

Government College Chittur

Department of Geography

Advertisement for Research Positions under ICSSR Funded Project

Applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates for the following temporary positions in the ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) funded collaborative **Major Research Project** under the scheme "*Multi-Disciplinary Research Studies on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of India (2024–25)*", vide File No. **28/2024-25/ICSSR/RP/PVTGS/GEN** dated **26 March 2024**.

**Project Title:** *Climate Change and Indigenous Food Security: Adaptation Strategies of the Cholanaikan Tribe in the Western Ghats*

**1. Research Assistant**

- **No. of Posts:** 01
- **Fellowship:** ₹37,000 per month (consolidated)
- **Duration:** 1 year (purely temporary)
- **Essential Qualification:**  
Postgraduate degree in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks and **NET/M.Phil./Ph.D.** qualification.

**2. Field Investigator**

- **No. of Posts:** 03
- **Fellowship:** As per ICSSR norms
- **Duration:** 1 year (purely temporary)
- **Essential Qualification:**  
Postgraduate degree in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks. NET qualification desirable.

**Nature of Work**

**1. Field Surveys and Ground Data Collection:**

Conduct extensive fieldwork in Cholanaikan tribal settlements to collect primary data on food sources, livelihood patterns, and traditional adaptation practices. Ensure accurate geo-referencing of field sites for GIS integration.

**2. Community Interaction and Participatory Mapping:**

Engage with tribal elders and local communities through interviews and participatory

mapping to document indigenous knowledge, cultural practices, and perceptions of climate-related challenges affecting food security.

**3. Secondary Data Compilation:**

Compile relevant climatic, socio-economic, and land-use data from reliable sources (e.g., IMD, Forest Department, Census) to support spatial and statistical analysis.

**4. GIS Mapping and Spatial Analysis:**

Use GIS tools to prepare thematic maps showing settlement distribution, land-use patterns, forest cover, and vulnerability zones. Conduct spatial overlay and temporal change analyses to examine climate–food security relationships.

**5. Data Analysis and Report Preparation:**

Integrate field and GIS data to assess adaptation strategies and vulnerability. Assist investigators in data processing, report writing, progress documentation, and preparation of research papers for publication.

### **Selection Process**

Shortlisting will be based on **academic merit, research skills, relevant experience, and publications**. Only shortlisted candidates (approximately 5–10) will be informed via email about the **date and details of the online interview**. The decision of the selection committee will be final.

### **How to Apply**

Eligible candidates may send their **application and CV** (with copies of relevant certificates) to  [\*\*jayarajangeography@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:jayarajangeography@gmail.com)

**Last Date for Application: 18/10/ 2025**

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