Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division.

Van Bhavan, Chatra (Jharkhand) - 825401

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Notice No. .....01..... Chatra, Dated .....07.11.2026.....

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

Important dates, Venue and other details

Particulars	Details
Posts/Roles and Tentative Number of Vacancies(subject to change):	Senior Research Fellow (SRF)- 01 and Junior Research Fellow (JRF)- 02
Date and Time of Walk-in Interview	**20.11.2026 at 11:00 AM**
Venue of Walk-in Interview:	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Van Bhavan, Chatra (Jharkhand) 825401
GPS Coordinates of the Venue:	24.215506°N - 84.860053°E
Documents Required at the Time of Interview:	Duly filled application form in the prescribed pro forma, along with self-attested copies of educational qualification and experience certificates. Candidates must produce the original documents at the time of verification.
Last Date for Submission of Application:	**On or before 10:00 AM on 20.11.2026**
Mode of Submission of Application:	E-mail to (1) **dfo-chatranorth@gov.in**, (2) **dfochatranorth@gmail.com**,, or By Post to the **Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Van Bhavan, Chatra (Jharkhand) 825401.**
Contact for Queries:	Mr. Sunil Kumar- 9097740294 Mr. Manish Kumar- 7003187099

For detailed eligibility criteria, monthly remuneration, and terms, etc., please visit https://forest.jharkhand.gov.in/.

Note: Candidates are advised to carefully read all instructions, terms and conditions before submitting their applications.

General Information

Applications are invited from interested eligible and suitably qualified candidates for purely temporary short-term contractual engagement in the Research/Study Team constituted for undertaking the research/study work required for preparation of the Working Plan of Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra in accordance with the National Working Plan Code (NWPC), 2023. The Walk-in Interview shall be held on **20.11.2026 at 11:00 A.M.** at the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, District- Chatra, Jharkhand. The details of the posts/roles, requisite qualifications and consolidated monthly remuneration are as follows:

Sl. No.	Role	No. of Post	Qualification	Consolidated Monthly Remuneration (in Rupees per month)	Remarks
1	Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	01 (Number of posts are subject to change)	CSIR UGC NET/GATE Qualified. Postgraduate degree (with First Class or 60% marks or equivalent overall grade point average) in Forestry/Ecology/ Statistics/Wildlife Biology or allied disciplines, with a minimum of two year's research experience, or a candidate pursuing Ph.D. in a relevant discipline.	₹ 35,000/-	Contractual engagement, on a purely temporary basis, coterminous with the completion of the project.
2	Junior Research Fellow (JRF)	02 (Number of posts are subject to change)	CSIR UGC NET/GATE Qualified. Postgraduate degree (with First Class or 60% marks or equivalent overall grade point average) in Forestry/Ecology/ Botany/Environmental Science/ Sociology/Statistics/Watershed Management/ Economics or an allied discipline.	₹ 30,000/-	

Note: The engagement of SRF and JRFs shall be purely temporary and project-specific and shall not confer and right to regular appointment or continuation beyond the project period.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The Working Plan Exercise for Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra is being prepared in accordance with the National Working Plan Code (NWPC), 2023. The researchers shall assist in date collection, field surveys, analysis and documentation required for the Working Plan, including the following studies: -

1. Socio-economic survey and assessment, including forest dependency of local and Scheduled Tribe communities;
2. Soil survey and assessment;
3. Biodiversity assessment; including assessment of the forest ecosystems of area under jurisdiction of Chatra North Forest Division;
4. Assessment of Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP), including Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
5. Assessment of Forest Carbon Stock and Carbon Sequestration;
6. Assessment of Bamboo/Rattan;
7. Soil Erosion Vulnerability and Watershed Assessment, including assessment of relevant catchments and drainage systems within Chatra North Forest Division;
8. Assessment of eco-system services;
9. Assessment of Maintenance and Enhancement of Social, Economic and Cultural Benefits;
10. Assessment of Water Resource Management and its impact.
11. Assessment of impact of Forest Fires and Vulnerability;
12. Assessment of wildlife habitat, movement/migratory corridors and human-wildlife conflicts within the landscape;
13. Assessment of the impact of mining and allied activities on forest areas, and site-specific eco-restoration needs of leasehold and adjoining areas; and
14. Any other work as per NWPC-2023.

AREA OF OPERATION:

The researchers shall stay and operate within the administrative jurisdiction of Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra, Jharkhand, covering all Ranges and Beats as required for the Working Plan Exercise. Accordingly, the field surveys/visits, data collection, ground-truthing, research and study activities shall be undertaken throughout interior forest areas under the administrative jurisdiction of Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra and, where required, within the prescribed peripheral area adjoining the forest boundary for assessment of Trees Outside Forests (TOF) in accordance with the National Working Plan Code (NWPC), 2023.

PROJECT PERIOD:

The engagement of the SRF, JRFs and will be for a period coterminous with the activities mentioned in table herein below, subject to satisfactory performance. Extension may be considered based on the progress of the Working Plan exercise. The engagement is purely contractual/temporary and may be terminated at any time in case of unsatisfactory performance, non-availability of funds, or any other administrative reason. The timeline for the activities to be undertaken by the Research/Study Team is set out in the table below:

Sl. No.	Activity	Timeline
1	Field enumeration work as per NWPC 2023	4 months from commencement of activity.
2	Socio-economic survey and assessment: Village/PF-wise dependency data, FRA records, Tree Outside Forest (ToF) data for various requirements	4 months from commencement of activity.
3	Biodiversity assessment	4 months from commencement of activity.
4	Field assessment of NTFP inventory including Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and estimation of sustainable extraction.	3 months from commencement of activity.
5	Assessment of Forest Carbon Stock and Carbon Sequestration	2 months from commencement of activity.
6	Assessment of Bamboo/Rattan	2 months from commencement of activity.
7	Soil survey and assessment Soil Erosion Vulnerability Assessment	3 months from commencement of activity.

8	Assessment of eco-system services Assessment of Water Resource Management and its impact.	3 months from commencement of activity.
9	Ground-truthing work for Forest Fire Mitigation Plan and risk zonation	3 months from commencement of activity.
10	Ground-truthing for Human-Wildlife Conflict mitigation planning and identification of conflict-prone villages/areas and corridors.	3 months from commencement of activity.
11	Stakeholder consultation meetings	4 months from commencement of activity.
12	Any other work as per NWPC-2023	4 months from commencement of activity.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Senior Research Fellow (SRF)

1. Overall coordination and supervision of field teams and research activities in accordance with NWPC, 2023.
2. Preparation of study designs, sampling frameworks and data-collection protocols.
3. Analysis and interpretation of field data and preparation of thematic reports under the guidance of the DFO/Working Plan Officer (WPO).
4. Compilation and maintenance of Division-level datasets, including compartment histories, growing-stock data and GIS layers, in the formats prescribed under NWPC, 2023.
5. Maintenance of accurate records, registers and data repositories.
6. Any other work assigned by the DFO(WPO) from time to time.

B. Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

1. Conduct field surveys and collect data in accordance with approved format under NWPC, 2023.
2. Undertake local community/stake holder interaction for socio-economic and NTFP assessments.
3. Undertake soil sampling, botanical and zoological enumeration and biodiversity documentation.
4. Compile, enter and validate field data.
5. Assist the SRF in preparation of reports, maps and other project outputs/documents.

6. Any other work assigned by the DFO(WPO)/SRF from time to time.

MONITORING AND SUPERVISION:

1. The Research Fellows shall be regularly monitored and supervised by the Working Plan Officer-cum-DFO, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra.
2. The SRF/JRFs shall submit a fortnightly progress report to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All field activities shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 (formerly known as the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980), the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and other acts/rules/regulations as applicable to Chatra North Forest Division.
2. The engagement shall be purely temporary and contractual, coterminous with the project. Such engagement shall not confer any right or claim to regularization, permanent employment or continuation in service.
3. The remuneration shall be consolidated and all-inclusive. No TA/DA, HRA, accommodation, food, medical expenses or any other allowance shall be admissible. However, field travel specifically authorized in writing by the Divisional Forest Officer shall be reimbursed in accordance with applicable departmental norms.
4. No TA/DA shall be admissible for attending the Walk-in Interview.
5. Candidates shall produce original certificates, mark-sheets and experienced certificates at the time of interview, along with one set of self-attested photocopies, a recent passport-size photograph and a valid photo identity document.
6. Mere possession of the prescribed qualification shall not confer any right to selection or engagement. The decision of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra in matters relating to selection and engagement shall be final.
7. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of posts or to modify, suspend or cancel the engagement process at any stage, without assigning any reason.

8. All data, maps, reports, records and other outputs generated in the course of the assignment shall remain the exclusive property of the Jharkhand Forest Department and shall be handed over in hard copy and editable soft-copy formats.
9. No data, photograph, map, report or finding relating to the assignment shall be published, shared, presented or otherwise used for academic, commercial or any other purpose without the prior written permission of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra.
10. All assets, software, images, instruments and other materials procured or supplied by the Department specifically for the Working Plan exercise shall remain the property of the Department and shall be duly handed over upon completion of the assignment.
11. The roles and responsibilities of each selected candidate may be assigned or modified by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra from time to time, having regard to the requirements and progress of the project.
12. In the event that any selected candidate fails to adhere to the prescribed timelines or satisfactorily discharge the assigned responsibilities, the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra may terminate the engagement by giving one week's prior notice to the concerned candidate.
13. A selected candidate intending to discontinue the engagement shall give at least 15 days' prior written notice to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra.
14. Any clarification or dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of these terms and conditions shall be decided by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra whose decision shall be final.
15. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra reserves the right to amend, modify or supplement these terms and conditions, as may be necessary in the interest of the project, and such amendments or modification shall be binding.
16. The selected candidate shall execute the prescribed undertaking at the time of engagement. Upon submission and acceptance of the undertaking, the engagement order shall be issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra.
17. Any corrigendum, amendment or clarification issued subsequent to the publication of this notice shall form an integral part of the notice and shall be read and construed accordingly.
18. The place of adjudication of any dispute arising out of or in connection with the engagement shall be Chatra, Jharkhand, and the competent courts at Chatra shall have jurisdiction.

HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates may submit their curriculum vitae (CV), scanned copies of educational and experience certificates, e-mail ID and mobile number to the e-mail address specified below, clearly indicating the post applied for, on or before **20.11.2026 by 10:00 A.M**. No application shall be entertained after the stipulated date and time.

Eligible candidates may also appear in person for the Walk-in Interview on the scheduled date, along with all requisite original documents and self-attested copies thereof. The Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra reserves the right to cancel, postpone or modify the Walk-in Interview at any stage without assigning any reason. **The application shall be submitted in the pro forma annexed hereto as Annexure-A.**

Walk-in Interview Date and Time: ……20.11.2026…… at 11:00 AM

Venue: Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra, District-Chatra, Van Bhavan, Chatra (Jharkhand)-825401.

E-mail ID for sending the application with the aforesaid documents: (1) **dfo-chatranorth@gov.in,** (2) **dfochatranorth@gmail.com**

Any query regarding the aforesaid application, project and interview may be sent to (1) dfo-chatranorth@gov.in, (2) dfochatranorth@gmail.com or made on telephone no. 8987790214/9097740294 during office hours.

-Sd/-
Divisional Forest Officer
-cum- Working Plan Officer,
Chatra North Forest Division, Chatra

Annexure A

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE POST/ROLE OF

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CHATRA NORTH FOREST DIVISION, CHATRA.

PHOTO

Name of Candidate : _____

Gender : _____

Mobile No. : _____

Date of Birth : _____

Email ID : _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

PAN: _____

Aadhar (UID) No.: _____

Address:

Correspondence Address: _____

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Permanent Address: _____

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Educational Qualification:

Name of Exam	Name of School/University	Year of Passing	Percentage or Grade	Certificate/ Marksheet attached (yes/no)
Matriculation				
Intermediate				
Graduation				
Post Graduation				
Computer				
Others				

Experience, if any, in Working Plan Preparation/Research/Field Studies or allied fields: Yes / No

Work Experience:

Name of Organization	Designation	From Date	To Date	Experience Certificate attached (yes/no)

I, _____,

hereby declare that the information furnished by me in this application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement, concealment, or discrepancy found at any stage shall render my candidature liable to cancellation and/or termination of engagement, as applicable.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Candidate