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Junior Research/Communications Associate 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 is initiating a five-year national collective effort to strengthen pastoral production systems in India, aligned with the declaration of 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism (IYRP) by the United Nations. Pastoralists, spread across 22 states and diverse agro-ecological regions, contribute significantly to livestock biodiversity, food security, ecological sustainability, and rural economies. However, they face growing challenges related to shrinking grazing lands, limited market access, inadequate veterinary services, weak policy recognition, and legal vulnerabilities.

To advance this agenda, CfP seeks to hire a dynamic professional who will support policy advocacy at the central and state levels, coordinate pilot initiatives across agro-climatic zones, facilitate research on economic and ecological contributions of pastoral systems. The roles will involve engagement with key ministries, support activation of pastoral cells within government departments, design training modules, and build partnerships with civil society and youth groups. The selected candidate will also help leverage IYRP-2026 for national visibility through events, documentation, and outreach initiatives. This is an opportunity to contribute to a nationally significant effort aimed at securing livelihoods, conserving indigenous breeds, and strengthening India's pastoral future.

NOTE: This is a 2-year, full time position based in New Delhi with travel with extensive travel.

You should apply if you have:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in the Social Sciences, communications, design, or related fields.
- 1-2 years of work experience would be a plus.
- The following broad skills sets are desirable:
 - Well organised, motivated, and capable of functioning independently
 - Comms capabilities - social media, some design skills.
 - Decent writing skills
 - Can do basic research and compile material for review by a senior member of the team
 - Willing to travel
 - Has the confidence to meet with government officials if need be.



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As a Junior Research/Communications Associate at CfP, you will:

Support research, documentation, communication, and coordination functions of the policy team, enabling smooth execution of ongoing work.

Key Responsibilities

1. Assist in background research, literature reviews, and data compilation
2. Support drafting of notes, briefs, presentations, and internal documents
3. Track and organise policy developments, documents, and datasets
4. Provide coordination support for meetings, consultations, and partner engagement
5. Contribute to communication outputs, including social media and basic design materials
6. Assist in preparing reports, minutes, and follow-up communication
7. Support logistics for field visits and stakeholder interactions
8. Undertake travel as required for research and coordination work

We expect the following:

- A minimum commitment of two 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 5-6 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 and diverse team of professionals
4. A focused, high-intensity learning environment

If you feel you are a good fit for CfP's policy advocacy research work and would like to work with us, please apply using this [Google 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 policy advocacy work or this role, please contact: Ramesh Bhatti (ramesh@sahjeevan.org) or Vasant Saberwal (vasant@centreforpastoralism.org)