

## Position for the Post of Research Assistant in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Telangana

The [Centre for Budget and Policy Studies \(CBPS\)](#) Bangalore is a research organisation working in the areas of policy, education, governance, and health service delivery. CBPS is currently undertaking a project titled *Gender violence in public spaces: Studying the approaches and theorising the pathways of change*. This study will examine the approaches of three different organisations in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Telangana to understand and map the process of change that each of the organisations are trying to influence to address gender violence in public spaces. The three organisations are: (1) [Swati](#) in Gujarat, (2) [Doosra Dashak](#) in Rajasthan, and (3) [Bhumika Women's Collective](#) in Telangana. Swati is currently working on an implementation project that interacts with the rural governance structures such as the Gram Panchayats to raise and address issues of public violence in rural areas. Doosra Dashak focuses on the entire ecological environment of adolescent boys and girls and tries to enhance their participation in public spaces through the use of technology and collectivisation. Bhumika is working with the institutional actors such as the police to counsel and resolve cases of public harassment in slums in Hyderabad.

In relation to this, we are looking for a full-time Research Assistant (preferably female) who can help us with quantitative and qualitative data collection, for a period of two years starting from July of 2020 in each of three sites. The RA will be required to be based in the field and will have to undertake extensive travel within the state and is expected to undertake regular interactions and engagement with local communities and women.

*The job description for the project includes the following:*

- a. Undertaking extensive ethnographic data collection across the identified sites within the state: As part of the ethnographic data collection process, the RA will be required to coordinate and work closely with the partner organisation, observe their working practices, identify key informants, develop a close working relationship with the recipients of the programme, and provide detailed documentation of daily research observations. The RA might also be called upon to conduct (or assist in conducting) focus group discussions, interviews, and case studies (as required). The major part of the work will be to regularly send field notes and meta-notes based on research observations done in the field.
- b. Assisting in any workshops conducted with the organisation, or any additional data collection process within the state.
- c. Any other job related with CBPS research in the respective state or project. Sometimes, this may include responding to the respective partner organisation's needs as well.

## Qualification, Experience and Skill

Individuals applying for the post must have:

- a. At least a Master's degree, preferably in a Social Science discipline
- b. Some experience of field-based research
- c. Fluency and working knowledge in Gujarati, Rajasthani, Hindi, and Telugu (as pertaining to the respective state).
- d. English writing skills
- e. Basic computer skills such as ability to write using MS Office

Remuneration will be according to industry standards and therefore, comparable with academic/ research organisations. The duration of this post is for 2 years. The selection process includes both written and oral assessments.

Please email your statement of interest (no more than a page), your resume or CV (in MS Word Format), two writing samples and two references with their contact details to [mrinalika@cbps.in](mailto:mrinalika@cbps.in) with the subject line: Research Assistant for (either Gujarat / Rajasthan / Telangana). Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Queries can be directed to Mrinalika R Pandit at 080-26560735 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.