Railway Recruitment Boards notify 1,265 Station Master posts – CEN 08/2026; applications from 27 Oct

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News

The Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) have issued a separate employment notice (CEN 08/2026) for the post of Station Master. A short notice came out on 21 Oct 2026; online applications run from 27 Oct to 25 Nov 2026 (rrbapply.gov.in). As per the category-wise table, there are 1,265 posts in all. Qualification: any graduate degree; age 20–33 (as on 1.1.2027, with relaxation for reserved categories); Pay Level 6 of the 7th CPC – initial basic pay ₹35,400. Selection: CBT → Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) → document verification → medical test (A-2). RRB Chennai has 119 posts.

Key facts

Notice	CEN 08/2026 – Station Master (separate notice)
Posts	1,265 (UR 542, OBC 296, SC 176, ST 104, EWS 147)
Apply	27 Oct – 25 Nov 2026; rrbapply.gov.in
Eligibility / age	Graduate; 20–33 years (as on 1.1.2027)
Pay	Level 6; initial basic ₹35,400

Selection	CBT (100 marks, 120 min) → CBAT → DV → medical; final merit CBT 70% + CBAT 30%
Southern Railway	RRB Chennai 119 + RRB Thiruvananthapuram 114 = 233

Background

- History: India's first passenger train ran between Bombay (Bori Bunder) and Thane on 16 April 1853. The first electric train ran between Bombay VT and Kurla (Harbour line) on 3 Feb 1925.
- Administration: The apex management body of Indian Railways is the Railway Board (1905). In the Seventh Schedule, 'Railways' is in the Union List (Entry 22) – only Parliament can legislate on it.
- Station Master's job: responsible for safe train operation at the station – signals, line clear, despatch and reception of trains, station administration. Hence the Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) is compulsory.
- Note: Earlier, Station Master posts were filled through the NTPC (graduate level) notice; this time a separate CEN (08/2026) has been issued.

Tamil Nadu link: RRB Chennai has 119 posts (Southern Railway – HQ Chennai). South India's first railway line was run by the Madras Railway Company between Royapuram and Wallajah Road (Arcot) on 1 July 1856. The Nilgiri Mountain Railway (Mettupalayam – Udhagamandalam) became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005 (part of 'Mountain Railways of India'). India's first vertical-lift railway sea bridge, the new Pamban bridge (Mandapam – Rameswaram), opened on 6 April 2025.

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