



CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Thiruvananthapuram

Vacancy Notification: Research Associate (One)

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) invites applications for the position of (One) Research Associate to work on the research project “Platform Economy in India- Informality, Remuneration & Working Time Study” funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO). The project examines the evolving nature of work and livelihoods in the platform economy and involves extensive fieldwork, stakeholder interactions, and analysis of primary data.

- Location: Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (with extensive field travel to Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Jharkhand)
Position: Research Associate
Duration: 6 months
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Vinoj Abraham
- Joining Date: Latest by November 7th 2025

Essential Qualifications

- Master’s degree (M.A.) in any Social Science discipline (Economics, Sociology, Development Studies, Public Policy, or related fields)
- Demonstrated experience in fieldwork and coordination of data collection activities
- Strong writing and analytical skills
- Familiarity with basic data analysis (quantitative and/or qualitative)
- Proficiency in conversation in any of the following Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, English
- Willingness to travel extensively to field sites in Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Jharkhand

Desirable Qualifications

- Experience with survey design and implementation
- Familiarity with digital labour platforms or informal work research
- Ability to work in interdisciplinary teams

Remuneration

Commensurate with qualifications and experience, as per project norms.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates may send the following to cdsiloproject@gmail.com with the subject line “Application – Research Associate (Platform Work Project)”:

- Curriculum Vitae (highlighting essential and desirable qualifications)
- Names and contact details of two referees

Application Deadline: 31/10/2025

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Centre for Development Studies (CDS) is an equal opportunity employer.

For any further clarifications

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