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ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE PROJECT: 'A SCOPING REPORT ON BROILER CHICKEN WELFARE IN INDIA'

Position	: Research Associate
Location	: Remote (the candidate can be based anywhere in India). The role requires travel across six states in India.
Remuneration	: ₹60,000-₹70,000 per month, depending on qualifications and experience.
Application Deadline	: 22 November 2026, 11:59 PM IST.
Joining Date	: 07 December, 2026.
Engagement Duration	: Four (4) months.
Required	: Willingness to travel extensively across multiple states for field research.

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (NALSAR)
NALSAR University of Law is an institution that aims to provide quality legal education that underlines constitutionalism, rule of law and justice, with a particular focus on social justice to the marginalised communities. NALSAR imparts legal education, promotes research and training, writing and publication, in order to disseminate information and promote legal literacy.

ALPN Research Foundation, Bengaluru (ALPN)
ALPN Research Foundation is a not-for-profit independent think-tank that is working towards improving animal welfare across India. ALPN undertakes research on the intersection of animal welfare and public health, human rights, food safety, environment protection, and climate resilience

About the Project
NALSAR is partnering with ALPN to undertake a study that systematically assesses the current conditions and challenges to the welfare of broiler chickens in India. This study aims to evaluate the existing broiler chicken industry end-to-end, from farming systems and supply chains to market demand, regulatory context, and the broader stakeholder ecosystem. It will inform targeted intervention pathways in India.

Role Overview
We are hiring a Research Associate to support field research across approximately 60 farm visits in six states, plus slaughterhouses, and meat shops. You will work closely with the Project Lead, conducting on-ground observation, interviews, and note-taking. No prior poultry expertise is required - training on poultry behaviour and welfare indicators will be provided. All fieldwork costs will be covered by the organisation.

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Key Responsibilities

1. Support the project team in conducting field visits across approximately 60 farms in six states, plus slaughterhouses and meat retail points.
2. Observe and accurately document farm conditions, farming practices, and poultry behaviour using training and frameworks provided by the project team.
3. Conduct interviews with farmers, workers, and other on-ground stakeholders, adapting communication style and language to the local context.
4. Take detailed, organised field notes and assist in structuring raw field data for analysis.
5. Help coordinate field logistics - scheduling visits, travel planning, and liaising with local contacts.
6. Assist in transcription, translation, or summarisation of interviews and field notes, particularly from regional languages into English.

Qualifications

1. No prior expertise in poultry or animal welfare required - training will be provided.
2. Holding a Bachelor's degree in any field in any field; candidates with backgrounds in life sciences, social sciences, agriculture, or veterinary studies would be preferred.
3. Proficiency in Hindi and other regional languages strongly preferred, given the multi-state fieldwork involved.

Preference will be given to candidates with

1. Willingness and ability to travel extensively across multiple Indian states for field research (approximately three months of fieldwork).
2. Prior experience in field research, surveys, or fieldwork-based data collection would be an advantage.
3. Strong interpersonal skills, who are comfortable conducting informal/semi-formal interviews and building quick rapport with farmers and other stakeholders.
4. Interest in animal welfare or willingness to learn poultry-specific observation skills.
5. Good written communication skills for clear, organised field notes. Familiarity with note-taking and transcription.
6. Basic organisational and project support skills, who are able to manage tasks and timelines.

Application Process:

Interested candidates must submit their application through this Google form. Only shortlisted candidates from this application round will be invited for the further interview rounds. If you have any queries, please feel free to reach out to alc@nalsar.ac.in.

Registrar (I/c)