

Big Recruitment Push: Railways Gives 9,000 Jobs in Q1; Plans 50,000 for FY 2025-26

1.08 Lakh Vacancies Announced Since 2024; 50,000 Appointments in FY 2026-27

To ensure Fair Exams, Railways is using Aadhaar for candidate Authentication and Use of Jammers to eliminate scope of cheating through electronic devices

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Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) have since November 2024 conducted Computer Based Tests (CBTs) for more than 1.86 crore candidates for seven different notifications comprising 55197 vacancies. This will enable RRBs to offer appointments to more than 50,000 candidates in financial year 2025-26. More than 9000 appointments have already been issued by RRBs in first quarter of this financial year.

Conducting CBTs for RRB exams is a huge exercise requiring lot of planning and co-ordination. RRBs have recently taken the initiative to allot exam centres closer to candidates' places of residence, with special preference given to female and PwBD candidates. This requires enlisting more exam centers and garnering more human resources to conduct the exam in a fair and transparent manner.

With twelve notifications already issued for 108324 vacancies since 2024 as per the annual calendar published by RRBs, another more than 50,000 appointments will be on offer in next financial year 2026-27.

To increase the fairness of exam, E-KYC based Aadhar authentication has been used to authenticate identity of candidates for the first time in such large-scale exams achieving more than 95% success. Jammers are now being deployed 100 % across all exam centers of RRBs to eliminate scope of cheating through electronic devices.

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