

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

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The CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (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-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 structured format. The key objective is averting the misappropriation of Indian traditional knowledge through the wrong acquisition of intellectual property rights.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates, who meet the necessary educational requirements for engagement as project personnel under the project(s), "Digitization of Indian Traditional Practices on Minerals, Metals, Materials and Allied Areas" (HCP522403)" and "Digitization of Traditional Agricultural Practices of India" (HCP522401) being implemented at the Unit. The engagement is purely temporary, time-bound and on contract basis. The engagement is maximum up to 31st March 2027 i.e. co-terminus with the project duration. The location of the project activities is at New Delhi. Details of post code, post name, domain area, no. of position(s) and eligibility are as under:

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Post Code	Post Name & Domain Area	No of Position(s)*	Reporting Date & Time
TKM01	Senior Project Associate (SPA) Sanskrit	01	24September 2026 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
TKM02	Project Associate –I(PAT-I) Metallurgy	02	24 September 2026 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
TKA01	Project Associate –I(PAT-I) Agriculture	01	25 September 2026 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
TKA02	Project Associate –I(PAT-I) Patent	01	25 September 2026 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

* Panel of waitlisted candidates (in order of merit) will be constituted to fill vacancies that may arise in future.

Eligibility:

Post Code TKM01: Senior Project Associate (Sanskrit)

Qualification: Master's degree / Integrated Masters in Sanskrit language from recognized University or equivalent AND three years of relevant experience Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or S&T Organizations and activities and services

OR

Doctoral Degree in Sanskrit from a recognized University or equivalent and 2 year experience in Research and Development in Industrial and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology Organization and Scientific activities and services.

Post Code TKM02: Project Associate-I (Metallurgy)

Essential Qualification: B.E./B.Tech in Metallurgy/Metallurgical Engg. or Master's Degree in Chemistry or equivalent.

Job Description: Identification of traditional practices from ancient classical texts and other literature and their interpretation in context to subject matter.

Post Code: TKA01: Project Associate-I (Agriculture)

Essential Qualification: Master's /Integrated Master's Degree in Agriculture/ Agronomy/ Horticulture/ Animal Science/any branch of Veterinary Sciences/Zoology from a recognized University or equivalent.

Desirable Qualification: Experience in documenting of Traditional Agricultural Knowledge will be preferred.

Job Description: Identification of traditional agricultural practices from ancient classical texts and other literature and their interpretation in context to agricultural subject matter.

Post Code: TKA02: Project Associate-I (Patents)

Qualification: B.E./B.Tech/Master's/Integrated Master's degree in Natural Sciences from recognized University or equivalent

Desirable skills: Proficiency in Patent Analytics/Patent Informatics/ PG Diploma in IPR, good written and oral skills in English

Monthly emoluments:

Senior Project Associate (SPA)

Rs. 42,000/-+ HRA

Age Limit: 40 years. The age limit is relaxable for candidates of reserved/statutory category as per CSIR/Govt. of India rules on the subject.

Project Associate-I (PAT-I)

(a) Rs. 31,000/-+ HRA for 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.

(b) Rs. 25,000/-+HRA for others who do not fall under (a) 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:

1. All eligible candidates shall fill up the form online, available at www.csir.res.in
2. Incomplete applications or applications received through any other mode will not be accepted. Candidates must fill complete details related to their educational qualification, experience, etc.
3. Candidates are required to upload scan copy of following 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.
4. After submission of the application, candidates are advised to keep with them the generated Application No. for future correspondence.
5. Candidates must fulfil the essential criteria and other stipulated criteria as on 23rd September 2026.
6. **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 interviews of the shortlisted candidates will take place on the same day or another day, as informed after the written test. The candidates must wait for result of written examinations/instructions unless informed otherwise.**
7. The candidates must carry with them two self-attested photographs, certificates/testimonials in original and, a set of self-attested photocopies of certificates, in support of age, qualification and experience for verification. The candidates must also carry a copy of their bio-data neatly typed on A4 paper.
8. Only those candidates who have acquired the essential qualification & result has been declared (should have at least a provisional certificate) are eligible to appear in the written examination/interview. Result awaited/final semester appeared candidates are not eligible to appear in the written examination/interview.
9. Mere fulfilling of minimum qualification does not confer any right to a candidate for being called for written test/interview.
10. Experience, where required, will be counted from the date after acquiring the essential minimum educational qualification. Dissertation/thesis work conducted during the academic period will not be counted as experience.
11. The project position(s) are purely temporary and on a contract basis and will be up to 31st March 2027 only or co-terminus with the Project. The total period of engagement of any project personnel under one project and/or combination of different projects, either in the CSIR-TKDL Unit and/or different laboratories of CSIR, cumulatively taken together must not exceed 6 years.
12. The performance of the Project Personnel would be reviewed periodically so that one not found up to the mark, could be terminated without assigning any reason.

13. No upgradation of the project personnel shall be done in the same or any new project at CSIR-TKDL Unit.
14. CSIR-TKDL Unit reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the offer of engagement in case of any discrepancy of any empanelled candidate at any stage.
15. The selected candidate is expected to join within the timeframe mentioned in the offer letter from the date of receiving the offer of appointment, after completion of appointment formalities like medical examination and character verification, etc.
16. The selected candidate shall furnish a character certificate and medical fitness certificate issued by any government Medical Officer or Medical Officer(s) of CSIR Dispensaries. Each selected candidate shall sign an undertaking for maintaining confidentiality of project findings and/or any associated intellectual property information.
17. Other terms & conditions will be governed as per guidelines issued by the CSIR, for the engagement of the project personnel, as amended from time to time.
18. If currently employed, then the candidate will have to furnish No-Objection Certificate from the current employer at the time of interview.

Note:

1. Candidature will be purely provisional subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria.
2. No TA/DA will be paid for attending/appearing in the Written Test/Interview.
3. The engagement of Project Personnel on above positions is purely temporary, time-bound and on contract basis and therefore will confer no claims or rights, whatsoever, implicitly and/or explicitly for their continuation beyond tenure/absorption/regularization in CSIR/CSIR-TKDL Unit. The contract may be terminated at any time with a notice of one month from either side or one-month stipend in lieu thereof. Mere engagement as project personnel shall not confer any right to permanent employment in CSIR or its laboratories/Institutes.
4. The project personnel may be required to travel as per need.
5. House rent allowance or HRA payable shall be as per the extant Government of India rules as applicable to CSIR employees.
6. The relaxation in the age limit for the candidates belonging to the category of SC/ST/PwBD/Women and the category of OBC shall be 05 years and 03 years respectively or as per Govt. of India instructions issued in this regard from time to time.
7. Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit reserves the right to increase/decrease the number of positions and also cancel the engagement process for the position(s) mentioned above at any stage of the engagement process.
8. The decision of the Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit will be final and binding for engagement of above position(s).
9. **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 September 2026, 5:00 PM

For any query please contact

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