



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

Pilani Campus

Grants Consultancy and Industrial Research (GCIR)

CALL FOR RESEARCH STAFF POSITION (RA)

Date: 27 April 2026

About: Applications are invited from interested and motivated candidates for the post of Research Assistant in a time-bound research project sponsored by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**. The position will be purely on contractual basis as per the following details:

Position	Research Assistant	Number of Vacancy: 01
Funding Agency	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)	
Project Title	Study of tourism destinations to establish framework & model guidelines for tourism destinations of different verticals which can be effectively practiced by Destination Management Organization	
Principal Investigator	Dr. Balakrushna Padhi, Department of Economics & Finance	
Project Tenure	3 Months	
Project/Job Description	<p>Mode of Working – Online (Work from Home) / Offline (In-Person) In the case of Online (preferably working from Home), the researcher is expected to report online regularly through online platform and may ask to visit BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, once or twice a month for the discussion/paperwork related to the project.</p> <p>Job Description We are seeking a motivated and detail-oriented Research Associate to support an R&D project focused on tourism destinations and Destination Management Organizations (DMOs). The selected candidate will be actively involved in both desk-based research and field-based studies.</p> <p>Key Responsibilities The Research Associate will assist in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct an in-depth review of existing literature, including research publications, policy documents, and government reports relevant to tourism destination management• Perform comparative analysis of Indian Standards with international standards, including identification of global best practices in tourism and destination management• Design and develop research tools, such as questionnaires and interview schedules for data collection• Participate in field visits, surveys, and stakeholder interactions across various tourism destinations• Collect, organize, and tabulate research data systematically. Assist in data analysis and interpretation <p>Contribute to the preparation of research papers, reports, and project documentation</p>	
Qualification	Postgraduate in any one of the social science disciplines, preferably Economics/Development Studies/Law/Sociology/Management/Related field, with a minimum 55 percent marks or equivalent CGPA. Candidates with relevant research experience will be preferred. Research experience includes experience gained as a Project fellow/Research Assistant/Research Associate/as a postgraduate student of M.Phil./Ph.D. in the relevant field as mentioned above.	
Upper Age Limit	No Age bar	
Fellowship/Stipend	Rs. 30,000 to 35,000 per month	

How to Apply	<p>Email the following documents to: balakrushna.padhi@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in with Subject line as ‘Application for RA- BIS Project’ with a preference of working “Online or Offline”</p> <p>a. CV (Mention past education, technical skills, research experience, publications, etc.) b. Cover letter and contact details of at least two academic referees. c. Copy of the NET/GATE/National-level exam score card (if applicable).</p>
Selection Process	<p>Candidates will be shortlisted based on their merit, experience, and as per the requirements of the project. Shortlisted candidates will be informed of the interview, which will be conducted through online mode. Only qualified and suitable candidates will be called for an interview.</p>

Application Deadline: 9th May, 2026

