ADEVERTISEMENT

Recruitment of Project Associate-I (One Post)

Applications are invited from eligible and motivated candidates for the temporary position of **Project Associate-I (01 post)** under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)-sponsored Inclusivity Research Grant (IRG) project being implemented at the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Central Regional Centre, Prayagraj-211002, Uttar Pradesh.

1. Details of the project

Particulars	Details
Title of the project	**Molecular Systematics, Phylogeny and Conservation of the Family Myrsinaceae (Primulaceae: Myrsinoideae) in the Western Ghats of India**
Funding agency	Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
Principal Investigator (PI)	Dr. M. Bheemalingappa, Scientist-B
Implementing Centre/ Host Institute	Botanical Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, 10 Chatham Lines, Prayagraj – 211002, Uttar Pradesh
Project duration	Three years
Number of positions	One (01)
Position	Project Associate-I (PA-I)

2. Position, qualifications and emoluments:

Sl. No.	Name and number of post	Essential qualifications	Desirable qualifications	Monthly emoluments (Rs.)
1	**Project Associate-I (01)**	Bachelor's or Master's degree in Botany from a recognised University, as per applicable ANRF guidelines.	**1.** Specialisation or research experience in Plant Taxonomy, Systematics, Plant Molecular Biology, Biodiversity or Conservation Biology. **2.** Practical knowledge of DNA isolation, PCR, DNA barcoding and molecular laboratory techniques. **3.** Familiarity with phylogenetic analysis, sequence databases and bioinformatics tools. **4.** Experience in field botanical surveys, plant specimen collection, herbarium preparation and identification. **5.** Research publications and relevant dissertation/ project experience will be an advantage.	(i.).37,000/- + HRA (20%) to Scholars who are selected through (a). National Eligibility Tests- CSIR-UGC NET including Lecturership (Assistant Professorship) or GATE or (b). A selection process through National level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies and Institutions (ii.). 30,000/- + HRA (20%) for others who do not fall under (i) above

Note: The essential qualifications and emoluments shall be governed by the applicable ANRF guidelines and the terms of the project sanction. HRA shall be admissible as per applicable rules.

3. Age limit: The upper age limit shall be as prescribed under the applicable ANRF guidelines and Government of India rules. Age relaxation for eligible categories shall be considered in accordance with the applicable provisions.

4. Nature and tenure of the position:

1. The position is purely temporary and contractual and is co-terminus with the ANRF-sponsored project.
2. The initial appointment shall ordinarily be for one year, extendable on a yearly basis up to the project duration, subject to satisfactory performance, project requirements and availability of funds.
3. The selected candidate will not have any claim for regular appointment or absorption in the Botanical Survey of India or ANRF.
4. The selected candidate shall work under the supervision of the Principal Investigator and undertake research activities related to the approved project.
5. The selected candidate may be required to undertake field surveys in the Western Ghats and other project-related locations, as well as laboratory, herbarium and conservation-based research activities.
6. The selected candidate shall be required to join at BSI, Central Regional Centre, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh within the stipulated period after receiving the offer of appointment.

5. Major duties and responsibilities: The selected Project Associate-I will be required to:

1. Undertake field surveys and systematic collection, documentation of the family Myrsinaceae in the Western Ghats of India.
2. Identification, taxonomic characterisation and preparation of herbarium specimens.
3. Carry out molecular laboratory work, including plant genomic DNA isolation, DNA quantification, PCR amplification and DNA barcoding.
4. Sequencing-related activities and the compilation and analysis of molecular data.
5. Undertake phylogenetic analyses and molecular systematic studies using appropriate bioinformatics tools.
6. Prepare and maintain specimen, field, laboratory and molecular data records.
7. Assessment of species diversity, endemism, distribution patterns and conservation status of the target taxa.
8. Assist the Principal Investigator in preparing research reports, scientific manuscripts, presentations and other project-related documents.
9. Perform other research activities assigned by the Principal Investigator in accordance with the approved objectives of the project.

6. Mode of application and selection procedure:

1. Interested and eligible candidates should submit their applications in the prescribed format provided below, along with a detailed curriculum vitae and self-attested copies of relevant certificates and supporting documents.
2. The duly filled-in application form along with self-attested copies of all relevant certificates and supporting documents, should be submitted by email to mbheemalingappa@bsi.gov.in with the subject line: "**Application for the Post of Project Associate-I under ANRF/IRG Project – BSI CRC, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**."
3. The last date for receipt of applications is **04-12-2026 (5:00 PM)**.
4. Applications received after the prescribed deadline or found incomplete may not be considered.
5. Applications will be scrutinised by a duly constituted committee and only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview.
6. The date, time and mode/venue of the interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates through email.
7. The selection will be based on academic qualifications, relevant research experience, subject knowledge, practical skills and performance in the interview.
8. No TA/DA shall be paid for attending the interview.
9. The decision of the competent authority of the Botanical Survey of India regarding recruitment and selection shall be final.

7. General instructions

1. Candidates must ensure that they fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria before submitting their applications.
2. Candidates must produce original certificates and documents for verification at the time of the interview.
3. Incomplete applications, applications without supporting documents or applications received after the last date may be rejected.
4. Any attempt to influence the selection process will result in disqualification.
5. The competent authority reserves the right to cancel or modify the recruitment process without assigning any reason.
6. Any corrigendum or further information regarding the recruitment will be notified through the appropriate official communication channels.

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APPLICATION FORM

For the post of Project Associate-I (01 post) under ANRF-sponsored IRG Project

Title of the project: Molecular Systematics, Phylogeny and Conservation of the Family Myrsinaceae (Primulaceae: Myrsinoideae) in the Western Ghats of India.

1. Personal information:

1. Name of the post applied for:
2. Full name of the applicant (in block letters):
3. Date of birth:
4. Age as on the closing date of application:
5. Gender:
6. Nationality:
7. Father's/Husband's name:
8. Category (General/SC/ST/OBC/EWS):
9. Complete address for correspondence:
10. Permanent address:
11. Mobile number:
12. Email address:

2. Educational qualifications:

Please provide details from Matriculation onwards.

Sl. No.	Examination/ Degree	Subject/ Specialisation	University/ Institution	Year of passing	Maximum marks	Marks obtained	Percentage/ CGPA

3. National-level eligibility examinations

Sl. No.	Examination	Conducting agency	Year	Qualification status/Score	Certificate details
1	CSIR-UGC NET				
2	UGC NET				
3	GATE				
4	DBT-JRF/ICMR-JRF or other recognised national-level examination				

4. Research experience:

Sl. No.	Position held	Name of Institution/ Organisation	Duration (From–To)	Nature of work/ Research activities
1				
2				
3				

5. Research dissertation/project details:

Title of Master's dissertation/Ph.D. thesis/project:

Name of University/ Institution:

Brief summary of research work (maximum 300 words):

6. Relevant technical skills and research expertise

Please indicate your experience and proficiency in the following areas:

Sl. No.	Research/technical skill	Experience/details
1	Plant taxonomy and identification	
2	Herbarium techniques and specimen preparation	
3	Botanical field surveys and plant collection	
4	Genomic DNA isolation	
5	PCR amplification	
6	DNA barcoding and sequencing	
7	Molecular data analysis and phylogenetics	
8	Bioinformatics software/tools	
9	Other relevant technical skills	

7. Publications and scientific contributions:

1. Total number of research publications:
2. List of publications (with DOI, wherever available):
3. Books/book chapters, if any:
4. Conference presentations/posters:
5. Awards, fellowships and recognitions:

8. Other information:

1. Present employment/status:
2. Current monthly remuneration, if employed:
3. Notice period, if applicable:
4. Any other relevant information:

9. Referees:

Provide the names and complete contact details of two academic/research referees.

Sl. No.	Name and designation	Institution	Email address	Contact number
1				
2				
3				

10. List of enclosures:

- Recent detailed curriculum vitae.
- Self-attested copies of Bachelor's and Master's degree certificates.
- Consolidated mark sheets/transcripts.
- NET/GATE or other national-level examination certificate, if applicable.
- Caste/category certificate, if applicable.
- Experience certificates, if applicable.
- Dissertation/thesis abstract.
- List of research publications.
- Any other relevant supporting documents.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or incorrect information may lead to rejection of my candidature or termination of appointment, if selected. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions prescribed by ANRF and the Botanical Survey of India for the implementation of the project.

Place: _____ **Signature of the applicant:** _____

Date: _____ **Name:** _____