

*No. BSI-292/2/JRF-Rect./2026-Tech.*  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS**  
**BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (BSI)**  
**CGO COMPLEX, 3RD MSO BUILDING, F WING, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**DF BLOCK, SECTOR I, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA – 700 064**

**TERM AND CONDITIONS FOR RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS (JRFs)**

Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for the appointment of Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) in the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

**Number of Positions: 6 (Six)**

**Place of Work:** Any Regional Centre/Office of BSI located at Itanagar, Shillong, Gangtok, Howrah, Kolkata, Prayagraj, Noida, Dehradun, Jodhpur, Pune, Hyderabad, Vijaya Puram, Coimbatore, or Solan (Yercaud). Appointed JRFs may be transferred or shifted from their initial place of posting to any other BSI office based on organizational requirements.

**Fellowship Amount:** Selected candidates will receive a consolidated monthly fellowship of ₹37,000 for the first two years, which enhanced to ₹42,000 from the third year onwards. HRA is admissible as per central rules. The initial appointment is strictly temporary for two years and extendable by one year based on satisfactory performance and approval by the Director, BSI. Fellows are not entitled to any other benefits during or after their tenure. This fellowship is purely contractual and confers no right to regularization or absorption in BSI.

**Duration of Fellowship (2+1+2 years):** The initial appointment is for two years as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF). Following a performance assessment, suitable candidates will be promoted to Senior Research Fellow (SRF) for a third year; otherwise, the fellowship may be terminated. The SRF tenure may be extended for an additional two years, subject to satisfactory progress and institutional requirements.

**Essential Qualification:** Applicants must possess a Master's degree (M.Sc.) in Botany from a UGC-recognized university with at least 55% aggregate marks at the time of submitting the application

**Desirable Qualification:** Preference will be given to candidates possessing a M.Sc. in Botany with specialization in Plant Taxonomy or Plant Systematics (any plant group), working knowledge of computers, strong analytical abilities, and proficient technical writing skills. Candidates who have qualified for the NET (CSIR-JRF) are exempted from the written examination. However, they must apply, select their preferred regional centres, and appear for the interview if shortlisted.

**Age Limit:** The upper age limit is 28 years as on the last date of application submission. This limit is relaxed by up to 5 years for SC, ST, Physically Handicapped (PH), and female applicants, and by up to 3 years for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates.

**Examination Fees:** The non-refundable examination fee is ₹400 for General candidates, ₹200 for OBC applicants, and ₹100 for SC/ST/PH applicants. Fees must be paid exclusively online through the Bharatkosh portal (<http://bharatkosh.gov.in>). Step-by-step payment instructions are detailed in Annexure-I.

**Instruction of Submission: Hard and soft copy submission:**

- i. Candidates must submit their completed application forms, BharatKosh receipts, research papers and prescribed documents in both hard and soft formats on or before 09.08.2026.
- ii. Hard copies must be sent by Registered Post to The Scientist-in-Charge, Technical Section, BSI-Hqrs., 3rd MSO Building, CGO Complex, F-Wing, DF Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700064.
- iii. Soft copies must be compiled into a single PDF file and emailed to [bsi.jrf.2026@gmail.com](mailto:bsi.jrf.2026@gmail.com) with the file named strictly as BSI\_JRF\_2026\_FN\_LN (where FN and LN represent the applicant's first and last name, respectively).

**Online Submission of Proforma template (Mandatory):**

In addition to the hard and soft copies, candidates must complete and submit the online application via the Google Form link provided on the official website ([www.bsi.gov.in](http://www.bsi.gov.in)). The absolute deadline for receipt of complete applications in all prescribed formats is 09.08.2026. Any application received after this date will not be considered.

**General Conditions:**

1. A physical (offline) written test consisting of one multiple-choice question (MCQ) paper will be conducted across all Regional Centers of BSI. The written test will be 3 hours long. The exact date and time will be communicated to eligible candidates in advance and posted on the official website.
2. Online interviews for shortlisted candidates will be hosted through five regional centers: Central National Herbarium (Howrah), Eastern Regional Centre (Shillong), Western Regional Centre (Pune), Southern Regional Centre (Coimbatore), and Northern Regional Centre (Dehradun).
3. Regional Centers allocation depends on applicant volume. If turnout at a specific center is too low, candidates will be shifted to the nearest regional centre. The Director, BSI reserves the right to centralize all interviews at a single location.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be notified of their interview schedules. Candidates must arrange their own travel and stay; no Travelling Allowance (TA) or daily allowance will be paid.
5. Candidates must verify their age, discipline, and qualification eligibility before applying. If found ineligible at any later stage, the application or candidature will be rejected.
6. Candidates must accurately fill out all fields and upload scanned copies of all mandatory supporting documents during online application.
7. Candidates must arrive at the examination center at least one hour before the scheduled time. Late comers will strictly not be permitted entry.
8. Electronic items, including mobile phones, pen drives, laptops, and CDs, are strictly banned inside the examination hall.
9. Candidates must bring a printed copy of their application form submitted and a valid Government-issued photo ID card (Aadhaar, Passport, Driving License, etc.) to the written examination for verification.
10. Candidates must present all original certificates, documents, and testimonials, along with one set of self-attested photocopies, during the interview for verification and retention.
11. Candidates employed in Government, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), or Autonomous Bodies must produce a "No Objection Certificate" from their employer at the time of the interview.
12. Selected JRFs are permitted to register for regular Ph.D. programmes, provided they fulfill the academic eligibility criteria of the concerned university.
13. Selected candidates are expected to travel extensively across India, including remote and inaccessible terrain, and are liable to be posted at any BSI regional centre during their tenure.
14. No correspondence will be entertained regarding the written test, interview shortlists, or final selections. Canvassing in any form will lead to immediate disqualification. BSI reserves the right not to fill any vacancy.
15. Applicants must submit only one application. If multiple forms are submitted by the same candidate, only the latest complete form will be considered, and all earlier versions will be rejected.
16. For difficulties in filling out the online form, candidates may contact the Technical Section of BSI Headquarters, Kolkata during office hours (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) via landline (033-23344960) or contact Dr. S.K. Yadav, Scientist 'B' (Mobile: 7010657047).
17. The Director, Botanical Survey of India reserves the absolute right to amend, modify, or cancel this advertisement, or nullify the selection process at any time without assigning any reason.

**Scientist-in-Charge, Technical Section, BSI – Hqrs., Kolkata.**

*Annexure- I*

**Bharatkosh payment procedure for payment of Exam Fees for JRF recruitment**

Go to: <http://bharatkosh.gov.in>

Go to: Quick Pay

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
Ministry/Department	<b>079 - ENVIRONMENT and FORESTS</b>
Purpose	<b>Exam Fees</b>
Payment Type	<b>Original Application</b>
<b>Click on Next</b>	
Depositor's category	<b>Individual</b>
Pay & Account Office (PAO)	<b>075020-PAO(BSI/ZSI), Kolkata</b>
Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO)	<b>275023- DIRECTOR</b>
Amount (INR)	<b>400 or 200 or 100 (as applicable)</b>
Remarks	<b>JRF recruitment 2026</b>
Type the text shown as per the image above	<b>Enter the text shown as per the image above</b>
<b>Click on Add</b>	
<b>Click on Next</b>	
<b>Fill depositor's details and click on Next</b>	
<b>Confirm info</b>	
<b>Pay</b>	
<b>Download the receipt from the Bharatkosh website for record.</b>	



**BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**  
**APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (2026)**

**Affix recent  
passport size  
photograph (3.5cm  
x 4.5 cm) and duly  
signed**

**Personal Information:**

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Name of the uploaded pdf :  
(i.e. BSI\_JRF\_2026\_FN\_LN)
3. Father's Name :
4. Permanent Address :

5. Correspondence Address :

- E-Mail :  
Mobile Number :
6. Date of Birth :

7. Gender:

8. Category:  
(Please tick on your category)

Gen	SC	ST	OBC	PwD

9. Marital status :

**10. Educational Qualification:**

Examination Passed	Board/University	Year of passing	Division/Class with% of marks	Subjects/ specialization
Secondary(10 <sup>th</sup> )				
Senior Secondary(10+2)				
Graduation				
Post Graduation				

*Name of the dissertation (If Any):*

**11. List of Five best Publications (Enclose reprint copies):**

[Note: Please arrange the list in chronological order. When citing the research publications, include the author's name first, followed by the year of publication in brackets in bold, the title of the paper, the name of the journal in italics, the volume/issue number, page number, IF of the journal in bracket.

i.

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12. Present occupation or position Held, if any:

Organization:                   :  
Emoluments:                   :  
Date of Joining:               :  
Tenure:                         :  
Termination:                  :  
Reason for termination:     :

13. Choice of Examination Centers: (Select any three in order of preference)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

14. Bharat Kosh Payment Receipt Details:

Receipt Number:  
Date:

15. Declaration:

I certify that the particulars given in this application form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

(Signature of the candidate)

Date:  
Place:

Name of the Examination centres.

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| i. Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Vijaya Puram | vii. Deccan Regional Centre, Hyderabad               |
| ii. Arid Zone Regional Centre, Jodhpur               | viii. Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong              |
| iii. Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre, Itanagar     | ix. High Altitude West. Him. Regional Centre, Solan) |
| iv. Botanic Garden of India Republic (BGIR), Noida   | x. Northern Regional Centre, Dehradun                |
| v. Central National Herbarium (CNH), Howrah          | xi. Sikkim Himalaya Regional Centre, Gangtok         |
| vi. Central Regional Centre, Prayagraj               | xii. Southern Regional Centre, Coimbatore            |
|  | xiii. Western Regional Centre, Pune                  |