



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

Hyderabad Campus

CALL FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR A PROJECT FUNDED BY THE ICSSR

Date: **17th October 2025**

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for **Research Assistant (2)** to work on the following project sponsored by ICSSR.

Title of the project: Coastal Erosion: Adaptation Relocation and Rehabilitation in a Resilience Framework (CeARRRF)

Duration of the project: 4 Years

Project position and number: Research Assistant (No. 2),

Consolidated amount: 37,000/

Eligibility requirements: Post Graduate Degree in any Social Science Disciplines preferably in subjects such as Economics/Disaster Management/Geography/ Development Studies/Social Work/Public Policy/Public Health etc. (**minimum 55% marks**) with **NET/or M. Phil or/Ph.D.**

Desirable: Local language skill, and Experience of fieldwork for social studies

Interested candidates with the above-mentioned qualification, can send **a CV, and a one-page statement, highlighting reasons for interest in this position, and skills that align with specific position's requirements** by **16th November, 2025**, to the Principal Investigator, Biswanath Dash via email: biswanath@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in

or by post, Biswanath Dash, K 131, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad campus, Medchal District, Kapra Mandal, Hyderabad - 500078.

Please note that only qualified and suitable candidates will be called for an online interview and no TA/DA will be paid for the interview. Selected candidate may be permitted to register for Ph.D. programme of BITS, Pilani, Hyderabad campus, subject to the fulfillment of the requirements.

Terms of Reference (TOR) for Research Assistant

- Description of the Project:** The position of Research Assistant is to support research activities for an ICSSR funded Longitudinal Study, title of the project: **Coastal Erosion: Adaptation Relocation and Rehabilitation in a Resilience Framework (CeARRRF)**. The study will examine the coastal erosion management approaches, across social contexts in India to formulate a systematic approach that will be helpful at the national, state and local level. The project is for a 4 years period, and is carried out by a multi-disciplinary research team from, BITS Pilani Hyd Campus, IIT Madras and Bhubaneswar, and AIIMS, New Delhi.



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2. Place of work: The Research Assistant will be primarily responsible for fieldwork in coastal district of a) Odisha (Kendrapara) and b) Tamilnadu (Villupuram).

3. Key roles and responsibilities:

- Conducting literature review
- Developing research tools such as Questionnaires, Interviews and Focused Group Discussion schedule and prompts
- Conducting Surveys, Interviews and Focused Group Discussion
- Transcription of data and data compilation
- Performing quantitative and qualitative data analysis
- Preparation of periodic research reports, and academic manuscripts
- Maintaining project database and related records
- Coordination and liaising with other stakeholders including government agencies
- Any other project related task assigned by the Project Directors

4. Qualification and Experience

Essential Qualification: Post Graduate Degree in any Social Science Disciplines preferably in subjects such as Economics/Disaster Management/Geography/ Development Studies/Public Policy/ Public Health etc. **(minimum 55% marks) with NET/or M. Phil or/Ph.D.**

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5. Terms of Employment: The employment is contractual, and is coterminous with the project period. A one month notice period will be given in the event of an earlier termination.

6. How to apply: You should apply by email to biswanath@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in with your CV, and a one-page statement, highlighting reasons for your interests and specific skills that you have, which align with the specific position's requirements. **The deadline for application submission is 16th November, 2025.**

7. Selection Procedure: The shortlisted applications will be contacted, and an online interview will be scheduled for interaction. The selected candidates are expected to join immediately.

8. Remuneration: Consolidated Pay of Rs 37,000/

Name of the PI: Biswanath Dash

Designation of PI: Associate Professor



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