



**INDIAN NAVY INVITES ONLINE APPLICATIONS FROM UNMARRIED MALE AND UNMARRIED FEMALE CANDIDATES FOR AGNIVEER (MR (MUSICIAN)) – 02/2026 BATCH**

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**COMBAT READY COHESIVE AATMANIRBHAR – SAFEGUARDING SEAS FOR A VIKSIT SAMRIDHA BHARAT**

**Eligibility Conditions**

- Online applications are invited from unmarried male and unmarried female candidates (who fulfil eligibility conditions as laid down by the Government of India) for enrolment as Agniveer (MR(Musician)) - 02/2026 (Jul 26) batch. The vacancies will be decided based on service requirement. The eligibility criteria and broad terms and conditions are laid down herein below.
- Educational Qualifications.** Candidate must have passed Matriculation Examination with minimum 50% marks in aggregate from the Boards of School Education recognised by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
- Age.** Candidate should be born between **01 Jul 2004 – 31 Dec 2008** (both dates inclusive).
- Marital Status.** Only unmarried male and unmarried female candidates are eligible for enrolment as Agniveer in Indian Navy (IN). Candidates will have to give a certificate of being 'unmarried' at the time of enrolment. Agniveers shall not be permitted to marry during their entire tenure of four years in the IN. A candidate shall be dismissed from service if he/ she marries during his/her tenure or is found to be already married despite giving certificate of being unmarried.
- Musical Ability.** The candidate should have proficiency and aptitude for music with accuracy in tempo, pitch and singing one complete song. He/ She should also have actual practical skill on any instrument of Indian or foreign origin with proficiency in tuning of instrument, matching unknown notes with instrument, prepared piece, sight reading of Indian Classical/ Tablature/ Staff Notation, performance of Scale/ Raaga/ Taala and basic theory of Indian or International music.
- Type of Instruments on which Proficiency Required.** The candidates would be required to perform with expertise on one or more instruments such as Keyboard/ String/ Wind instruments or any other instrument of Indian or foreign origin. **Candidates performing on indefinite pitch instruments such as Jazz Drum set, Bass Drum, Snare Drums, Side Drums, Cymbals, Non Chromatic instruments such as bugle & monotone instruments used to produce only one note or drone will not be eligible for recruitment.**
- Musical Experience Certificate.**
  - Candidates performing Hindustani or Carnatic Classical music on wind instruments will require a musical experience certificate from any recognized musical institute or organisation of repute.
  - A certificate of minimum initial grade from international boards such as Trinity College of Music, London, or Royal School of Music London etc., will be mandatory for candidates performing western notation or western music on wind instruments.
  - Other candidates will be required to submit certificates of participation/ awards presented at various events.

**Terms & Conditions**

- Duration of Service.** The Agniveers shall be enrolled in the Indian Navy under the Navy Act 1957, for a period of four years. \*Agniveer would form a distinct rank, different from any other existing rank and would be the junior most rank in the Indian Navy\*. Indian Navy is not obliged to retain Agniveers beyond the engagement period of four years.
- Leave.** 30 days leave per year shall be applicable for Agniveers. Additionally, sick leave would be applicable based on medical advice of competent medical authority.
- Pay, Allowances and Allied Benefits.** Agniveers will be paid a package of ₹30,000 per month with a fixed yearly increment. In addition, risk and hardship, dress and travel allowances will be paid.
- Seva Nidhi.** Agniveers shall be given a one-time Seva Nidhi package comprising their monthly contribution along with matching contribution by the Government on completion of their engagement period, as indicated below:-

Year	Customised Package (Monthly)	In Hand (70%)	Contribution to Agniveer Corpus Fund (30%)	Contribution to Corpus Fund by Govt
All figures in Rs (Monthly Contribution)				
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	30000	21000	9000	9000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	33000	23100	9900	9900
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	36500	25550	10950	10950
4 <sup>th</sup> Year	40000	28000	12000	12000
Total in Agniveer Corpus Fund			<b>5.02 Lakh</b>	<b>5.02 Lakh</b>

**Note:-There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits.**

- Life Insurance Cover.** Agniveer will be provided non-contributory Life Insurance Cover of Rs. 48 lakh for the duration of their engagement period.
- Death Compensation.** In addition to insurance cover of Rs. 48 Lakh, one time ex-gratia of Rs. 44 Lakh for death attributable to service, will be provided to the NOK.
- Disability Compensation.** One time ex-gratia of Rs. 44/ 25/ 15 Lakh based on % of disability (100%/ 75%/ 50%) shall be applicable to Agniveers.

**Note:-** For further information regarding death/ disability compensation visit [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in).

- Enrolment as Sailors (Regular Cadre).** On completion of four years of service, based on organisation's requirements and policies promulgated by the Indian Navy, Agniveers will be offered an opportunity to apply for permanent enrolment in the Indian Navy. These applications will be considered in centralised manner based on objective criteria including performance during their four year engagement period and up to 25% of each specific batch of Agniveers will be enrolled in Indian Navy for further re-engagement as sailor (regular cadre). Agniveers will not have any right to be selected for further enrolment in to the Indian Navy. Selection of the Agniveers for further enrolment, if any, shall be at the discretion of the Indian Navy.

**16. Naval Pension Regulations/ Gratuity.** Agniveers will not be governed by provisions contained in the Naval Pension Regulations/ Rules (as amended from time to time). Additionally, Agniveers will not be entitled to gratuity for engagement period.

**17. Release at Own Request.** Agniveers will not be permitted to get released at own request prior to completion of engagement period. However, in most exceptional cases, personnel enrolled under this scheme may be released, if sanctioned by the competent authority.

**18. Ex-servicemen Status.** Agniveers will not be eligible for ex-Servicemen status.

**19. Medical & CSD Facilities.** For the duration of their engagement period in the Indian Navy, Agniveers will be entitled for medical facilities at Service hospitals as well as CSD facilities.

**Selection Criteria**

**Selection of recruits is based on the order of merit based on their performance in Music Ability Test.**

**20. Shortlisting. Shortlisting of candidates for recruitment process will be based on marks obtained in the matriculation examination.** Only candidates holding valid music certificates (Degree/ Diploma/ Grade/ Certificate of Competitions) will be considered for shortlisting. Candidates who are awarded grades in the matriculation certificate are to convert them into marks as per the conversion formula approved by the respective board. A copy of the officially promulgated conversion formula has to be uploaded by the candidate. In the absence of which, his/her candidature shall be cancelled. Shortlisting of candidates for the recruitment process shall be undertaken based on all India merit.

**Note:** In case number of shortlisted candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, due to candidates having similar percentage in matriculation, candidates having an earlier DOB (i.e. having lesser no. chances for recruitment) will be shortlisted.

**21. Recruitment Process.** Shortlisted candidates will be issued call-up letter for Recruitment Process comprising of Physical Fitness Test (PFT), Written Examination, Music Ability Test and Recruitment Medical Examination. Those who qualify the PFT, Written Examination and Music Ability Test will be required to undergo Recruitment Medical Examination. Centre Allocation for Recruitment Process will be at the discretion of the Indian Navy. The recruitment is tentatively scheduled to be held in **early Jun 26**.

**22. Physical Standards.** Qualifying in Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is mandatory for selection. **Candidates undergoing PFT will do so at their own risk.** PFT standard is as follows:-

Gender	1.6 Km run	Squats (Uthak Baithak)	Push-ups	Bent Knee Sit-ups
Male	06 min 30 sec	20	15	15
Female	08 min	15	10	10

**Advisory:-** Proficiency in sports, swimming and extra-curricular activities is desirable.

**23. Written Examination.** Candidates qualified in PFT will undergo an offline written examination consisting of 50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) each carrying one mark. All candidates scoring 13 marks and above out of 50 (i.e.>25%) will be selected for Musical Ability Test (MAT). **Written exam will be conducted only for those candidates who qualify the PFT.** The details of written exam are as follows:-

23.1 The question paper will comprise 50 questions of 01 mark each.

23.2 The question paper will be bilingual (Hindi & English) objective type (multiple-choice).

23.3 The question paper will comprise of two sections i.e. Science & Mathematics and General Awareness.

23.4 The standard of the question paper will be that of 10th. Syllabus. Sample papers for the examination are available on the website <https://joinindiannavy.gov.in>.

23.5 Duration of examination will be 30 Minutes.

23.6 The candidates are required to pass in both sections as well as in aggregate. **The Indian Navy reserves the right to determine the pass marks in each Section and in aggregate.**

**24. Music Ability Test.** All qualified candidates in PFT and written examination shall be required to appear in the Music Ability Test. The final selection of candidates shall be based on performance in Music Ability Test.

**25. Recruitment Medical Examination.** Recruitment Medical Examination will be carried out for candidates who qualify Music Ability Test & PFT. **Candidates who are found medically unfit in Recruitment Medical Examination may choose to appeal against its findings at designated Military Hospital (allocated by the Indian Navy) within a maximum period of 05 days. Medical fitness certificate issued by hospitals other than designated Military Hospitals (allocated by the Indian Navy) will not be considered. No further review/ appeal is permissible.**

**26. Merit List.** Candidates who qualify the PFT, Written Exam and Recruitment Medical Examination shall be considered for compilation of final merit list. The final merit list shall be based on performance in the Music Ability Test and compiled on all India basis. The result shall be published on candidates' dashboard on website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in) by **early Jul 26**.

**27. Pre-Enrolment Medicals** Pre-Enrolment Medicals of all selected candidates will be conducted at INS Chilka, Odisha. Induction of the candidates will be subject to qualifying in Pre-Enrolment Medicals.

**28. Medical Standards.**

28.1 Medical examination will be conducted by authorised military doctors as per medical standard prescribed in current regulations applicable on entry.

28.2 **Gender.** Any candidate, if found to have predominant characteristics of the opposite gender as evidenced on external physical examination, will be rejected as UNFIT. Any candidate having undergone gender reassignment surgery will be declared UNFIT.

28.3 **Pregnancy.** Any female candidate, if found to be pregnant shall be disqualified and her candidature rejected. A candidate should not have conceived at the time of reporting or till conclusion of four years tenure. If found to be pregnant later during training or engagement period of four years, suitable action for dismissal/ removal will be undertaken.

28.4 **Minimum Height Standards.** Minimum height standards for male and female Candidates is 157 cms.

28.5 **Tattoos.** Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearms i.e from inside of elbow to the wrist and on the reversed side of palm/ back (dorsal) side of hand. Permanent body tattoos on any other part of the body is not acceptable and candidate will be barred from recruitment.

28.6 The candidate must be in good physical and mental health, free from any disease/ disability likely to interfere with the efficient performance of duties both ashore and afloat under peace as well as war conditions.

**Note:-** 1. **Candidates are advised to get their ears cleaned for wax, and tartar removed from teeth prior to medical examination.**

2. Regulations regarding **height relaxation** are available in website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in).

#### 29. Visual Standards.

Uncorrected Vision	Corrected Vision	Colour Perception
6/12, 6/12	6/6, 6/6	CP Pass

#### Training

30. **Training.** Training for the course will commence in **Jul 26**, at INS Chilka, Odisha.

31. **Discharge as Unsuitable.** Agniveers are liable to be discharged as **"UNSUITABLE"** due to unsatisfactory performance at any time during training or service tenure.

#### Selection Procedure

32. The applications are to be filled online on website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in) and all required documents in original are to be scanned and uploaded. Application received through speed post/ registered post or couriers will be rejected. The selection procedure is as follows: -

32.1 'Online' applications along with the required certificates will be examined and validated.

32.2 Call up Letters cum Admit Cards (CLACs) for eligible candidates indicating date, time and place for Recruitment Process will be uploaded on website by **10 May 26**. The candidate would be required to download CLACs from the official website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in). No Call up Letter cum Admit Cards (CLACs) will be sent by post.

32.3 All original music certificates, mark sheets and Domicile certificate (which have been uploaded whilst filling online application) are to be produced at the time of recruitment process. If the details provided in 'online application' are not matching with original documents, the candidature will be cancelled.

32.4 Candidates declaring incorrect Domicile/ Gender and other details shall not be permitted to appear in the recruitment and their candidature would be cancelled.

32.5 All selected candidates will have to undergo a Final Medical Examination at INS Chilka, Odisha.

32.6 All candidates issued call-up letter for induction at Chilka are required to produce their Police Verification Certificate. The candidates will be required to get their antecedents verified on Police Verification Certificate / Online police verification form from the Superintendent of Police of their respective jurisdiction. Only those candidates, who submit the Police verification form duly verified by the concerned authorities, will be enrolled. Candidates without the verified police verification reports will not be eligible for enrolment.

32.7 The candidate's selection pertaining to a particular batch is valid for that batch only. Qualified candidates whose names do not appear in the final select list cannot claim admission in the next batch. These candidates will have to undergo the selection procedure afresh provided that they meet the eligibility criteria for the fresh batch.

32.8 No enquiry will be entertained regarding this recruitment/ enrolment after a period of six months.

#### How to Apply

33. For this entry, the candidates can apply **ONLINE ONLY** on the Indian Navy official website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in) from **11 to 26 Apr 2026**. The procedure is available on website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in). Candidates are advised to fill up correct details while filling the online application. Any updates/ corrections are to be carried out by the candidate before the last date of submission of application. No further correction/ update is feasible after the last date of submission of application. Incorrect declaration of information by candidates, identified at any stage would result in cancellation of candidature. The application may be uploaded from Common Service Centres (CSC) across the country, (fee of Rs 60 + GST). This facility is entirely optional.

34. **Photograph.** Recent passport size colour photograph (taken not before Mar 2026) of size 10 KB to 50 KB (front portrait in light background without head gear except for Sikhs) is to be taken with candidate holding a black slate in front of his/ her chest with his/ her name and date of photograph taken, clearly written on it with white chalk in capital letters. Change in appearance like growing beard, head gear, etc in comparison to the photograph may result in cancellation of candidature.

#### 35. Important Information

35.1 Mobile phones or any other communication devices are not allowed inside the premises where the examination is being conducted. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

35.2 Candidates are strongly advised to apply online well in time without waiting for the last date for submission of Online application.

35.3 No candidate should misbehave in any manner or create disorderly scene in examination premises. This will entail disqualification.

35.4 Candidates should avoid submitting multiple applications. If more than one application is received from a candidate, his candidature will be cancelled.

35.5 The decision of the Indian Navy as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate at every stage of recruitment shall be final.

35.6 Wrong information about domicile details will result in cancellation of candidature at any stage of recruitment, training and thereafter.

**LAST DATE OF ONLINE APPLICATION – 26 APR 2026**

#### WARNING

##### BEWARE OF AGENTS/ CHEATS/ TOUTS/ ANTI SOCIAL ELEMENTS

Persons claiming rapport with the officials of the Naval Recruitment Organisation may promise to get a candidate recruited and, on that pretext, may collect money. **WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSERT THAT SUCH A THING IS NOT POSSIBLE.** Approach the police and lodge an FIR in case of any harassment by touts. All short-listed applicants are issued Call-up letter cum Admit Card. **Before succumbing to the promises of any agent think twice! If you think that you can get the things done unlawfully, you are bound to lose! You are advised to conduct yourself as a law abiding citizen of the country and refrain from using unfair means.**

#### DISCLAIMER

The terms and conditions given in the advertisement are guidelines only and are subject to change without notice. Further, orders issued by the Government, as amended from time to time will apply for the selected candidates.



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