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1 About this career

A Judge presides over court proceedings — hearing both sides, interpreting the law, weighing evidence and delivering fair judgments. In India, the main route to becoming a judge in government courts is to complete an LLB and then clear the state Judicial Services examination. In Rajasthan this exam is the Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS), conducted by the Rajasthan High Court, and successful candidates begin their careers as Civil Judges. It is a profession that offers deep respect, stability and the pride of delivering justice to society.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	LLB (law degree) from a BCI-recognised university
Selection exam	Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS) exam
Starting salary	₹77,840–1,36,520/month + allowances (Civil Judge)
Work mode	Full-time government judicial post

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in law, justice and society's rules
- Curiosity for reasoning, debate and getting to the truth
- A wish to solve people's problems impartially

ABILITIES

- Strong reading, comprehension and analytical ability
- Impartial thinking, patience and strong ethics
- Good memory and clear written and spoken expression

KEY SKILLS

- Deep knowledge of law, the Constitution and judgments
- Legal reasoning, interpretation and impartial decision-making
- Knowledge of court procedure, CrPC/CPC and court management
- High ethical conduct and maintaining confidentiality
- Ability to assess evidence and witnesses
- Clear writing and expression in both Hindi and English
- Patience, time management and staying composed under pressure

4 How to get there

- 1 After Class 12 do a 5-year integrated LLB, or after graduation do a 3-year LLB — from a BCI-recognised institution.
- 2 Enrol as an advocate with the Bar Council and begin preparing for the judicial services exam.
- 3 Clear the Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS) exam — prelims, mains and interview — conducted by the Rajasthan High Court.
- 4 After selection, train at the Judicial Academy (Jodhpur) and take up posting as Civil Judge (Junior Division).
- 5 With experience and seniority, get promoted to Senior Civil Judge and then District Judge.
- 6 Experienced advocates can also enter directly via the Higher Judicial Service (District Judge direct recruitment) exam.

MAIN EXAMS

- Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS) exam — by the Rajasthan High Court
- Higher Judicial Service (District Judge direct recruitment) exam
- Other states' Judicial Services (PCS-J) examinations

5 Where to study**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES**

- राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय, जोधपुर (NLU Jodhpur) — Jodhpur, Rajasthan (<https://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/>)
- डॉ. भीमराव अंबेडकर विधि विश्वविद्यालय, जयपुर — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/university/alujaipur>)

- राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय – पंचवर्षीय विधि महाविद्यालय — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय विधि विद्यालय भारतीय विश्वविद्यालय (NLSIU) — Bengaluru, Karnataka (<https://www.nls.ac.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- मणिपाल विश्वविद्यालय जयपुर – विधि संकाय — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://jaipur.manipal.edu/>)
- आईसीएफएआई विधि विद्यालय (IFHE) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.iujaipur.edu.in/>)

ONLINE

- एनएलयू कंसोर्टियम – क्लैट (CLAT) प्रवेश परीक्षा — Online (<https://consortiumofnlus.ac.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) – ऑनलाइन विधि पाठ्यक्रम — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)

FEES

At government law colleges (University of Rajasthan, Ambedkar Law University) LLB fees are very low, roughly ₹5,000–20,000 per year. At National Law Universities like NLU Jodhpur, fees can be around ₹2–3 lakh per year. The application fee for the Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS) exam is relatively modest.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता विभाग, राजस्थान (SJE) (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study – Law Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/scholarships/law-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

District and sessions courts, tehsil/munsif courts, family courts, consumer and special courts, and later High Courts and the Supreme Court.

WORK CULTURE

Work is mainly in the courtroom and chamber — hearings, reading case files and writing judgments. Working days are fixed but the pending-case load is heavy, so judgments are often written in evenings and holidays too. Transfers are common and high ethical conduct is essential.

WHO HIRES

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| • Rajasthan High Court and the state's subordinate judiciary | • Judiciary of other states (district and sessions courts) |
| • High Courts of India | • Supreme Court of India |

- Tribunals and special courts (consumer, labour, family, etc.)
- Legal Services Authorities and Judicial Academies

DEMAND (2026)

India's courts have crores of pending cases and a low judge-to-population ratio, so large numbers of Civil Judges are recruited every year through the state judicial services. Notably, in recent RJS results in Rajasthan many toppers have been women, making this field especially promising for girls too. It is a stable, respected and secure government career.

7 Career growth

- 1 Civil Judge (Junior Division) / First Class Magistrate
- 2 Senior Civil Judge (Civil Judge Senior Division)
- 3 District and Sessions Judge
- 4 Judge of a High Court
- 5 Judge of the Supreme Court

EARNINGS

Starting	₹77,840–1,36,520/माह + भत्ते
Mid level	₹1,11,000–1,94,660/माह + भत्ते
Senior level	₹1,44,840–2,25,000+/माह + भत्ते

Per the SNJPC (Second National Judicial Pay Commission), the entry pay for a Civil Judge (Junior Division) is ₹77,840–1,36,520/month, with Dearness Allowance (DA), House Rent Allowance (HRA) and other allowances on top. A Senior Civil Judge earns roughly ₹1,11,000–1,94,660 and a District Judge up to ₹1,44,840–2,24,100/month. A High Court judge draws ₹2,25,000 and a Supreme Court judge ₹2,50,000/month.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- High social respect and the pride of delivering justice
- Secure government job with good pay scale, allowances and pension
- A clear promotion path from Civil Judge up to the High Court

The challenges

- Long, intensive preparation for the LLB and a tough competitive exam
- Heavy pending-case load and long working hours
- Frequent transfers and constant pressure to remain impartial

9 Real-life journeys

Yaseen Shan Muhammed

Civil Judge, Kerala Judicial Service 2024 (Second Rank)

Yaseen Shan Muhammed, from Palakkad district in Kerala, grew up in deep poverty — from childhood he worked many jobs: delivering newspapers and milk, labouring at construction sites and doing Zomato deliveries during his LLB. Despite scarce time and guidance, he completed his LLB from Government Law College, Ernakulam, and secured Second Rank in the 2024 Kerala Judicial Service exam to become a Civil Judge — on his second attempt. His advice: 'Read judgments, have subject knowledge, there is no shortcut.' His story inspires every student who dreams of becoming a judge from an ordinary background.

LiveLaw · <https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/advocate-yaseen-shan-muhammed-judicial-service-exam-second-rank-279617>

Sonal Sharma

Civil Judge / First Class Magistrate, Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS)

Sonal Sharma, from Udaipur in Rajasthan, is a milkman's daughter. From childhood she woke at 4 a.m. to help her father milk cows, clean the shed and distribute milk, and studied in that very cowshed on a makeshift table built from empty oil cans. Without expensive coaching, studying 10–12 hours a day on her own, she topped her BA, LLB and LLM and won gold medals and the Chancellor's medal. Even after missing out by a single mark in 2018, she refused to give up and finally cleared the Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS) exam to fulfil her dream of becoming a judge. Her story shows that with determination, poverty cannot stop anyone from reaching the seat of justice.

The Tribune · <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/schools/milkman-daughter-who-studied-under-cowshed-cracks-judicial-services-exam-193059/>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Mediator / Arbitrator
- Patent Attorney / IP Lawyer
- Human Rights Lawyer

11 Sources & further reading

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