

**WALK-IN INTERVIEW advertisement for Project Assistant opening as part of a project to be undertaken in the Centre for Climate and Environmental Studies at IISER Kolkata.**

Project Title: Towards improving ecological health of River Bhima, Maharashtra, India: filling knowledge gaps, informing actions and involving communities for conservation

Funding Agency: The Nature Conservancy India

Temporary position: Project Assistant

Number of vacancy- 1

Salary- Rs 35000 per month (consolidated)

Age Limit- Must not be over 35 years as on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 which can be relaxed for certain reserved categories as per rules of the Government of India. Relaxation in age, educational qualifications or experience may be considered in case of exceptionally meritorious candidates.

Background of the project: Freshwater ecosystems in India play pivotal role in maintaining biodiversity, offering ecosystem services and overall well-being of human health. However, many freshwater ecosystems are reeling from multiple stress, many of which are anthropogenic in origin including emerging contaminants such as microplastics. To aid in the vision of Prioritisation of freshwater ecosystems of The Nature Conservancy India, a project on implementing innovative bioremediation approaches will be undertaken through participatory approaches with local communities in the Bima River of Maharashtra. The position will be initially for five months and can be extended by one more year subject to satisfactory performance. For further details about the project please write to Prof.

Punyasloke Bhadury at [pbhadury@iiserkol.ac.in](mailto:pbhadury@iiserkol.ac.in)

Qualifications: Master's degree in Natural Science including in the areas of Environmental Science/Microbiology/Ecology/Zoology. Proven experience conducting field sampling in aquatic ecosystems as well as previous experience with bioremediation would be welcome.

Venue of interview: Walk-in interview will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 in Lab M254, Second Floor, Research Complex, IISER Kolkata; Reporting Time: 10 AM

Address to reach the venue can be accessed at: <https://www.iiserkol.ac.in/web/en/contact-us/how-reach/#gsc.tab=0>