

CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Unit (CSIR-TKDL Unit)
14, Satsang Vihar Marg
New Delhi – 110067

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CSIR-TKDL Unit is a constituent of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), an autonomous body with the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (Ministry of Science and Technology). The CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (CSIR-TKDL) Unit is engaged in protection and preservation of India's vast traditional knowledge present in ancient texts by digitizing the information into modern languages in a structured format. The key objective is to prevent misappropriation of Indian traditional knowledge through wrong acquisition of intellectual property rights.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates who meet the necessary educational and work experience requirements to work in the project, "Digitization of Traditional Agricultural Practices of India" (HCP522401) being implemented at CSIR-TKDL Unit. The engagement is purely temporary, time-bound and on contract basis. The engagement is initially up to 31st March 2026 and maximum until duration of the project *i.e.*, 31st March 2027. The continuation of tenure beyond 31st March 2026 will be subject to progress review by Review Committee at the end of the financial year or earlier, as deemed necessary. The location of the project activities shall be New Delhi. Details of post, eligibility is as under:

Project No.	Post Name & Code	No of Position(s)*	Reporting Date & Time for test
HCP522401	Project Associate-I (PAT-I) (Sanskrit) Code: TKA01	02	25 March 2026 9:30 AM

*A panel of waitlisted candidates (in order of merit) will be constituted to fill vacancies in near future. Such panel will be valid for one-year period from the date of notification of the result, or until project completion, whichever is earlier.

Eligibility:

Post Code TKA01: Project Associate-I (Sanskrit)

Qualification: Master's /Integrated Master's Degree in Sanskrit language from recognized University or equivalent.

Desirable: Experience in translation of Sanskrit texts will be preferred.

Monthly emoluments:

Project Associate-I (PAT-I)

(i) Rs. 31,000/-+ HRA those candidates who have qualified CSIR UGC/ICAR/ICMR/NET incl. lectureship/assistant professorship or GATE **OR** those

who have qualified National level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments like DBT/DST or equivalent and/or their Agencies/Institutions.

(ii) Rs. 25,000/-+HRA for others who do not fall under (i) above

Age Limit: 35 years. The age limit is relaxable for candidates of reserved/ statutory category as per CSIR/Govt. of India rules on the subject.

General Instructions:

- (a) All eligible candidates shall fill up the form online, available at www.csir.res.in.
- (b) Incomplete applications or applications received through any other mode will not be accepted.
- (c) Candidates must fill complete details related to their educational qualification, experience, etc.
- (d) Candidates are required to upload scan copy of following original documents while applying online, failing which their candidature will be summarily rejected- Certificates establishing (i) Educational Qualifications (matriculation onwards); (ii) Age; (iii) Reservation/Statutory Category (in case SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS candidates); (iv) Experience Certificate, if any; (v) Publications/ Patents, if any (vi) detailed biodata.
- (e) After submission of the application, candidates are advised to keep with them the generated Application No. for future correspondence.
- (f) Candidates must fulfil the essential criteria and other stipulated criteria as on **03rd March 2026.**
- (g) Candidates should be present in-person at CSIR-TKDL Unit, 14, Satsang Vihar Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110067 for a written test/interview at the above-mentioned date and time. The results of the written test will be declared on the same day. The interviews of shortlisted candidates will take place in hybrid mode (offline and online) on the day of written test or another day, as informed after the written test. If committee so desires, the candidates will be asked to give their interviews in person and will be informed accordingly. The candidates are requested to wait for result of written examination/instructions unless informed otherwise.
- (h) The candidates must carry with them original certificates/testimonials at the time of written test along with two copies of self-attested photographs and a set of self-attested copies of certificates/ testimonials in support of age, qualification, marks obtained, experience, if any, etc. The candidates must also carry a copy of their bio-data neatly typed on A4 paper.
- (i) The candidates belonging to reserved/statutory categories must bring their original certificate of categories to which they belong in the prescribed format issued by the competent authority (along with self-attested copies of the same).
- (j) In case the final certificates reflect CGPA/SGPA/OGPA Grades, the candidate should convert the same into an equivalent percentage as per the approved formula of the University in the online form, and a copy of such conversion must be uploaded while submitting online form.
- (k) If currently employed, then the candidate will have to furnish No-Objection Certificate from the current employer at the time of joining.

Note:

1. Mere fulfilling of minimum qualification does not confer any right to a candidate for being called for Written Test / Interview.
2. Candidates who are in the final semester or whose results are awaited will not be eligible for above mentioned positions.
3. Candidature will be purely provisional subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria.
4. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the Written Test/Interview.
5. Tenure of engagement of the Project Staff shall be co-terminus with the project. In any case, under no circumstances the tenure (inclusive of all CSIR postings) would be allowed to exceed six years duration. The performance of the Project Staff would be reviewed periodically so that one not found up to the mark, could be terminated without assigning any reason.
6. The engagement of Project Staff is purely on contract basis in respect of the above position therefore will confer no rights on the candidates, whatsoever, implicitly and/or explicitly for their continuation beyond tenure/absorption /regularization in CSIR. Contract may be terminated at any time at a notice of one month from either side or one-month stipend in lieu thereof.
7. Project Staff would be governed by the Guidelines for engagement of project personnel under various CSIR (incl. NMITLI, OLP, MLP, industry sponsored, Contract/Consultancy /Sponsored projects etc.) and non-CSIR funded projects notified vide CSIR OM No. 5-1(342)/2017-PD dated 02.09.2024 and amendments thereof.
8. House rent allowance or HRA payable shall be as per the extant Government of India rules as applicable to CSIR employees.
9. The project staff may be required to travel as per need.
10. Reservation (SC/ST/OBC/PwD/EWS) will be applicable as per CSIR/Govt. of India rules on the subject.
11. Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit reserves the right to increase/decrease the number of positions and also cancel the engagement process for the position mentioned above at any stage of the engagement process.
12. The decision of the Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit will be final and binding for engagement of above positions.
13. **Canvassing in any form will render the candidate disqualified.**

Candidates who fulfil the above criteria may fill the online form available at www.csir.res.in

Last date to submit online application: 23rd March 2026, 5:00 PM

For any query please contact

Telephone: 011-26851136, Email: tkdlsupport@csir.res.in

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