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Union Public Service Commission
Recruitment IV Section

RE-EXAMINED FINAL SCRUTINY/SHORTLISTING DETAILS	
Name of the post	02 (ST-01, UR-01, PwBD-01) vacancies for the Post of Deputy Superintending Archaeologist in Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture.
Advertisement No.	07/2026
Vacancy No.	26060706427

Essential Qualifications (EQ)	**EDUCATIONAL** **(A)** (i) Master Degree in Archaeology or Master degree in Indian History (with Ancient Indian History or Medieval Indian History as a subject or paper) or Master degree in Anthropological (with stone-age Archaeology as a subject or paper) or Master degree in Geology (with Pleistocene Geology as a subject or a paper) from a recognized University or Institute. (ii) Doctorate Degree in Archaeology or Indian History or Anthropology or Geology from a recognized University or Institute. OR **(B)** (i) Master Degree in Archaeology or Master Degree in Indian History (with Ancient Indian History or Medieval Indian History as a subject or paper) or Master Degree in Anthropological (with stone-age Archaeology as a subject or paper) or Master Degree in Geology (with Pleistocene Geology as a subject or a paper) from a recognized University or Institute and (ii) Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology with a minimum duration of one year from recognized University or Institute; and (iii) Three years field experience in Archaeology

	(Which must include experience in excavation).
DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS (DQ)	NIL

Modalities adopted	i) Scrutiny has been done on the basis of information filled up by the candidates in the applications submitted on-line and supporting documents uploaded along with the applications. ii) The scrutiny of the applications has been done strictly as per the provisions of the Recruitment Rules for the post in question and the modalities and criteria adopted for scrutiny in this case. iii) Only the claims made in the On-line Recruitment Application (ORA) have been considered as educational qualification/experience for scrutiny. The supporting documents of only those candidates who have claimed information which are acceptable to make them eligible for the post with regard to their EQ-A(i) and EQ-A(ii) have been examined and documents attached without its reference in the relevant module of the ORA have not been considered. iv) No synonymous nomenclature of Degrees or subjects has been accepted. Also equivalent qualification or experience has not been accepted. v) Prehistoric Archaeology has been considered as Stone Age Archaeology. vi) As per the RR, EQ A(i) and EQ B(i) is Master's degree in Archaeology or Master degree in Indian History (with Ancient Indian History or Medieval Indian History as a subject or paper) or Master degree in Anthropology (with stone-age Archaeology as a subject or paper) or Master Degree in Geology (with Pleistocene Geology as a subject or paper) from a recognized University or Institute. Accordingly, applications wherein Masters Degree in Geology has been claimed, it has been rejected uniformly if the Mark Statement do not unambiguously indicate Pleistocene Geology as a separate subject.

	vii) Only Advance/Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology of a period of one year or more have been accepted under EQ-B(ii). Other Diploma/Certificates or Diploma of less than one year have not been accepted. viii) Experience certificates are to be in prescribed proforma in terms of R(C&P)'s circular No. F.8/84/2010-R (C&P) dated 23.12.2010. However, wherever the applicants have not submitted experience certificates in prescribed proforma, their experience certificate have been considered on merit if all the requisite information is available therein. ix) Appointment letters, office orders, resignation letters, pay certificates, service certificates and the certificates signed by the candidates themselves or self employment certificates have not been considered as proof of experience. Such candidates have been rejected under Incomplete' category. x) Experience Certificates without clearly specifying the nature of duties have not been considered and rejected as 'Incomplete'. Similarly, applicants who have claimed relevant experience but the EC attached in support of that is not for the entire duration claimed or do not support the claim made have been rejected. Only the time period of relevant experience, for which EC indicating the requisite/relevant experience have been considered. xi) Some of the candidates can be rejected under more than one category. They have been rejected under the category considered as most appropriate. **Note: Modalities are decided by the Commission on case to case basis.**

The scrutiny details were uploaded on the commission's official website on 05/10/2026 giving an opportunity to rejected candidates to represent against their rejection by 16/10/2026.

E-mails/Representations have been received from 06 candidates and they have been examined. The emails and representations have been re-examined with reference to the on-line applications, the educational qualifications and experience claimed therein, supporting documents received along with the ORA and the modalities & Criteria adopted by the commission. Accordingly, the following are the consequent observations are as under:

Two of the mails have attempted to point out the following issues:

i. It has been represented that parts of various subjects taught during Masters Degree together constitute Pleistocene Geology and has submitted a certificate to that effect from Department of Geology.

ii However, as per the RR, those claiming Master's degree in Geology should have Pleistocene Geology as a separate subject or paper. Accordingly, applications wherein Masters Degree in Geology has been claimed as EQ A(i), it has been rejected uniformly if the Mark Statement do not unambiguously indicate Pleistocene Geology as a separate subject/paper as per modality number vi.

Accordingly, the emails and representations have been examined and the consequent observations are enumerated below:

Mails with regards to Provisionality				
S.No.	Roll No.	No. of mail	Observation	Proposal
1.	88	01	Documents submitted are in order	**Provisionality cleared**
Mails with regards to Rejection- Incomplete: Claimed Masters Degree and One year diploma **not submitted**				
2.	76	01	Masters Degree and Mark statement do not match with the claim made in the ORA and Copy of one year Diploma / Advance Diploma certificate not submitted. Hence incomplete	**Rejection maintained.**
Mails with regards to Rejection- Incomplete: Ancient Indian History or Medieval Indian History not a subject or paper in the marksheet and PhD Degree in Indian History **not submitted**				
3	83	01	Submitted document are same and do not fulfil the requirement and hence unsatisfactory	**Rejection maintained**

Mails with regards to Rejection- Incomplete: One year Diploma not submitted				
4.	82	01	Copy of one year Diploma / Advance Diploma certificate not submitted. Hence incomplete	**Rejection maintained.**
Mails with regards to Rejection- Incomplete: Masters Degree Mark-sheet not matching the claim – Pleistocene Geology not a subject or paper in the marksheet				
5.	74, 75	02	Pleistocene Geology not a subject or paper in the marksheet	**Rejection maintained.**
Total No. Of Mails		**06**		
Shortlisted provisionally				
S.No.	Roll Nos.	No. of candidates	Observation	Proposal
6.	72	01	Affidavit not submitted.	**Provisionality cleared.** To submit the Affidavit on the Date of Interview (DoI)

Accordingly, the revised scrutiny is as under

Scrutiny

01 PwBD Vacancy [(OL), (CP), (LC), (DW), (AAV), (MDY), (SD) or (SI)]

Criteria: EQ A (i) +A(ii) or EQ B(i) +B(ii) + B(iii)

To be called for interview

Roll Nos.:

15 47

(02 Candidates)

Rejections

LEQ A + LEQ B

Roll No

57

(01 Candidate)

LEQ B(ii)

Roll No

55

(01 Candidate)

04 ST Vacancies

Criteria : EQ A (i) +A(ii) or EQ B(i) +B(ii) + B(iii)

To be called for interview

Roll Nos.:

72$ 73 78 79 80 84 85 86 88

(09 Candidates)

$ To submit an Affidavit for variation in the name of applicants' father in class 10th certificate vis-à-vis the corresponding name mentioned in the ORA on the DoI.

Rejections

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Roll No

81

(01 Candidate)

LEQ B(iii)

Roll No

87

(01 Candidate)

Incomplete

Reason	Roll Nos.
Copy of Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology of one year duration not submitted.	82
Master's Degree not submitted and no PG Diploma of one year duration	76
1) Masters Degree Mark-sheet not matching the claim – Ancient Indian History or Medieval Indian History not a subject or paper in the marksheet 2) Copy of PhD Degree in Indian History not submitted.	83
Masters Degree Mark-sheet not matching the claim – Pleistocene Geology not a subject or paper in the marksheet	74, 75, 77

(06 Candidates)

UR Vacancy

Applications received from candidates covered under UR category has not been scrutinised as two UR candidates have been shortlisted to be called for interview against the only PwBD vacancy. If any of them get selected they would be recommended against the only UR vacancy. In case none of the PwBD candidates get selected the scrutiny process for selections of PwBD candidate would become infructuous and in that situation the PwBD vacancy being a fresh vacancy, the only UR vacancy would be kept unfilled.

No further correspondence on this would be entertained.

The list of candidates, who applied for the post, along with their **Roll Numbers**, has been uploaded on Commission's website at the path: **Home>>Recruitment>>Status of Recruitment Cases (Advertisement wise)>>Applicants' Lists.**

Legends:

LEQ **Lacking Essential Qualification**

DOI **Date of Interview**

ORA **Online Recruitment Application**

EC **Experience Certificate**

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