

1. BANKING



Starting a career in banking isn't just about "counting money"—it's about joining the backbone of India's economy. Whether you want to be an **Officer (PO)** or a **Clerk**, 2026 is going to be a massive year for recruitment.

1. What Exactly are Bank Exams?

Think of these as "Entry Tickets" to a secure future. Banks like SBI, RBI, and IBPS (which recruits for 11+ national banks) conduct these tests to find people who are good with numbers, logic, and people.

- **PO (Probationary Officer):** The "Manager-in-training." High salary, high responsibility.
- **Clerk:** The "Customer Service Star." Great work-life balance and the face of the branch.
- **Specialist Officer (SO):** For the experts (IT, Law, Marketing).

2. The 2026 "Big Reveal": Exam Dates & Vacancies

- At **Career Prime Quest**, we track the calendar so you don't have to. Here is how our 2026 looks like:



“Mehnat hai to Selection hai”



The Goal (Exam)	When to Apply?	When is the Exam?
RBI Assistant	Right Now!	April 2026
SBI PO 2026	July 2026	August 2026
IBPS PO	June 2026	August/October 2026
IBPS Clerk	August 2026	October/December 2026
RRB (Rural Banks)	September 2026	Nov/Dec 2026

3. Can You Apply? (Eligibility Check)

- **Education:** Any Graduate can apply! Even if you have **50%**, you are eligible for most exams.
- **Age:** Usually, 20 to 30 years.
- The "Secret" Requirement: You need a **clean credit record (CIBIL score)**. If you have unpaid loans, fix them now!



4. What's on the Paper? (The Syllabus)

The exams are split into **Prelims (The Filter)** and **Mains (The Final Battle)**.

- **Maths (Quant):** Don't worry, it's not Calculus. It's 10th-grade math like Profit/Loss and Percentages, but you have to solve them *super fast*.
- **Reasoning:** Like solving a Sudoku or a puzzle. It tests how your brain handles tricky situations.
- **English:** Basic grammar and how well you understand a story (Reading Comprehension).
- **General Awareness:** What's happening in the world? Focus on the last 6 months of news.

5. Why Career Prime Quest is Your Best Friend

We don't just give you books; we give you a Success System. Here's why students choose us:

- **Zero-to-Hero Classes:** We start from $2 + 2 = 4$ and take you to the highest level.
- **The "Mirror" Test Series:** Our mock tests look exactly like the real 2026 exam screen.
- **Smart Notes:** Forget thick, boring books. We give you "Cheat Sheets" that are easy to revise.
- **Doubt Killers:** Stuck on a math problem at 11 PM? Our community and mentors are there to help.

6. The "Career Prime Quest" 5-Step Success Plan

If you are starting today, follow this:

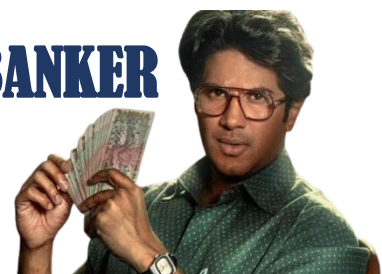
1. **Month 1:** Focus on Speed Math (Learn tables up to 30 and squares up to 50).
2. **Month 2:** Finish your Reasoning Puzzles. Do 5 puzzles every single day.
3. **Month 3:** Start Daily General Awareness. Read the news while having your morning tea.
4. **Month 4:** Mock Test Marathon. This is where you learn to manage time.
5. **Month 5:** Revise and Conquer!

7. Life After the Exam (The Reward)

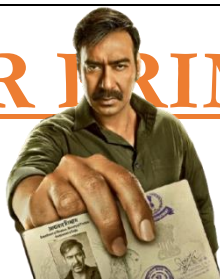
Once you join:

- **Salary:** ₹35,000 to ₹75,000 (depending on the post).
- **Perks:** Petrol allowance, newspaper allowance, and almost zero-interest loans for your own house/car!
- **Respect:** Your family will finally stop asking, "What are you doing with your life?"

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2. SSC CGL



To succeed in the **Staff Selection Commission (SSC)** 2026 examinations, candidates must adopt a structured and disciplined approach. Whether you are aiming for the **CGL (Combined Graduate Level)**, **CHSL (Combined Higher Secondary Level)**, or **MTS (Multi-Tasking Staff)**, understanding the specific tier-based requirements is the first step toward a secure career in the Central Government.

At **Career Prime Quest**, we focus on converting complex syllabi into manageable study modules.

SSC 2026 Examination Overview

The SSC conducts various national-level exams to recruit for **Group B and C posts**. The structure typically moves from a broad screening test to more specialized assessments.

Examination	Target Posts	Eligibility	2026 Notification Window
SSC CGL	Inspector (Income Tax, Excise), AAO, JSO	Graduate	June 2026
SSC CHSL	LDC, JSA, Data Entry Operator (DEO)	12th Pass	April 2026
SSC MTS	General Support Staff, Havildar	10th Pass	June 2026

Standardized Exam Pattern & Marking Scheme

Most SSC examinations have moved to a **two-tier Computer Based Examination (CBE)** format.

Tier 1: The Preliminary Screening

This stage is generally qualifying in nature for CGL, but its marks are often competitive for other exams.

- **Structure:** 100 Questions | 200 Marks | 60 Minutes.
- **Subjects:** Intelligence & Reasoning, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude, and English.
- **Penalty:** 0.50 marks are deducted for every incorrect response.

Tier 2: The Merit Decider

For CGL and CHSL, **Tier 2** is the most **critical phase**. It is divided into sessions:

1. **Mathematical Abilities & Reasoning:** Focuses on logic and advanced calculation.
2. **English & General Awareness:** Higher weightage is given to language comprehension.
3. **Computer Knowledge Module:** Mandatory qualifying section.
4. **Data Entry Speed Test (DEST):** A qualifying typing assessment.



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Core Syllabus Breakdown

1. Quantitative Aptitude

The 2026 papers place significant emphasis on **Arithmetic (Profit & Loss, SI/CI, Ratio)** and **Advanced Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Mensuration)**. Candidates should prioritize accuracy in complex geometric theorems and algebraic identities.

2. General Intelligence & Reasoning

This section assesses analytical thinking. Key topics include:

- **Verbal:** Syllogism, Blood Relations, Coding-Decoding.
- **Non-Verbal:** Mirror Images, Paper Folding, and Pattern Completion.

3. English Language & Comprehension

Success here depends on three pillars:

- **Grammar:** Active/Passive voice, Direct/Indirect speech.
- **Vocabulary:** Synonyms, Antonyms, Idioms, and One-word substitutions.
- **Reading:** Cloze tests and Comprehension passages.

4. General Awareness

Expect a mix of Static GK (History, Geography, Polity, Science) and Current Affairs. In 2026, there is a noted increase in questions regarding Indian Art & Culture and recent Socio-Economic policies.

Effective Preparation Strategy

1. **Analyze Previous Year Papers:** SSC frequently repeats question patterns. Solving papers from 2023–2025 is essential for understanding the difficulty level.
2. **Sectional Mock Tests:** Use Career Prime Quest sectional tests to improve your speed in Mathematics and Reasoning.
3. **The 1/3rd Rule:** In Tier 2, the negative marking is steeper (1 mark per wrong answer). Avoid guesswork to protect your final merit rank.
4. **Computer Literacy:** Do not ignore the Computer Module; many high-scoring candidates are disqualified solely for failing this qualifying section.



Get the Complete Detailed Syllabus, Smart Preparation Plan, Time-Saving Tricks, and Exclusive Insider Materials to Boost Your Selection Chances.

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Post Name	Group	Department / Ministry	Estimated In-Hand Salary (2026)
Assistant Section Officer (ASO)	B	CSS, IB, Railways, MEA, AFHQ	₹78,000 – ₹85,000
Assistant / Assistant Section Officer	B	Other Ministries / Depts	₹75,000 – ₹82,000
Inspector (Central Excise)	B	CBIC (Indirect Taxes)	₹78,000 – ₹85,000
Inspector (Income Tax)	C	CBDT (Direct Taxes)	₹75,000 – ₹82,000
Assistant Enforcement Officer (AEO)	B	Directorate of Enforcement	₹78,000 – ₹85,000
Sub-Inspector (SI)	B	CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation)	₹72,000 – ₹80,000*
Inspector	B	Central Bureau of Narcotics	₹75,000 – ₹82,000
Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)	B	M/o Statistics & Prog. Imp.	₹65,000 – ₹72,000
Statistical Investigator Gr-II	B	Registrar General of India	₹65,000 – ₹72,000
Auditor	C	Offices under C&AG, CGDA	₹45,000 – ₹52,000
Accountant / Jr. Accountant	C	Other Ministries / Depts	₹45,000 – ₹52,000
Sr. Secretariat Assistant (SSA/UDC)	C	Central Govt. Offices	₹40,000 – ₹48,000
Tax Assistant (TA)	C	CBDT / CBIC	₹40,000 – ₹48,000

Note on CBI Salary: Sub-Inspectors in the CBI receive an **additional 25%** Special Incentive Allowance on their basic pay, making their gross package highly competitive despite the rigorous workload.



Key Post Analysis for Aspirants

1. The High-Profile "Group B" Gazetted/Non-Gazetted Posts

Posts like **ASO in MEA (Ministry of External Affairs)** are highly **coveted** because they offer the opportunity for **foreign postings and diplomatic benefits**. Similarly, Income Tax and Excise Inspectors carry significant social prestige and authority within the revenue departments.

2. The Statistical Wing

The Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) and Statistical Investigator posts require a specific educational background (usually Math or Statistics at the 12th or Degree level). These roles involve data collection and analysis for national policy-making.

3. The "Group C" Desk Roles

Roles such as Auditor and Tax Assistant are excellent for candidates who prefer a stable work-life balance. These positions often serve as a stepping stone, as departmental exams allow for faster internal promotions to Inspector levels.

Promotion and Career Growth

The SSC CGL pathway is designed for long-term growth. For example:

- **Tax Assistant ->Senior Tax Assistant ->Income Tax Inspector.**
- **ASO ->Section Officer ->Under Secretary ->Deputy Secretary.**

The SSC CGL 2026 Notification is one of the most anticipated announcements for government job aspirants this year. While the official document is scheduled for release in March 2026, we can project the vacancy landscape and timeline based on the official SSC Exam Calendar 2026–27 and recent recruitment patterns.

The Staff Selection Commission has already provided a tentative roadmap. Marking these dates in your calendar will help you plan your preparation phases effectively.

Event	Tentative Date / Period
Official Notification Release	March 2026
Online Application Window	March – April 2026
Tier 1 Examination (CBE)	May – June 2026
Tier 2 Examination	Second half of 2026 (Expected Sept–Oct)

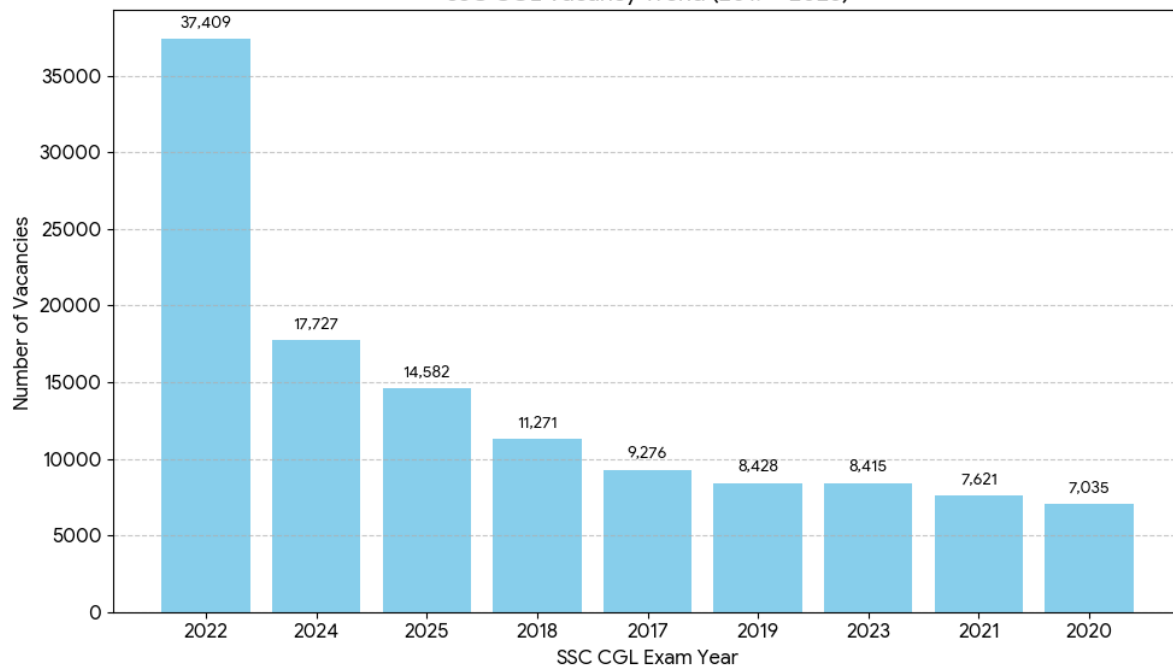
SSC CGL Vacancy Trend: 2017–2026

The following table highlights the "ebbs and flows" of recruitment. Notice how every few years, there is a "Mega Recruitment" cycle (like 2022 and 2024).

Exam Year	Total Vacancies	Trend Observation
2026 (Target)	15,000 – 20,000 (Exp.)	Projected High: Expected to be a strong recruitment year.
2025 (Last Year)	14,582	Healthy recruitment across CBDT and CBIC.
2024	17,727	Significant surge in Inspector-level posts.
2023	8,415	A leaner year with higher cut-offs.
2022	37,409	Historical Peak: Massive hiring due to Postal Assistant merger.
2021	7,621	Standard recruitment year.
2020	7,035	Stable intake despite global pandemic shifts.
2019	8,428	Competitive year with focus on Audit posts.
2018	11,271	Notable for high Assistant Section Officer (ASO) intake.
2017	9,276	Balanced distribution across B & C groups.

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SSC CGL Vacancy Trend (2017 - 2025)



Educational Qualifications

While a **Bachelor's Degree** is the baseline for all posts, certain specialized roles have specific academic mandates:

Post Category	Specific Educational Requirement
Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)	Degree in any subject PLUS 60% in Maths (Class 12th) OR Degree with Statistics as a subject.
Statistical Investigator Gr-II	Degree with Statistics as a compulsory or elective subject in all three years of graduation.
Research Assistant (NHRC)	Degree from a recognized University PLUS 1 year of research experience in a recognized institution.
All Other Posts (Income Tax, Excise, ASO, etc.)	Any Graduation Degree from a recognized University (BA, BSc, BCom, BTech, etc.).

2. Age Limit & Pay Levels (As of 2026)

The age limit varies significantly depending on the Pay Level and the nature of the job. Most posts fall within the **18–30 years** bracket, but there are exceptions.

High-Level Posts (Pay Level 7 & 6)

These are primarily Inspector and Assistant Section Officer (ASO) roles.

- General Range: **18–30 years**.
- Specific Exceptions: * **ASO (CSS, Railway, MEA, AFHQ): 20–30 years**.
 - **Sub-Inspector (CBI): 20–30 years**.
 - **Junior Statistical Officer (JSO): Up to 32 years** (The highest age limit in CGL).

Executive & Desk Posts (Pay Level 5 & 4)

These include **Auditors, Accountants, and Tax Assistants**.

- **Age Range:** 18–27 years.
- **Important Note:** If you are over 27 but under 30, you are ineligible for these specific "Group C" posts unless you belong to a reserved category.

3. Nationality & Citizenship

A candidate must be either:

1. A Citizen of India, or
2. A subject of Nepal or Bhutan, or



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3. A Tibetan refugee who came to India before January 1, 1962, with the intention of permanently settling.
4. Age Relaxation (Government Norms)

If you exceed the upper age limit mentioned above, you may still be eligible under the following categories:

Category	Age Relaxation Permissible
OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)	3 Years
SC / ST	5 Years
PwBD (Unreserved)	10 Years
Ex-Servicemen (ESM)	3 years after deduction of the military service rendered from the actual age.



3. SSC CHSL



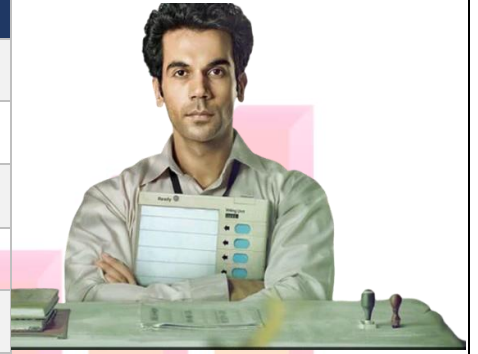
SSC CHSL 2026 Notification is just around the corner. According to the officially released SSC Exam Calendar 2026-27, the advertisement for the 2026 cycle is scheduled for April 2026.

As an aspirant, this is the perfect time to pivot your preparation from "concept building" to "intensive practice," as the Tier 1 exam is tentatively slated for **July–September 2026**.

SSC CHSL 2026 Key Dates

Based on the latest official calendar, here are the dates you need to mark:

Event	Tentative Date
Notification Release	April 2026
Online Application Starts	April 2026
Last Date to Apply	May 2026
Tier 1 Exam (CBT)	July – September 2026
Tier 2 Exam (CBT)	To be announced (Expected late 2026)



SSC CHSL 2026 Posts & Salary

The CHSL exam is the gateway to "**Group C**" positions in central government ministries. With the updated Dearness Allowance (DA) in 2026, the starting salaries have seen a significant bump.

Post Name	Pay Level	Approx. Gross Monthly Salary (Metro Cities)
Lower Divisional Clerk (LDC)	Level 2	₹35,000 – ₹38,000
Junior Secretariat Assistant (JSA)	Level 2	₹35,000 – ₹38,000
Data Entry Operator (DEO)	Level 4/5	₹48,000 – ₹55,000



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Selection Process & Exam Pattern

The selection process has been streamlined into two Tiers. Note that Tier 1 is now qualifying, while Tier 2 determines your final merit.

Tier 1: Qualifying (Objective)

- **Sections:** English, Reasoning, Quant, and General Awareness (25 Qs each).
- **Total Marks:** 200.
- **Negative Marking:** 0.50 marks for each wrong answer.

Tier 2: Merit-Deciding (Objective + Skill Test)

Tier 2 is conducted in two sessions on the same day:

1. **Session I:** Mathematical Abilities, Reasoning, English, General Awareness, and Computer Knowledge.
2. **Session II:** Skill Test or Typing Test (Post-specific).

Age Limit & Category Relaxations

The reference date for age calculation is typically **January 1, 2026**. To be eligible, you must be between 18 and 27 years old.

Category	Maximum Age	Relaxation
General / EWS	27 Years	None
OBC (non-creamy)	30 Years	3 Years
SC / ST	32 Years	5 Years
PwD (Unreserved)	37 Years	10 Years
Ex-Servicemen	30 Years*	3 Years after service deduction

Note: For specific "Civilian Employees" and "Widows/Divorced Women," the upper age limit can extend up to **35–45 years** depending on the category.

Educational Qualifications

The requirements vary slightly depending on the specific department you are aiming for:

- **LDC / JSA / DEO (General):** Must have passed **12th Standard** or equivalent from a recognized board.
- **DEO Grade 'A' (C&AG / Ministry of Culture):** Must have passed 12th Standard in **Science Stream with Mathematics as a core subject**.



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Revised 2026 Exam Pattern

The exam has transitioned into a two-tier system. The "Descriptive Paper" (Pen & Paper) has been discontinued and replaced by a **more comprehensive Tier-II**.

Tier-I (Qualifying Only)

- **Format:** 100 Questions | 200 Marks | 60 Minutes.
- **Negative Marking:** 0.50 marks per wrong answer.
- **Sections:** English (25), Reasoning (25), Quant (25), General Awareness (25).

Tier-II (Merit-Decider)

Conducted in two sessions on the same day:

1. Section 1: Math (30 Qs) & Reasoning (30 Qs) — 1 hour
2. Section 2: English (40 Qs) & General Awareness (20 Qs) — 1 hour
3. Section 3: Computer Knowledge (15 Qs) — 15 mins (Qualifying)
4. Skill/Typing Test: Mandatory for all posts (Qualifying).

2026 Application Checklist

- **Fee:** ₹100 for General/OBC/EWS males. Free for all Women, SC, ST, and PwD candidates.
- **The New Portal:** You must register on the new website (ssc.gov.in). Old registrations from the .nic.in domain are no longer valid for 2026 recruitment.
- **Live Photo:** The new application system requires a live photograph captured via webcam or the "MySSC" app; you cannot simply upload an old gallery photo.

Postal Assistant (PA) and Sorting Assistant (SA) under CHSL, these posts have been moved to the **SSC CGL (Graduate Level)** exam since the 2022-23 cycle. Furthermore, the "Descriptive Paper" (Tier-II Pen & Paper) has been abolished in favor of an **objective Computer Based Test**.

SSC CHSL 2026 Salary (Updated with 2026 DA)

As of March 2026, the **Dearness Allowance (DA)** is significantly higher (projected at ~58-60%) than the figures in your text. This brings the starting in-hand salary for an LDC in a metro city (X City) to approximately **₹35,000–₹38,000**.

Post Name	Pay Level	Approx. Gross Salary (X City)	Approx. In-Hand Salary
LDC / JSA	Level 2	₹41,000	₹35,000 - ₹38,000
DEO / DEO Grade 'A'	Level 4	₹52,000	₹45,000 - ₹48,000
DEO	Level 5	₹59,000	₹52,000 - ₹55,000

4.SSC MTS

According to the **SSC Exam Calendar 2026-27** released on **January 8, 2026**, you are spot on—the official notification for the **SSC MTS and Havaldar 2026 recruitment** is indeed scheduled for June 2026.

Key Dates for SSC MTS 2026

Event	Tentative Date
Notification Release	June 2026
Application Window	June – July 2026
Computer-Based Exam (CBE)	September – November 2026
Admit Card Release	7–10 days before the exam



Selection Process & Exam Pattern

The selection remains a two-stage process (depending on the post). Note that Session-I is qualifying, but your rank is decided by Session-II.

- **Stage 1: Computer Based Examination (CBE)**
 - **Session-I:** Numerical & Mathematical Ability (20 Qs) and Reasoning Ability (20 Qs). *No negative marking.*
 - **Session-II:** General Awareness (25 Qs) and English Language (25 Qs). **Negative marking of 1 mark applies.**
- **Stage 2: PET/PST (Havaldar Only)**
 - **Physical Efficiency Test:** Walking (1600m in 15 mins for males; 1km in 20 mins for females).
 - **Physical Standard Test:** Height/Chest measurements.

Salary & Posts

Candidates recruited will be placed in Pay Level-1 of the **7th Pay Commission matrix**. The in-hand salary typically ranges between ₹18,000 and ₹22,000, depending on whether you are posted in an X, Y, or **Z category city (HRA variations)**.

Common Posts Include:

- Peon, Daftary, Jamadar
- Chowkidar, Safaiwala, Mali
- Junior Gestetner Operator
- Havaldar (in CBIC and CBN)

Quick Eligibility Check

- **Education:** Must have passed Matriculation (**10th Class**) on or before the crucial cut-off date (likely August 1, 2026).
- **Age Limit:** **18–25 years** for most **MTS posts**; **18–27 years** for **Havaldar** and some specific MTS cadres.

NOTE: SSC recently revamped their website to ssc.gov.in. If you haven't done your **One-Time Registration (OTR)** on the new portal yet, recommended doing it now so you don't face server lag when the notification goes live in June.

Exam Pattern & Selection Process

The selection process is streamlined into **two mandatory sessions** conducted on the same day. Performance in **Session-II** is the primary factor for the final merit list.

Session	Subject	Questions	Marks	Negative Marking
Session-I	Numerical & Mathematical Ability	20	60	None
	Reasoning Ability & Problem Solving	20	60	None
Session-II	General Awareness	25	75	1 Mark/Wrong
	English Language & Comprehension	25	75	1 Mark/Wrong

- **Note: Session-I is qualifying. Session-II will only be evaluated if you meet the minimum qualifying marks in Session-I (typically 30% for UR).**
- To master the SSC MTS 2026 exam, your focus should be split strategically between the two sessions. Since Session II is the merit-decider (where marks are actually counted for your final rank), that is where you should put **70% of your energy**.

Physical Standards (Havaldar Post Only)

If you apply for the Havaldar post in **CBIC** or **CBN**, you must also pass the **PET/PST** after the written exam:

- **Walking (PET):** * Male: **1600 meters in 15 minutes**.
 - Female: **1 km in 20 minutes**.
- **Height (PST):**
 - Male: **157.5 cm** (Relaxable by 5 cm for Garhwalis, Gorkhas, etc.).
 - Female: **152 cm** (Relaxable by 2.5 cm).
- **Weight (Female Only):** 48 kg (Relaxable by 2 kg).



Salary & Career Growth

While the basic pay is **₹5,200–20,200 (Pay Level-1)**, your Gross Monthly Salary in 2026 (including DA, HRA, and TA) will generally range **between ₹28,000 and ₹32,000** in **Tier-1 cities** like Delhi or Mumbai. After 3 years of service, you become eligible for departmental exams to be promoted to **Lower Division Clerk (LDC)**.

Important Reminder: SSC has shifted its operations to the new website ssc.gov.in. If you have an old registration from the .nic.in site, you must complete the One-Time Registration (OTR) again on the new portal to apply in June.

Age Limit & Relaxations (As of August 1, 2026)

The "**Crucial Date**" for age calculation is typically **August 1, 2026**. If you fall near the edge of these brackets, ensure your **10th-grade certificate** matches your claims.

Post Category	Age Bracket	Birth Date Range (Tentative)
MTS (18-25)	18 – 25 Years	Aug 2, 2001 – Aug 1, 2008
MTS/Havaldar (18-27)	18 – 27 Years	Aug 2, 1999 – Aug 1, 2008

Category-Wise Relaxations:

- SC/ST: 5 Years (Up to 30/32 years)
- OBC: 3 Years (Up to 28/30 years)
- PwD (Unreserved): 10 Years
- Ex-Servicemen: 3 Years after deduction of military service.

Educational Qualification

The requirement is straightforward: Matriculation (10th Pass).

- No Minimum Percentage: Whether you passed with 35% or 95%, you are equally eligible.
- Cut-off Date: You must have your final results/mark sheet issued on or before the closing date of the application (likely July 2026).

Multilingual Exam (CBT)

The shift to **15 total languages** (English, Hindi + 13 Regional) is a game-changer for many aspirants.



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Important Note: You must select your medium of examination at the time of filling the online application form. You cannot change it later.

Regional Language Options include:

- South: Kannada (08), Malayalam (12), Tamil (21), Telugu (22).
- West/Central: Gujarati (07), Konkani (10), Marathi (14).
- East/North East: Assamese (03), Bengali (04), Manipuri (13), **Odia (16)**.
- North: Punjabi (17), Urdu (23).

SSC MTS 2026 Application Fee

The fee remains nominal, but the exemptions are broad. If you fall into an exempted category, the payment step will simply be bypassed in your portal.

Category	Fee
General / OBC / EWS (Male)	₹100
Women (All Categories)	Exempted (Free)
SC / ST / PwBD / Ex-Servicemen	Exempted (Free)

Step-by-Step Online Application Guide

Follow these steps carefully once the link goes live in June 2026:

1. **One-Time Registration (OTR):** Visit ssc.gov.in and click "Login or Register." If you haven't used the new site, you must create a new OTR profile with your Aadhaar, email, and phone number.
2. **Login & Apply:** Once registered, find "Multi-Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff, and Havaldar (CBIC & CBN) Examination 2026" under the "Live Examinations" tab.
3. **Fill Details:** Enter your preferred Exam Centers (you can choose three within one region) and your State Preferences.
 - *Note:* State preference is crucial; once submitted, you cannot change the order of states you wish to be posted in.
4. **Upload Documents:** You will need a recent scanned photograph and signature.
 - Pro-Tip: SSC now often requires a Live Photograph captured via webcam or the SSC App rather than an uploaded file.
5. **Fee Payment:** Complete the ₹100 payment (if applicable) via UPI, Net Banking, or Card.
6. **Final Submission:** Download and print the PDF of your completed application.



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Selection Process Breakdown

The roadmap to selection is divided into two distinct parts:

- **Stage 1: Computer-Based Examination (CBE):** * Mandatory for all candidates (MTS and Havaldar).
 - Consists of Session-I (Qualifying) and Session-II (Merit-based).
- **Stage 2: PET/PST (Havaldar Post Only):**
 - If you apply for the Havaldar post and meet the CBE cut-off, you must pass a physical walking test and height/chest measurements.
 - MTS-only candidates do not undergo this stage.
- **Stage 3: Document Verification (DV):**
 - Conducted by the User Departments (the specific ministry that hires you) after the final results are declared.

Syllabus for the 2026 cycle

Focus on topics that assess your knowledge of the environment and its application to society.

- **Static GK:** Art & Culture (Festivals, Dances, Temples), Sports, Awards & Honors, Books & Authors.
- **History:** Focus on the Indian Freedom Struggle and the Delhi Sultanate/Mughals.
- **Polity:** Fundamental Rights, Important Articles, and the Indian Constitution.
- **Geography:** Rivers, Dams, National Parks, and Solar System.
- **General Science:** Physics, Chemistry, and Biology up to the 10th-grade level.
- **Current Affairs:** Focus on the last 6–12 months (Govt. Schemes are high priority).

2. English Language & Comprehension (25 Qs | 75 Marks)

- **Vocabulary:** Synonyms, Antonyms, One-Word Substitution, Idioms & Phrases.
- **Grammar:** Error Spotting, Sentence Improvement, Fill in the Blanks.
- **Comprehension:** A simple passage or Cloze Test (filling blanks in a story).

Session I: Qualifying Only

You only need to pass this section (approx. 30% for UR). There is no negative marking.

1. Numerical & Mathematical Ability (20 Qs | 60 Marks)

- **Arithmetic:** Percentage, Ratio & Proportion, Average, Profit & Loss, Simple Interest.
- **Calculations:** LCM & HCF, Decimals, Fractions, BODMAS.



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- **Time & Work:** Pipes & Cisterns, Speed, Distance, and Time.
- **Mensuration:** Area and Perimeter of basic 2D figures.

2. Reasoning Ability & Problem Solving (20 Qs | 60 Marks)

- **Verbal:** Alpha-Numeric Series, Coding-Decoding, Analogy, Syllogism, Blood Relations.
- **Non-Verbal:** Mirror Images, Embedded Figures, Pattern Completion, Paper Folding.
- **Logic:** Directions, Ranking, and simple Puzzles.

Prep Strategy for 2026

Month	Focus Area	Goal
March	Vocabulary & Static GK	Learn 10 new words and 5 Static GK facts daily.
April	Arithmetic & Reasoning	Clear your concepts for Session I to ensure you qualify.
May	Previous Year Papers (PYPs)	Solve at least 2 full-length papers weekly.
June	Notification & Revision	Focus on current affairs once the notification drops.

SSC MTS 2026 Salary Structure (Revised)

With the implementation of the **7th Pay Commission** and the current DA rates (approx. 58% to 60%), the salary has increased. Here is the approximate monthly breakdown for a new joiner in 2026:

Component	X Cities (Metro)	Y Cities (Big Cities)	Z Cities (Villages/Small Towns)
Basic Pay	₹18,000	₹18,000	₹18,000
DA (at 60%)	₹10,800	₹10,800	₹10,800
HRA (30%/20%/10%)	₹5,400	₹3,600	₹1,800
TA + DA on TA	₹4,500 approx	₹2,500 approx	₹2,500 approx
Gross Salary	₹38,700	₹34,900	₹33,100
Approx In-Hand	₹34,000 - ₹35,000	₹31,000 - ₹32,000	₹29,000 - ₹30,000

Note: Net salary depends on NPS deductions (10% of Basic+DA).



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Preparation Checklist: March – May 2026

Since your exam is in September–November 2026, this "Early Spring" phase is critical for building your foundation.

1. General Awareness (High Priority)

Focus on the "**merit-making**" subjects.

- **Art & Culture:** Classical dances (Kathak, Bharatnatyam) and regional festivals (Bihu, Pongal) are currently seeing 2-3 questions per shift.
- **Current Affairs:** Start tracking from January 2026. Focus on the 2026-27 Union Budget and the upcoming National Games.
- **Static GK:** Books & Authors and Important Articles (Fundamental Rights).

2. English Language

- **Vocabulary:** Focus on daily reading. Use the "Cloze Test" method to improve both grammar and vocabulary simultaneously.
- **Error Spotting:** Master the rules of Subject-Verb Agreement and Tenses.

3. Session I (Math & Reasoning)

- Since there is no negative marking and it is only qualifying, focus on high-speed calculation tricks for Simplification and Percentage.
- Reasoning: Master "Syllogism" and "Mirror Images" as they are the fastest to solve.

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5. OPRB



Becoming a part of the Odisha Police is a dream for many young aspirants in the state. Not only does it offer a stable government career, but it also provides a unique opportunity to serve the public and maintain law and order.

If you are looking for the latest information on the OPRB (Odisha Police Recruitment Board) Exam 2026, you've come to the right place. This guide will walk you through everything from the selection process to the revised salary structure.

What is the OPRB Exam?

The **Odisha Police Recruitment Board (OPRB)** is the specialized wing under the Odisha Police Department responsible for selecting qualified candidates for various ranks. The OPRB ensures a fair and transparent selection process for those ready to protect and serve the people of Odisha.

Why it is Important?

The OPRB exam is the primary gateway for anyone wanting to join the state's police force. It standardizes the recruitment for both armed and civil branches, ensuring only the most physically fit and mentally sharp candidates make the cut.

Why Consider a Career in Odisha Police?

- **Pride of the Uniform:** It is one of the most respected professions in society.
- **Social Impact:** You get to work directly at the grassroots level to help citizens.
- **Adventure:** No two days are the same; the job keeps you active and engaged.

About the Board & Posts

While the OPRB focuses on specific officer ranks, the **State Selection Board (SSB)** often handles large-scale recruitments like Constables. Together, they manage a wide variety of roles:

- **Constable (Civil/District):** The foundation of the police force.
- **SI (Sub-Inspector):** The primary investigating officers.
- **ASI (Assistant Sub-Inspector):** Technical and field support roles.
- **Driver:** Specialized recruitment for the Police Motor Transport (PMT) wing.
- **Sepoy/Constable (OSAP/IR/SIR):** Personnel for specialized armed battalions.

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OPRB Exam Posts and Salary (2026-27)

Following the latest updates in the **7th Pay Commission** (and with the **8th Pay Commission** discussions on the horizon), the salary for Odisha Police has become very competitive.

Post Name	Pay Level	Salary Range (Approx. In-Hand)
Constable / Sepoy	Level 5	₹28,000 – ₹32,000
Sub-Inspector (SI)	Level 9	₹45,000 – ₹52,000
ASI (Technical)	Level 7	₹38,000 – ₹42,000

Benefits & Allowances:

- **DA (Dearness Allowance):** Currently around **58-60%** of basic pay.
- **HRA:** House rent allowance based on the city of posting.
- **Medical Benefits:** Comprehensive health cover for self and family.
- **Uniform & Kit Allowance:** Yearly funds provided for uniform maintenance.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for the 2026 recruitment, you must meet these standards as of the notification date.

1. Educational Qualification

- Constable: Must have passed 10th Class (Matriculation).
- Sub-Inspector: Must be a Graduate in any discipline.
- Language: You must be able to read, write, and speak Odia.

2. Age Limit (With 2026 Relaxation)

- General: 18 – 23 Years (Note: A 3-year relaxation is often granted, making the limit 26 years).
- SC/ST/SEBC/Women: Up to 31 years (5-year relaxation).

3. Physical Eligibility (Standard Measurements)

Category	Height	Weight	Chest (Unexpanded)
UR/SEBC (Male)	168 cm	55 kg	79 cm
SC/ST (Male)	163 cm	50 kg	76 cm
Women (All)	158 cm (UR)	47.5 kg	N/A



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OPRB Exam Pattern (CBT/OMR)

The 2026 exam is expected to be a Computer-Based Recruitment Examination (CBRE) or OMR-based.

- Total Marks: **100 Marks**
- Number of Questions: **100 MCQs**
- Duration: **120 Minutes (2 Hours)**
- Negative Marking: **0.25** marks for every wrong answer.

Detailed Syllabus

1. Mathematics & Arithmetic

Focus on 10th-standard level topics: Percentage, Profit & Loss, Average, Time & Work, and Ratio.

2. Reasoning

Blood Relations, Direction Sense, Coding-Decoding, and Number Series.

3. General Knowledge & Odisha GK

- Odisha Focus: Rivers of Odisha, famous temples, Freedom fighters (Baxi Jagabandhu, Vir Surendra Sai), and Odisha Geography.
- National: Indian History, Constitution (Polity), and General Science.

4. Current Affairs

Focus on the last 6–8 months of news, including sports and government schemes in Odisha.

Selection Process

1. **Written Exam:** The primary merit-decider.
2. **Physical Standard Test (PST):** Measurement of height/weight.
3. **Physical Efficiency Test (PET):** Running (1.6 km in 7 mins for men).
4. **Medical Test:** Checking vision, hearing, and general health.
5. **Document Verification:** Verification of 10th/12th certificates and Odia language proficiency.

Preparation Strategy

How to prepare from zero level:

- **Step 1:** Master the **Odia Language**. Don't ignore it—it is a scoring section.
- **Step 2:** Practice Arithmetic daily. Use 10th-grade NCERT or BSE Odisha books.
- **Step 3:** Start Running now. Many students pass the written exam but fail the 1.6 km run because they didn't train.
- **Step 4:** Solve Previous Year Papers (PYQs) from 2021-2024 to understand the question style.



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Why Choose an OPRB Career?

- Job Security: A permanent government job with a pension.
- Promotion: You can rise from Constable to Inspector through departmental exams.
- Respect: You are a protector of the community, earning high social standing.

Joining the Odisha Police is not just a job; it is a calling. While the journey involves hard work and physical sweat, the reward of wearing that **"Odisha Police"** badge is incomparable.

Stay consistent, keep running,
and your dream of the khaki
uniform will soon be a reality!

6. OPSC/UPSC



Introduction

The OPSC and UPSC exams are the most respected competitive tests in India. They don't just offer a "job"—they offer a platform to lead districts, implement laws, and bring social change. Whether you want to serve your home state of Odisha or work across India, these exams are your gateway.

What are OPSC & UPSC Exams?

- UPSC (Union Public Service Commission): A central body that recruits officers for All-India Services like IAS (Administrative), IPS (Police), and IFS (Forest/Foreign).
- OPSC (Odisha Public Service Commission): The state-level body that recruits officers for the OAS (Odisha Administrative Service), OPS (Odisha Police Service), and OFS (Odisha Finance Service).

Why are they important?

These exams select the "brain" of the administration. Officers recruited here hold the highest decision-making powers in the government.

Why students should consider this career?

- Impact: You can solve real-world problems like poverty, education, and infrastructure.
- Diversity: You work in various departments (Finance, Health, Agriculture) throughout your career.
- Growth: Constant learning and the chance to represent India or Odisha at high-level forums.

Salaries follow the 7th Pay Commission (Matrix Level 10 for entry-level).

Feature	UPSC (IAS/IPS)	OPSC (OAS/OPS)
Basic Pay	₹56,100	₹56,100 (Group A) / ₹44,900 (Group B)
In-Hand Salary	₹80,000 – ₹95,000	₹65,000 – ₹78,000
Top Post	Cabinet Secretary (₹2.5 Lakh)	Special Secretary (₹2.05 Lakh)

Benefits and Allowances:

- DA & HRA: High allowances to cover inflation and housing.
- Transport: Official vehicle and driver (at senior levels).
- Job Security: Lifetime security with medical and pension benefits.

Eligibility Criteria 2026

1. Educational Qualification

- Common: A Bachelor's degree (Graduation) in any stream from a recognized university.





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- OPSC Specific: You must be able to read, write, and speak Odia. You must have passed 10th/12th with Odia as a subject.

2. Age Limit (as of Jan/Aug 2026)

- UPSC: 21 to 32 years (General).
- OPSC: 21 to 42 years (General).
- Relaxation: 5 years for SC/ST/Women/SEBC; 10 years for PwD.

3. Physical Eligibility (For Police Services Only)

For IPS (UPSC) and OPS (OPSC), candidates must meet specific height (usually 165cm for men, 150cm for women) and chest measurements.

Exam Pattern & Selection Process

Both exams follow a Three-Stage Process:

Stage 1: Preliminary Exam (Objective)

- Paper I (General Studies): 200 Marks. Decide the cutoff.
- Paper II (CSAT): 200 Marks. Qualifying only (need 33%).
- Negative Marking: \$0.33\$ marks (UPSC) / \$0.25\$ marks (OPSC) per wrong answer.

Stage 2: Main Exam (Descriptive)

- UPSC: 9 Papers (including 2 qualifying language papers).
- OPSC: 9 Papers (pattern now closely matches UPSC).
- Total Merit Marks: 1750 (Written) + 250 (Interview) = 2000 Marks.

Stage 3: Interview / Personality Test

A board evaluates your leadership, mental alertness, and moral integrity.

Detailed Syllabus

- **Reasoning:** Logical puzzles, Syllogisms, and Data Interpretation (Critical for CSAT).
- **Mathematics:** Basic numeracy up to 10th-standard level.
- **General Knowledge:** History, Geography, Economics, and Environment.
- **Current Affairs:** National & International events (Daily Newspaper is a must).
- **Odisha GK (OPSC only):** Odisha History, Art & Culture, and State Government Schemes.

Preparation Strategy: From Zero to Rank

1. Understand the Map: Spend 1 week reading the syllabus and 5 years of Previous Year Papers (PYQs).
2. NCERT Foundation: Read NCERTs (Class 6-12) for History, Geography, and Polity.
3. Daily Habit: Read *The Hindu* or *The Indian Express*. For OPSC, add an Odia daily like *The Samaja*.



4. Note Making: Keep your notes short and digitize them for easy revision.
5. Answer Writing: Start writing one answer daily after 3 months of basic reading.

✦ Why Choose OPSC/UPSC Career?

- Job Security: No fear of layoffs; a stable environment.
- Respect: You are a leader in your community.
- Promotion: High growth—an OAS officer can eventually be promoted to the IAS cadre.

The road to being a Civil Servant is long, but the destination is worth every sleepless night.

Whether you sit for the OPSC Prelims on June 7, 2026, or the UPSC Prelims on May 24, 2026, remember:

consistency beats intensity. Start today, and let your hard work write your success story!





Becoming a part of the Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) is a prestigious milestone for any job seeker in Odisha. As of March 2026, OSSC has intensified its recruitment drive, with the major Combined Graduate Level (CGL) 2025-26 exam officially scheduled for April 12, 2026.

Whether you are a beginner just starting or an advanced student looking for final revision tips, this guide covers everything you need to know about the OSSC exams.

What is the OSSC Exam?

The Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) is a statutory body of the Government of Odisha responsible for recruiting candidates for Group B and Group C posts across various state departments.

Why is it Important?

Unlike the OPSC (which recruits top-tier administrative officers like OAS), the OSSC manages the "execution force" of the government—the auditors, inspectors, and assistants who ensure that state policies are implemented on the ground.

Why Students Should Consider This Career?

- **Local Impact:** You work within Odisha, serving your own community.
- **Diverse Roles:** From technical engineering (JE) to administrative roles (CGL), there is a post for every qualification.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Compared to high-pressure national roles, state jobs often offer a more stable and balanced lifestyle.

Posts & Salary Structure (2026 Updates)

In 2026, salaries have been updated as per the latest ORSP (Odisha Revised Scales of Pay) rules.

Post Name	Group	Pay Level	Approx. In-Hand Salary
Auditor / Inspector of Supplies	Group B	Level 9	₹48,000 – ₹55,000
Junior Engineer (Civil/Mech)	Group B	Level 9	₹53,100 – ₹60,000
Junior Assistant (HOD)	Group C	Level 4	₹28,000 – ₹32,000
Statistical Assistant	Group B	Level 9	₹45,000 – ₹52,000

Benefits & Allowances:

- DA (Dearness Allowance): Adjusted twice a year to counter inflation (currently ~58-60%).
- HRA (House Rent Allowance): Based on the city (Bhubaneswar/Cuttack offer higher HRA).
- Medical Allowance: Fixed monthly amount for health coverage.



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Eligibility Criteria

- Educational Qualification: * CGL: A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline.
 - JE/Technical: A Diploma or Degree in the relevant engineering branch.
 - Language: You must be able to read, write, and speak Odia. Passing the 7th or 10th standard with Odia is mandatory.
- **Age Limit** (as of Jan 2026): * Minimum: 21 Years
 - Maximum: 38–42 Years (varies by post; general age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST/Women/SEBC).

OSSC Exam Pattern (CGL 2026)

The exam has shifted to a strictly objective and transparent model.

1. Preliminary Exam (Objective):

- **Marks:** 150 Marks (150 Questions).
- **Duration:** 150 Minutes.
- **Negative Marking:** **0.25** marks for every wrong answer.
- **Nature:** Qualifying only (marks not added to final merit).

2. Main Written Exam:

- **Paper 1** (Language): Odia and English (100 Marks).
- **Paper 2** (General Studies): 100 Marks.
- **Nature:** This decides your final rank and selection.

Detailed Syllabus

- **Reasoning:** Analytical reasoning, Venn diagrams, Blood relations, and Number series.
- **Mathematics:** Arithmetic (10th standard level), Data Interpretation (Charts, Tables, Graphs).
- **General Knowledge:** Indian Constitution, Economy, History, and Geography.
- **Current Affairs:** Focus on major Odisha-specific events from the last 6 months.
- **Odisha GK:** Physical features of Odisha, Freedom struggle in Odisha, and Temple architecture.

Selection Process

1. **Written Exam:** Prelims followed by Mains.
2. **Computer Skill Test:** Mandatory for Junior Assistants and Auditors (Qualifying).
3. **Physical Test:** Only for specific posts like Traffic Constable or SI (Excise).
4. **Document Verification:** The final step to verify your certificates and Odia language proficiency.

Preparation Strategy

How to prepare from zero level:

- Phase 1 (Concepts): Spend the first 2 months mastering 10th-grade Mathematics and basic English/Odia Grammar.
- Phase 2 (Odisha Focus): Use books like "Know Your State: Odisha" to master the GS section.
- Phase 3 (Mock Tests): Since the April 12 exam is close, you should be solving at least 3 full-length mocks per week right now.

Tips to crack in first attempt:

- Focus on Data Interpretation (DI); it is the highest-weightage topic in the Prelims.
- Do not ignore the Computer Awareness section—it is a high-scoring "silent" subject.

Why Choose an OSSC Career?

The primary reason is Job Security and Respect. As an OSSC officer, you represent the government's face to the public. With the 7th Pay Commission benefits and clear Promotion Opportunities (e.g., a Junior Assistant can rise to a Section Officer), it is a career that offers both dignity and growth.

The road to the 2026 OSSC exam might seem tough, but remember: *success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.* With the exam just weeks away, stay focused, trust your revision, and keep pushing. Your desk at the Odisha Secretariat is waiting for you!



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8.OSSSC



The Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC) has released the latest Notification for the Combined Recruitment Examination (CRE-IV) 2025-26. This is a massive opportunity with 4,768 vacancies (including 3,250 for RI, ARI, and AMIN) for various Group B and Group C posts in the Government of Odisha.



1. Introduction

The OSSSC CRE 2026 is a mega-recruitment drive aimed at filling critical field positions like Revenue Inspector (RI), Assistant Revenue Inspector (ARI), and AMIN. These roles are essential for land record management and rural administration in Odisha.

2. What is the OSSSC CRE Exam?

The Combined Recruitment Examination (CRE) is a single-window entrance exam conducted by the OSSSC. Instead of separate exams for each post, the commission conducts one combined test to save time for students and simplify the selection process for posts across various departments.

3. Why is it Important?

This exam allows you to apply for multiple high-demand posts (RI, ARI, AMIN, ICDS Supervisor, etc.) through one application. It is the primary way for graduates and 12^{th} pass students to enter the state's clerical and field administration.

4. About OSSSC & 2026 Posts

The Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission conducts the exam. For the 2026 cycle, the following posts are open:

Post Name	Number of Vacancies
Revenue Inspector (RI)	165
Assistant Revenue Inspector (ARI)	1,237
AMIN	378
Junior Assistant (JA)	1,237
ICDS Supervisor (Women Only)	286
Statistical Field Surveyor (SFS)	242
Village Agricultural Worker (VAW)	520



5. OSSSC Exam Posts and Salary (2026)

The salary is governed by the ORSP Rules, 2017 (7th Pay Commission).

Post Name	Pay Matrix Level	Salary Range (Approx. Monthly)
RI / ICDS Supervisor	Level 9	₹35,400 – ₹1,12,400
Village Agri. Worker	Level 5	₹21,700 – ₹69,100
ARI / Junior Assistant	Level 4	₹19,900 – ₹63,200
Amin / SFS	Level 3	₹18,000 – ₹56,00

Benefits & Allowances:

- **Dearness Allowance (DA):** Currently approximately **58-60%** of basic pay.
- **HRA:** Provided for housing based on city category.
- **Pension:** Under the National Pension System (NPS).

6. Eligibility Criteria

Educational Qualification

- RI / ICDS / JA: Bachelor's Degree in Arts, Science, or Commerce.
- ARI / AMIN / SFS: Passed \$+2\$ (Higher Secondary) or equivalent Diploma.
- Language Proficiency: You must be able to read, write, and speak Odia.

Age Limit (as of Jan 1, 2025)

- Minimum: 20 years (for RI/ARI/AMIN) or 21 years (for others).
- Maximum: 42 years (General).
- Relaxation: 5 years for SC/ST/SEBC/Women.

7. Exam Pattern (Updated 2026)

The 2026 pattern consists of a Preliminary Exam and a Practical Skill Test.

- **Mode:** OMR or Computer Based (CBRE).
- **Total Marks:** 100 Marks.
- **Questions:** 100 MCQs.
- **Duration:** 1.5 Hours (90 Minutes).
- **Negative Marking:** **0.33** marks for every wrong answer.

Next Stop: RI / Amin Office.





8. Detailed Syllabus

- Mathematics (20 Marks): Number System, Percentage, Profit & Loss, Simple/Compound Interest, Time & Work.
- General Studies (20 Marks): History, Geography of Odisha/India, Constitution, and Economy.
- English (20 Marks): Verbs, Tenses, Active/Passive Voice, Subject-Verb Agreement.
- Odia (15 Marks): Grammar, Composition, and Translation.
- Logical Reasoning (10 Marks): Series, Puzzles, Coding-Decoding.
- Computer Awareness (15 Marks): Windows, MS Office, Internet, and Hardware basics.

9. Selection Process

1. Preliminary Exam: Objective test to filter candidates.
2. Practical Skill Test: Basic Computer Skill test (Qualifying only—need 40%).
3. Document Verification: Checking original certificates and Odia language proof.
4. Counselling: Choosing the district/department based on merit and vacancy.

10. Preparation Strategy

- From Zero Level: Start with Odia and English grammar first—these are high-scoring.
- Study Plan: Dedicate 2 hours to Math, 2 hours to General Awareness (including Odisha GK), and 1 hour to Computer skills daily.
- Revision: The OSSSC RI ARI AMIN last date is March 8, 2026. If you are reading this now, start solving at least one mock test every two days to improve speed.

11. Why Choose OSSSC?

- Local Postings: You are usually posted within your home district or nearby.
- Stable Growth: Regular promotions to Senior Revenue Inspector or Revenue Supervisor.
- Social Impact: You help rural citizens with land records and government schemes directly.

With over 4,000 vacancies, the 2026 OSSSC CRE is a golden chance. Don't wait for the exam date announcement; the registration is closing on March 8, 2026.

Pick up your books, master the syllabus, and secure your place in the Odisha government!

9. RAILWAY



For an aspirant looking for a government job, Railways exams are one of the best options. The railway exams are administered by the **Railway Recruitment Board**. The Indian Railways holds recruitment exams for various vacancies in **Groups A, B, C, D**, and other departments. Indian Railways issues various job announcements almost every year. Interested individuals should select their preferred field of work and then monitor the job notifications.

1. Introduction: The Lifeline of India

Indian Railways is one of the world's largest employers. In 2026, the recruitment process has shifted toward an annual cycle, meaning students no longer have to wait years for notifications. Regular exams for ALP, NTPC, and Group D are now scheduled at fixed intervals throughout the year.

2. Why Choose a Career in Railways?

- **Travel Perks:** Free or subsidized railway passes for you and your family.
- **Diverse Locations:** Opportunities to work in every corner of India.
- **Medical & Housing:** Comprehensive health cover and government quarters.
- **Pension & Security:** Long-term financial stability under the government's latest pay rules.

3. Major RRB Exams & 2026 Schedule

The Ministry of Railways now divides the year into four quarters for different recruitments.

Quarter (2026)	Post Category	Expected Notification
Jan – March	Assistant Loco Pilot (ALP)	March – April 2026
April – June	Technicians & Section Controller	April – May 2026
July – Sept	NTPC (Graduate & UG) & Junior Engineer	August – September 2026
Oct – Dec	Level-1 (Group D) & Ministerial Posts	November – December 2026

4. Detailed Exam Posts and Salary

Salaries are based on the 7th Pay Commission levels.

Post Name	Group	Pay Level	Approx. In-Hand Salary
Junior Engineer (JE)	Group C	Level 6	₹55,000 – ₹65,000
Station Master (NTPC)	Group C	Level 6	₹58,000 – ₹68,000
Technician / ALP	Group C	Level 2	₹32,000 – ₹38,000
Group D (Level-1)	Group D	Level 1	₹26,000 – ₹30,000



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5. Eligibility Criteria

- **Educational Qualification:**
 - **Group D:** 10th Pass or ITI.
 - **Technician/ALP:** ITI, Diploma, or Degree in Engineering.
 - **NTPC (Undergraduate):** 12th Pass.
 - **NTPC (Graduate):** Bachelor's Degree in any stream.
- **Age Limit:** Generally 18 to 33 years (Relaxation for SC/ST/OBC as per rules).
- **Medical Standard:** Very strict for operational posts like ALP (A1 medical category) requiring 6/6 vision without glasses

6. Selection Process

1. **CBT-1:** Screening test (Objective).
2. **CBT-2:** Main test (Technical/Advanced GS).
3. **CBAT/Skill Test:** For specific posts like ALP (Aptitude) or Typist (Typing).
4. **Physical Efficiency Test (PET):** Only for Group D (running and weight carrying).
5. **Medical & DV:** The final hurdle.

7. Syllabus Breakdown

- **Mathematics:** Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry.
- **Reasoning:** Analogies, Syllogism, Venn Diagrams, and Data Sufficiency.
- **General Science:** Physics, Chemistry, and Life Sciences (10th Standard level).
- **General Awareness:** Current Affairs, Sports, History, and Geography.

8. Preparation Strategy 2026

- **Quarterly Planning:** If you are a graduate, focus on NTPC (July–Sept). If you are 10th/ITI, focus on Group D (Oct–Dec).
- **Mock Tests:** Since the exams are computer-based, practicing in a digital environment is mandatory.
- **Previous Year Papers (PYQs):** Railway exams often repeat patterns. Solve at least 10 years of papers.

The 2026 Railway recruitment cycle offers a "**predictable**" window for success. With the **Nodal RRB** system in place (e.g., **RRB Bhubaneswar managing Junior Engineer posts**), the process is faster than ever.



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Your journey to become the "Pilot of the Nation" or the "Master of the Station" starts with a single step. Stay disciplined, follow the calendar, and let 2026 be the year you board the train of success!

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