

SAMHiTA: South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive

(Phase 2)

International Research Division

India International Centre, New Delhi

With the support of **Bharat Ki Soch – Foundation of ITC**, India International Centre is starting a new project this year to expand and deepen the study of India's texts, and to see how their insights might be integrated into contemporary policy and practice, in fields ranging from healing to ethics and statecraft.

IIC invites applications from suitable researchers and other professionals

interested in South Asia's textual traditions and their histories for the following two positions,

1. Senior Research Fellow

2. Junior Research Fellow

Applicants may apply online at irdiic@iicdelhi.in. The last date for submitting the application is **10th August 2026**.

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1. Senior Research Fellow

Location: New Delhi, India

Tasks: Research, Content Creation and Outreach

To explore ideas and topics through consulting manuscripts and texts on Indian knowledge traditions to highlight select themes that reveal how the insights from early times might be relevant to contemporary policy and practice

The Fellow is expected to:

- Identify texts representative of the diversity of South Asian knowledge traditions and create literature surveys, descriptions and excerpts, for creating anthologies on select themes
 - Consult manuscript metadata, digitized texts and write short descriptions
 - Synthesise existing studies on these in the form of a literature review
 - Select passages for anthologization and transcription
 - Translate passages into Hindi and English
 - Convene educational activities like masterclasses and workshops with experts on the areas selected
 - Assist in the organization of outreach activities like exhibitions, conferences, lectures

Output

- Literature Survey
- Descriptions of texts and themes for creating anthologies
- Translations and notes on select manuscripts
- Masterclasses and workshops, exhibitions

Timeline: Full-time, on all official working days

Qualifications and Skills

- **Essential**
 - PhD Degree in South Asian languages (Sanskrit, Prakrit, Farsi, Tamil... with excellent knowledge of English language)/History/Archaeology/Religion/Art History
 - Editorial abilities
 - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
 - Three to five years' work experience
- **Desirable**
 - Experience working on critical edition and collation

Remuneration: Commensurate with the industry norms

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2. Junior Research Fellow

Location: New Delhi, India

The Fellow is expected to have the capacity for:

- Research
- Content Creation and Outreach
- Be part of a team selecting images and drafting captions for exhibitions
- Interview experts for SAMHiTA's newsletter
- Design social media posts
- Foster online communities

Qualifications and Skills:

- **Essential**
 - Research experience coupled with Masters' degree(s) in South Asian languages (Sanskrit, Prakrit, Farsi, Tamil...with excellent knowledge of English language)/History/Archaeology/Religion/Art History/ Library Science/Museology
 - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
 - One or two years' work experience
- **Desirable**
 - Experience working on critical edition and collation
 - Video editing software, Canva

Remuneration: Commensurate with the industry norms