

ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION::VIJAYAWADA
NOTIFICATION NO.18/2025, DATED: 16.09.2025
DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICER IN A.P. HORTICULTURE SERVICE
(GENERAL RECRUITMENT)

PARA – 1:

- 1.1. Applications are invited through online mode for recruitment to the post of Horticulture Officer in A.P. Horticulture Service for a total of 02 CF vacancies in the scale of pay of Rs: 54,060 – 1,40,540/- as per RPS:2022 within the age group of 18 - 42 years as on 01.07.2025.
- 1.2. Candidates shall apply online through the Commission's Website <https://psc.ap.gov.in> The application submission window will be opened **from 18/09/2025 to 08/10/2025 upto 11:00 PM.**
- 1.3. Candidates must login to the Commission's Website using their registered One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) number. If applying for the first time for any post notified by A.P.P.S.C., the candidate must register their bio-data through One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) at <https://psc.ap.gov.in> Upon registration, a user ID will be generated and sent to the candidate's registered mobile number and email ID.
Note: i. One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) is not considered as an application for any post.
ii. Applicants are advised to retain their registered mobile number and Email ID to receive OTP/SMS and communication updates.
iii. SC Sub-classification is applicable. SC applicants must clearly specify their Group: SC (Group-I), SC (Group-II) or SC (Group-III).
- 1.4. The Written Examination will be objective type and held in offline (OMR based) mode. **The Date of Written Examination will be announced separately.**
- 1.5. Applicants must regularly visit the Commission's website to stay updated throughout the recruitment process. **The Commission's website will serve as the sole source of official communication.** No individual correspondence will be entertained under any circumstances.
- 1.6. HALL TICKETS for Written Examination will be hosted on Commission's Website. Instructions for downloading Hall Tickets will be published on the Website.
- 1.7. All eligible and interested candidates must apply online after satisfying themselves about the terms and conditions of this recruitment. Applications submitted through any mode other than online **will not be entertained.** Submission of the online application implies that the candidate has read and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions laid out in this notification.
- 1.8. The details of vacancies are as follows:-

ZONAL POST (Carried forward vacancies)

Name of the Post	No. of vacancies		Total
	Zone-III	Zone-IV	
Horticulture Officer in A.P. Horticulture Service	01	01	02

Note: Break up of vacancies may be seen at Annexure-I.

PARA-2: ELIGIBILITY:

- i. He / She is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity rendering him / her unfit for such service;
- ii. His / Her character and antecedents are such as to qualify him/her for such service;
- iii. He /She possesses the academic and other qualifications prescribed for the post; and
- iv. He/ She is a citizen of India.

Provided that no candidate other than a citizen of India may be appointed except with the previous sanction of the State Government and except in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as may be laid down. Such sanction shall not be accorded unless the State Government is satisfied that sufficient number of citizens of India, who are qualified and suitable are not available.

PARA-3: EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate should possess the prescribed academic qualification as on the date of this notification. **The date of this notification** shall be the crucial date for calculating the experience including the practical experience. **In respect of other than prescribed Educational Qualifications, claiming equivalence, the decision of the concerned Department (Unit Officer) shall be final.**

Note: If the applicant possesses an equivalence of qualification other than prescribed qualification in the Commission's notification, applicant should produce a copy of the Government Orders to that effect to the Commission in advance within 10 days of last date for submitting applications, failing which their application will be rejected.

Educational Qualifications
Must possess Four year B.Sc. Degree / B.Sc. (Hons) Degree in Horticulture of a recognized University in the State or any other University accredited by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

Note:
Based on merit in written examination, the candidates will be shortlisted for Computer Proficiency Test. No candidate shall be eligible for appointment unless he/she qualifies the Computer Proficiency Test in terms of G.O.Ms.No.26, G.A. (Ser-B) Dept., Dt: 24.02.2023.

PARA- 4: RESERVATIONS:

- 4.1.
- There will be Vertical Reservations in respect of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections; and Horizontal Reservations in respect of Women and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD) as per Rule 22, 22(A) and 22(B) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 as amended vide G.O.Ms.No.77, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2023, G.O.Ms.No.03, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 17.01.2024, G.O.Ms. No.7, SW (CV) Dept., Dt: 18.04.2025 and G.O.Ms.No.46, GA (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 19.04.2025.

NOTE: The candidates belonging to SC, ST, BC, EWS & PBDs and who avail upper age relaxation will also be considered for open category vacancies.

- 4.2.
- There shall be Reservation to Women horizontally to an extent of 33 1/3% in terms of Rule 22, 22 (A) and 22 (B) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 as amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 77, GA(Ser-D) Dept., Dt:02.08.2023, G.O.Ms.No.03, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 17.01.2024, G.O.Ms. No.7, SW (CV) Dept., Dt: 18.04.2025, G.O.Ms.No.46, GAD, Dt: 19.04.2025 and G.O.Ms.No.48, GA (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 20.04.2025.
- 4.3.
- There will be reservations in direct recruitment in respect of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD) as per Rule 22, 22 (A) and 22 (B) of State and Subordinate Service Rules and read with Departmental Special Rules.
- 4.4.
- Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD) means a person suffering from not less than forty percent of any disability as certified by a medical authority except Hearing Impairment. Hearing Impairment means a) **“deaf”** means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears; b) **“hard of hearing”** means persons having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears; as per provision under “Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995”, The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, dt: 15.06.2017 as per G.O.Ms.No.36, Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens (Prog.II), Dt: 23.08.2023.
- 4.5.
- The following are the categories of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD) as per G.O.Ms.No.77, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2023 and G.O.Ms.No.03, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 17.01.2024:

a) Blindness and low vision

b) Deaf and hard hearing

c) Loco motor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.

d) Autism, Intellectual disability, Specific learning disability, Mental illness.

e) Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each of the disabilities.

- 4.6. Evaluation of various physical disabilities and procedure for certification will be as per orders contained in **G.O.Ms.No.36, Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens (Prog.II) Dt: 23.08.2023.**
- 4.7. Reservation to BC-E group will be subject to the adjudication of the litigation before the Hon'ble Courts including final orders in Civil Appeal No: 2628-2637 of 2010 in SLP(C). No. 7388-7397 of 2010, dated: 25/03/2010 and orders from the Government.
- 4.8. The candidates claiming status of non-creamy layer of Backward Class have to obtain a Certificate in terms of G.O. Ms. No. 3, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, Dated 04.04.2006 read with G.O. Ms. No. 26, Backward Classes Welfare(C) Department, Dated 09.12.2013 regarding their exclusion from the Creamy Layer from the competent authority (Tahsildar) and produce the same at appropriate time of verification. In case of failure to produce the same on the day of verification, the Candidature will be considered against Open Competition, if he / she is otherwise eligible in all aspects.
- 4.9. Economically Weaker Sections means the persons who are not covered under existing scheme of reservations for the SCs, STs and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and whose gross annual family income is below Rs 8.00 lakh. Only such persons are identified as Economically Weaker Sections for the benefit of reservations. The persons seeking the benefit of reservation under EWS category shall obtain the necessary EWS Certificate for the financial year prior to the year of application issued by the Tahsildar concerned and produce at an appropriate time to the Commission as per G.O.Ms.No:73, GA (SER-D) Dept,Dt:04-08-2021.
- 4.10. In the case of candidates who claim the benefit of reservation or relaxation from upper age limit on the basis of Caste/Tribe or Community/Category the basic document of proof of Community/Category will be the Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities not below the rank of Tahsildar in the case of SC/ST/EWS and Non Creamy Layer Certificate issued by the Revenue Authorities in the case of Backward Classes. The list of Caste/Tribe/Community is as incorporated in Schedule-I of above Rules. The list is also appended at Annexure -IV. The candidates have to produce proof of the community claimed in their application at all stages of selection along with the certificates relating to Educational Qualifications and local status certificates etc.,. Subsequent claim of change of community will not be entertained.
- 4.11. Caste & Community: Community Certificate issued by the competent authority in terms of G.O. Ms No. 58, SW (J) Dept., dt.12/5/97 should be submitted at appropriate time. As per A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, Rule-2(28) Explanation: In so far as claiming for SC reservation is concerned, No person who professes a religion different from Hinduism shall be deemed a member of Schedule Caste. However, Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism are deemed to be Scheduled Caste. **BCs, SCs, STs & EWS belonging to other States are not entitled for reservation.**
- 4.12. Horizontal Reservation cuts across vertical reservation (in what is called inter-locking reservation) and persons selected against the quota for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities have to be placed in the appropriate category viz. SC / ST / BC / EWS / Unreserved depending upon the category to which they belong in the roster meant for reservation of SCs/STs/BCs/EWSs as per G.O. Ms. No.77, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2023 and G.O.Ms.No.03, G.A. (Ser-D) Dept., Dt: 17.01.2024.
- 4.13. **The reservations and relaxations to different categories/communities are applicable only in case of availability of vacancies to the respective category/community as announced through this notification.**

PARA - 5: RESERVATION TO LOCAL CANDIDATES:

- 5.1. The specification of a post is determined by the concerned Department with reference to both vertical and horizontal reservations as well as local reservation. The reservations are specified through the indent by the concerned department and the general criteria with regard to reservations are given below.
- 5.2. Reservation to the Local candidates is applicable as provided in Article 371-D as per G.O.Ms.No.674, G.A (SPF-A) Department, dated.20.10.1975 and rules as amended from time to time and as in force on the date of notification. The candidates claiming reservation as Local candidates should obtain the required Study Certificate(s) (from IV Class to X Class or SSC) OR Residence Certificate in the proforma prescribed for those candidates who have not studied in any Educational Institutions as the case may be. The relevant certificates with authorized signature shall be produced as and when required.

- 5.3 As per G.A (SPF & MC) Department Letter No. 5352/SPF & MC/2018, Dated:01-02-2018 clarified the A.P. Local Status of the candidate for direct recruitment with reference to the provisions of paragraph 7 of the Presidential Order,1975 that the 2 year period of study (9th & 10th class) under National Integration Scheme outside the State of A.P. and he/she studies from 4th class to 8th class in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in A.P. District and thereafter migrated to Navodaya Schools outside the state of A.P. under National Integration Scheme may be treated as the study in Navodaya Schools in A.P. in which he/she been admitted originally for the purpose of determining the local candidature of the candidate.

PARA -6: DEFINITION OF LOCAL CANDIDATE:

- 6.1. A local candidate has been defined in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Department, dated: 20.10.1975 "LOCAL CANDIDATE" as follows:

"Local Candidate:- (1) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area.

(a) in cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.

(i) "if he /she has studied in an educational institution or educational institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he /she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination; or

(ii) where during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he /she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination he/she has not studied in any educational institution, if he /she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the qualifying examination in which he /she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared.

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he/she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment.

Explanations:- For the purpose of the paragraph.

(i) educational institution means a University or any educational institution recognized by the State Government, a University or other competent authority;

(ii) relevant qualifying examination in relation to a post means;

(a) the examination, a pass in which the minimum educational qualification is prescribed for the post;

(b) the Matriculation examination or an examination declared by the State Government to be equivalent to the Matriculation examination; whichever is lower; and

(iii) In reckoning the consecutive academic years during which a candidate has studied, any period of interruption of his /her study by reason of his /her failure to pass any examination shall be disregarded.

(iv) the question whether any candidate for direct recruitment to any post has resided in any local area shall be determined with reference to the places where the candidate actually resided and not with reference to the residence of his /her parents or other guardian (Vide G.O.Ms.No.168, G.A. (SPF.A) Dept., dt.10-3-77).

(2) A candidate for direct recruitment to any post who is not regarded as a local candidate under sub paragraph (1) in relation to any local area shall.

(a) in cases where a minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post.

(i) if he /she has studied in educational institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with academic year in which he /she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(1) Such local area where he /she has studied for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(2) where the periods of his /her study in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he /she has studied last in such equal periods;

(ii) if during the whole or any part of the seven consecutive academic years ending with

the academic years in which he /she appeared or as the case may be first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in the educational institutions in any local area, but has resided in the State during the whole of the said period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(1) such local area where he /she has resided for a maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(2) where the periods of his/her residence in two or more local areas are equal, such local areas where he /she has resided last in such equal periods;

(b) In cases where no minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for recruitment to the post, if he/she has resided in the State for a period of not less than seven years immediately preceding the date on which the post is notified for recruitment, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to

(i) such local area where he /she has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years; or

(ii) where the periods of his /her residence is two or more local areas are equal such local area where he/she has resided last in such equal periods "(G.O.Ms.No.168, dated 10-3-1977).

- 6.2. Single certificate, whether of study or residence as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.674, General Administration (SPF-A) Dept., dated: 20.10.1975 would suffice for enabling the candidate to apply as a "LOCAL CANDIDATE".
- 6.3. Residence certificate will not be accepted, if a candidate has studied in any Educational Institution up to S.S.C. or equivalent examination. Such candidates have to produce study certificates invariably. The candidates, who acquired degree from open Universities directly without studying in any Educational Institution, only may submit residence certificate. Here Educational Institutions mean a recognized Institution by the Government / University/Competent authority.
- 6.4. Candidates are advised to refer provisions of the PRESIDENTIAL ORDER 1975 in this regard.
- 6.5. Candidates who migrated from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh between 2nd June, 2014 and 1st June, 2024 as per G.O. Ms. No. 161, General Administration (SPF&MC) Department, dated.27.12.2022 and as per terms laid down in Circular Memo No.4136/SPF & MC/2015-5, Dated.20.11.2017 and Circular Memo No.4136/SPF & MC/2015-17, Dated.27.12.2022 of Government of Andhra Pradesh shall obtain the Local Status Certificate from competent authority and produce at the time of verification.
- 6.6. The composition of Zones and Erstwhile Districts in each Zone is as hereunder:

Zone-I: Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam. (SKM, VZM, VSP)

Zone-II: East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. (EG, WG, KST)

Zone-III: Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore. (GNT, PKM, NLR)

Zone-IV: Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool. (CTR, CDP, ATP, KNL)

The candidates belonging to other States are not entitled for Local Reservations.

PARA- 7: AGE:

- 7.1. Minimum 18 years & Maximum 42 years as on 01/07/2025, as per G.O.Ms.No.36, GA (Ser-A) Dept., Dt.04/03/2025.
N.B.: No person shall be eligible if less than 18 years and is more than 42 years.

- 7.2. Age Relaxation is applicable to the categories as detailed below:

S. No.	Category of candidates	Relaxation of age permissible
1	SC, ST, BCs and EWS	5 Years
2	Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD)	10 Years
3	Ex-Servicemen	Shall be allowed to deduct from his age a period of 3 years in addition to the length of service rendered by him in the armed forces / NCC.
4	N.C.C. (who have worked as Instructor in N.C.C.)	
5	Regular A.P. State Government Employees (Employees of Corporations, Municipalities, etc. are not eligible).	Allowed to deduct from his age the length of regular Service under State Government up to a maximum of five years for the purposes of the maximum age limit.
6	Retrenched temporary employees in the State Census Department with a minimum service of 6 months.	3 Years

EXPLANATION:

Provided that the persons referred to at Sl.Nos.3 & 4 above shall, after making the deductions referred to in sub Rule 12 (c) (i) & (ii) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules not exceed the Maximum age limit prescribed for the post.
The age relaxation for Ex-Servicemen is applicable for those who have been released from Armed Forces other than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency.

PARA - 8 HOW TO APPLY:

STEP-I: The applicant who desires to apply for the post shall login to the Commission's Website with his/her registered OTPR number. Candidate applying for the first time for any notification has to first fill the OTPR application carefully to obtain OTPR ID. While filling the OTPR, the candidate has to ensure that the particulars are filled correctly. The Commission bears no responsibility for the mistakes, if any, made by the candidates. If candidates choose to modify they may do so by clicking the modify OTPR make the modification, save them and proceed to STEP-II.

STEP-II: The Applicant has to Login in the Commission's website with the User Name (OTPR ID) and the Password set by Candidate. After Login, the Applicant has to click on the "Online Application Submission" present in the bottom right corner of the Commission's website. The applicant now has to click on the Fill Application button against the notification number that he / she wants to apply.

STEP-III: After checking all the data and ensuring that the data is correct the applicant has to fill application specific data such as Local/Non Local status, White card details etc., which are also used to calculate the Fee. Hence if any details are to be changed, applicant should use the modify OTPR link, modify the details, save it and again click on online application submission.

Once all the data such as qualification details, examination centre, etc are filled carefully the application form is submitted with Save or Save & Submit option. If candidate clicks on save button, the application details are only saved due to power/service issues. The applicant has to click on the Save & Submit button and only then the payment link will be generated.

NOTE: 1. By clicking on "Save" button the application details given by you will be partially saved at our end. However, your application will not be submitted until you click on "Save & Submit" button.
2. By clicking on "Save & Submit" button you will be directed to the payment gateway and on successful payment of fee, your application will be finally submitted.
3. Applicant shall note that the data displayed from OTPR at the time of submitting the application will be considered for the purpose of this notification only. Any changes made by the applicant in OTPR data at later date shall not be considered for the notification on hand.

PAYMENT PROCESS: The applicant has to check the basic details for calculation of the fee and age relaxation will be pre-populated from the OTPR data. The applicant has to verify all the details that are displayed. Once the payment form is submitted, the respective details (used for Calculation of fee and age relaxation) will not be altered in any stage of application processing. On successful submission, the payment reference ID is generated and SMS alert sent to the registered Mobile Number of the candidate. The candidate can download the filled application pdf for ready reference / correspondence.

STEP-IV: In any case if the payment process is not submitted successfully, then the applicant should start the fresh payment process as mentioned in STEP-II.

STEP-V: Once the application is submitted successfully, corrections in the application will be enabled after the last date of the submission of application and will be allowed up to 7 days only from the last date of applications. The corrections can be made in the application form itself. Fields which affect the Name, fee and age relaxations are not enabled for corrections.

NOTE:
A. The Commission is not responsible, for any omissions made by the applicant in bio-data particulars while submitting the application form online. The applicants are therefore, advised to strictly follow the instructions given in the user guide before submitting the application.
B. All the candidates are requested to submit their application with correct data. It is noticed that some of the candidates are requesting for change in the data, after submission of the application. It is informed that such requests shall be allowed on payment of Rs.100/- (Rupees Hundred Only) for each correction. However changes are not allowed for Name, Fee and age relaxation. No manual application for corrections shall be entertained.

C. The particulars furnished by the applicant in the application form will be taken as final. Candidates should, therefore, be very careful in uploading / submitting the application form online.

D. Incomplete / incorrect application form will be summarily rejected. The information if any furnished by the candidate subsequently will not be entertained by the Commission under any circumstances. Applicants should be careful in filling-up the application form and submission. If any lapse is detected during the scrutiny, the candidature will be rejected even though he / she comes to the final stage of recruitment process or even at a later stage and also liable for punishment as per Para 16.1 of this notification.

E. Before uploading / Submission Application Form, the Candidates should carefully ensure his / her eligibility for this recruitment. No relevant column of the application form should be left blank; otherwise application form will not be accepted.

PARA-9: (a) FEE:

- 9.1. Applicant must pay Rs. 250/- (Rupees two hundred and fifty only) towards application processing fee and Rs. 120/- (Rupees One hundred and twenty only) towards examination fee.
- 9.2. However, the following categories of candidates are exempted from payment of examination fee of Rs.120/- only.
 - i) SC, ST, BC, PBDs & Ex-Servicemen.
 - ii) Families having household supply white card issued by Civil Supplies Department, A.P. Government. (Residents of Andhra Pradesh).
 - iii) Un-employed youth as per G.O.Ms.No.439, G.A (Ser- A) Dept., dated: 18/10/1996 should submit declaration at an appropriate time to the Commission.
 - iv) Applicants belonging to the categories mentioned above (except Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PBD) & Ex-Servicemen) hailing from other States are not entitled for exemption from payment of fee and not entitled for claiming any kind of reservation.
 - v) Candidates belonging to other States shall pay the prescribed fee of Rs.120/- (Rupees One hundred and twenty only), along with processing fee of Rs. 250/- (Rupees two hundred and fifty only). Otherwise such applications **will not be considered** and no correspondence on this will be entertained.
- 9.3. **b) Mode of payment of Fee:**
 - i) The fee mentioned in the above paragraph is to be paid online using payment gateway using net banking/ credit card / debit card. The list of banks providing service for the purpose of online remittance of fee will be available on the website.
 - ii) The fee once remitted shall not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances. Failure to pay the examination fee and application fee (in non-exempt case) will entail total rejection of application.
 - iii) IPOs / Demand Drafts are not accepted.
 - iv) In case of corrections Rs.100/- per correction will be charged. **However changes are not allowed for name, fee and age relaxation.**

PARA-10: SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

- 10.1. The Scheme & Syllabus for the written examination including Computer Proficiency Test (CPT) has been shown at **Annexure-II**.
- 10.2. Scheme is prescribed as per G.O RT. No. 2494, G.A. (Ser.A) Department, Dated: 28/11/2018 and G.O.Ms.No.26, G.A. (Ser-B) Dept., Dt: 24.02.2023 for CPT.
- 10.3. As per G.O. Ms. No.235, Finance (HR-I, Plg. & Policy) Dept., Dt. 06/12/2016, each wrong answer will be penalized with 1/3rd of the marks prescribed for the question.

PARA-11: CENTERS FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

Written Examination will be held at Vijayawada only.

PARA-12: RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES RELATED TO QUESTION PAPER, ANSWER KEY AND OTHER MATTERS:

- 12.1. The Commission would publish initial answer key(s) for the question paper(s) on its website after conduct of the examination. If the candidates have any objections with regard to the initial key / questions they shall have to file the objections within three days after publication of the initial key in the prescribed proforma available in the website. Any objection filed after expiry of specified time would not be entertained.

- 12.2. The objections received if any on initial key, would be examined by referring it to three subject experts and finalize the key as per the decision of the Commission. And the key so finalized shall be final and no further objections shall be taken into account.
- 12.3. The candidate shall pay Rs.100/- per objection raised by him/her against question/ initial answer key within the stipulated time & procedure as above. In case of genuine objections, which are sustained in the final analysis, the amount will be reimbursed to the candidate.
- 12.4. **The question paper for General Studies & Mental Ability is set in English and translated in to Telugu language. English version will be considered as the authentic version for valuation purpose. The Subject question papers will be in English medium only.**
- 12.5. With regard to situation where there is deletion of questions, if any, from any paper, scaling (proportionate increase) would be done for that particular part of the paper to the maximum marks prescribed for the paper and the marks would be rounded off to 2 decimals to determine the merit of the candidate.
- 12.6. ANSWER KEY: Answer key would be published on the website.

PARA-13: NOTE ON IMPORTANT LEGAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

- 13.1. Vacancies: The recruitment will be made to the vacancies notified only. There shall be no waiting list as per G.O. Ms. No. 81, General Administration (Ser. A) Department, Dt: 22/02/1997, G.O.Ms.No.544, General Administration (Ser.A) Department, Dt: 04.12.1998 and Rule 6 of APPSC Rules of procedure. In any case, no cognizance will be taken by Commission of any vacancies arising or reported after the completion of the selection and recruitment process or the last date as decided by the Commission as far as this notification is concerned, and these will be further dealt with as per G.O. & Rule cited above. As per G.O.Ms.No:139, Finance HR (I) Planning Policy Dept., dt: 28/07/2016, Rule 7 of APPSC Rules of procedure regarding relinquished vacancies has been deleted.
- 13.2. The Recruitment will be processed as per this notification and as per the Rules and Instructions issued by the Government and also as decided by the Commission from time to time in terms of G.O.Ms.No.776, Food & Agri. (Agri.II) Dept., dt.15-9-1989, G.O.Ms.No.4, Agri. & Coop. (Horti) Dept., dated:07.01.2011, G.O.Ms.No.566, G.A. (SPF-A2) Department, dated: 05-11-2012, G.O.Ms.No.3, Agriculture and Cooperation (H&S) Department, dated: 18-01-2019 and Special Rules / Adhoc Rules Governing the recruitment and other related GOs, Rules etc applicable in this regard.
- 13.3. Rules: The various conditions and criteria prescribed herein are governed by the A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 read with relevant Special Rules applicable to any particular service in the departments. Any guidelines or clarification is based on the said Rules, and, in case of any necessity, any matter will be processed as per the relevant General and Special Rules as in force.
- 13.4. The Commission is empowered under the provisions of Article 315 to 320 of the Constitution of India read with relevant laws, rules, regulations and executive instructions and all other enabling legal provisions in this regard to conduct examination for appointment to the posts notified herein, duly following the principle of order of merit as per Rule 3(vi) of the APPSC Rules of Procedure read with relevant statutory provisions and ensuring that the whole recruitment and selection process is carried out with utmost regard to secrecy and confidentiality so as to ensure that the principle of merit is scrupulously followed.
- 13.5. Zonal/Local: In terms of Para 4 of the G.O., A.P. Public Employment (Organization of Local Cadres and Regulation of Direct Recruitment) Order, 1975 (G.O.Ms.No.674, G.A. (SPF-A) Dept., dated: 20/10/1975) read with G.O.Ms.No.124, General Administration (SPF - A) Department, dated: 07/03/2002, Memo No.42005/Ser.D/2002-1 dated 28.08.2002 "The provisional list shall be divided into two parts. The first part shall comprise 40% of the posts consisting of combined merit lists of locals as well as non-locals and the remaining second part shall comprise the balance 60% of the posts consisting of locals only and the posts shall be filled duly following the rule of reservation".
- 13.6. The persons already in Government Service / Autonomous bodies / Government aided institutions etc., whether in permanent or temporary capacity or as work charged employees are however required to inform, in writing, to their Head of Office / Department that they have applied for this recruitment.

- 13.7. A candidate shall be disqualified for appointment, if he himself or through relations or friends or any others has canvassed or endeavored to enlist his candidature, extraneous support, whether from official or non-official sources for appointment to this service.
- 13.8. The Degrees obtained through Open Universities / Distance Education mode must have recognition by the Distance Education Council, Government of India. Unless such Degrees have been recognized by the D.E.C. they will not be accepted for purpose of Educational Qualification. The onus, in case of doubt, of Proof of recognition by the D.E.C. that their Degrees / Universities have been recognized, rests with the candidate. Candidates may also refer to G.O.R.T.No.143, Higher Education (EC) Dept., Dt: 11.07.2018 and the Supreme Court judgment dated: 03.11.2017 in this connection.

PARA-14: ANNEXURES:

The candidate shall go through the Annexures before filling the application form.

- Annexure-I : Break up of vacancies
- Annexure-II : Scheme & Syllabus
- Annexure-III : Instructions to candidates
- Annexure-IV : List of SC / ST /BC's

PARA-15: PROCEDURE OF SELECTION:

- 15.1. **Appearance in all the Papers of Written Examination is compulsory. Absence in any of the Papers will automatically render the disqualification of the candidature.**
- 15.2. The selection of candidates for appointment to the post will be made on the basis of merit in the Written Examination followed by Computer Proficiency Test (CPT).
- 15.3. The standard for the examination and the cut off marks for various categories for selection shall be fixed by the Commission. However the candidates have to secure minimum qualifying marks to be shortlisted for selection against respective vacancies. The minimum qualifying marks on aggregate for the vacancies notified under different categories are as follows as per G.O.Ms.No.103, G.A. (Ser.A) Dept., dt.03.02.1967 and amendments from time to time.

1. Open Competition (OC), Ex-Servicemen & EWS:	40%
2. Backward Class:	35%
3. SCs, STs & PBDs:	30%

N.B.: Mere securing of minimum qualifying marks does not confer any right to the candidate for being considered for selection.
- 15.4. The claims of members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Section and Women as the case may be, shall also be considered for the vacancies earmarked for Open Competition, which shall be filled on the basis of open competition. In respect of social reservations viz., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Economically Weaker Sections, the vertical reservation will be applicable and the number of appointments reserved for that category shall in no way be affected during the period the reservation for that category is in force.
- 15.5. In the event of Schedule Caste & Schedule Tribe candidates not coming up for selection with the existing minimum prescribed for selection in the competitive examination conducted by the APPSC their selection shall be considered on the basis of rank with reference to their performance in the written competitive examination irrespective of the marks secured, as per G.O.Ms.No.631, G.A. (Ser.A) Dept., dt.05.09.1977.
- 15.6. Where the candidates get equal number of marks in the **Written Examination** if two or more candidates get equal total number of marks, those candidates shall be bracketed. Candidates within the same bracket shall then be ranked 1, 2, 3 etc., according to age i.e., oldest being considered for admission. In case there is tie in age, the person who possesses educational qualification at earlier date would be considered.
- 15.7. **Zonal preferences will be taken at the time of certificate verification stage only.**
- 15.8. It is hereby clarified that the said preferences are only indicative for being considered to the extent possible but not binding or limiting the Commission's powers under Article 315 to 320 of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the Commission has the power to assign a candidate to any of the notified posts for which he is considered to be qualified and eligible, subject to fulfilling the selection criterion. Mere claim of preference for any Zone for allotment against vacancy does not confer a right to selection for that Zone in particular or any Zone in general.

- 15.9. **DigiLocker:** APPSC is introducing a streamlined certificate verification process through DigiLocker, a Government of India digital platform; it allows securely storing and accessing digital documents issued by various Government Departments, including education certificates, identity proofs, caste certificates and more. Hence, all the applicants who are participating in recruitment process are advised to create a DigiLocker Account and fetch your certificates for giving consent to the APPSC to verify their certificates electronically at the time verification of certificates.
- 15.10. The appointment of selected candidates will be subject to their being found medically fit in the appropriate medical classification, and if he/she is of sound health, active habits and free from any bodily defect or infirmity.
- 15.10. **Memorandum of Marks:** After publication of final selection list, the marks list (total marks) of the successful candidates will be displayed on the Commission's website. However, Memorandum of their own Marks can be obtained individually after one month from the date of declaration of selection list in APPSC website on payment of Rs.200/- (Rupees Two hundred only) through IPO/DD in favour of Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, for a period of Three Months only. Rejected, Invalid, Disqualified, ineligible candidates will not be issued any Memorandum of Marks and fees paid by such candidates, if any, will be forfeited to Government account, without any correspondence in this regard. Requests for Memorandum of Marks will not be entertained until the recruitment process is finalized.

PARA-16: DEBARMENT:

- 16.1. Candidates should make sure of their eligibility to the post applied for and that the declaration made by them in the format of application regarding their eligibility is correct in all respects. Any candidate **furnishing in-correct information or making false declaration regarding his/her eligibility at any stage or suppressing any information** is liable TO BE DEBARRED UPTO FIVE YEARS FROM APPEARING FOR ANY OF THE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION, and summary rejection of their candidature for this recruitment.
- 16.2. The Penal Provisions of Act 25/97 published in the A.P. Gazette No. 35, Part-IV.B Extraordinary dated: 21/08/1997 shall be invoked **if malpractice and unfair means are noticed at any stage** of the recruitment. Further candidates shall be liable for penalty as per G.O.Ms.No.385, G.A.(Ser. A) Dept., Dt.18/10/2016. The Chief Superintendent of the examination centre is authorized to take decision in case of malpractice or usage of unfair means or creation of disturbance or use of physical force by any candidate and report the matter to the competent authority as well as register a police case.
- 16.3. The Commission is vested with the Constitutional duty of conducting recruitment and selection as per rules duly maintaining utmost secrecy and confidentiality in this process and any attempt by anyone causing or likely to cause breach of this constitutional duty in such manner or by such action as to violate or likely to violate the fair practices followed and ensured by the Commission will be sufficient cause for rendering such questionable means as ground for debarment and penal consequences as per law and rules as per decision of the Commission.
- 16.4. Any candidate found **impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person** or resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his / her candidature for selection or obtaining support of candidature by any means, such a candidate may in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable to be debarred permanently from any exam or selection held by the Service Commissions in the Country.
- 16.5. **ELECTRONIC GADGETS BANNED:**
 (a) The use of any mobile (even in switched off mode), calculator or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc., or camera or blue tooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.
 (b) Candidates are advised, in their own interest, **not to bring** any of the banned items including mobile phones to the venue of the examination, as arrangement for safe – keeping cannot be assured.

PARA-17: COMMISSION'S DECISION TO BE FINAL:

The decision of the Commission in all aspects and all respects pertaining to the application and its acceptance or rejection as the case may be, conduct of examination and at all consequent stages culminating in the selection or otherwise of any candidate shall be final in all respects and binding on all concerned, under the powers vested with it under Article 315 to 320 of the Constitution of India. Commission also reserves its right to alter and modify the terms and conditions including vacancies laid down in the notification for conducting the various stages up to selection or withdraw the notification at any time duly intimating details thereof to all concerned, as warranted by any unforeseen circumstances arising during the course of this process, or as deemed necessary by the Commission at any stage.

Place: Vijayawada,
Date: 16/09/2025.

Sd/- I. Narasimha Murthy,
Secretary (FAC).

ANNEXURE – I
NOTIFICATION NO.18/2025
BREAK UP OF VACANCIES FOR THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICER IN A.P. HORTICULTURE SERVICE

(Carried forward vacancies)

Category	Zone-III		Zone-IV		Total		Grand Total
	Open	Local	Open	Local	Open	Local	
OC	--	01	--	01	--	02	02

- Note:** 1. The above 2 vacancies are reserved horizontally for PBDs: VH-01 in Zone-III and HH-1 in Zone-IV.
2. If qualified candidates of VH-01 in Zone-III and HH-01 in Zone-IV are not available the vacancies shall be filled up by interchange method among five (5) PBD categories as per the procedure and in case no persons with benchmark disabilities are available, the vacancies shall be filled up by the persons with other than disabilities as per G.O. Ms.No.99, G.A. (Ser.D) Dept., dt: 04/03/2013 and G.O. Ms. No.77, G.A. (Ser.D) Dept., dt:02/08/2023. Hence, all disabled and other than disabled candidates Local to Zone-III and Zone-IV can apply.

ANNEXURE – II

SCHEME AND SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF HORTICULTURE OFFICER IN A.P. HORTICULTURE SERVICE

SCHEME

(As per G.O RT. No. 2494, G.A. (Ser.A) Department, Dated: 28/11/2018)

WRITTEN EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)- (Degree standard)				
PAPER	Subject	No. of Questions	Duration Minutes	Maximum Marks
Qualifying Test	General English (50 marks) & General Telugu (50 marks) (To be Qualified in English & Telugu individually) (SSC Standard)	100	100	100
PAPER-I	General Studies & Mental Ability	150	150	150
PAPER-II	Horticulture-I	150	150	150
PAPER-III	Horticulture-II	150	150	150
TOTAL				450
NEGATIVE MARKS: As per G.O.Ms. No.235, Finance (HR-I, Plg & Policy) Dept.,Dt.06/12/2016, each wrong answer will be penalized with 1/3rd of the marks prescribed for the question.				

Note: Computer Proficiency Test (Qualifying Test) for eligible candidates in the **ratio of 1:2** with reference to total number of vacancies notified will be conducted.

SYLLABUS

QUALIFYING TEST

GENERAL ENGLISH AND TELUGU
(SSC Standard)

English

- a) Comprehension
- b) Usage and idiom
- c) Vocabulary and punctuation
- d) Logical re-arrangement of sentences

Telugu

- a) Synonyms & Vocabulary
- b) Grammar
- c) Telugu to English meanings
- d) English to Telugu meanings

PAPER – I

GENERAL STUDIES AND MENTAL ABILITY

1. Major Current Events and Issues pertaining to International, National and State of Andhra Pradesh.
2. General Science and its applications to the day to day life Contemporary developments in Science & Technology and Information Technology.
3. History of India – emphasis will be on broad general understanding of the subject in its social, economic, cultural and political aspects with a focus on AP and Indian National Movement.
4. Geography of India with focus on Andhra Pradesh.
5. Indian Polity and Governance: constitutional issues, public policy, reforms and e-Governance initiatives.
6. Indian Economy and Planning
7. Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection
8. Disaster Management: vulnerability profile, prevention and mitigation strategies, Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in the assessment of Disaster
9. Logical reasoning, analytical ability and logical interpretation.
10. Data Analysis: Tabulation of data Visual representation of data Basic data analysis (Summary Statistics such as mean, median, mode and variance) and Interpretation.

PAPER-II

HORTICULTURE-I

1. FRUIT CROPS

Area, production, importance, uses, origin, distribution, botany, classification of varieties, use of rootstocks, high density planting, climate, soils, planting methods, training and pruning, nutrition, bahar treatment, irrigation scheduling, intercrops, weed control, problems in orchard management, flowering, fruit set, seedlessness irregular bearing, problems in fruit set, harvesting indices, harvesting, preharvest treatments, use of growth regulators, yield, grading, packing for internal and export markets, ripening methods and storage in respect of mango, banana, citrus, grape, pineapple, guava, papaya and sapota. Physiological disorders in fruit crops.

2. VEGETABLE CROPS

Importance of vegetables in human diet and national economy. Detailed study regarding origin and distribution, area and production, importance, nutritive value, botany, varieties, soil and climatic requirements, seed treatment, seed sowing/nursery raising, transplanting, nutrition, irrigation, intercultural operations, physiological disorders, harvest indices, harvesting, post harvest handling, curing, storage and usage of plant growth regulators in vegetable crops like tomato, brinjal, chillies, sweet pepper, potato, okra, cucurbitaceous crops like cucumber, pumpkin, ridge gourd, snake gourd, bitter gourd, bottle gourd, melons like water melon and muskmelon, leguminous vegetables like cluster bean, French bean, dolichos bean, pea and broad bean, cole crops like cabbage, cauliflower and knolkhol, root crops like radish, carrot, beetroot and turnip, bulb crops like onion and garlic, tuber crops like sweet potato, tapioca, amorphophallus, colacasia, dioscorea and yam, leafy vegetables like amaranthus, palak, Roselle, perennial vegetables like drumstick, coccinia and murraya.

3. COMMERCIAL FLORICULTURE, ORNAMENTAL GARDENING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Area, production, importance, uses, origin, distribution, classification of varieties, propagation, environmental factors affecting growth and flowering, soils, nutrition, irrigation, weeding, special techniques of production such as controlling growth and production of flowers, use of growth regulators, harvesting, postharvest handling, extension of shelf life of flowers of commercial flower crops such as rose, chrysanthemum, jasmine, carnations, gladiolus, anthurium, tuberose, china aster, marigold, crossandra and gerbera.

Need for bioaesthetic planning, places suitable for bioaesthetic planning-towns, cities, villages, schools, temples, road side, parks, ghats of rivers and canals, platforms, railway lines, public and private buildings, institutes and places of worship. Ornamental trees, shrubs climbers, cacti, succulents used in bioaesthetic or landscape gardening. Principles of garden designs, types of gardens-japanese, English and Moghul gardens. Various features of gardens such as paths, garden walls, fencing, steps, edges, hedges, arches, pergolas, shrubbery, topiary, rockery, flower beds, lawns, fountains, statues, water garden, conservatory and glass or greenhouse. Indoor plants, and their management.

Flower arrangement – principles, styles, containers and holding solutions.

Bonsai – culture and art of making.

4. MEDICINAL, AROMATIC, SPICES, CONDIMENT AND PLANTATION CROPS

Origin, importance, export potential, varieties, climate, soil requirements, propagation and planting and after care, mulching, irrigation, training, pruning, harvesting, yield and post harvest handling, curing and processing practices, storage methods, and distillation of essential oils of the following crops.

Medicinal Plants

Aloe, amla(aonla), stevia, ashwagandha, dioscorea, opium poppy, sarpagandha, steroids bearing solanum, *Phyllanthus amarus*, *chakramani*, *madhunasa*, *saini*, *sweet flag*, *Catharanthus*, *roseus*, *isabgol*, *fox glove*, *belladonna*, *senna*, *tinospora*, *annatto*, *coleus*, *safed musli* and *asparagus*.

Aromatic Crops

Citronella, lemon grass, palmarosa, vetiver, geranium, davana, mints, lavender and vanilla.

Spices and condiments

Turmeric, ginger, coriander, fenugreek, cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, clove, nutmeg and cumin.

Plantation Crops

Coconut, cashewnut, oil palm, betelvine, coffee, tea, cacao, arecanut and rubber.

5. DRYLAND HORTICULTURE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Dryland horticulture farming, introduction, definition, dry climate and their classifications with reference to India in general and Andhra Pradesh in particular. Importance of horticultural crops in dryland, yield potential of agriculture and horticultural crops in drylands. Fruits and vegetables crops suitable for dryland farming. Adaptive features of dryland fruit crops for drought and salinity.

Watershed management, objectives, approaches, steps in watershed development planning, land use capability, classification, soil and rain water conservation, water harvesting measures in watershed area. Problems and prospects under water shed. Alternate water use system.

Cultural practices like planting, training, pruning, nutrition and water management and harvesting of important dry land fruits viz., ber, pomegranate, custard apple, phalsa, fig, aonla, jamun and tamarind.

6. Post Harvest Management of Horticultural Crops

Importance of post harvest technology in Horticultural crops. Maturity indices, harvesting, handling, grading of fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, plantation crops, medicinal and aromatic plants. Pre-harvest factors affecting quality, factors responsible for deterioration of horticultural produce, physiological and biochemical changes, hardening and delaying ripening process. Post harvest treatments of horticultural crops. Quality parameters and specifications. Structure of fruits, vegetables and cut flowers related to physiological changes after harvest. Methods of storage for local market and export, packaging methods and types of packages, recent advances in packaging. Types of containers and cushioning materials, vacuum packaging, cold storage, poly shrink packaging, grape guard packing treatments. Modes of transport.

7. PRESERVATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Importance and scope of fruit and vegetable preservation in India. Principles of preservation by heat, low temperature, chemicals and various methods of preservation. Selection of site for processing, processing unit layout and precautions for hygienic conditions of the unit. Preservation of fruits and vegetables through canning, bottling, freezing, dehydration, drying, sugar, chemicals, salts, vinegar, ultraviolet and ionizing radiations.

Micro-organisms associated with spoilage of fruit and vegetable products. Spoilage of canned products-hydrogen swell, flipper, dent, leaker etc., Biochemical changes associated with spoilage of fruit and vegetable products. Preservatives and colours permitted and prohibited in India.

8. FARM POWER AND MACHINERY

Farm power in A.P and India – Sources, I.C engines, classification, Tractors – Types and uses, selection of tractor and cost of tractor power. Electric motors – types, Tillage implements – primary secondary tillage drawn implements. Seed cum fertilizer drills, planters. Grafting and pruning tools and equipment. Implements, tools and equipment for intercultural operations. Plants protection equipment – harvesting equipment – soil conservation equipment.

Different kinds of equipments used in processing. Preparation of jams, jellies, marmalades, candies, crystallized and glazed fruits, preserves, chutneys, pickles, ketchup, sauce, puree, syrups, juices, squashes and cordials.

Government policy on import and export of processed fruits, food laws. Quality control of processed products.

9. GREENHOUSE MANAGEMENT OF HORTICULTURAL CROPS

Importance, uses, scope and production of horticultural crops in greenhouse. Status and development of greenhouse production of horticultural crops in the world and India. Development, constraints, research needs and future of protected culture of horticultural crops in India and A.P. Points to be considered before establishing a greenhouse. Types of greenhouses, classification of greenhouses based on the shapes, material used, utility and cladding material used. Size and arrangement of greenhouses and characteristics of various greenhouse cladding materials, greenhouse benches etc.,

Management of light, temperature (greenhouse heating and cooling), CO₂ and relative humidity inside the greenhouse.

Various types of growing media used and their suitability for different horticultural crops. Preparation of growing media and its pasteurization. Management of nutrients through fertigation.

Detailed production technology in respect of tomato, cucumber, rose, carnation, gerbera, chrysanthemum and anthurium under greenhouse/polyhouse.

PAPER-III

HORTICULTURE-II

1. FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE:

Definition, importance of horticulture in terms of economy, production, and employment generation. Nutritional value of horticultural crops. Divisions of horticulture and their importance. Horticultural stations in Andhra Pradesh. Horticultural zones of India and Andhra Pradesh.

Temperature, light, humidity, rainfall and soil requirements for horticultural crops. Selection of site for establishing an orchard, orchard plan, systems of planting and establishment of an orchard. Importance, scope and practicing of organic farming in horticultural crop production. Soil and climate for horticultural crops. Vegetable gardens – nutrition and kitchen gardens and other types of gardens.

Nutrition of horticultural crops – assessment of nutritional requirements based on soil, tissue analysis, and field experiments. Identification of deficiency symptoms of various nutrients and methods of nutrient application. Assessment of irrigation requirements for different horticultural crops and different methods of irrigation. Pruning and training, their objectives and methods. Pollination and fruit set, problems and requirements, flower and fruit drop, stages, causes and remedial measures. Fruit thinning, objectives, advantages and disadvantages. Unfruitfulness, reasons and remedial measures. Use of growth regulators in horticulture. Cropping systems, intercropping, multi-tier cropping, mulching, bearing habits, factors influencing the fruitfulness and unfruitfulness. Rejuvenation of old orchards, top working, frame working.

2. PLANT PROPAGATION AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT:

Introduction, principles and classification of plant propagation methods. Selection of site for commercial nursery. Ecological and economic factors. Plant propagation structures, containers and media.

Sexual propagation and its importance. Seed dormancy, Seed germination, process of seed germination. Factors affecting seed germination and pre-germination treatments and viability tests.

Asexual (vegetative) propagation and its importance. Various methods of Asexual (vegetative) propagation like cuttage, layerage, budding, grafting and factors responsible for their success. Different types among cuttage, layerage, budding, grafting methods followed in propagation of different horticultural crops. Role of root stocks, selection and maintenance of mother trees (scion bank), scion – stock relationships, bud wood certification, propagation through specialized structures. Nursery registration act.

Importance of micro propagation of plants. Types of aseptic cultures. Types of media, preparation of media and inoculation of explants, establishment, sub culture and rooting of explants.

3. PLANT PHYSIOLOGY:

Physiological changes during seed development, germination and seed dormancy. Seed viability and seed vigour. Photosynthesis – importance, factors affecting photosynthesis. Light and dark reactions – C₃, C₄ and CAM pathways. Significance and differences. Photo-respiration and its significance. Respiration and its significance.

Nomenclature and classification of plant growth substances. History, occurrence, distribution, mode of action, movement, mechanism and function of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ethylene, inhibitors, retardants, phenolic substances and morphactins.

Role of plant growth regulators in plant propagation, seed and bud dormancy, juvenility, maturity and senescence, flowering, pollination, fruitset including parthenocarpy, fruit growth, fruit drop and fruit ripening (climacteric and non-climacteric) and fruit colour development, tuber and bulb formation and sex expression and extension of shelf life in fruits, vegetables and flowers.

4. ENTOMOLOGY:

Commonly occurring pests in horticultural crops – distribution, host range, nature of damage, symptoms and control measures. Life cycle of insect pests, nematodes etc., Integrated pest management.

5. PATHOLOGY:

Commonly occurring diseases in horticultural crops – host range, etiology, symptoms and control measures. Life cycle of bacteria, fungal parasites, viruses etc., Integrated disease management.

6. SOIL SCIENCE:

Soil texture – classes. Soil structure – classification. Soil PH, importance of soil PH on nutrient availability. Soil organic matter – sources, humus formation, C:N ratio and its importance.

Soil fertility and productivity. Essential and beneficial elements, criteria of essentiality. Primary secondary, micronutrients and their functions, deficiency symptoms, occurrence in horticultural crops, corrective measures. Factors affecting their availability.

Classification of manures and fertilizers and their differences. Commercial fertilizers, simple, compound and complex fertilizers, fertilizers mixtures. Biofertilizers. Integrated nutrient management for horticultural crops. Fertilizer control order.

7. INTRODUCTORY AGROFORESTRY :

Agro forestry-introduction, status of Indian forests, role in Indian Farming Systems. Definition-Branches of Forestry. Principles and practices, classification of Agro forestry systems-inter cropping-Home garden-Types of coconut based cropping system-planning for Agro forestry-constraints, diagnosis and design methodology, selection of tree species for agro forestry. Agro forestry projects-national, overseas, MPTs – their management practices economics of cultivation – Sisso, Acacia catechu, A.nilotica (Babul),Bez(Z. mauritiana). Grewia, Subabul, Tamarind, Eucalyptus, Teak, Casuarina, Red sander, Neem, Soapnut, Aonla, Morus, Bamboo, bio diesel trees-Jatropha, Pongamia, Simarouba. Distinction between agro forestry and social forestry-objectives, scope of social forestry. Hortipastoral system – pastures suitable under dry land condition.

8. EXTENSION EDUCATION:

Formal and informal education. Teaching – learning process, principles of learning. Commutation – components. Classification of Audio – visual aids.

Transfer of technology programmers – KVK, TAR - IVLP, ATIC, NHM, APMIP, DWCR, ANTWA, DAATC. Extension reforms – ATMA, SREP, PRA, different tools of PRA.

9. ORGANIC FARMING IN HORTICULTURAL CROPS :

Introduction, concept, relevance in present context, Organic production requirements, Biological intensive nutrient management-Organic manures, vermicomposting, green manuring, compost pits, recycling of organic residues, bio-fertilizers, soil improvement and amendments: Integrated diseases and pest management use of biocontrol agents, biopesticides, pheromones, trap crops bird perches, weed management. Quality considerations, certification, labelling and accreditation processors, marketing, exports. International and National Policies in promotion of Organic farming.

SCHEME & SYLLABUS OF THE COMPUTER PROFICIENCY TEST (CPT)

Scheme for Computer Proficiency Test

(As per G.O.Ms.No.26, G.A. (Ser.B) Dept., dt: 24.02.2023)

Scheme of the examination (Practical Type)					
Test	Duration (Minutes)	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks		
			SC/ST/PBD	B.C's	O.C's
Proficiency in Office Automation with usage of Computers and Associated Software.	60	100	30	35	40

The Examination Task will be as follows:

- i. Create a folder on desktop. Rename the folder with your Hall Ticket Number.
- ii. With regard to Part-A, create MS Excel file with your Hall Ticket Number followed by Part A for eg: **Hall Ticket Number Part A.**
- iii. With regard to Part-B, i.e MS Word, MS Excel and MS Power Point, the file names are to be saved as follows:
 - a) **Hall Ticket Number Part B**
 - b) **Hall Ticket Number Q1**
 - c) **Hall Ticket Number Q2**
 - d) **Hall Ticket Number Q3**
 - e) **Hall Ticket Number Q4**
- iv. Candidates shall bear full responsibility for the creation of the requisite folders and files, the accurate entry of data therein, and the saving of such files within a folder clearly labeled with their hall ticket number. Non-compliance with the prescribed procedure, including failure to save the folder(s) and/or file(s) in the desktop, shall render the candidate ineligible to be declared as having passed the CPT examination.

Syllabus for Computer Proficiency Test

PART-A

1. **INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS:** Introduction to Computers - Components and their classification - Peripheral devices and their purpose. Input Devices - Keyboard, Mouse, Scanner, Lighten, Touch screens, Joystick, Micro phone, Scanner, Digital camera, Bar code reader, Biometric sensor Output Devices: Display devices, Printers, Monitor, Speaker, Plotter, Secondary Storage Devices – Feature- Driven Development (FDD), Magnetic tape, Universal Serial Bus(USB), Pen Drives, Disks - The Role of input Processing / output processing devices - Computing Concepts - Data - Information – Random Access Memory (RAM) – Read-Only Memory(ROM) - Control Unit - Memory Unit – Arithmetic Logic Unit(ALU).
2. **COMPUTER SOFTWARE TYPES:** System Software, Application Software, Embedded software, Proprietary Software, Open source software (their purpose and characteristics only).
3. **OPERATING SYSTEM:** Purpose of operating system, Single User and Multi User Operating Systems with Examples.
4. **WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEM:** Interfacing Graphical User Interface (GUI), Differences between Character User Interface (CUI) and Graphical User Interface(GUI) - working With Files and Folders - More About Files - Running An Application Through The File Manager - Running an Application Through The Program Manager - Setting up of Printer, Webcam, Scanner and other peripheral devices,
5. **LINUX/MAC OS (only basic concepts):** Introduction to Linux - Features and advantages of Linux, File handling commands, directory handling commands - User Management - File permissions Macintosh Apple Computer (MAC) OS - Introduction - Advantages of Macintosh Apple Computer (MAC) OS . Basics commands
6. **INTERNET CONCEPTS (only basic concepts):** Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements for a system to use internet, Communication Protocols and Facilities - Various browsers - What is Internet Protocol(IP) Address - Steps required in connecting system to network - Uploading and Downloading Files from Internet
7. **ELECTRONIC MAIL (only basic concepts):** Sending and receiving mails, Basic E-Mail Functions, Using your word processor for E-mail, Finding E-Mail Address, Mailing Lists and lists Servers.
8. **WORLD WIDE WEB (only basic concepts):** WWW advantages of the Web - how to navigate with the Web - Web Searching.

PART – B

1. **OFFICE SUITE:** MSOFFICE or any open source office like Libre Office /Apache Open Office Neo office for Windows/Linux/Media Access Control Address (MAC)OS.
2. **GETTING STARTED WITH OFFICE:** Introduction to Office Software- Starting and Exiting the Office Applications - Introducing the Office Shortcut Bar - Customizing Office Shortcut Bar.
3. **FILE OPERATIONS IN THE OFFICE:** Common Office Tools and Techniques - Opening An Application - Creating Files - Entering And Editing Text - Saving Files - Opening Files - Closing a File - Exiting The Application - Managing Your files With The Office Applications.
4. **TOOLS IN THE OFFICE APPLICATIONS:** Key Combinations - Cut, Copy and Paste - Drag And Drop Editing - Menu Bars And Toolbars - Undo and - Redo - Spell Checking - Auto Correct - Find and Replace - Help And The Office Assistants - Templates and Wizards.
5. **WORD PROCESSING (MS WORD or its equivalent in Libre office /Apache Open Office / Neo office for Windows/s/Linux/Mac OS):** Starting Word
 - Title Bar - Menu Bar - Format Bar - Standard Bar - Ruler - Workspace Area - Scroll Bar - Status Bar - Different Toolbars - Option a Menu Bar - Creating New Document When Word is Running - Opening Pre existing Documents When Word is Running - Designing Your Document - Typing Text - Selection text - Deleting Text - Formatting text and document - copying and moving - Saving Document - Page Setup - Properties of a document - Undo-Redo-Cut-Copy a Document - Pasting a Document - Print Preview - Printing - Select All - Find - Replace - Go To - Four Different View Of A Document - Normal, Web Layout, Print Layout, and Outline Layout- Document Map - Full Screen - Zoom - Objects - Page Break - Header and Footer - Page Number - Auto Format - Auto Text - Inserting Date And Time - Working With Header, Footers- footnotes-Fields-Symbols-Caption Cross Reference-Index-Tabs-Table and Sorting - Working With Graphics - Inserting Pictures - Modifying Pictures - Word Art - Inserting Chart - Inserting Files - Hyper Linking - Bookmark - Using Different Fonts - Paragraph – Bullets Borders and Shading-Columns-Drop Cap-Theme-Change Case Background-Frames-Style-Spelling And Grammar - Set Language - Word Count - Auto Summarize - Auto Correct - Merge Document - Protect Document - Envelopes And Labels - - Templates, Wizards And Sample Documents - drawing Tables - Merge Cell - Spilt Cells - Spilt Table - Table Auto Format - Auto Fit - Sort - Formula - Arrange All-Split- Micro Soft Word Help - Macros - Custom Toolbars - Keyboard Shortcuts - Menus - Mail Merge.
6. **SPREAD SHEET (MS Excel or its equivalent in Libre Office / Apache Open Office / Neo office for Windows/s/Linux/ Maa OS):**

Features Of Excel - Excel worksheet - Selecting Cell - Navigating With The Mouse And Keyboard - Entering And Editing Text - Text Boxes - Text Notes - Checking Spelling - Undoing

And Repeating Action - Entering And Editing Formulas - Referencing Cells - Order Of Evolution in Formulas - Copying Entries And Equations To Minimize Typing - More Auto Fill Examples - Creating Custom Fill Lists Protecting And Un Protecting Documents And Cell - Creating A New Worksheet - Excel Formatting Tips And Techniques - Moving cell - Copying Cells - Sorting Cell Data - Insertion Cells Inserting As You Paste - Deleting Parts Of Worksheet - Clearing Parts Of A Worksheet - Excel Page Setup - Changing Column Width And Row Heights - Auto Format - Manual Formatting - Using style - Format Code Alter A Number's Appearance - Format Painter Speeds-Up Format Copying - Changing Font Size And Attributes - Adjusting Alignments - Canter Text Across Column - Using Border Buttons And Commands - Changing Color And Shading - Inserting And Removing Page Breaks - Hiding Rows And Columns - Rearranging Worksheet - Entering Formula - Excel Functions - Inserting Rows And Columns - Saving A Worksheet - Printing A Worksheet - Printing Tips For Large Excel Project - Parts Of A Function - Functions Requiring Add-ins - Function Wizard - Example Of Functions By Category - Organizing Your Data - Excel's Chart Features - Chart Parts And Terminology - Instant charts with The chart wizard - Creating Chart On Separating Worksheets - Resizing And Moving Charts - Adding Chart Notes And Arrows - Editing Charts - Rotating 3-D Charts - Printing Charts - Deleting Charts Setting The Default Chart Type - Creating Trend Lines Data Map - Working With Graphics in Excel - Creating And Pacing Graphic objects - Resizing Graphs - Possible Sources Of Excel Graphics - Creating and Running Macro - Sorting Excel Data - Adding Subtotals To Databases - Customizing Excel - Customizing Workspace - Comma Separated Value (CSV) File format - Using Worksheet As Databases.

7. **PRESENTATION SOFTWARE (MS Power Point or its equivalent in Libre Office/Apache Open office/Neo office for Windows/s/Linux/Mac Os):** Introduction - Starting Presentation Software - Views in Presentation Software - Slides - Terminology - Color Schemes - Formatting Slides - Creating a Presentation - Using the Auto Content Wizard - Masters- - Using a Template - Creating a Blank Presentation - Working with Text in Power Point - Adding Slides Editing And Working Text - Working in Outlaying view - Spell checking - Finding And Replacing Text - Formatting Text - Aligning Text - Developing Your Presentation - Importing images From The Outside World - The Clipart Gallery - Drawing in Presentation software- Bringing A Presentation to Life - Inserting Objects in Your Presentation - Inserting A Picture - Working With Graphics - Multimedia in Power Point - Animating The Objects, Pictures, Graphics, - Enhancements to the Slide Show Showing Slides Out Of Order Printing Presentation Elements - Finalizing The Presentation - Assigning Transitions And Timings - Setting The Master Slide - Setting Up The Slide Show - Running The Slide Show.

Assessment Pattern:

Part-A: Test may be designed to assess the candidate by means of MCQs.
(20 %of Total Marks)

Part-B: A computer based assessment test where they need to:

1. Prepare a model document and organize the same in a formatted manner. This should cover evaluating the typing speed, organizing the document and covering several other aspects such as inserting tables, inserting Images/WordArt, mail merge, etc.)
(25% of Total Marks)
2. Evaluating typing speed
(This may be made mandatory for qualifying based on the norms existing)
(15% of Total Marks)
3. Organizing and inserting different objects
(20% of Total Marks)
4. Prepare an Excel Sheet to fill with data and format the sheet, merging/splitting cells, formulae for calculation in the cells, conditional formatting, preparation of different graphs based on the data.
(20% of Total Marks)
5. Prepare a Power Point presentation using the standard layouts available and filling different slides with content (Formatted text, images, tables, transition effects, animation etc.).
(20%of Total Marks)

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ANNEXURE-III

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

A. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ONLINE APPLICATION:

- A.1. Applicants are required to thoroughly read the User Guide and ensure their eligibility for the recruitment before applying. All details must be filled in completely and accurately through the online application.
- A.2. Applicants must compulsorily fill in all relevant columns of the online application form and submit it only through the official website. The details provided on the website will be processed electronically, and eligibility will be determined based on the notification.
- A.3. Only online applications submitted in the prescribed proforma within the stipulated time will be considered. The Commission will not be held responsible for any delay or discrepancy caused by the applicant.
- A.4. Applicants must upload their own scanned photograph and signature in JPG format.
- A.5. Applicants should not furnish false, tampered, fabricated, or misleading information, or suppress any material facts while submitting the application online.
- A.6. Important: Handwritten / Typed / Photostat copies / Printed application forms will not be accepted.
- A.7. Applicants shall produce all essential certificates issued by the competent authority for verification by the Commission when called for. Failure to produce such certificates will result in rejection or disqualification without further correspondence.
- A.8. The following certificate formats are available on the Commission's website (<https://psc.ap.gov.in>) for reference:
 - A.8.1. Community, Nativity, and Date of Birth Certificate
 - A.8.2. Declaration by the Unemployed
 - A.8.3. School Study Certificate
 - A.8.4. Certificate of Residence
 - A.8.5. Medical Certificate for the Blind
 - A.8.6. Certificate of Hearing Disability and Hearing Assessment
 - A.8.7. Medical Certificate in respect of Orthopedically Handicapped Candidates
 - A.8.8. Creamy Layer Certificate
 - A.8.9. Local Status Certificate (if applicable)

B. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OFF-LINE (OMR BASED) EXAMINATION:

- B.1. Candidates must carefully read the instructions provided on the cover page of the Question Paper Booklet and the OMR Answer Sheet. They must verify details such as Name, Exam Name / Paper Code, Venue, and **correctly bubble the Question Paper Booklet Series on the OMR Sheet. If Question Paper Series is not bubbled on the OMR Sheet, the OMR Sheet will not be evaluated. If more than one Series is bubbled, the OMR Answer Sheet will not be evaluated.**
- B.2. As the Answer Sheets are evaluated using an Optical Mark Scanner, candidates must use a Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black) only to mark the answers. The OMR Answer Sheet will have two copies: the Original (Top Sheet) and the Duplicate (Bottom Sheet). Candidates must:
 - Use a ball point pen (blue or black) for all entries and bubbling answers.
 - Submit the original OMR sheet to the invigilator.
 - Retain the duplicate sheet for personal reference.
 - Ensure the Question Paper Series is bubbled correctly.
 - Sign the OMR Answer Sheet and ensure it is countersigned by the invigilator.

Use of whitener/correcting fluid, blades, erasers, folding, tearing, rough work, or any kind of tampering anywhere on the OMR sheet or to change the answers on the OMR sheet will lead to disqualification. No further correspondence will be entertained in such cases.
- B.3. **Answers must be fully bubbled using only a Ball Point Pen (Blue or Black). Use of pencil, ink pen, or gel pen will result in invalidation. Partial or multiple bubbling will also result in loss of marks.**

C. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- C.1. Candidates must establish their identity before the invigilator using the signature and photograph on the Hall Ticket and Nominal Roll.
- C.2. Candidates must occupy their seats before the scheduled time. Late entry after the designated entry time (as mentioned in the hall ticket) will not be allowed. Candidates must remain in the exam hall until the exam concludes.
- C.3. Admission to the examination is purely provisional. It does not imply final approval of the candidate's eligibility. Final selection will be subject to certificate verification and fulfillment of all eligibility criteria. Candidates must upload a recent passport-size color photograph and signature in the application. Failure to produce the same photograph during verification/interview may lead to disqualification. Candidates are advised not to change their appearance until the recruitment process is completed.
- C.4. Candidates are prohibited from bringing electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, calculators, tablets, iPads, Bluetooth devices, pagers, smart watches, or any digital equipment to the examination hall. Analog watches are permitted. Sharing or exchanging items among candidates is strictly prohibited.
- C.5. Disorderly or unruly behavior, impersonation, or malpractice will lead to rejection of candidature and lodging of an FIR with the concerned police station. The Chief Superintendent is empowered to take immediate action.
- C.6. Any candidate found using unfair means will be disqualified. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- C.7. The Penal Provisions under **Act 25/97**, published in A.P. Gazette No.35, Part-IV.B, dated 21/08/1997, and G.O.Ms.No.385, G.A. (Ser-A) Dept., dated 18/10/2016, shall be invoked in cases of malpractice.
- C.8. If the Hall Ticket is without a photo or contains a very small photo, candidates must affix a passport-size photograph on it, duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. A similar photo must be submitted for each paper to the Chief Superintendent for pasting on the Nominal Roll.
- C.9. Candidates will not be allowed into the Examination Hall unless all procedural formalities are completed.
- C.10. Admission to the Examination is provisional, subject to eligibility and fulfillment of conditions as per the notification.
- C.11. Candidates must sign in the Nominal Roll and OMR Answer Sheet and get the invigilator's signature in the designated space.
- C.12. All instructions must be strictly followed in the Examination Hall.

ANNEXURE - IV
LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES
(Definition 28 of General Rule - 2)
SCHEDULE – I

(As per the Ordinance No.2 of 2025, dt: 17/04/2025, read with G.O. Ms. No.7, Social Welfare (CV) Department, dt: 18/04/2025 and G.O. Ms. No.46, General Administration (Services-D) Department, dt: 19/04/2025)

GROUP - I

Sl. No.	Caste Sl. No. as per Ordinance	Name of the Caste
1	8	Bavuri
2	12	Chachati
3	16	Chandala
4	18	Dandasi
5	20	Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano
6	22	Ghasi, Haddi, Relli - Chachandi
7	23	Godagali, Godagula
8	48	Mehtar
9	51	Paky, Moti, Thoti
10	53	Pamidi
11	55	Relli
12	58	Sapru
		Total – 12 Castes

GROUP – II

Sl. No.	Caste Sl. No. as per Ordinance	Name of the Caste
1	5	Arundhatiya
2	10	Bindla
3	14	Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Chamar – Ravidas, Chamar – Rohidas
4	15	Chambhar
5	17	Dakkal, Dokkalwar
6	19	Dhor
7	24	Godari
8	25	Gosangi
9	28	Jaggali
10	29	Jambuvulu
11	30	Kolupulvandlu, Pambada, Pambanda, Pambala
12	32	Madiga
13	33	Madiga Dasu, Mashteen
14	43	Mang
15	44	MangGarodi
16	47	Matangi
17	56	Samagara
18	59	Sindhollu, Chindollu
		Total – 18 Castes

GROUP – III

Sl. No.	Caste Sl. No. as per Ordinance	Name of the Caste
1	2	Adi Dravida
2	3	Anamuk
3	4	Aray Mala
4	6	Arava Mala
5	7	Barki
6	11	Byagara, Byagari

7	13	Chalavadi
8	21	Ellamalawar, Yellammalawandlu
9	26	Holeya
10	27	Holeya Dasari
11	31	Madasi Kuruva, Madari Kuruva
12	34	Mahar
13	35	Mala, Mala Ayawaru
14	36	Mala Dasari
15	37	Mala Dasu
16	38	Mala Hannai
17	39	Malajanagam
18	40	Mala Masti
19	41	Mala Sale, Netkani
20	42	Mala Sanyasi
21	45	Manne
22	50	Mundala
23	57	Samban
24	60	Yatala
25	61	Valluvan
26	1	Adi Andhra
27	46	Mashti
28	49	Mitha Ayyalvar
29	54	Panchama, Pariah
		Total – 29 Castes

LIST OF SCHEDULED TRIBES

- 1. Andh, Sadhu Andh *
- 2. Bagata
- 3. Bhil
- 4. Chanchu (Chenchwar omitted) *
- 5. Gadabas, Boda Gadaba, Gutob Gadaba, Kallayi Gadaba, Parangi Gadaba, Kathera Gadaba, Kapu Gadaba *
- 6. Gond, Naikpod, Rajgond, Koitur *
- 7. Goudu (in the Agency tracts)
- 8. Hill Reddis
- 9. Jatapus
- 10. Kammara
- 11. Kattunayakan
- 12. Kolam, Kolawar *
- 13. Konda Dhoras, Kubi *
- 14. Konda Kapus
- 15. Konda Reddis
- 16. Kondhs, Kodi, Kodhu, Desaya Kondhs, Dongria Kondhs, Kuttiya Konds, Tikiria Khondhs, Yenity Khondhs, Kuvinga *
- 17. Kotia, Benthos Oriya, Bartika, Dulia, Holva, Sanrona, Sidhopaiko (Dhulia,Paiko,Putiya-omitted *)
- 18. Koya, Doli Koya, Gutta Koya, Kammara Koya, Musara Koya, Oddi Koya, Pattidi Koya, Rajah, Rasha Koya, Lingadhari Koya (Ordinary), Kottu Koya, Bhine Koya, Raj Koya (Goud-omitted *)
- 19. Kulia
- 20. Malis (excluding Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal District)
- 21. Manna Dhora
- 22. Nayaks (in the Agency tracts)
- 23. Mukha Dhora, Nooka Dhora
- 24. Pardhan
- 25. Porja, Parangi Perja
- 26. Reddi Dhoras
- 27. Rona, Rena
- 28. Savaras, Kapu Savaras, Maliya Savaras, Khutto Savaras
- 29. Sugalis, Lambadis, Banjara *
- 30. Thoti (in Adilabad, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Warangal Districts)
- 31. Valmiki (in the Scheduled Areas of Vishakapatnam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, East Godavari

- and West Godavari Districts *)
32. Yenadis, Chella Yenadi, Kappala Yenadi, Manchi Yenadi, Reddi Yenadi *
 33. Yerukulas, Koracha, Dabba Yerukula, Kunchapuri Yerukula, Uppu Yerukula *
 34. Nakkala Kurivikaran (Nakkala – A.P. Gazette, Part – III (B) Central Acts ordinance and Regulations Issue No. 05 Dt. 02/10/2003)
 35. Dhulia, Paiko, Putiya (in the districts of Vishakapatnam, Vizianagaram *)

* As for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act 2002, Act No. 10 of 2003

LIST OF SOCIALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD CLASSES

(Amended from time to time as on 31/08/2007)

GROUP- A

Aboriginal Tribes, Vimuktha Jathis, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes etc.,

1. Agnikulakshatriya, Palli, Vadabalija, Besta, jalari, Gangavar, Gangaputra, Goondla, Vanyakulakshatriya (Vannekapu, Vannereddi, Pallikapu, Pallireddy Neyyala and Pattapu) *Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu, The G.O. Ms.No. 15 BCW(C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009 is suspended. Hence the inclusion of Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu is suspended)vide Hon'ble A.P. High Court orders in WP No. 2122/2009 dated: 29-04- 2009. Kandra added as per G.O.Ms.No.09 Backward Classes Welfare(F)Dept.,Dt:20.04.2023.
2. Balasanthu, Bahurupi
3. Bandara
4. Budabukkala
5. Rajaka (Chakali Vannar)
6. Dasari (formerly engaged in bikshatana)
(amended vide G.O.Rt.No. 32, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/02/1995)
7. Dommara
8. Gangiredlavaru
9. Jangam (whose traditional occupation is begging)
10. Jogi
11. Katipapala
12. Korcha
13. Lambada or Banjara in Telangana Area
(deleted and included in S.T. list vide G.O.Ms.No. 149, SW, dated 3/5/1978)
14. Medari or Mahendra
15. Mondivaru, Mondibanda, Banda
16. Nayee Brahmin (Mangali), Mangala and Bajantri
(amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 1, BCW(M1) Department, dated 6/1/1996)
17. Nakkala (Deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 21, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 20/06/2011)
18. Vamsha Raj (amended vide G.O.Ms.No. 27, BCW(M1) Department, dated 23/06/1995 deleting the Original name Pitchiguntla)
19. Pamula
20. Pardhi (Mirshikari)
21. Pambala
22. Peddammavandlu, Devaravandlu, Yellammavandlu, Mutyalammavandlu (Dammali, Dammala, Dammula, Damala Castes confined to Srikakulam dist. Vide G.O.Ms. No.: 9 BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 9/04/2008)
23. Veeramushti (Nettikotala), Veera bhadreeya (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 62, BCW (M1) Dept., Dt. 10/12/1996)
24. Valmiki boya (Boya, Bedar, Kirataka, Nishadi, Yellapi, Pedda Boya) Talayari and Chunduvallu
(G.O.Ms. No. 124, SW, Dt. 24.06.85) Yellapi and Yellapu are one and the same amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 61, BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 05.12.1996)
25. Yerukalas in Telangana area (deleted and included in the list of S.Ts)
26. Gudala
27. Kanjara - Bhatta
28. Kalinga (Kinthala deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 53, SW, Dt. 07.03.1980)
29. Kepmare or Reddika
30. Mondipatta
31. Nokkar
32. Pariki Muggula
33. Yata
34. Chopemari
35. Kaikadi
36. Joshinandiwalas

37. Odde (Oddilu, Vaddi, Vaddelu)
38. Mandula (Govt. Memo No. 40-VI/70-1, Edn., Dt. 10.02.1972)
39. Mehator (Muslim) (Govt. Memo No. 234-VI/72-2, Edn., Dt.05.07.1972)
40. Kunapuli (Govt. Memo No. 1279/P1/74-10, E&SW, Dt. 03.08.1975)
41. Patra (included in G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 28.08.2006)
42. kurakula of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide in G.O.MS.No. 26 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
43. Pondara of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam Districts only. Included vide G.O.MS.No. 28 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
44. Samanthula, Samantha, sountia, Sauntia of Srikakulam District only. Included vide G.O.MS.No. 29 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
45. pala-Ekari, Ekila, Vyakula, Ekiri, Nayanivaru, Palegaru, Tolagari, Kavali of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included Vide G.O. MS. No. 23 B.C. W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
46. Rajannala, Rajannalu of Karimnagar, Warangal, Nizamabad and Adilabad Districts only. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 44 B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).
47. Bukka Ayyavars, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 6 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
48. Gotrala, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 7 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
49. Kasikapadi / Kasikapudi, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 8 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Nizamabad, Mahaboobnagar and Adilabad Districts of Telangana Region only.
50. Siddula, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 9 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region only.
51. Sikligar / Saikalgar, Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 10 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
52. Poosala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
53. Aasadula / Asadula, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
54. Keuta/Kevuto/Keviti, included vide G.O. Ms. No. 15, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam District only.

Group-B (Vocational)

1. Achukatlavandlu in the Districts of Visakhapatnam and Guntur confined to Hindus only as amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 8, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 29.03.2000
2. Aryakshatriya, Chittari, Giniyar, Chitrakara, Nakshas (Muchi Telugu Speaking deleted vide G.O. Ms. No. 31, BCW (M1) Dept., 11.06.1996)
3. Devanga
4. Goud (Ediga) Gouda (Gamella) Kalalee, Goundla, Settibalija of Vishakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts and Srisayana (Segidi) – (amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 16, BCW (A1) Dept., dt. 19.06.1997
5. Dudekula, Laddaf, Pinjari or Noorbash
6. Gandla, Telikula, Devatilakula (Amended vide G.O. Ms. No. 13, BCW(A1) Dept., dt. 20.05.1997)
7. Jandra
8. Kummara or Kulala, Salivahana (Salivahana added vide G.O. Ms. No. 28, BCW(M1) Dept., 24.06.1995)
9. Karikalabhakthulu, Kaikolan or Kaikala (Sengundam or Sengunther)
10. Karnabhakthulu
11. Kuruba or Kuruma
12. Nagavaddilu
13. Neelakanthi
14. Patkar (Khatri)
15. Perika (Perikabalija, Puragirikshatriya)
16. Nessi or Kurni
17. Padmasali (Sali, Salivan, Pattusali, Senapathulu, Thogata Sali)
18. Srisayana ((**sagidi**)- deleted and added to Sl.No. 4 of Group-B)
19. Swakulasali
20. Thogata, Thogati or Thogataveerakshatriya
21. Viswabrahmin, Viswakarma (Ausula or Kamsali, Kammari, Kanchari Vadla or Vadra or Vadrangi and Silpis) (Viswakarma added vide G.O. Ms. No. 59 BCW(M1) Dept., Dt. 06.12.1995)
22. Kunchiti, Vakkaliga, Vakkaligara, Kunchitiga of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O. Ms.No. 10 BCW(C-2) Dept., Dt. 9-04-2008
23. Lodh, Lodhi, Lodha of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Khammam and Adilabad Districts only.

- Included in Vide G.O.MS.No. 22 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
24. Bondili (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 42, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
 25. Are Marathi, Maratha(Non-Brahmins), Arakalies and Surabhi Natakavallu. (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 40, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008). Tholu Bommalatavallu added as per G.O.Ms.No.08, Backward Classes Welfare(F) Dept., Dt:20.04.2023.
 26. Neeli (included in vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008).
 27. Budubunjala/Bhunjwa/Bhadbhunja, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 11, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy District only.
 28. Gudia/Gudiya, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 14, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam, district only.
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GROUP – C

Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and their progeny (Substituted in G.O.Ms.No.159, G.A. (Ser.D) Dept., dt. 02/04/1981)

GROUP – D (Other Classes)

1. Agar
2. Are-Katika, Katika, Are-Suryavamsi(Are-Suryavamsi added vide G.O. Ms. No. 39, B.C. W(C2) Dept., Dt. 7/08/08)
3. Atagara
4. Bhatraju
5. Chippolu (Mera)
6. Gavara
7. Godaba
8. Hatkar
9. Jakkala
10. Jingar
11. Kandra Deleted and added to Sl.No. 01 Under BC-A Group as per G.O.Ms.No.09 BCW(F)Dept.,Dt:20.04.2023.
12. Kosthi
13. Kachi
14. Surya Balija, (Kalavanthulu) Ganika (amended vide G.O.Ms. No. 20, BCW(P2) Dept., Dt. 19.07.1994)
15. Krishanabalija (Dasari, Bukka)
16. Koppulavelama
17. Mathura
18. Mali (Bare, Barai, Marar and Tamboli of all Districts of Telangana Region added as synonyms vide G.O. Ms. No. 3, BCW(C2) Dept., Dt. 09.01.2004 and G.O. Ms. No. 45, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
19. Mudiraj / Mutrasi / Tenugollu.
20. Munnurukapu (Telangana)
21. Nagavamsam (Nagavamsa) vide G.O.Ms.No. 53, BC Welfare Dept., dated:19/09/1996
22. Nelli(deleted vide G.O.Ms. No. 43, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
23. Polinativemas of Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts
24. deleted vide G.O. Ms.No. 16 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009
25. Passi
26. Rangrez or Bhavasarakshtriya
27. Sadhuchetty
28. Satani (Chattadasrivaishnava)
29. Tammali (Non-Brahmins) (Shudra Caste) whose traditional occupation is playing musical instruments, vending of flowers and giving assistance in temple service but not Shivarchakars. Included vide G.O. Ms. No. 7, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 19/02/2011).
30. Turupukapus or Gajula kapus {... the words "of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vishakhapatnam Districts" were deleted vide G.O.Ms.No. 62, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 20/12/2008 and G.O. Ms.No. 19 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009} who are subject to Social customs or divorce and remarriage among their women (G.O. Ms. No. 65, E&SW, dt. 18.02.1994)
31. Uppara or Sagara
32. Vanjara (Vanjari)
33. Yadava (Golla)
34. Are, Arevalli and Arollu of Telangana District (Included vide G.O.Ms.No. 11, Backward Classes Welfare (C-2) Department, dt. 13/5/2003 and G.O.Ms. No. 41, B.C.W(C2) Dept., Dt.07/08/2008)
35. Sadara, Sadaru of Anantapur Dist. Only vide G.O.Ms.No. 11 BCW (C-2) Dept., Dt. 9- 04-2008
36. Arava of Srikakulam District only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 24 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt.

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37. Ayyaraka, of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Khammam and Warangal Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 25 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
38. Nagaralu of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 27 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
39. Aghamudian, Aghamudiar, Agamudivellalar and Agamudimudaliar including Thuluva Vellalas of Chittoor, Nellore, Kurnool, Anantapur, Hyderabad and Rangareddy Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 20 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
40. Beri Vysya, Beri Chetty of Chittoor, Nellore and Krishna Districts only. Included in vide G.O. MS. No. 21 BC W (C2) Dept., Dt. 4/07/08
41. Atirasa included vide G.O. Ms.No. 5 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to East Godavari and West Godavari Districts only.
42. Sonidi / Sundi included vide G.O. Ms.No. 11 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
43. Varala included vide G.O. Ms.No. 12 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
44. Sistakaranam included vide G.O. Ms.No. 13 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009.
45. Lakkamari Kapu included vide G.O. Ms.No. 14 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 19/02/2009. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana region only.
46. Veerashaiva Lingayat/Lingabaliya, included vide G.O. Ms.No. 22 Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., dt. 28/02/2009.
47. Kurmi, included vide G.O.Ms. No. 12, Backward Classes Welfare (C2) Dept., Dt. 27/05/2011. The area of operation shall be confined to Telangana Region and also Krishna District only.
48. Kalinga Komati / Kalinga Vysya vide G.O. Ms. No.10 Backward classes Welfare(c) Department Dated.24.9.2014. The area of operation shall be confined to Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts only.

GROUP – E

(Socially and Educationally Backward Classes of Muslims)

1. Achchukattalavandlu, Singali, Singamvally, Achchupanivally, Achchukattuvaru, Achchukattalavandlu.
2. Attar Saibuli, Attarollu
3. Dhobi Muslim/ Muslim Dhobi/ Dhobi Musalman, Turka Chakla or Turka Sakala, Turaka Chakali, Tulukka Vannan, Tskalas or Chakalas, Muslim Rajakas.
4. Faqir, Fhakir Budbudki, Ghanti, Fhakir, Ghanta Fhakirlu, Turaka Budbudki, Derves, Fakeer
5. Garadi Muslim, Garadi Saibulu, Pamulavally, Kani-Kattuvally, Garadollu, Garadiga.
6. Gosangi Muslim, Phakeer Sayebulu
7. Guddi Eluguvally, Elugu Bantuvally, Musalman Keelu Gurralavally
8. Hajam, Nai, Nai Muslim, Navid
9. Labbi, Labbai, Labbon, Labba
10. Pakeerla, Borewale, Deraphakirlu, Bonthala
11. Kureshi/ Khureshi, Khasab, Marati Khasab, Muslim Katika, Khatik Muslim
12. Shaik/ Sheikh
13. Siddi, Yaba, Habshi, Jasi
14. Turaka Kasha, Kakkukotte Zinka Saibulu, chakkitakanevale, Terugadu Gontalavaru, Thirugatiganta, Rollaku Kakku Kottevaru, Pattar Phodulu, Chakketakare, Thuraka Kasha
15. Other Muslim groups excluding Syed, Saiyed, Sayyad, Mushaik; Mughal, Moghal; Pathans; Irani; Arab; Bohara, Bohra; Shia Imami Ismaili, Khoja; Cutchi-Memon; Jamayat; Navayat; and all the synonyms and sub-groups of the excluded groups; and except those who have been already included in the State List of Backward Classes.

N.B.:1. The above list is for information and subject to confirmation with reference to G.O. Ms. No. 58, SW(J) Department, dated 12/05/1997 and time to time orders.

2. On account of any reason whatsoever in case of any doubt/ dispute arising in the matter of community status (SC/ST/BC/OC) of any candidate, subject to satisfaction with regard to relevant rules and regulations in force the decision of the Commission shall be final in all such cases.
