

# 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   |
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| <b>No. of Position</b>         | One (01)   | One (01)   |
| <b>Essential Qualification</b> | Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks.   | Graduate in any Social Science discipline with minimum 55% marks   |
| <b>Preference</b>              | NET/M.Phil./Ph.D. (as per ICSSR Guidelines)  | Four-Year Undergraduate Programme and prior fieldwork experience   |
| <b>Monthly Fellowship</b>      | <b>₹37,000/- (Consolidated)</b>  | <b>₹20,000/- (Consolidated)</b>  |
| <b>Duration</b>                | <b>Six (06) Months</b>   | <b>Four (04) Months</b>  |
| <b>Extension</b>               | 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  |
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| 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 fill the Application Form:

- 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)

### **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.