



Centre for
Pastoralism

Field Coordinator for the Atlas on Indian Pastoralism project in Maharashtra.

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Centre for Pastoralism (CfP) works on a range of pastoralists' issues across the country. To get a better understanding of pastoralism in various states from a spatial context, CfP is currently working on a project to map the pastoral movement across India. The collection of this data will entail an atlas which will contain a series of maps and statistical narratives that talk about the various problems pastoralists face while on their migratory routes and in their sedentary lifestyles.

The primary focus of this project is to understand and visualise the scale and spread of pastoralism and the routes they take for their migration across the country. As no such data has been collected in the past, CfP is conducting an on-ground survey by interacting with the pastoral communities and collecting information regarding their migratory routes. The pilot of this project was conducted in Himachal Pradesh. Based on the learnings and experiences in Himachal Pradesh, the project has expanded to Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The collected data will be overlaid on various derived datasets from satellite imagery like terrain, vegetation, drainage patterns, climatic conditions etc. and other secondary data to understand the relation of pastoral activities with natural and human induced occurrences. CfP believes that such a visual representation of data will aid in better policy and decision making for the copious pastoral communities.

NOTE : The field coordinator will be located full time in Maharashtra and should be fluent in Marathi.

The Field Coordinator is expected to:

1. Manage a team of field researchers.
2. Ensure the collection data on migratory routes of various pastoral communities in Maharashtra.
3. Identify various narratives and issues from the field to be mapped in our atlas.
4. Travel across Maharashtra to track the work done by field researchers.
5. Conduct a primary cleanup of the data collected by the field researchers and deliver it to the Delhi office.
6. Engage in group discussions with the pastoral communities to collect data and narratives.

Desired experience and qualifications:

We are looking for someone who has some understanding about pastoralism and pastoral activities in Maharashtra. The candidate should ideally be able to collect data using hand held devices and should be able to conduct interviews and group discussions in Marathi. Previous field experience is highly desirable. The coordinator will be expected to report weekly to Delhi and collect reports from the field teams on a daily basis.

The candidate must have the following qualifications:

- A masters degree in life sciences, environmental sciences, geography, sociology or a similar field.
- Capable of cleaning and managing large datasets on Microsoft Excel.
- Ability to travel across field sites and conduct fieldwork for an extended duration.
- Should be able to work efficiently in teams and individually.

We will accept applications till August 31, 2023 and start shortlisting candidates for interviews and continue until the position is filled. Please write to Yash Ketkar (yash@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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