



**Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani**  
K K Birla Goa Campus

**Date: 09/04/2026**

**ONE Research Assistant (RA)**  
**and**  
**ONE Field Investigator (FI)**  
**Positions under the ICSSR Funded Project**

Applications are invited for **ONE** position of **Research Associate (RA)** and **ONE** position of **Field Investigator (FI)** for an **ICSSR-funded** research project titled **India's Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) Welfare Gain Analysis: A Computational Framework using Terms of Trade & AI/ML-based Automation.**

**Principal Investigator:** Prof. Rajesh Barik  
**Co-Principal Investigator:** Prof. Rudra Prasad Pradhan  
**Co-Principal Investigator:** Prof. Hemant Rathore  
**Co-Principal Investigator:** Prof. Jestin Johny

**Broad area of Research:** Trade and Development, Blue Economy, Maritime Economics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning

**Duration of the project:** 2 Years

**Fellowship Amount (Rs.):**

- **Research Associate (RA):** INR 37,000 per month
- **Field Investigator (FI):** INR 20,000 per month

The selected candidate will get a chance to apply for the PhD degree at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus (Rules of the PhD program for BITS Pilani are applicable).

**Accommodation:** Hostel accommodation will be provided, subject to availability, and will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Institute prevailing at the time of joining of the candidate.

**Benefits:** State-of-the-art infrastructure, computing, and lab facilities with a thriving student, researcher, and teacher community. Single hostel room or married accommodation within the campus (subject to availability).



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## Qualification:

- **Research Associate (RA):** Post-graduate in a social science discipline (55% minimum) with NET /M.Phil. / Ph.D.
- **Field Investigator (FI):** Post-graduate in a social science discipline with a minimum 55%.

**Application Process:** Apply with CV and Cover letter (showing alignment and justification with the roles/responsibilities) using the Google Form <https://forms.gle/XzWWDRUWtNbk2eN38>

**Application Deadline:** **23 April 2026**

Preliminary shortlisting will be based on the resume and telephonic/audio-visual interview within two weeks of the last date of application. The candidate will be informed through email about the final interview. No TA/DA will be provided in case of a personal interview.

For more details, please contact:

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