



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

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ONE Research Assistant (RA) Position under the ICSSR-Funded Project

Applications are invited for **ONE** position of **Research Associate (RA)** 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

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 Economics or International Relation (55% minimum).

Application Process: Apply with CV and Cover letter (showing alignment and justification with the roles/responsibilities) using the Google Form <https://forms.gle/zwtbpcy9W5M7pBuJA>

Application Deadline: **10 September, 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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