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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
(WORLD HERITAGE SECTION)

Dharohar Bhawan,
24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001
Dated the 7th September, 2026

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an attached office under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India invites applications from deserving candidates (on a completely temporary basis) for the following positions:

- i. Consultant (Conservation Architect)
- ii. Consultant (Archaeologist)
- iii. Consultant (Historian)
- iv. Consultant (Intangible cultural heritage)
- v. Consultant (GIS/ Geo-Informatics)
- vi. Consultant (Graphic Designer / Visual Editor)

Henceforth called 'Consultants' for Project Mausam in the World Heritage Section, ASI HQs, Dharohar Bhawan, 24 Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001. Terms and condition and other details are given in the Circular attached herewith. The Consultants will assist the World Heritage Section of Archaeological Survey of India in all works related to the Project Mausam **initially for the period of one year**. After satisfactory performance of the Consultants in the first year of their engagement, their consultancy/ tenure may be extended another one year on the same terms and conditions.

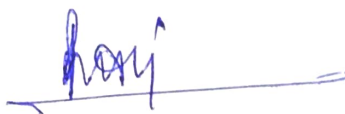
2. The applicant in his/her application, should clearly mention his/her qualifications, work experience, domain expertise and submit other relevant documents as may deem fit in support of his/her appointment for the above-mentioned positions.

3. The applicant should submit work experience in the fields of World Heritage matters; maritime trade routes across Indian Ocean; spread of Indic belief systems through land and sea routes; routes followed by traders, pilgrims, communities in Indian Ocean Region; coastal historical architecture, cultural landscape, etc. Samples of work done in above mentioned fields, as proof of expertise, are to be submitted in hard and soft copy. Interested persons applying for the above-mentioned work should do so within twenty one (21) days from the date of publication of this advertisement. The terms of reference and other details are available on www.asi.nic.in and <https://culture.gov.in>. Applicant desirous of expressing their interest may submit their application to Sh. Praveen Tripathi, Director (Administration), Archaeological Survey of India, Dharohar Bhawan, Room No. 212 Wing-C, 24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 by Post / By Hand or by e-mail to: soadmone.asi@gmail.com; not later than **21 days** from issuing of this Notice on the ASI Website.

4. Short-listed candidates on the basis of documentary submission will be called for an interview before a committee of experts constituted by DG, ASI. The committee may recommend a panel of candidates to the competent authority for selection of the candidate. The panel will last for 3 months for engaging consultants by ASI. No TA/DA shall be paid to the outstation candidates.

5. The candidate selected for the engagement of consultants would be given an offer letter to submit their unconditional acceptance. He/ She will only be allowed to join as consultants and other positions subject to the verification of all documents submitted by him/her with application, as per terms and conditions cited in EOI.

6. Archaeological Survey of India has all rights of acceptance / rejection of any application in this regard. No further correspondence shall be entertained thereafter.



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CIRCULAR

Subject: Engagement of Consultants for Project Mausam in the World Heritage Section, ASI Hqrs, Dharohar Bhawan, 24 Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 on contract basis.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) intends to engage:

- i. One (01) Consultant (Conservation Architect)
- ii. One (01) Consultant (Archaeologist)
- iii. Two (02) Consultant (Historian)
- iv. One (01) Consultant (Intangible cultural heritage)
- v. Two (02) Consultant (GIS / Geo-Informatics)
- vi. One (01) Consultant (Graphic Designer/ Visual Editor)

For Project Mausam in the World Heritage Section, ASI Hqrs, Dharohar Bhawan, 24 Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001. The terms and Conditions for engagement of Consultants in ASI, New Delhi are as under:

Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility and Job Description:

i. Consultant (Conservation Architect)

Essential Qualification

Master's Degree in Architectural Conservation / World Heritage Studies from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Desirable Qualification:

PhD in Architectural Conservation preferably in coastal / Marine Architecture, Coastal Historical architecture, Cultural landscape, Historical Planning and relevant domain from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Essential Experience

- Minimum 08 years of professional experience (with Master's degree) **or** minimum 5 years of professional experience (with PhD) in architectural conservation or allied disciplines as specified above.

Desirable Experience

- Experience on working on Conservation and Documentation of Heritage sites, historic settlements, cultural landscapes, or UNESCO-related projects.
- Experience in UNESCO World Heritage processes, Tentative List proposals, nomination dossiers, and Heritage management Frameworks / Site Management Plans
- Familiarities with UNESCO Conventions, particularly the 1972 World Heritage Convention including Operational Guidelines and related international frameworks
- Proficiency in AutoCAD and Adobe Creative Suite and knowledge of other relevant documentation and visualization software.
- Experience in maritime cultural heritage-based projects.

Job Description

- Undertake heritage assessment, identification, mapping, and analysis of sites associated with Project Mausam.
- Support preparation of Tentative List submissions, nomination dossiers, thematic studies, and comparative analyses related to project Mausam.
- Technical Research and development of nomination strategies for the project.
- Assist in development of exhibitions, publications, visual material, and outreach content related to Project Mausam.
- Support organization of workshops, conferences, expert meetings, and capacity-building programs related to maritime cultural heritage conservation.
- Prepare detailed project reports, concept/technical notes, research papers, presentations, talking points, content for outreach, RoDs and other project related document as and when required
 - Any other works assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam
- **Monthly Remuneration: ₹1,00,000/-**

ii. Consultant (Archaeologist)

Essential Qualification

Master's Degree in Archaeology / Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHC and Archaeology) from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Desirable Qualification

PhD in Archaeology / Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHC and Archaeology), preferably in Coastal / Marine Archaeology or any other relevant domain from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Essential Experience

- Minimum 08 years of professional experience (with Master's degree) or minimum 5 years of professional experience (with PhD) in the field of archaeology (survey, documentation, academics and research) as specified above

Desirable Experience

- Experience in documentation and assessment of archaeological sites, coastal heritage, port settlements, trade centers, or maritime cultural landscapes preferred
- Experience of coordinating multidisciplinary research involving archaeology, history, architecture, maritime heritage, anthropology, conservation, and GIS documentation
- Familiarity with archaeological documentation standards, GIS, digital mapping, remote sensing, and heritage databases.
- Experience in preparation of detailed reports, archaeological documentation, heritage management plans, or UNESCO-related documentation desirable.
- Experience in preparing archaeological reports, thematic studies, research publications, heritage inventories, or technical documentation
- Published research in reputed journals, books, excavation reports, or edited volumes in archaeology, maritime archaeology, or cultural heritage
- Experience working with Government agencies, museums, research institutions, or heritage organizations preferred.

Job Description

- Undertake archaeological research and surveys related to sites associated with Project Mausam and Indian Ocean maritime networks.
- Prepare archaeological documentation, inventories, technical reports, and research papers.
- Support preparation of World Heritage Tentative List proposals, nomination dossiers, thematic studies, and comparative analyses
- Assisting in the preparation of heritage inventories, GIS databases, digital documentation systems, and archaeological records for Project Mausam
- Assist in development of exhibitions, outreach programs, educational material, and publications related to maritime heritage

- Examining archaeological, historical, cartographic, archival, epigraphic, and literary sources to establish the historical evolution and significance of maritime networks and associated cultural properties
- Support organization of workshops, conferences, training programs, and capacity-building activities under Project Mausam.
- Prepare detailed project reports, concept/technical notes, research papers, presentations, talking points, content for outreach and RoDs and other project related document as and when required
- Any other works assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam.
- **Monthly Remuneration:** ₹1,00,000/-

iii. **Consultant (Historian)**

Essential Qualification

Master's Degree in History / World History / Indian Ocean Studies / Historical Geography / Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHC and Archaeology) with preferable specialization in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Ancient India, Early Medieval India, Maritime Trade Networks, Heritage Studies, etc. from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Desirable Qualification

PhD in History / World History / Indian Ocean Studies / Historical Geography / Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHC and Archaeology) with specialization in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Maritime Trade Networks, Heritage Studies or any other allied domain from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Essential Experience

- Minimum 8 years of professional experience (with Master's degree) or minimum 5 years of professional experience (with PhD) in History, Maritime History, trade networks, or heritage studies.

Desirable Experience

- Experience in archival research, historical documentation, thematic studies, and academic writing.
- Experience in Indian Ocean trade networks, maritime cultural exchanges, colonial and pre-colonial history, or transnational cultural routes preferred.
- Experience in preparation of research reports, heritage dossiers, publications, or UNESCO-related documentation desirable.
- Experience in working with archival records, historical manuscripts, travel accounts, inscriptions, maps, museum collections, and other primary and secondary historical sources
- Experience in multidisciplinary projects involving archaeology, architecture, conservation, anthropology, maritime studies, and cultural heritage
- Experience working with academic institutions, museums, archives, or cultural organizations preferred.

Job Description

- Undertaking historical research on maritime trade networks, port cities, coastal settlements, pilgrimage routes, diplomatic relations, migration, knowledge exchange, and cultural interactions across the Indian Ocean region
- Undertake archival studies, literature reviews, and compilation of historical records for Project Mausam related themes.
- Assist in preparing thematic studies, historical narratives, research reports, concept papers, comparative analyses, and technical documentation relating to maritime cultural exchanges
- Support preparation of Tentative List submissions, nomination dossiers, and project documentation related to maritime heritage
- Reviewing and analysing archival records, historical manuscripts, travellers' accounts, inscriptions, maps, gazetteers, museum collections, and published literature relevant to maritime history and cultural interactions

- Contribute to publications, exhibitions, outreach material, and interpretative content under Project Mausam.
- Assist in organizing workshops, conferences, lectures, and capacity-building initiatives.
- Prepare detailed project reports, concept/technical notes, research papers, presentations, talking points, content for outreach, RoDs and other project related document as and when required
- Any other works assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam

- **Monthly Remuneration: ₹1,00,000/-**

iv. **Consultant (Intangible Cultural Heritage)**

Essential Qualification:

Master's Degree in Anthropology / Cultural Studies / Archaeology / Folklore / Art History / Visual Arts / Performing Arts / Museology / Sociology / Intangible Cultural Heritage or any other allied discipline from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Desirable Qualification

PhD in Social Anthropology / Cultural Studies / Archaeology / Folklore / Visual Arts / Performing Arts / Art History / Museology / Sociology/ Intangible Cultural Heritage or any other allied discipline from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Essential Experience

Minimum 8 years of professional experience (after Master's degree) or minimum 5 years of professional experience (with PhD) in documentation, research, or management of Intangible Cultural Heritage including oral traditions, performing arts, rituals, festivals, traditional knowledge systems, craftsmanship, navigation practices

Desirable Experience

- Experience in preparing thematic studies, heritage documentation, research reports, or policy documents related to cultural heritage
- Experience of interdisciplinary research involving archaeology, history, anthropology, maritime heritage, or cultural landscapes
- Familiarities with UNESCO Conventions, particularly the **1972 World Heritage Convention** and the **2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**, including preparation of Nomination Dossiers, Listing of Elements, Operational Guidelines and related international frameworks
- Evidence of published research in peer-reviewed journals, books, reports, or edited volumes relating to cultural heritage, maritime history, or intangible heritage
- Experience in community-based heritage initiatives and cultural mapping.
- Experience in report writing and field-based cultural research.

Job Description

- Identifying, documenting, analyzing, and interpreting intangible cultural heritage associated with maritime networks, including oral traditions, performing arts, rituals, festivals, traditional knowledge systems, craftsmanship, navigation practices, culinary traditions, and other living heritage reflecting historical cultural exchanges across the Indian Ocean
- Undertaking archival, ethnographic, historical, and comparative research to establish the continuity, authenticity, and significance of intangible cultural practices linked with maritime heritage
- Technical inputs in preparation of thematic studies, inventories, and knowledge resources.
- Coordinate with academic experts, communities, and cultural practitioners to develop proposals under Project Mausam.
- Providing technical inputs for integrating tangible and intangible heritage values in heritage documentation and management strategies
- Prepare detailed project reports, concept/technical notes, research papers, presentations, talking points, content for outreach and RoDs and other project related document as and when required
- Any other works assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam

- **Monthly Remuneration: ₹1,00,000/-**

v. **Consultant (GIS / Geo Informatics)**

Essential Educational Qualification

Master's Degree in Geo-Informatics, GIS, Remote Sensing, Geography, Geology, Oceanography from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Desirable Qualification

PhD in Geo-Informatics, GIS, Remote Sensing, Geography, Geology, Oceanography from a recognized University or Institute with GIS mapping, spatial analysis, geospatial database development and marine, coastal, or oceanographic GIS projects or any other allied domain from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute

Essential Experience

- Minimum **8** years of relevant experience (**with Master's degree**) in GIS mapping, spatial analysis, geospatial database development and marine, coastal, or oceanographic GIS projects or minimum **5** years of professional experience (**with PhD**) in GIS mapping, spatial analysis, geospatial database development and marine, coastal, or oceanographic GIS projects

Desirable Experience

- Experience in satellite image processing, remote sensing, and spatial data analysis
- Experience in preparing thematic maps, geospatial databases, and cartographic products.
- Familiarity with spatial data standards, metadata, and quality assurance procedures.
- Strong report writing, analytical, and presentation skills. Experience in Indian Ocean trade networks, maritime cultural exchanges, colonial and pre-colonial history, or transnational cultural routes preferred
- Experience in preparation of research reports, heritage dossiers, publications, or UNESCO-related documentation or Indian Ocean Region
- Experience of working on Government, academic institutions, museums, archives, or cultural organizations, Maritime, Disaster Management, or international research projects

Job Description

- Preparing high-quality GIS maps, thematic maps, and cartographic outputs for project activities.
- Developing, maintaining, and updating geospatial databases related to the Indian Ocean Region.
- Collecting, processing, integrating, and analysing spatial and non-spatial datasets from multiple sources.
- Processing satellite imagery, remote sensing data, DEMs, and other geospatial datasets.
- Conducting spatial analysis to support policy formulation, research studies, and strategic planning.
- Supporting research on maritime, coastal, environmental, geopolitical, socio-economic, and ocean-related issues in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Preparing GIS-based analytical reports, atlases, dashboards, and presentations.
- Producing publication-quality maps for reports, research papers, policy briefs, and presentations and contribute to publications, exhibitions, outreach material, and interpretative content under Project Mausam.
- Developing GIS workflows and automating routine geospatial tasks where feasible
- Undertake archival studies, literature reviews, and compilation of historical records for preparing High Quality Maps under Project Mausam related themes.
- Assist in preparation of thematic studies, background papers, heritage inventories, and comparative analyses.
- Support preparation of Tentative List submissions, nomination dossiers, and project documentation related to maritime heritage and assist in organising workshops, conferences, lectures, and capacity-building initiatives.
- Any other GIS and research-related task assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam
- **Monthly Remuneration: ₹1,00,000/-**

Consultant (Visual Designer)

Educational Qualification

Essential: Master's Degree in Graphic Design / Visual Communication / Multimedia Design or allied discipline from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute
Or

Diploma in Graphic Design / Visual Communication / Multimedia Design or allied discipline with **Bachelor's Degree** from a recognized Indian / Foreign University or Institute.

Essential Experience

- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in Visual Design, Branding, Publication Design, or Digital Media.
- Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite, CorelDraw or equivalent design software.

Desirable Experience

- Experience in designing exhibition panels, reports, publications, social media creatives, and visual communication material
- Experience in heritage/cultural sector projects preferred

Job Description

- Design visual identity and communication materials for the project.
- Develop exhibition graphics, publications, brochures, infographics, digital media content and relevant materials for the project.
- Support website and social media visual content development.
- Prepare presentation layouts, event branding, and outreach material.
- Ensure consistency in project branding and visual communication.
- Coordinate with consultants and external agencies for design-related outputs
- Any other works assigned by the Officials from the World Heritage Section of ASI related to Project Mausam

- **Monthly Remuneration:** ₹80,000/-

2. Reporting

The consultants will report to the World Heritage Section in the Archaeological Survey of India.

3. Duration of consultancy

Total duration of consultancy is for **initially for the period of one year**. After satisfactory performance of the Consultants in the first year of their engagement, their consultancy/ tenure may be extended another one year on the same terms and conditions, up to a maximum tenure. (under the same terms and conditions with an annual increment of Maximum 5%).

4. Remuneration/consultancy charges

The remuneration/consultancy fee of the Consultant per month (consolidated) would be a lump sum amount and no other allowances such as DA, HRA, Transport Allowance, Medical Reimbursements etc., would be payable. The appointment would be purely on **temporary** basis.

5. The consultant will be allowed 12 days of leave in a Calendar year (1 days leave for each completed month of service). Accumulation of leave beyond a calendar year will not be allowed. Also, no payment in lieu of unutilized leaves will be made. Leave for more than three days in a single spell shall not be allowed.

6. The working days and timings will be same as that of a regular ASI employee. The Consultant shall be based in ASI headquarter, New Delhi.

7. In the course of providing the Services, the consultant/contractual professional shall act in a professional manner exercising all due diligence care, skill and judgment and provide the services promptly, carefully, in accordance with the milestones and as per the standard required by the Archaeological Survey of India. Consultants may observe and comply with all applicable procedures as laid down by the Archaeological Survey of India.

8. During this period, the Consultant will be expected not to undertake any other contract (Part-time or Full-Time) related to any World Heritage Matters (National/ International) which includes preparing tentative list proposal, nomination dossier, site management plan and other related works of any potential World Heritage sites in India or any other country, or any other project that may result in a conflict of interest.

9. The Consultant will agree to maintain confidentiality of the work and its outcome as demanded by the Archaeological Survey of India.

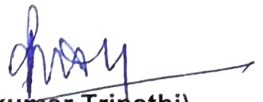
10. The services of the Consultant can be terminated at any time by giving a notice of one month on either side. The appointing authority may pay the Consultant his/her pay and allowance for the period of one month or for the period by which notice period falls short of one month and terminate his/her services immediately.

11. ASI shall have the right to examine/review the services provided by him/her at any time.

12. ASI shall not be responsible for any loss, accidental damages/injury suffered by him/her whatsoever arising in or out of the execution of his/her work including travel.

Interested Candidates may send their resume and other details to:

Sh. Praveen Tripathi, Director (Administration)
Archaeological Survey of India, Dharohar Bhawan, 24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001
Tel: +91-11-23004618, Email: soadmone.asi@gmail.com


(Pravin Kumar Tripathi)
Director (Administration)

To

www.asi.nic.in (Website Section for uploading on ASI's website)
<https://culture.gov.in> (For Uploading on MoC's Website)

APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT ON CONTRACT BASIS IN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ASI), NEW DELHI

Sl. No.	Particulars	PARTICULARS / INFORMATION TO BE FILLED IN BY THE APPLICANT
1.	Full Name (In Capital Letters)	
2.	Father's Name	
3.	Date OF BIRTH (In Christian Era)	
4.	Communication Address	
5.	Permanent Address	
6.	Contact Number	
7.	E-Mail Id	
8.	Educational Qualification (Self-Attested Copies to Be Enclosed)	
9.	Details of Experience (Additional Sheet Shall Be Enclosed, If Required)	
10.	Any Other Relevant Information	

Signature.....

Name of the applicant

Date:

Place: