



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Culture
Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar

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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Tentative Seniority List of Assistant Directors, Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, as it stood on 01.01.2026.

Whereas, vide Government Order No. 42-Cul of 2018 dated 07.12.2018, final Seniority list of Gazetted Officers of Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, was issued;

Whereas, vide Government Order No. 19-JK(Cul) of 2021 dated 28.04.2021, as it stood on 01-01-2021, tentative Seniority list of Gazetted Officers of Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, was issued for seeking objections from concerned officers.

Whereas, final seniority list was not been issued as the matter was sub-judice before the CAT, in O.A./815/2022 (Jammu) titled Dr Sangeeta Sharma (Assistant Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Jammu) Vs Culture. The Hon'ble Tribunal, vide order dated 29.08.2022, directed that any decision with regard to determination of seniority, particularly the inter-se seniority between the applicant and Respondent No. 5, shall not be finalized and, if already determined, the same shall be kept in abeyance.

Whereas, the respondent no. 5, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh Ex-Assistant Director ,Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Srinagar has now been retired on the attaining of superannuation age on 30.11.2025;

Whereas, one Officer namely , Mr Sarfaraz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Director, from Erstwhile State Gazetteer Unit Srinagar has been incorporated in the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums , J&K vide Govt. order No. 32-JK(Cul) of 2025 dated 19.08.2025. In the said order, it is clearly mentioned that :

“ The inter-se seniority shall be determined based on their existing position in the erstwhile Gazetteers unit, however, for all practical purposes, their placement shall be at the bottom of the existing seniority list in the Directorate”.

Further, the said officer has furnished the undertaking clearly stating the acceptance of terms and conditions of absorption.

Whereas, it has become necessary to update the Seniority list of Assistant Directors of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K ;

Now, therefore, the tentative seniority list of the Assistant Directors, Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, as it stood on 01.01.2026, has been framed as per Annexure "A" to this notification and objection(s) are invited from the concerned officers, if any. The objections, duly forwarded and endorsed by the Department of Culture through the official email ID secretary-culture@jk.gov.in within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance/publication of this notification, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has any objection and the seniority list so framed shall be treated as final.

The date(s) of birth recorded in the tentative seniority list shall not be taken as authentic and shall be subject to verification from Service book/Matriculation Certificate of the concerned officer.



(Amar Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government

No. Cul-Adm0Arch/3/2021-01

Dated: 18.03.2026

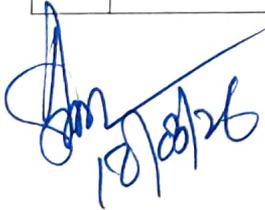
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1. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, with the request to upload the above notification alongwith the annexure on the official website of the Directorate and to circulate the same among all concerned stakeholders for submission of objections, if any. Also requested to obtain signatures of the concerned officers against their names in token of having seen the list and to submit the same to this Department for record
2. Director Information, J&K Jammu with the request to get this notification published in two leading English News papers of the J&K for information of all the concerned.
3. PA to Principal Secretary to the Government, Department of Culture.
4. All concerned officers.
5. In-charge Website.

Annexure- "A"

Tentative Seniority List of Assistant Directors, L-8 (47,600-1,51,100) Directorate of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, as it stood on 01.01.2026.

S. No	Name of the Officer/Category	D.O.B	Date of appointment	Date of Promotion of the present post.	Category	Place of posting
1	Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Assistant Director	02.02.1973	04.04.2008	26.04.2017	OM	Assistant Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums Jammu
2	Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmad Dar, Assistant Director (Erstwhile Gazetteer Unit, Srinagar)	29.07.1978	19.03.2015	19.03.2015	OM	Suspended vide Order no.80/DEOS/2024 dt 10-09-2024 by Deputy Commissioner (District Election Officer) , Srinagar presently attached with the Office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (K)


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