



Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Reviews RRB Recruitment Process

More Transparency, Accuracy and Faster Completion of Recruitment Processes Emphasized

All Departmental Examinations Now Conducted Through CBT; Railways to Expand Tablet-Based Testing: Ashwini Vaishnaw

43,781 Candidates Given Railway Employment in FY 2025-26 as Indian Railways Accelerates Recruitment Through Structured and Technology-Driven Process

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Vacancy Notifications Under Annual Recruitment Calendar Well Received by Candidates: Ashwini Vaishnaw

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Union Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw today held a high-level review meeting with senior officials of Indian Railways on the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) recruitment process. He underlined the need for a more transparent, accurate and technology-driven system.

Indian Railways has recruited 43,781 candidates in FY 2025-26 through completed recruitment cycles covering 47,084 vacancies across six major categories, reflecting the ongoing acceleration of its recruitment process. These include 18,799 vacancies for Assistant Loco Pilots, 14,298 for Technicians, 452 for Sub-Inspectors, 4,208 for Constables, 7,951 for Junior Engineers (JE)/DMS/CMA, and 1,376 for Paramedical categories.

Completed Recruitments				
Posts	CEN No.	Vac notified	Vac notified	Empanelled (Recruited) till date
Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs)	CEN 01/2024	18799	Dec'25	17193
Technicians	CEN 02/2024	14298	July'25	13416

Sub-Inspectors	CEN RPF 01/2024	452	Jan'26	450
Constables	CEN RPF 02/2024	4208	Mar'26	4205
Junior Engineer (JE)/DMS/CMA	CEN 03/2024	7951	Oct'25	7333
Paramedical categories	CEN 04/2024	1376	Oct'25	1184

Indian Railways remains firmly committed to strengthening its workforce through continuous and timely recruitment initiatives. With a clear focus on enhancing transparency, efficiency, and the use of advanced technology in the recruitment process, the organization aims to attract and onboard talented individuals across various categories.

Exams Held & Results Declared							
Name of Exam	CEN No.	Vac notified	1st Stage CBT	Second Stage CBT/PET	3rd Stage CBAT/TST/CBTST etc.	DV & ME (onwards)	Empanelments (onwards)
NTPC – Graduate level	CEN 05/2024	8113	05.06.25 to 24.06.25	13.10.2025	28.12.2025 & 11.02.2026	May'26 onwards*	July'26 onwards
NTPC – Under-Graduate level	CEN 06/2024	3445	7.08.2025 to 09.09.2025 (19 days; 57 shifts)	20.12.2025	13.02.2026	June'26*	Aug26
Ministerial & Isolated Categories	CEN 07/2024	1036	10.09.2025 to 13.09.2025	28.12.2025	NA	June'26**	July'26
Technicians	CEN 02/2025	6238	06.03.2026 to 13.03.2026	NA	NA	June'26	Aug26
Paramedical categories	CEN 03/2025	434	11.03.2026 to 13.03.2026	NA	NA	June'26	Aug26

NTPC: Non Technical Popular Categories

* DV for Non-Typing categories have commenced; Results of Typing categories is expected shortly

** DV for Non-Teaching categories have commenced; Results of Teaching categories is expected shortly

The recruitment process of the Railway Recruitment Boards is inherently complex and large-scale, with examinations conducted across multiple cities and centres nationwide. These Computer Based Tests are held in multiple shifts to accommodate the large volume of candidates and are conducted in as many as 15 languages to ensure accessibility for aspirants from diverse linguistic backgrounds. This multi-city, multi-shift and multilingual framework requires extensive coordination and robust technological systems to ensure fairness, standardisation and transparency across the entire recruitment process.

Examinations with Final Selection Expected in Next 6 months to 1 year							
Name of Exam	CEN No.	Vac notified	1st Stage CBT	Second Stage CBT/PET	3rd Stage CBAT/TST/CBTST etc.	DV & ME (onwards)	Empanelments (onwards)
Level-1	CEN 08/2024	32438	27.11.2025 to 10.02.2026		NA		
Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs)	CEN 01/2025	10970	13.02.26 to 11.03.26	28.07.2026 (1,50,000)	*30th Oct'26 (90,000)	Nov'26	Dec'26
Section Controller	CEN 04/2025	368	11.02.26 & 12.02.26	NA	06.06.2026 (3000)	Aug'26	Sep'26
Junior Engineer (JE)/DMS/CMA	CEN 05/2025	2585	19.02.26, 20.02.26 & 25.02.26	02.07.2026 (38860)	NA	Sep'26	Oct'26
NTPC – Graduate level	CEN 06/2025	5810	16.03.26 to 27.03.26	10.07.2026	*30.09.2026	Dec'26	Jan'27
NTPC – Under-Graduate level	CEN 07/2025	3058	07.05.2026 to 09.05.2026 and 13.06.2026 to 20.06.2026 (exam due for 25 lakhs candidates)	*17.09.2026	*04.12.2026	Mar'27	Apr'27

* Tentative dates of Exams

The Railway Minister noted that the annual recruitment calendar, coupled with quarterly notifications of vacancies, has been well received by candidates. He said the calendar-based recruitment framework has enabled aspirants to plan their preparation more effectively. It brings greater predictability to the recruitment process. Emphasizing the need for continuous improvement, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that the Railway recruitment system must keep evolving through the use of technology, faster processes and greater accountability.

Shri Vaishnaw further reviewed the progress made in shifting departmental examinations to Computer Based Test (CBT) mode and stressed that more and more tablet-based examinations should be introduced wherever feasible, so that recruitment becomes faster, more efficient and user-friendly.

Multi-language support in examinations was also highlighted, with the examinations already being conducted in multiple languages across various cities and multiple shifts, ensuring wider accessibility for candidates from diverse linguistic backgrounds across the country and enabling fair and equal participation in the recruitment process without language becoming a barrier.

The Union Minister also directed Railway Recruitment Boards to strengthen communication with candidates and stakeholders. He further underlined that misinformation must be countered promptly with correct information, so that candidates receive accurate updates and confidence in the recruitment process remains strong.

Indian Railways remains committed to a fair, transparent and merit-based recruitment system, supported by technology, structured planning and continuous reforms for the benefit of young aspirants across the country.

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