Government of India
Ministry of Culture
Archaeological Survey of India
Underwater Archaeology Wing

Dharohar Bhawan,
24, Tilak Marg New Delhi – 01
Dated the 24th March, 2026

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an attached office of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, invites applications for the following positions: (i) Senior Consultant (Underwater Archaeology Wing) - 02 posts; (ii) Junior Consultant (Underwater Archaeology Wing) - 02 posts, henceforth called 'Consultants' for the Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW), ASI. Details for the positions are given in the Circular attached herewith. These experts will assist UAW, ASI, in works pertaining to underwater archaeology for a period of one (01) year initially. After satisfactory performance of Consultants in the first year of their engagement, their term will be extended for another one (01) year, under 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 he/ she may deem fit in support of his/ her appointment for the above-mentioned posts.

3. The applicant should submit work experience in the fields of underwater archaeology, archaeology, Indian history, maritime trade, coastal sites, ancient ports, shipwrecks, 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 fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the employment newspaper.

Applicants 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 (in a sealed envelope)/ or by e-mail to - gensec.asi@gmail.com not later than 15 days from publication of this Notice in the employment newspaper.

4. Short-listed candidates on the basis of documentary submission will be called for an interview (Physical or Video) before a Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) constituted by Director-General, ASI. The CEC may recommend a panel of candidates to the competent authority for selection of the candidate. The panel will last for six (06) months for engaging consultant by UAW, ASI. No TA/ DA shall be paid to the outstation candidates called for the interview.

5. The candidate selected for the engagement of consultant would be given an offer letter to submit his unconditional acceptance. He/ She will only be allowed to join as consultant subject to the verification of all documents submitted by him/ her with application, as per terms and conditions cited in EOI. Any departure noticed at any stage would invite termination of the service and panel action as per law by the ASI.

The Director General, 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 four (04) Consultants in the Underwater Archaeology Wing (UAW), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an attached office of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, is the apex organization responsible for archaeological research, exploration, excavation, conservation, and protection of India's cultural heritage. With the revival of the UAW, ASI has initiated multiple projects to explore and document India's underwater cultural heritage, including ancient ports, submerged remains, coastal, and riverine archaeological sites.

Objectives

To strengthen the operational and research capacity of UAW, ASI intends to engage four (04) individual professionals as Senior and Junior Consultants on contractual basis. These professionals will provide specialised support for planning, execution, documentation, research, and dissemination of underwater archaeology projects across India. These experts will assist UAW, ASI, in works pertaining to underwater archaeology for a period of one (01) year initially. After satisfactory performance of Consultants in the first year of their engagement, their term will be extended for another one (01) year, under the same terms and conditions.

The details regarding the engagement of Consultants are as under:

1. **Scope of work**

To assist and give technical inputs to UAW, ASI -

1.1 Conduct detailed archival research related to the underwater archaeological sites;
1.2 Preparation of technical reports on the submerged archaeological remains across India;
1.3 Assist in preparation of technical reports/ documents on the underwater archaeological fieldworks, editing publications, and project coordination;
1.4 Prepare digital repository of artefacts recovered from past as well as upcoming underwater archaeological fieldworks;
1.5 Assist in organizing training programs in underwater archaeology;
1.6 Support dissemination of research outputs through conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and digital platforms;
1.7 Maintain databases, project records, and assist in administrative tasks;
1.8 Any other work in the field of underwater archaeology that may be assigned from time to time

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Senior Consultant (Underwater Archaeology) - Positions (02)

Essential Qualification: Master's in Underwater Archaeology/ Archaeology/ History (having specialisation in Ancient Indian History)

Desirable Qualification: PhD in Underwater Archaeology/ Archaeology/ History (having specialisation in Ancient Indian History)

Essential Experience: Minimum field experience of 2.5 years in underwater archaeology/ archaeology. Consultant should have a good knowledge of Indian history, maritime trade, coastal sites, ancient ports, shipwrecks, etc. Applicants should have excellent knowledge of computer applications such as MS Office, GIS, editing tools, and photography.

Desirable Experience: The practical experience in underwater archaeological fieldworks, surveying coastal sites, and working with boats, will be given preference.

2.2 Junior Consultant (Underwater Archaeology) - Positions (02)

Essential Qualification: Master's in Underwater Archaeology/ Archaeology/ History (having specialisation in Ancient Indian History)

Desirable Qualification: PhD in Underwater Archaeology/ Archaeology/ History (having specialisation in Ancient Indian History)

Essential Experience: Minimum working experience of 1.5 years in the field of underwater archaeology/ archaeology. Applicants should have sufficient knowledge of computer applications such as MS Office, GIS, editing tools, and photography.

3. Duration of Consultancy

Initially one (01) year, extendable to one (01) more year based on the satisfactory performance and project requirements (under the same terms and conditions with fixed annual remuneration).

4. Remuneration

4.1 The remuneration of the Senior Consultant is Rs.60,000/- per month (consolidated) and Junior Consultant is Rs.40,000/- per month (consolidated). The consultancy fee shall be a lump sum amount, and no other allowances such as DA, HRA, Transport Allowance (except travel entitlement by 3rd AC rail ticket when deputed on official tour), etc. shall be payable. The appointment will be purely on a temporary contract basis.
4.2 The consultant will be entitled to travel by 3rd AC (rail ticket) when deputed on official tour. No other allowance shall be admissible apart from it.
4.3 The consultant will be entitled for eight (08) days leave during their engagement period of one year, as applicable for contract posts.
4.4 No medical allowances will be paid during the contract.
4.5 The working days will be same as that of a regular ASI employee. The consultants shall be based in the office of UAW, Greater Noida and ASI headquarters, New Delhi.
4.6 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 by the Archaeological Survey of India.
4.7 During this period, the Consultants will be expected not to undertake any other contract (Part-time or Full-time) related to any project/ work in India or any other country.
4.8 The Consultants agree to maintain confidentiality of the work and its outcome as demanded by the Archaeological Survey of India.

4.9 The services of the Consultants can be terminated at any time by giving a notice of one month on either side, i.e., by the Consultant or the appointing authority. 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.

5. Pre-Eligibility Criteria for Individuals

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

5.1 Relevant academic qualifications and proven experience in underwater archaeology, archaeology, etc. as mentioned above and again specified at 5.1.1 to 5.1.3:
5.1.1 Educational Qualification: Master's degree or higher in Underwater Archaeology/ Archaeology/ History (with specialization in Ancient Indian History)
5.1.2 Experience: Minimum of 1.5 years (Junior Consultant) and 2.5 years (Senior Consultant) in underwater archaeology/ archaeology
5.1.3 Technical Skills: Proficiency in computer applications such as MS office, GIS tools and photo/ video editing software

5.2 Not blacklisted by any Government/ PSU agency

5.3 Demonstrated ability to work in field conditions and in multi-disciplinary teams

6. Instruction to Consultants

Interested individuals may submit the following documents:

6.1 Application in sealed envelope, by post/ hand, or by email as prescribed, containing all documents in the required format

6.2 A brief statement of interest outlining skills relevant to Underwater Archaeology Wing

6.3 Submit CV as per the format given at Annexure I and II

6.4 Include supporting documents for educational qualifications, experience, and prior works

6.5 Incomplete or unsigned applications shall be rejected

6.6 ASI reserves the right to cancel or modify the EOI at any stage without assigning any reason

6.7 Any misrepresentation of facts may lead to disqualification

7. Selection Process

Shortlisted candidates on the basis of documentary submission will be called for an interview (Physical or Video) before a **Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) constituted by the Director-General, ASI.** The CEC may recommend a panel of candidates to the competent authority for selection of the candidate. The panel will last for six (06) months for engaging consultant by UAW, ASI. No TA/ DA shall be paid to the outstation candidates called for the interview.

8. Consultancy Monitoring Committee (CMC)

A CMC comprising ADG (Archaeology), Director (EE), and ASA (UAW) will oversee the progress and quality of work. The Committee will review deliverables, timelines, and

performance on a periodic basis and recommend continuation, modification, or termination, as deemed necessary.

9. Training or Transfer of Knowledge

The Consultant shall facilitate the transfer of skills and knowledge to ASI staff, wherever applicable, including training sessions, documentation templates, and field techniques developed during the assignment period.

10. Terms and Conditions

10.1 Engagement is purely contractual, and all intellectual property/ data generated will remain the property of ASI.
10.2 Consultants are expected to commit fully to assigned projects and comply with ASI rules.
10.3 ASI reserves all the right to cancel this EOI without assigning any specified reason.

11. Termination of Contract

The services of the Consultants can be terminated at any time by giving a notice of one month on either side, i.e., by the Consultant or the appointing authority. 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.

Interested candidates may send their CV, supporting documents along with other details, as specified at Annexure:

Sh. Praveen Tripathi
Director (Administration)
Archaeological Survey of India
Dharohar Bhawan
24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001

Tel: +91-11-23004618
Email: gensec.asi@gmail.com

(P. K. Tripathi)
Director (Admin)

To
1. www.asi.nic.in (Website Section for uploading on ASI's website)

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Annexure I

(1) A brief statement of interest outlining skills relevant to Underwater Archaeology Wing *(additional sheet shall be enclosed, if required)*

(2) Format for Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details to be filled by the applicant
1.	Name	
2.	Mother's/ Father's Name	
3.	Date of Birth	
4.	Address for Correspondence	
5.	Permanent Address *(if different from address for correspondence)*	
	Contact Information (E-mail and Mobile)	
4.	Educational Qualifications (*copies to be enclosed*)	
5.	Professional Experience with duration and details (*additional sheet shall be enclosed, if required*)	
6.	Key Projects Handled	
7.	Skills and Competencies	
8.	Publications (*additional sheet shall be enclosed, if required*)	
9.	Any other relevant information	

Declaration

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature and date)

Name of the applicant

Annexure II

Format for Claiming Work Experience

Sl. No.	Name of Post Held	From (dd/mm/yy)	To (dd/mm/yy)	Total period (dd/mm/yy)	Nature of Appointment (Permanent /Temporary/ Part-time/ Contractual/ Guest/ Honorary)	Duties Performed/ Experience Gained *(briefly against each post held; attach a separate sheet, if required)*

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct, and that the documents in support of the experience claimed have been submitted by me.

Place:
Date:

(Signature)
Name

NON-DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING
(TO BE FILLED IN BY THE APPLICANTS)

To,

The Director-General
Archaeological Survey of India
Dharohar Bhawan
24 Tilak Marg
New Delhi - 110001

Sir,

I hereby undertake,

a. to treat all the information that comes to my knowledge as part of my duties in this office as confidential information and keep it strictly confidential.

b. not to sell, trade, publish or otherwise disclose to anyone in any manner whatsoever including by means of reproduction either in physical or digital/ in electronic format.

c. to hold such confidential information in trust and confidence both during and after the terms of my engagement.

d. not to engage in any other employment/ occupation/ consultancy or any other activity during my engagement with ASI which would otherwise conflict with my obligations towards ASI.

e. to abide by data security policy and related guidelines issued by ASI.

2. In the event of my termination or employment for any reason whatsoever, I shall promptly surrender and deliver to the ASI any records/ material, equipment, documents or data generated/ collected/ retrieved during working with ASI which may or may not be of confidential nature.

3. I shall keep ASI informed of any change in my address or contact details during the period of my engagement.

4. I understand that I can be terminated at any point of time for breach of the above conditions and can be proceeded against under the relevant laws in force.

5. For the purpose of this undertaking, Information means any information received from any source, whether in physical, electronic or in digital format.

Yours faithfully,

Name:
Address:
Mobile:
E-mail: