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## Research Coordinator position at Centre for Pastoralism

**Centre for Pastoralism (CfP)** is a Sahjeevan initiative that seeks to undertake research aimed at enhancing our understanding of pastoralist ecosystems, enhance pastoralist livelihoods, recognize and conserve livestock breeds, facilitate the restoration of grazing lands, and undertake outreach with policy makers, media, students and civil society.

**CfP's Research Programme** is dedicated to advancing pastoral studies in India through a combination of big-picture inquiry and applied research that generates critical data, informs policy, and engages with academic and civil society discourses. Our work spans mapping pastoralist mobility and economies through the Atlas of Indian Pastoralism, long-term studies of transitions in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra that highlight adaptation and resilience against narratives of decline, and alpine conservation initiatives in Uttarakhand that examine the relationship between snow leopard habitats and pastoralist livelihoods. We are currently working across the Indian Himalaya, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Through this research, we aim to produce knowledge that can shape dialogue across government, industry, and civil society, ensuring that decisions on India's grasslands, forests, and pastoralist livelihoods are grounded in a nuanced and evidence-based understanding.

CfP's research work so far has led to the first global effort to map pastoral grazing routes at scale, with data collection completed in six Indian states. Our atlas on Indian pastoralism will launch in June as a website initially featuring data from three states. Our research is the first in India to attempt a quantification of the pastoralist economy and has had significant policy impact in Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. Over the next 3–5 years, we aim to complete the mapping of pastoralism across India and undertake at least two large-scale studies: one examining the ecological impact of pastoral grazing on grasslands, and another taking a closer look at the dung economy in the Deccan.

Our research thematic at CfP comprises 6 full time people in our New Delhi office and close to 25 landscape based researchers working across multiple locations. This team is led by a research coordinator who is responsible for programme level management, intellectual rigour and leadership. CfP is keen on bringing on board an experienced researcher/academic to lead this team and our research programmes across India.

**NOTE :** This position is based full-time in New Delhi with travel to our field sites across the country. Additionally, this position will be for a minimum of 3 years.

**Please see the details below, before you apply**

### **You should apply if you have:**

- A PhD in the Social Sciences or Natural Sciences with at least 3 years of work experience
- Or a Master's degree in Development Studies, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology or any related fields in the social sciences or humanities with 5-8 years of professional research experience.
- At least 2 publications in recognised journals
- Prior experience working on pastoralism and/or grassland ecosystems
- A demonstrated experience leading research projects and fieldwork in India
- Experience in supervising staff and mentoring junior analysts
- Prior grant writing and research fundraising experience
- Project management and financial reporting experience



# Centre for Pastoralism

## **As a Research Coordinator at CfP, you will:**

1. Coordinate the daily activities of the research team at CfP;
2. Lead all ongoing collaborative research within CfP and with partner organisations;
3. Mentor young researchers and interns;
4. Initiate, conceptualise and lead new research projects within CfP and its partners;
5. Lead the conceptualisation and writing of working papers, journal articles and manuscripts;
6. Donor reporting and compliance for the research thematic.

## **We expect the following:**

- A minimum commitment of three years, extendable by mutual agreement. The first three months will be treated as a probationary period.
- Location: CfP's Delhi office in Saket (Monday–Friday)
- This is an in-person role; hybrid arrangements are not available

## **In return, you can expect:**

1. An annual salary in the range of 9-11 LPA. The final salary offer will be based on experience.
2. Access to CfP's library of resources, datasets on Indian pastoralism and our network of partners and collaborators.
3. An energetic team of early and mid-career professionals
4. A focused, high-intensity learning environment

If you feel you are a good fit for CfP's research work and would like to work with us, please apply using this [Google Form](#). We require you to also share with us a copy of your latest CV and a copy of your publications in the online form.

**Only shortlisted candidates will receive an email response for an interview. We will interview candidates on a rolling basis.**

For more additional information on CfP, our research work or this role, please contact: Aniruddh Sheth (aniruddh@centreforpastoralism.org) or Vasant Saberwal (vasant@centreforpastoralism.org)