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VACANCY CIRCULAR

The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) invites applications for the following post on a short-term, temporary basis for the project "Preparation of District Ganga Plans (DGPs) for Handholding Districts under the GANGA SARTHI Scheme of NMCG".

About the Project

GANGA SARTHI aims to provide institutional and technical handholding support to ten strategically selected districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for preparation of scientifically grounded, participatory and actionable District Ganga Plans. The plans will align with NGRBMP, SDG-6 and NMCG guidelines, enhancing local capacity for long-term river rejuvenation, pollution abatement and climate-resilient water governance.

1. Name of Position: Senior Consultant

No. of Posts	One
Engagement Type	Full-time (Contractual)
Duration of Contract	9 months, extendable subject to project requirements and satisfactory performance.
Location	New Delhi with travel to project districts in Uttar Pradesh (Hapur, Bulandshahr, Kasganj, Fatehpur, Kaushambi) and Bihar (Buxar, Bhojpur, Patna, Vaishali, Munger) and other locations as required for project-related activities.
Essential Qualifications	• Master's degree in Environmental Science / Environmental Engineering / Water Resources / Civil Engineering, Natural Resources or related discipline from a recognised university. & • Ph.D. in any of the above-mentioned subjects
Desirable Experience	• Minimum 6 years of relevant professional experience in research, consultancy or project implementation in the areas of river basin planning, water quality assessment, sewage and septage management, solid waste management and river rejuvenation. • Prior work with NMCG/ CPCB/ SPCBs/ MoEF&CC/ CWC/ NWQMP/ NRCP/ CPHEEO or State Mission for Clean Ganga. • Demonstrated experience in GIS-based spatial analysis, pollution hotspot mapping, and stakeholder consultations.

	• Research papers published in journals indexed in Scopus or Web of Science on water resources, pollution control or environmental governance
Desirable Competencies	• Understanding of Namami Gange programme, NGRBMP, NMCG guidelines and GIZ–IIPA District Ganga Planning Framework. • Strong knowledge of wastewater treatment, solid & plastic waste management, agricultural runoff control and nature-based solutions. • Proficiency in ArcGIS and QGIS for GIS-based spatial analysis and remote sensing. • Excellent analytical, report-writing and presentation skills. • Ability to lead multi-disciplinary teams and mentor junior researchers. • Proficiency in Microsoft Office and statistical / analytical software (R, STATA, Python preferred).
Key Responsibilities	• Provide leadership, strategic and technical guidance for preparation of District Ganga Plans across ten districts. • Oversee baseline assessments, field investigations, pollution hotspot mapping and HVRCA studies. • Validate methodology, review draft plans, ensure quality assurance and alignment with NMCG guidelines. • Lead thematic action plans on wastewater, solid waste, agricultural runoff, wetland conservation and climate resilience. • Facilitate stakeholder consultations, capacity-building workshops and inter-departmental coordination. • Liaise with SMCG, District Administrations and District Ganga Committees. • Contribute to final summary report with policy recommendations for scaling DGPs across the Ganga basin.
Remuneration	• ₹ 90,000 per month (consolidated)) • Travel, boarding and lodging expenses will be reimbursed as per the Rules.
Reporting	The Senior Consultant will report to the Project Coordinator and work closely with the research team at IIPA.

General Conditions:

1. The above position is purely temporary and contractual.
2. The Institute reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of post or modify the eligibility criteria at any stage.
3. Mere fulfilment of eligibility criteria shall not confer any right to shortlisting / interview.
4. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed regarding the interview / test through email.

5. Candidates must be willing to travel extensively to the project districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar as required.
6. Preferably below 50 years as of the closing date of the application. Relaxation may be considered in the case of exceptionally qualified and experienced candidates.

Application Process:

- Interested candidates may submit their updated CV along with self-attested copies of educational qualifications, experience certificates, publications/reports (if any), and other supporting documents to both email addresses: career.iipa@iipa.education and admniipa@gmail.com, on or before 06 December 2026.
- The email subject should clearly mention the position applied for and the name of the project (GANGA SARTHI – District Ganga Plans).
- Shortlisted candidates will be informed about the date and time of the interview (which could be virtual) by email.
- Candidates are advised to check their email regularly. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.