

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

MALIGAON, GUWAHATI-11 (ASSAM)

RECRUITMENT AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 Employment Notice No. 02/2026

Opening Date: 04-07-2026 Closing Date: 03-08-2026 (17:30 hrs.)

Applications are invited for recruitment against Cultural Quota for the following posts in Level-2 (GP-1900) as per prescribed format given in this Notification.

Sl. No.	Cultural Talent (Discipline/Stream)	No. of Post
1.	Saxophonist	01
2.	Western Classical Pianist	01

1. QUALIFICATIONS: (A) ESSENTIAL: Minimum Education Qualification

(i) Passed 12th (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate for NTPC categories.

50% marks are not required for SC/ST/Ex- servicemen/Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates and in case of candidates who possess qualifications higher than the essential minimum qualification

OR

Matriculation plus Course Completed Act Apprentice approved by NCVT/SCVT for technical categories.

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Matriculation plus ITI approved by NCVT/SCVT for Technical Categories.

Candidates should possess requisite academic & professional qualification on the date of submission of application. Those who are appearing or awaiting results of final examination are not eligible.

Note: Persons if appointed to the Category of Clerk cum Typist should acquire Typing Proficiency of 30 w.p.m in English or 25 w.p.m in Hindi within a period of two years from the date of appointment and till such time their appointments to this category will be provisional.

(ii) Degree/Diploma/Certificate in the relevant stream of cultural talent for which notified from a Government recognized institute.

(B) DESIRABLE:

(i) Experience in the field in applied discipline and performance on (AIR) All India Radio/Doordarshan etc.

(ii) Awards/Prizes won at National level in applied discipline.

2(A). AGE Limit: (Age as on 01.07.2026)

UR	OBC	SC/ST
18 to 30 years	18 to 33 years	18 to 35 years

Copy of Matriculation or its equivalent certificate from a recognized Board, Or the Birth Certificate should be submitted for proof of Date of Birth.

2(B). Extent of Age Relaxation:

(i) Serving Railway employees, including casual labors, who have put three years of continuous service and substitutes who had put in three years of continuous service or three years in broken spells in the Railways. Maximum Age: UR- 40 years, OBC- 43 years & SC/ST- 45 years.

(ii) Widows/Divorced women and women judicially separated but not remarried. Maximum age: UR- 35 years, OBC- 38 years, SC/ST- 40 years.

(iii) Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD). Age relaxation of 10 years in respective communities subject to production of Disability Certificate in proper format.

6. WHOM TO ADDRESS:

(i) Senior Personnel Officer/Rectt, Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Northeast Frontier Railway HQ, Maligaon, Guwahati – 781 011, District Kamrup (M), Assam.

(ii) Application for post in Level-2 (GP 1900) (In the prescribed format) with necessary enclosures should be sent by ordinary post/speed post only OR be dropped by hand in the APPLICATION BOX kept in the Recruitment Section, Principal Chief Personnel Officer's Office, Northeast Frontier Railway HQ, Maligaon, Guwahati.

(iii) Application must reach to the proper address by 17:30 hours on or before 03-08-2026 (Last date for candidates residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spiti Districts, Pangl Sub-Division in Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep and abroad, is 13-08-2026. Railway administration is not responsible for any postal delay or wrong delivery.

(iv) The top of the envelope containing the application should clearly indicate "APPLICATION AGAINST CULTURAL QUOTA, E.N. No.02/2026, GP –1900/-, Discipline- & COMMUNITY:"

7. PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEE:

(i) For all candidates except those mentioned in sub-para (ii) below: Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only with a provision for refunding Rs. 400/- to candidates actually appearing in the written examination). The IPO should be drawn in favour of PFA/NF Railway, and payable at Maligaon Post Office, Guwahati – 781011. Candidates must write their names & full address in the IPO.

(ii) For candidates belonging to SC/ST/Ex. Servicemen/Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD), Women, Minorities and Economic Backward Classes: Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty) only with a provision for refunding the same to those who actually appear in the written examination.

(iii) 'Minority' means Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) & Sikhs. Economically backward classes will mean those candidates whose family income is less than Rs. 50,000/- per annum. The following officials are authorized to issue income certificate for the purpose of identifying economically backward classes:

- District Magistrate or any other Revenue Officer up to the level of Tehsildar.
- Sitting MP of Lok Sabha for persons of their own constituency.
- BPL Card or any other certificate issued by Central Government under a recognized poverty alleviation programme or Izzat MST issued by Railways.
- Union Minister may also recommend for any persons from anywhere in the country.
- Sitting MP of Rajya Sabha for persons of the District in which the MP normally resides.

The income certificate issued by the authorities mentioned in Para - 3(iii) above must be as per format given at Annexure-B enclosed herewith. This will have to be issued on the letter-head of the issuing authority.

8. SCHEME FOR RECRUITMENT: (i) The candidates who apply in response to notification issued and are found eligible for consideration for appointment against Cultural Quota should be assessed on the following basis:

Stage- I	Written Test (the written test will consist of objective type questions)	50 marks
Stage- II	Assessment of talent in the relevant field on	
	(i) the basis of practical demonstration	35 marks
	(ii) Testimonials / Prizes etc.	15 marks

(iv) Ex. Servicemen: The Upper Age limit is relax able for Ex. Servicemen upto the extent of service rendered in Defence Forces plus 3 years provided they have put in a minimum of 6 months at a stretch service. Ex. Servicemen who have already joined the Govt. Service in civilian capacity after availing the age relaxation are not eligible for such benefit.

(v) Persons who had ordinarily domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 01.01.1980 to 31.12.1989: Relaxation upto 05 years.

3. MEDICAL STANDARD: Duly selected candidates will be subjected to a medical examination by Railway Medical Authority as prescribed for the post prior to their appointment.

4. PLACE OF POSTING & TRAINING:

(i) Selected candidates can be posted at any place within the jurisdiction of NF Railway.

(ii) Selected candidates have to undergo training as prescribed for the post and will be required to execute a bond and agree to serve the Railway Administration for the minimum prescribed period.

(iii) The selected candidates will have to participate in all the cultural programmes/competition conducted/organized by Railway Administration from time to time.

5. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE:

(i) Necessary testimonials concerning Cultural activities up to the date of application, along with copies of certificates regarding age, qualification, etc. – all duly self-attested should be enclosed along with the application.

(ii) Two self-addressed envelopes (size 24cm x 10cm) with Rs. 6/- postage stamp affixed on each envelope and sent along with the application. (SC/ST candidates need not send such envelopes.)

(iii) **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Three copies of recent passport size photographs duly signed on the front side top – one should be pasted on the application and two copies (also signed on top) should be clipped along with the application form.

(iv) There is no provision of community-wise reservation against Cultural quota recruitment. The selection is open to all candidates and candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories who apply against notification should enclose necessary certificates for upper age relaxation as admissible and future benefit of reservation subject to their appointment on the Railway as per **Annexure- 'C' for SC/ST**. OBC candidates should submit certificate that they do not belong to the 'creamy layer' as per **Annexure – 'D'**.

(v) Applications are to be made only in the specific form as given below. Items No. 1 to 10 should be filled in English only.

(vi) Candidates found suitable and appointed on the Railway shall have to undergo training as specified and applicable to the particular post.

(vii) Higher fixation of pay will not be admissible to candidates appointed against Cultural quota.

Total Marks: (Stage I+ Stage II)	100 marks
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(ii) **There will be negative marking in the written test and 1/3rd of marks allotted for the objective type question will be deducted for every wrong answer.**

(iii) The medium for the written examination is either Hindi or English.

(iv) The minimum qualifying percentage is 40% for both Stage- I and Stage- II separately. Only on qualifying Stage- I, the candidates would be eligible for Stage- II of recruitment process.

(v) Candidates to the extent of only 5 times of the vacancies in order of merit, who have scored minimum 40% marks out of 50 marks in the written examination, shall be called for practical demonstration and marking of testimonials/prizes etc. The merit list of written examination shall be criterion for short listing.

(vi) After clearing the Stage- I and Stage- II and after recommendation of the Recruitment Committee, the candidate would be sent for medical examination at Railway Hospital as per order of merit. The final panel will be drawn in order of merit according to marks obtained out of 100.

(vii) It is mandatory for such a candidate to be declared fit in the prescribed medical category, by Railway Medical Authority, as applicable for the offered post.

(viii) For Written Test, question will be objective type of multiple choice, which may include General Knowledge, General Science, General Mathematics, Knowledge of General English & Hindi Language, Professional knowledge, Reasoning and Aptitude etc. Duration for Written Test is – 60 minutes and qualifying percentage in Written Test is 40%.

(ix) Assessment of talent would be in the relevant cultural discipline, on the basis of Practical Demonstration and on the basis of Testimonials / Prizes etc.

(x) The time and venue of written examination, Practical Demonstration/document verification will be fixed by the Railways and will be intimated to the eligible candidates in due course. No request for postponement of written test/practical demonstration/document verification will be entertained under any circumstances.

NOTE: WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND PROFICIENCY TEST SHALL BE HELD AT MALIGAON, GUWAHATI.

9. FREE TRAVEL FACILITY: SC/ST candidates will be issued free second class railway passes (as and when admissible) to appear in the written examination or practical demonstration provided they submit valid caste certificates. All other candidates are required to appear at their own cost.

10. COMPULSORY ENCLOSURES: Self-attested photocopies of (i) Age proof certificate, (ii) Educational/Technical qualification, (iii) Cultural qualification, (iv) SC/ST/OBC Certificate, (v) Event Participation Certificates & Prizes won (vi) Other qualification certificates etc.

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11. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) **The decision of the Northeast Frontier Railway Administration** in all matters relating to the eligibility, acceptance or rejection will be binding on the candidates and no enquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this connection.

(ii) Before applying for the post(s) against the notification, candidate should satisfy themselves that they fulfil all the eligibility norms including age, educational qualification, cultural qualification. Candidate should ensure that they have the requisite technical/educational/cultural qualification from recognised Board/University/Institute as on the closing date for submission of application for the notification. Those awaiting results of the final examination for the prescribed qualification are not eligible & hence should not apply

(iii) **Spellings** of name, father's name and other details in the application form must be as per the original certificates. If any discrepancy is found, the application can be rejected at any stage of the selection.

(iv) Applications without compulsory enclosures will be rejected. Applications without Annexure-C & D in original (caste certificate) wherever applicable will be rejected.

(v) Application which is not as per format (Annexure-A) will be rejected.

(vi) **Unsigned applications OR signature in block letters OR incomplete applications** will be rejected.

(vii) If **left hand thumb impression** not affixed/blurred/smudged on the application form, the application will be rejected.

(viii) The application will be rejected if the applicants are found over aged, under aged, date of birth unfilled or wrongly filled.

(ix) **IPO** issued before the date of issue of this Employment Notice will not be accepted and the application will be rejected.

(x) **Candidates** must write their name and address on the IPO and enclose it with the application form with one self-addressed stamped (worth Rs. 6/-) envelope (size 24x10 cm).

(xi) **IPO should be drawn in favour of PFA/MLG** and payable at Maligaon Post Office only, otherwise application will be rejected. Cutting, erasing or overwriting on the IPO will summarily rejected.

(xii) **Applications received with cash/cheque/Central Recruitment Stamp or money order** will not be accepted.

(xiii) **Only self-attested copies** may be sent with application form. Original Certificates should be produced only at the time of selection/interview.

(xiv) **Selected candidates will be liable to serve** on any post/department anywhere in Northeast Frontier Railway subject to training, if any so prescribed.

(xv) Selected candidates will be required to **undergo medical examination** as per the prescribed norms for different posts.

(xvi) **Candidates already employed** should submit their application through proper channel or "No Objection Certificate" from the employer should be attached.

(xvii) Candidates should provide their **mobile number and e-mail address** in the application form at the space provided.

(xviii) **Applications not fulfilling** any of the terms and conditions given in this notification shall be summarily rejected.

(xix) Applicant should **possess requisite educational and cultural qualifications** on the date of submission of application.

(xx) **No TA/DA/Accommodation** will be given for appearing in the selection/written test etc.

(xxi) For any **legal dispute the jurisdiction will be of Central Administrative Tribunal/Guwahati.**

12. CANVASSING: Canvassing in any form, misbehaviour, misconduct on the part of the candidate is prohibited and indulgence of such practice will be viewed seriously. The candidature of such candidates will be summarily rejected and no correspondence will be entertained in the matter. The decision of the Competent Authority in the matter shall be final and cannot be questioned in any forum.

NB: The above notification and application forms are also available in our official website www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Any change/corrigendum in the above notification will be published in our official website www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in. All candidates are advised to keep themselves posted for the same by regularly visiting the above website.

Abbreviations used: 1. GP= Grade Pay, 2. SC= Scheduled Caste, 3. ST= Scheduled Tribe, 4. OBC= Other Backward Classes, 5. BPL= Below Poverty Line, 6. MST= Monthly Seasonal Ticket.