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Field Coordinator position for the Atlas on Indian Pastoralism project in Uttarakhand.

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, Gujarat, 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 support the next phase of data collection in Uttarakhand, CfP is seeking to hire a Field Coordinator who will lead and manage on-ground survey implementation. The Field Coordinator will play a critical role in coordinating community interactions, overseeing data collection processes, ensuring data quality, and facilitating communication between field teams and the central research team.

NOTE: The field coordinator will be located full time in Delhi with frequent visits to our landscape research locations.

Desired experience and qualifications:

We are looking for someone who has some understanding about pastoralism and pastoral activities in Uttarakhand. The candidate should be able to collect data using handheld devices and should be able to conduct interviews and group discussions. Previous field experience is highly desirable. The coordinator will be expected to report weekly to the Delhi office 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.

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.



The Field Coordinator is expected to:

1. Identify and manage a team of field researchers.
2. Engage with CSOs and organisations working in the landscape for network and knowledge building.
3. Ensure the collection of data on migratory routes of pastoral communities in Uttarakhand.
4. Identify various narratives and issues from the field to be mapped in our atlas.
5. Travel across Uttarakhand to track the work done by field researchers.
6. Conduct a primary cleanup of the data collected by the field researchers.
7. Engage in group discussions with the pastoral communities to collect data and narratives.

If you feel you are a good fit for CfP's research and field 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:
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