

**FAMILY COURT, HIMMATNAGAR**  
**ADVERTISEMENT NO.1/2024**  
**TO PREPARE A PANEL OF COUNSELLOR**  
**IN THE FAMILY COURTS OF DISTRICT – SABARKANTHA**

Applications in prescribed format available on official website of District Court, Himmatnagar, are invited from the eligible persons for empanelment as **Counsellors** in the Family Courts of **District – Sabarkantha – HEAD QUARTER AND CLUSTER FAMILY COURTS AT IDAR AND KHEDBRAHMA**, under the **Gujarat Family Court (Amendment) Rules, 2023**.

**The general terms and conditions for appointment :**

**1. Qualification :**

Applicant must possess following qualification :-

(As on the last date of Application)

- (i) Degree of recognized University preferably with Social Science or psychology as one of the subjects;
- (ii) Minimum experience of 02 (Two) Years in Social Work, Child Psychiatry or Family Counselling and
- (iii) Having impeccable integrity.

**Important Notes :**

- (a) In case of other things being equal, then preference shall be given, in the matter of appointment -
  - to a woman Candidate having the requisite qualification;
  - to a Candidate who has been a Judge or has experience of Counselling in family matters.
- (b) The High Court may, in exceptional circumstances, relax the minimum academic qualifications.

**2. Age-limit :**

As on the last date fixed for submission of Application, a candidate must have attained the age of 35 years and must not have crossed the age of 65 years.

**3. Honorarium or Fee :**

The Candidate appointed as Counsellor, Family Court shall be paid a Honorarium or Fee as may be determined and notified by State Government from time to time.

**4. Duties and responsibilities of Counsellor, Family Court :**

- (i) The Candidate appointed as the Counsellor shall have to work in association with the Family Court for the purpose of promoting conciliation in the securing speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and family affairs and matters connected therewith.
- (ii) **The Counsellor so appointed shall not act or plead for a party to a case or proceeding** but shall generally assist the Court in reaching peaceful and amicable settlement of the dispute.

- (iii) The Counsellor, entrusted with any petition, shall -
- attend the Court as and when required by the Judge of the Family Court;
  - aid and advise the parties regarding settlement of the subject- matter of dispute or any other part thereof ;
  - help the parties in reconciliation;
  - submit report or interim report, as the case may be required by the Court to which he/she is attached;
  - perform such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Family Court to which he/she is attached, from time to time.

**5. Termination of Counsellor :**

The appointment of Counsellor may be terminated on recommendation of the High Court, without assigning any reason, at any time before the expiry of his/her term on the recommendation of the concerned Principal Judge, Family Court.

**6. How to apply:**

1. Application is available in prescribed proforma on official website of District Court, Himmatnagar i.e. at [sabarkantha.dcourts.gov.in](http://sabarkantha.dcourts.gov.in) and after filing said application, it is to be submitted on **e-mail ID of Family Court, Himmatnagar i.e. familycourthmt@gmail.com** or in person before **Family Court, Himmatnagar, ground floor, District Court, Nyaya Mandir, Himmatnagar** up to 08/07/2024, 6.10p.m. for all the three Family Courts.
2. Applications submitted after above prescribed time limit or not submitted in prescribed format, will not be taken into consideration.
3. Candidates who will be called for interview will be listed on the official website of District Court, Himmatnagar as well as Notice board of Family Court, Himmatnagar and candidate shall have acknowledgment of it by visiting the website on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 or visiting personally at Family Court, Himmatnagar.
4. On scrutiny of application eligible candidate will be called for interview from 18<sup>th</sup> July, to 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 and selection list will be sent to Hon'ble Gujarat High Court for consideration and approval.

**By order,**

**I/c. Registrar,  
Family Court,  
Himmatnagar.**