried out for regular promotions of the same year. (i) The vacant posts to be filled by LDCE shall be calculated based on the cadre strength. (ii) The suitability of the Candidate for promotion from the cadre of Civil Judge (Senior Division) shall be determined on the following,- (i) Whether the candidate possesses updated knowledge of law;

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			(ii) The quality of judgments rendered by the Judicial Officer; (iii) ACRs of the Judicial Officer of the preceding five years with minimum 3 years Good grading; (iv) Disposal rate in the preceding five years; (v) Performance of the Judicial Officer in the viva voce; and (vi) General perceptions and awareness as also communication skills.
2.	Grade-II	(i) 90% by promotion from the cadre of Grade-III selected by the High Court on the basis of criteria indicated in Schedule-C. (ii) 10% of the posts in Civil Judge (Senior Division) shall be reserved for accelerated promotion of Civil Judge (Junior Division) candidates to be filled through LDCE mechanism. (iii) The minimum qualifying service required for appearing in the said LDCE shall be three years' service as Civil Judge (Junior Division).	Must have been in the cadre of Grade-III for a period of not less than 5 (five) years. Provided further, that if any post reserved for LDCE remains vacant, the same shall be filled through regular promotion on the basis of merit cum seniority in that particular year during the simultaneous selection process being carried out for regular promotions of the same year. The vacant posts to be filled by LDCE shall be calculated based on the cadre strength.
3.	Grade-III	(i) 100% by direct recruitment by High Court.	2. Must be between 18 to 35 (thirty five) years with 5 (five) years relaxation (i.e. upto 40 years) in respect of Arunachal Pradesh Scheduled Tribes and 35 years of age in case of others. (i) Must be holder of degree of law from a recognized university. (ii) The candidates desirous of appearing in the examination for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) must have practiced for minimum period of 3 (three) years to be eligible for the said examination. (iii) The candidate practicing as an advocate in lower Court must produce a certificate to that effect duly certified either by the Principal Judicial Officer of that Court or by an advocate of that Court having a minimum standing of 10 (ten) years duly endorsed by the Principal Judicial Officer of such a District or a Principal Judicial Officer at such a station. (iv) Advocates practicing in High Courts or Supreme Court of India must produce a certificate to that effect duly certified by an advocate who has a minimum standing of 10 (ten) years duly endorsed by an officer designated by that High Court or Supreme Court. (v) For eligibility of the candidate's experience gained as a law clerk with any of the Judges or Judicial Officer shall be considered while calculating their total number of years of practice.

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			(vi) The candidates who are appointed to the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) pursuant to their selection through the examination must compulsorily undergo at least 1 (one) year of training before presiding in a Court. (vii) The number of years of practice completed by a candidate desirous of appearing in the examination for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) shall be calculated from the date of their provisional enrolment/registration with the concerned Bar Council/ Association.

4. In the principal rule, in Rule 8, after clause (b), the following clause shall be added,-
“(c) For the direct recruitment and promotion, the quota for PwD candidates shall be determined by the High Court in accordance with the extant laws for the time being in force”
5. In the principal rule, for the existing entries in Schedule B, for clause A and B, the following shall be substituted,-

“SCHEDULE - B
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION
SECTION –I

- A. A competitive examination for recruitment to the services in Grade-I and III shall be held at such intervals by the High Court from time to time as it may determine.
- B. The Examination for the recruitment to the post of Grade-I and III shall comprise of two successive stages, namely-

1. Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination and

2. Main Examination (written and interview) for the selection of candidates for the posts under the Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Services.

(i) The Preliminary Examination will consist of 2 Papers of objective type (Multiple choice questions) and carry maximum marks in the subject as set out below. This examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination will not be counted for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Main Examination will be about 12 times the number of vacancies to be filled in the year in the various service and posts.

(ii) Only those candidates who are declared by the Gauhati High Court to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination will be eligible for admission to the Main Examination of that particular year, provided they are, otherwise, eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

SECTION - II
SCHEME AND SUBJECT FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND THE MAINS EXAMINATION

1. (a) The Preliminary Examination will consists of two Objective Type Papers:

Paper – I General Studies: - 100 Marks, Time 2 hours (Marks scored in this paper will be counted for qualifying for the main exams).

Paper – II Aptitude Test (CSAT/Law related test)- 100 Marks, Time 2 hours. (This paper will be of qualifying nature) Candidates must score at least 33% in this paper. However, marks scored in this paper shall not be counted for qualifying for the mains exam.
- (b) Each paper will be of two hours duration. But blind candidates and candidates with Locomotors Disability and Cerebral Palsy where dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance of function (minimum of 40% impairment) will be allowed an extra time of 20 minutes per hour for each paper.
- (c) The question papers will be set in English. The standards of each subject are those of the Degree level course of Indian Universities.
- (d) It is mandatory for the candidate to appear in both the papers for the purpose of evaluation. Therefore, a candidate will stand disqualified, in case he/she does not appear in both the papers of Preliminary Examination.
- (e) Penalty for wrong answers: Candidates should note that there will penalty (negative marking) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the Objective Type question papers.

2. The Main Examination (written and interview) will consists of written examinations and interview Test.

A. For Direct Recruitment and Limited Departmental Examination for promotion to Grade-I.

- (i) The competitive examination for recruitment to the service in Grade-I shall be held at such intervals by the High Court from time to time as it may determine. The examination shall be conducted with the syllabus as below:-

Part –A- English (qualifying in nature)-100 Marks Time-2 hours.

Paper-I: General Studies -Marks-100 Marks, Time 2 hours - (General Understanding of Gaon Burah institutions, Village Authority, Assam Frontier Regulation 1945, BEFR 1873 and AP Civil Courts Act, 2021 to test the General Knowledge, aptitude, Intelligence, test of comprehension and expression of law and General.

Paper-II One paper of 100 Marks not less than 2 hours duration regarding the Transfer of Property Act, Civil Procedure Code, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), limitation Act.

Paper-III: One paper of 100 Marks (2 hours) consisting of Judgment writing (Paper Book to be supplied)- Legal Theories on jurisprudence, provisions of Constitution of India.

Note: (The candidates are expected to refer to the relevant decisions of Apex court and the High Court while writing answers in paper-II and III).

- (i) Interview: Viva Voce-60 Marks.

- (ii) Total Marks :360 Marks

B. For Direct Recruitment to Grade-III of the Judicial Services:

- (i) The Competitive Examination for Recruitment to Grade-III of the service shall be held at such intervals as the High Court may from time to time determine. The examination shall be conducted by the High Court in accordance with the following syllabus.
- (ii) A preliminary examination for recruitment to Grade-III of the Judicial Services shall consist of objective type questions. The syllabus shall consist of the following,-

Paper – I, General Studies: - 100 Marks, Time 2 hours (Marks scored in this paper will be counted for qualifying for the main exams)

Paper – II, Aptitude Test (CSAT on law related topics) - 100 Marks, Time 2 hours (This paper will be of qualifying nature) Candidates must score at least 33% in this paper. However, marks scored in this paper shall not be counted for qualifying for the mains exam.

- (iii) The Main Examination (written and interview) will consists of written examinations and interview Test. The written Examination shall be conducted with the syllabus as below:

Part –A- English (qualifying in nature)-100 Marks Time - 2 hours

Paper-I: General Studies -100 Marks (Gaon Burah institutions, Assam Frontier Regulation 1945, BEFR 1873 and AP Civil Courts Act, 2021 to test the General Knowledge, aptitude, Intelligence, test of comprehension and expression of law and General Knowledge) Time 2 hours.

Paper-II-100 Marks, Time- 2 hours (i) Constitution of India (ii) Code of Civil procedure (iii) Transfer of property Act (iv) Indian Contract Act.

Paper-III-100 Marks, Time- 2 hours (i) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS),(ii) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS),(iii) Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) (iv) Law of Torts.

- (i) Interview: Viva Voce-70 Marks.

- (ii) Total Marks: 370 Marks.

C. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.....**

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