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Senior Cartographer/GIS Specialist 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.

Over the past five years, we have been exploring ways in which GIS and remote sensing can help understand and study pastoral mobility and the spread of the pastoral economy in India. Currently, CfP is undertaking a nationwide Atlas project, attempting to map pastoral communities across the country, to understand their grazing routes, location specific activities and the scale of the pastoral economy. To this end, CfP is interested in hiring a Senior Cartographer/GIS Specialist to contribute and co-lead this effort, explore and develop new methods of mapping and assist in the conceptualisation of a larger mapping strategy.

Our atlas website, with an initial focus on Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh is under preparation, with data analysis commencing in Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Data collection is underway in Rajasthan, and data collection for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka will commence in 2027.

NOTE : This position is based full-time in New Delhi with frequent travel to our field sites across the country.

Please see the details below, before you apply

You should apply if you have:

- Master's degree in GIS, Geospatial Science, Remote Sensing, Spatial Data Science or equivalent
- 5-8 years of experience working on mapping, GIS or geography related research projects
- Demonstrated experience leading projects or workflows
- Supervising staff and mentoring junior analysts
- Managing geospatial datasets at institutional scale
- Cartography and map design
- Spatial analysis and modeling
- Database management (geospatial databases)
- End-to-end GIS project delivery
- Data quality control and standards compliance



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As a Senior Cartographer / GIS Specialist at CfP, you will:

1. Co-lead a small team of cartographers and manage our Atlas project
2. Collate, manage, and analyze geospatial and project datasets from ongoing field based projects
3. Design and implement quantitative and qualitative research and mapping tools
4. Produce maps, analytical outputs, data visualisations and contribute to research reports and papers

The first three months will serve as a probation period where you will be oriented to pastoralism, CfP's work, and our ongoing research portfolio. Upon completing the probation period, you will be confirmed as a full-time employee.

We expect the following:

- A minimum commitment of two years, extendable by mutual agreement
- 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 work 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 and cartography 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 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 Yash Ketkar (yash@centreforpastoralism.org)