

# BIRLA GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

## Birla School of Management (BSoM)

### Advertisement for Engagement of Research Staff under ICSSR-Funded Minor Research Project

Applications are invited from eligible Indian nationals for the following positions under the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, Ministry of Education, Government of India funded Minor Research Project entitled:

#### "Chhau Dance at the Crossroads: Performance-Scapes of an Indian Folk Tradition"

#### Project Director: Dr. Maheshwar Kumar

Assistant Professor, Birla School of Management (BSoM), Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar.

#### Positions Available

Particulars	Research Assistant	Field Investigator
No. of Position	One (01)	One (01)
Essential Qualification	Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks.	Graduate in any Social Science discipline with minimum 55% marks
Preference	NET/M.Phil./Ph.D. (as per ICSSR Guidelines)	Four-Year Undergraduate Programme and prior fieldwork experience
Monthly Fellowship	₹37,000/- (Consolidated)	₹20,000/- (Consolidated)
Duration	Six (06) Months	Four (04) Months
Extension	May be extended based on project requirements, satisfactory performance, availability of funds and ICSSR/University norms.	May be extended based on project requirements, satisfactory performance, availability of funds and ICSSR/University norms.

#### Primary Responsibilities

Research Assistant	Field Investigator
Literature review, preparation of research instruments, coordination of fieldwork, interview transcription, qualitative data analysis, report writing, journal publication support and project documentation.	Field surveys, ethnographic documentation, interviews, participant observation, audio-visual documentation, data collection, field coordination and maintenance of field records.

#### Desirable Qualifications

- Experience in qualitative research and ethnographic fieldwork.
- Excellent academic writing and communication skills.
- Knowledge of Cultural Studies, Performance Studies, Folklore, Anthropology or related disciplines.

- Proficiency in MS Office and digital documentation.
- Willingness to travel extensively for fieldwork in Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- Knowledge of Odia, Hindi and/or Bengali will be an added advantage.

### **Place of Work**

Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar, with extensive fieldwork in Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

### **Selection Process**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview before a duly constituted Selection Committee as per ICSSR guidelines.

### **Application Process**

Interested candidates should email the following documents in a single PDF:

- Updated Curriculum Vitae
- Cover Letter (maximum one page)
- Self-attested copies of educational certificates and mark sheets
- Experience certificates (if any)
- NET/M.Phil./Ph.D. certificate(s), wherever applicable

**Subject Line:** Application for Research Assistant / Field Investigator (ICSSR)

Applications should be emailed to: [mareshwar.kumar@bgu.ac.in](mailto:mareshwar.kumar@bgu.ac.in) and [hr@bgu.ac.in](mailto:hr@bgu.ac.in)

### **Important Dates**

<b>Particular</b>	<b>Date</b>
Advertisement Released	___ 08/07/2026 ___
Last Date for Applications	___ 20/07/2026 ___
Interview	To be communicated to shortlisted candidates

### **General Conditions**

- The positions are purely temporary and contractual and co-terminus with the project.
- The engagement does not confer any right to a regular appointment at Birla Global University or ICSSR.
- The initial tenure is 6 months (Research Assistant) and 4 months (Field Investigator).
- Depending upon project requirements, satisfactory performance, availability of funds, and ICSSR/University norms, the engagement may be extended up to the completion of the project.
- The University reserves the right to cancel the recruitment process or not fill the positions without assigning any reason.