



JOB DESCRIPTION

Research Associate

About SCI-FI at the Centre for Policy Research:

The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) has been one of India's leading public policy think tanks since 1973. The Centre is a non-profit, independent institution dedicated to conducting research that contributes to a more robust public discourse about the structures and processes that shape life in India.

CPR's community of distinguished academics and practitioners represents views from many disciplines and across the political spectrum. Senior faculty collaborate with more than 50 young professionals and academics at CPR and with partners around the globe to investigate topics critical to India's future. CPR engages around five broad themes: economic policy; environmental law and governance; international relations and security; law, regulation, and the state; and urbanisation.

CPR's programme on urban sanitation is called **Scaling City Institution for India (SCI-FI): Sanitation**, with the aim of bringing cross-sectoral research to policy formulation for urban sanitation. Since 2013, the project has evolved its focus. The project initially scoped alternative sanitation services in the small and medium-sized cities of Balasore (in Odisha), and Udaipur (in Rajasthan). Today, we have widened our engagement with government and other partners to explore collaborative policy research on institutional, financial, legislative, technological, socio-cultural, gender, equity, and economic dimensions of urban sanitation service delivery in India. The overall objective of this work is to contribute to public discourse and understanding of issues, challenges and options relating to urban sanitation, and as a part of this overall objective, to conduct policy-relevant engagements on urban sanitation with agencies of state and national government, civil society and expert agencies.

Considering that only one-third of India's urban population is so-far connected to networked solution, majority still rely on on-site sanitation systems. With the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Urban and Gramin, both focusing on provision of in-house latrine facilities, it would be important to understand the related maintenance,

cleanliness issues. The OSSs would be required to be emptied after a certain interval and the sludge would be required to be disposed. Although many cities are coming up with decentralised disposal and treatment facilities, the scale is still inadequate. To understand institutional, service provision and other challenges associated with demand and supply side, it would be necessary to inform the policy through ground-level surveys both in urban areas as well as highly dense rural areas with predominant urban characteristics.

The Research Associate will be contributing to CPR's efforts by supporting the SCI-FI team in designing surveys, sampling, assisting in data collection and analysis.

Responsibilities:

The SCI-FI intend to carry out a number of primary surveys to understand the sanitation situation at hand across various geographies. As a Research Associate you will be expected to:

- Conduct desk research including analysis of secondary data sources, e.g. Census, NSSO and any other relevant data, to support the ongoing research activities.
- Draw up survey methodology notes in coordination with other team members;
- Design and undertake primary surveys;
- Conducting detailed data analysis using analytical software and writing reports
- Any other tasks as may be required under the project

Experience & Qualifications:

- Minimum 3 years of work experience in the research projects in development, not-profit or any other relevant sectors.
- MA/MSc in Statistics/economics (or equivalent)
- Proficiency in English (knowledge of Hindi preferred).

Required skills:

- Proven skills in using analytical software e.g. STATA/R/SPSS
- Knowledge of data visualisation packages would be preferred
- Excellent storytelling skills;
- A lateral thinker, you have the ability to analyse contextualise and research
- A self-starter, you will be able to carry through plans from conception to successful execution.
- You require minimum supervision, and are adept at multitasking.
- A team player, you should have sensitivity towards interdisciplinary differences, and a client orientation.

Term of Contract: 1 year

Location: New Delhi

Last date of application: May 13, 2018

Applications must be submitted along with CV and a Cover Letter at deepti@cprindia.org.