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Advertisement for Research Associate Position in ICCSR-funded Project

Applications are invited from eligible and highly motivated candidates for the position of **Research Associate** in an ICSSR-sponsored research project (File No. 02/2025 26/ICSSR/RP/MN) in the Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Social Science & International Studies, Pondicherry University. The details of the project & position are mentioned below.

Title of the Project	Security and Socio-economic Development in the Border Region: A Case Study of the Vibrant Village Program in Arunachal Pradesh
Principal Investigator	Dr Ritesh Kumar Rai
Name of the Post	**Research Associate**
Number of Vacancies	**1 (ONE)**
Duration	**03 months** (Extendable depending on performance)
Job Description	The Research Associate will be required to assist with research writing, data analysis and other work related to the project.
Essential Qualifications	Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with a minimum 55% marks, along with NET/M.Phil./PhD and at least two years of research experience.
Desirable Qualifications	Expertise in MS Office, Excel, SPSS, NVivo and having research orientation with excellent research writing skills. Published research papers in Scopus-indexed journals or other reputed research journals. Background knowledge about the study area.
Salary	**47,000/- per month**

Important information

- All interested and eligible candidates are required to send a copy of their **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** along with self-attested scanned copies of certificates related to educational qualification, age, NET/M.Phil./PhD Certificate, and research experience, along with a **Letter of Interest** for the post to icssrproject2026dpis@gmail.com with the subject "Application for the Post of Research Associate for ICSSR Project".
- **Applicants are strictly advised to merge all relevant documents into a Single PDF file.**
- The last date to send the application is **10th December 2026, 5 PM.** All applications will be scrutinised by the duly constituted screening committee, and only Shortlisted candidates will be informed by email and invited to an **Online Interview on 14th December 2026 (tentative).**
- The final selection will be confirmed only after the verification of original documents. The selected candidates should be ready to join the project immediately.
- Pondicherry University reserves the right to withdraw the advertised post at any time without assigning any reason if the circumstances so warrant. The University also reserves the right to fill or not to fill the post, and its decision in this regard shall be final.
- The eligibility of the candidates will be determined as on the last date fixed for the receipt of application forms.
- The position is purely temporary, and services will be governed as per university and/or funding agency rules.
- For any queries, kindly contact @icssrproject2026dpis@gmail.com

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