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ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
Estuarine Biology Regional Centre, Gopalpur, Odisha

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Applications are invited from interested and eligible candidates (Indian nationals only) for the following positions under the research project titled: *“Harnessing the Landscape of Fear and Human Shielding: A Novel Approach to Foster Human-Carnivore Coexistence in the Himalayan Foothills”*, funded by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). The positions are **purely temporary** and co-terminus with the project. The eligible candidates are invited for a **walk-in interview** on **23rd June 2026** at **11 AM** at the **Estuarine Biology Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Gopalpur, Odisha – 761002**.

The details are as follows:

Post	No. of Posts	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Emoluments
Junior Research Fellow (JRF)	2 (Two)	Master's degree in Zoology/ Wildlife Science/ Life Sciences/ Biological Sciences or equivalent from a recognized university with at least 60% marks. (AND/OR) Qualified in CSIR-UGC NET, GATE, or any other national-level examination conducted by Central Government bodies/institutes/agencies.	Experience in mammalian field surveys, camera trapping, bioacoustics, molecular techniques, GIS applications, and biostatistics.	₹37,000 + HRA/month for the first 2 years (JRF), ₹42,000 + HRA/month in the 3 rd year (SRF) (for CSIR-UGC NET/GATE/ any other national-level examination qualified candidates). For non-CSIR-UGC NET/GATE-qualified candidates, the fellowship will be as per ZSI norms.

Description of Work:

The selected candidate will be posted in the North Bengal region and will be responsible for conducting camera trapping and bioacoustics surveys in the Himalayan foothills of West Bengal, India. The researcher will need to carry out fieldwork and may be stationed in the field, requiring physical fitness to undertake research in challenging terrain and hostile conditions. Candidates are required to conduct research on the fear ecology of leopards and human-leopard coexistence.

General Instructions:

- **Age Limit:** Maximum 28 years for Junior Research Fellow on the date of advertisement. Age relaxation will be applicable as per the Government of India norms for SC/ST/OBC/Women and Persons with Disabilities (PwD) candidates.
- The positions are purely temporary and co-terminus with the duration of the project;
- Promotion to SRF in the 3rd year will be based on the performance of the candidate in the JRF tenure and the availability of funds.
- Applicants must be physically fit and willing to undertake extensive fieldwork in remote and logistically challenging areas.
- The interview will be conducted **in person** (offline) on **23rd June 2026 at 11 AM** at **Estuarine Biology Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Gopalpur, Odisha – 761002**.
- **Document Verification:** Original documents must be produced at the time of joining for verification. Any misrepresentation of information will result in disqualification.
- **No TA/DA** will be provided for attending the interview.
- Candidates currently employed in government or semi-government organizations must produce a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** at the time of the interview.
- The Director, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), reserves the right to accept or reject any application and to cancel the recruitment process without assigning any reason.

How to Apply:

The application format is enclosed herewith and can also be downloaded from the official website: <http://www.zsi.gov.in>. Duly filled-in applications, along with self-attested copies of all relevant documents (educational qualifications, experience certificates, mark sheets, date of birth proof, etc.), should be sent on or before **19th June 2025** to the following email: mukherjeetanoy@gmail.com and ebrc@zsi.gov.in.



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APPLICATION FORM

Post Applied for: _____

1. Advertisement number :

2. Name in full (in block letters) :

3. Gender

4. Date of Birth :

5. Nationality :

6. Father's /Husband name :

7. Address for correspondence
including phone fax & email :

8. Permanent Address :

Paste a recent
passport size
photograph with
signature

9. Whether SC/ST/OBC (attach certificate) :

10. Educational / Professional Qualifications from Matriculation onwards

Sl. No.	Examination passed	Year	School/College/ University	Subjects	Marks obtained

11. Details of Previous Employment, if any

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Name of the Institution/ Organisation	Duration		Title of Work
			From	To	

12. Present pay scale, position held, basic pay and total emoluments drawn:

13. Title of MSc. Dissertation including a One Page Summary :

14. List of Publications :

15. Name and complete addresses of three referees :

16. Any other information:

Declaration

I hereby declare that all the information furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I shall abide by the terms and conditions specified in the project.

Applicant's signature with date