



Centre for
Pastoralism

**Researcher for a 3-year Research Project titled 'Reviving Trans-Himalayan Rangelands:
A community-led vision for people and nature'.**

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Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) works on a range of pastoralists' issues across the country. Towards this, CfP is partnering with the World Wildlife Fund-India, on a research project that seeks to create a community-led vision for people and nature in Ladakh. This project proposes to address degradation of high-altitude rangelands, and associated biodiversity and livelihood impacts, by facilitating a community-led vision and rangelands co-management model in the Indian Trans-Himalayas. Pastoralist communities and key stakeholders will be convened through 'Rangelands Councils' for effective rangelands co-management. Interventions to improve human-wildlife coexistence, and augment women's income from 'rangelands-friendly' products, will contribute to livelihoods security. We aim to ultimately restore the Changpa communities as stewards of rangelands for the benefit of people and nature.

NOTE : 2 researchers will be hired for this project - one based in Ladakh and one based in Arunachal Pradesh. This project is for 3 years.

The Researchers are expected to:

1. Understand fundamentals of pastoralism, rural economies and livelihoods, especially related to the pastoral economy;
2. Understand fundamentals of pastoral mobility and the need to access pastures;
3. Coordinate the collection of data across various field locations in project locations;
4. Conduct focus group discussions and consultations as the project evolves.
5. Co-produce datasets and occasional reports;
6. Be comfortable in using technical tablet devices for carrying out data collection;
7. Flexible with work timings as per requirements of the project;
8. Have a valid driver's licence and know how to ride a motorcycle.
9. Comfortable working in cold climate as well as with limited facility area in rural areas
10. Analysing data and interpreting patterns.
11. Preferred having an experience of working in the developmental sector in Ladakh or in any other mountainous region.

Desired experience and qualifications:

Our ideal candidate is someone who has a strong research background and is able to understand the relationship between pastoralism, rangelands and conservation.

The candidate must have the following qualifications:

- A Master's in Economics, Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Rural Management, Social Work, Sociology, Anthropology OR relevant experience working on pastoralism, rural livelihoods, conservation, social work and/or the development sector.
- At least 4-5 years of work experience
- Excellent written and oral skills in English and Hindi.

We will start shortlisting candidates for interviews and continue until the position is filled. Please write to Aniruddh Sheth (aniruddh@centreforpastoralism.org) for more information on CfP, the project or the position. To apply, please fill up this [form](#) and submit your CV and a Cover Letter.

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