HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

NOTIFICATION No.5/2019-RC, DATED 17.06.2019

[For appointment to the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division)]

Applications are invited through ONLINE for General Recruitment to 38 posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in Andhra Pradesh State Judicial Service comprising of 31 vacancies to be filled under Direct Recruitment, and 07 vacancies to be filled under Recruitment by Transfer. The recruitment process shall be governed by Andhra Pradesh State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2007. The applications will be available in the official website of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh "http//hc.ap.nic.in" from 17.06.2019 to 16.07.2019. **The Last date for submission of Online Application is 16.07.2019 upto 11.59 p.m.** The Hand written/ Typed/Photostat copy/Printed Application Form will not be entertained either directly or by Post or by Courier or in person.

As per the revised pay scales which came into effect from 1.1.2006, the Scale of Pay of the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) is Rs.27,700/- to Rs.44,770/-.

The Abstract of vacancies is detailed here under.

I. VACANCY POSITION:

Break up of vacancies under Direct Recruitment		Break up of vacancies under Recruitment by Transfer	
Category	Number of posts	Category	Number of posts
OC	16 (6W)	OC	05
BC-A	03 (1W)	SC	02 (1W)
BC-B	02 (1W)		
BC-C	01		
BC-D	01 (W)		
BC-E	01 (W)		
SC	05 (2W)		
ST	02 (1W)		
Total	**31 (13W)**	**Total**	**07 (1W)**

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Important Dates

DETAILS	DATES
Starting Date for submission of online Application.	**17.06.2019**
Closing Date for Submission of online Application.	**16.07.2019**
Date and Time for conducting Screening Test (computer based test).	**04.08.2019 (SUNDAY) From 3-00 p.m. to 5-00 p.m.**
Download of Hall Tickets.	**23.07.2019 to 04.08.2019**
Placing of Question Paper and Preliminary Key/Response Sheet in the website of the High Court.	**07.08.2019**
Written objections on Preliminary Key to be submitted to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Person/ Speed Post/Courier.	**07.08.2019 to 20.08.2019**

Note: The above mentioned dates are final subject to exigencies.

II. RESERVATION:

1) The recruitment shall be subject to the Rule of reservation in favour of candidates belonging to S.C., S.T., B.C., Women and Physically Handicapped{Orthopaedically Handicapped(lower portion of the body)} as per the Andhra Pradesh State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2007. The reservation in respect of BC-E category shall be subject to the result of Civil Appeal Nos. 2628-2637 of 2010, on the file of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

2) The High Court reserves the right, either to increase or decrease the number of vacancies after issuance of the notification or may also cancel the notification at any stage, if the situation warrants.

III. QUALIFICATIONS:

Only those candidates who possess the qualifications prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2007 which are mentioned below, shall be eligible to apply.

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a) <u>DIRECT RECRUITMENT:</u>

A person who has been **practicing for not less than three(3) years as an Advocate, as on the first day of the month in which notification/advertisement is published in news papers i.e. 01.06.2019 shall be eligible to apply for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under Direct Recruitment**.

b) <u>RECRUITMENT BY TRANSFER:</u>

A person applying under Recruitment by Transfer must possess a Degree in Law awarded by any University established by Law in India and must be a confirmed member or approved probationer in any one of the categories mentioned below.

No person is eligible for appointment under Recruitment by Transfer, who is facing disciplinary charges or has undergone any punishment or is in subsisting punishment for any irregularity in discharge of his/her duties.

<u>Eligible categories to apply under Recruitment by Transfer:</u>

i) Section Officers, Court Officers, Scrutiny Officers, Accounts Officer, Court Masters, Personal Secretaries to Hon'ble Judges, Personal Secretaries to Registrars, Translators and Deputy Section Officers, Overseer, Assistant Section Officers, Computer Operators, Assistant Librarian, U.D. Stenos, Assistants, Readers, Examiners, Telex Operator, Telephone Operator, Typists and Copyists **of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.**

ii) Chief Administrative Officers, Senior Superintendents, Superintendents, Stenographers Grade-I, II & III, Senior Assistants, Junior Assistants, and Typists **of the Judicial Ministerial Services of the State of Andhra Pradesh;**

iii) Assistant Public Prosecutors, Senior Assistant Public Prosecutors, Additional Public Prosecutors Grade-II; of Prosecution Services of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

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iv) Section Officers in the Law Department of Secretariat of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

v) Section Officers in the Legislature Departments of the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

vi) Managers of the Offices of the Advocate General; Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors, Editor, I.L.R. of the State of Andhra Pradesh;

Provided that no person shall be eligible for appointment to the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division), if

(i) he/she is not a citizen of India;

(ii) he/she does not have good character, and not free from any infirmity, which renders him/her, unfit for such appointment.

(iii) he/she has been dismissed from service by any High Court, Government and Statutory or Local Authority;

(iv) he/she has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;

(v) he/she has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it in the selection process for any post in public service;

(vi) he/she attempts to directly or indirectly influences the recruiting authority by any means for his/her candidature;

(vii) he/she is not of sound health and active habits;

(viii) he has more than one wife living; and

(ix) being woman, she marries knowingly a person that he is having a wife.

(x) he/she has been arrested in connection with any crime involving moral turpitude and concerned with the same.

A person to be appointed to the category of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under Recruitment by Transfer shall be—

" A person who is maintaining good character and conduct".

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IV. AGE LIMIT:

(i) An applicant applying under **Direct Recruitment** shall be a person who has not completed the age of **35** years as on first day of the month in which the notification inviting applications for such appointment is published in the news papers i.e. **01.06.2019**

Provided that the upper age limit of 35 (thirty five) years is relaxable by five years in respect of the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

Provided further that the upper age limit of 35 years is relaxable by 10 years in respect of Physically Handicapped persons [Orthopaedically Handicapped (Lower portion of the body)] as per the Andhra Pradesh State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2007.

Provided further that in case of an applicant who served in the defence services of the Indian Union and who is otherwise qualified and suitable, the period of service rendered by him in the defence service, shall be excluded in computing the age, for appointment by direct recruitment.

(ii) An applicant for **Recruitment by Transfer** shall be a person who has not completed the age of 48 years as on the first day of the month in which the notification inviting applications for such appointment is published in the news papers i.e., **01.06.2019.**

NOTE: If the candidates who were within the maximum age limit in terms of the notification issued for the posts of Civil Judge in the year 2018 and appeared for the Screening Test conducted on 18.11.2018 under Direct Recruitment and Recruitment by Transfer, but who are now age barred for applying to the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) notified for the year 2019, can also apply and they shall be treated as within the age limit.

V. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION, MINIMUM MARKS AND SYLLABUS:

The process of selection shall comprise of,

a) For the purpose of short-listing the candidates, the High Court will conduct **Screening Test (Computer Based Test)** for 100 marks comprising of 100 multiple choice objective type Questions. The duration of examination will be two (2) hours. The Venue and Time will be mentioned in the Hall Ticket to be downloaded by the applicant at appropriate point of time.

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The candidates who secure 40% and above marks in the screening test will be short listed in the ratio of 1:10 of the available vacancies, for written examination.

The marks obtained in the screening test shall not be added to the marks obtained in the written examination and they shall not be counted for determining final order of merit of the candidates, as the screening test is conducted for the purpose of short listing the candidates.

b) Written Examination consisting of the following three (3) papers will be held. (The object of written examination is to test the academic knowledge of the candidates.)

I) Civil Law,

II) Criminal Law and

III) English Translation test for 30 marks and Essay Writing test for 70 marks. (Translation has to be made from English language to Hindi or Telugu language **only and essay writing test will be on legal subject only**).

Each paper shall carry 100 marks. The duration of each paper is three (3) hours.

VI. Minimum Marks to be secured in the Written Examination to qualify for Viva-Voce:

a) Under Direct Recruitment:

The candidates applying under Direct Recruitment who belong to OC category must secure not less than 55% of marks in each paper and not less than 60% of marks in aggregate in the written examination to become eligible for Viva-Voce.

The candidates belonging to Backward Class category under Direct Recruitment must secure not less than 50% marks in each paper and not less than 55% of marks in aggregate in the written examination for calling for Viva-Voce.

The candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories must secure not less than 45% marks in each paper and not less than 50% of marks in aggregate in the written examination for calling for Viva-Voce.

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b) Under Recruitment by Transfer:

The candidates belonging to OC and BC categories applying under Recruitment by Transfer must secure not less than 55% marks in each paper and not less than 60% marks in aggregate in the written examination to become eligible for Viva-Voce.

The candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories applying under Recruitment by Transfer must secure not less than 45% marks in each paper and not less than 50% marks in aggregate in the written examination to qualify for Viva-Voce.

VII. Viva-Voce:

Viva-Voce, shall carry 50 marks. Any candidate who remains absent for the Viva-Voce for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) shall be deemed to have been disqualified for selection. (The object of Viva-Voce is to assess the suitability of the candidate for the cadre by judging the mental alertness, knowledge of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character and intellectual depth and the like of the candidate.)

VIII. Minimum aggregate Marks to be secured in the Written Examination and Viva-Voce for selection to the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division):

For selection to the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under Direct Recruitment and Recruitment by Transfer, the OC/BC category candidates must secure at least 60% marks in aggregate in Written Examination and Viva-Voce and SC/ST category candidates must secure at least 50% marks in aggregate in written examination and Viva-Voce. (Candidates who secure less than the said percentage will become ineligible for selection to the post).

The Questions in the examinations shall be answered only in English (except translation test).

In the selection process (Screening Test, Written Examination and Viva-Voce), the proficiency and knowledge of applicants will be tested in the following:-

Civil Laws:

1) Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
2) Indian Contract Act, 1872.
3) Hindu Marriage Act 1955,
4) Hindu Succession Act 1956,
5) Indian Easements Act 1882,
6) Specific Relief Act 1963,
7) Limitation Act 1963,
8) Transfer of Property Act 1882,
9) Civil Rules of Practice
10) Registration Act 1908, and Indian Stamp Act 1899,

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11) A.P. Land Encroachment Act, 1905
12) Andhra Pradesh Buildings (Lease, Rent & Eviction) Control Act 1960, and
13) Indian Evidence Act,1872

CRIMINAL LAWS:

1) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973
2) Indian Penal Code, 1860
3) Indian Evidence Act, 1872
4) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
5) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
6) Criminal Rules of Practice
7) A.P. Excise Act, 1968
8) A.P. Gaming Act, 1974
9) Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.

IX. MERIT LIST:

After result of written examination is announced, qualified candidates in the ratio of 1:3 of the available vacancies in the respective categories shall be called for Viva Voce.

Provided that if there are more than one candidate who have secured identical cut off marks, for maintaining the ratio of 1:3, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for Viva-Voce.

No TA and DA will be paid to any of the candidates appearing for Screening Test/Written Examination/Viva Voce.

X) a) Application and Examination Fee:

The applicants who belong to OC/BC categories have to pay an amount of Rs. 800/- (Rupees eight hundred only) towards Online Application processing and Examination fee, whereas the applicants belonging to SC/ST categories have to pay Rs.400/- (Rupees four hundred only) towards **Online Application processing and Examination fee.**

Applicants belonging to SCs/STs, hailing from the States other than the State of Andhra Pradesh have to pay Rs.800/- instead of Rs.400/- towards Online Application processing and Examination fee, unless the caste to which they belong, is recognized as Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, as the case may be, by the **Government of Andhra Pradesh.**

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Note: Candidates who have paid Application processing fee/Examination fee and appeared for the Screening Test held on 18.11.2018 in respect of the recruitment notification issued for 26 posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) notified for the year 2018, need not pay the Application processing fee/Examination fee. However, they have to apply once again against 2019 notification.

b) The procedure for submission of Online Application (User Guide), Mode of Payment of Application Processing/Examination fee and instructions to the candidates, will be made available in the official website of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh from 17.06.2019.

A computer based "Mock Test" will be made available in the official website of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh "http//ap.hc.nic.in", for the purpose of practice to the candidates from 17.06.2019.

XI.EXAMINATION CENTRES :

Computer Based Test (Screening Test) will be held in the following Centres and candidates have to opt for any three (3) Centres in the order of preference for their allotment. However, the High Court reserves the right to allot candidates to any centre other than the centre chosen by the applicant or to abolish/create a new centre for administrative reasons. Request for change of the centre will not be entertained.

i) Visakhapatnam
ii) Rajahmundry (Rajamahendravaram)
iii) Vijayawada
iv) Guntur
v) Tirupati
vi) Kurnool

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XII. <u>Information to the candidates who have appeared for the Computer Based Screening Test conducted on 18.11.2018.</u>

(a) A separate link, login ID and password will be sent to the candidate's registered mobile number and E-Mail ID.

(b) Using the link, login ID and password, candidates have to apply for the 2019 notification and such candidates only will be allowed for the Computer Based Screening Test to be held on 04.08.2019.

(c) Candidates can edit the details in the fresh application other than basic details like Name, Date of Birth, Physically Handicapped status, Class/Category and communication details.

(d) Once again candidates have to opt for any three (3) centres in the order of preference for their allotment.

(e) Candidates who do not login and submit application will not be issued Hall Ticket for appearing for the computer based screening test to be held on 04.08.2019

After declaration of Screening Test results, written examination will be held at the venue to be specified by the High Court separately.

<u>Note</u>: If any of the candidate suppresses any information/furnishes any false information in his/her application form and the same is detected at any later stage i.e. during the stage of scrutiny of application, conducting of examinations, selection and appointment to the post, action will be taken against such candidate in accordance with law.

Mere selection does not confer any right on a candidate and his/her appointment shall be subject to verification of antecedents.

REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)
HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH