

Position: Researcher, Urban Development and Governance Reforms

Location: Chandigarh

Assignment Duration: 6 months (Extendable based on requirements)

No. of Positions: 1

About Pinaca India

Pinaca provides public policy and communications consultancy to Governments, Civil Administrations, Think Tanks, and Civil Society Organisations and Movements. Our ingenious research and innovative, multi-disciplinary approach help us conceive, create and manage informed and inspired campaigns and policies.

About the Role

Pinaca India is working on a project with a political party in Punjab to facilitate better electoral performance through a people centric, responsive and responsible campaign. The 'Researcher, Urban Development and Governance Reforms' shall plan and undertake research on the urban development and governance reforms in Punjab and engage in areas such as urban planning, urban environment management and urban municipal management.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain a suitable network in the area of urban development to keep abreast of the latest developments and issues.
- Draft, structure and carry out primary research through different modules for sourcing data from the ground and interpret it to guide research output.
- Substantially contribute to activities for advocacy, dissemination and knowledge building around urban development issues.
- Explore research opportunities, prepare case studies and reports relevant to the area of the project.
- Communicate the policy research ideas to relevant stakeholders.
- Integrate sustainable development perspectives in all research tasks.
- Any other responsibility assigned as per the requirement of the organisation.

Required Qualification and Experience

- Bachelor's degree required preferably in Infrastructure/Project Finance, Urban governance, Urban Finance, Urban Planning or related disciplines.. Master's degree or an equivalent shall be preferred.

- 3-5 years of work experience in research/consultation.
- Prior experience in any research projects with subject expertise will be a plus.
- The candidate with contextual knowledge about Punjab shall be preferred.

Skills Required

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills (understanding of Punjabi shall be preferred).
- Professional experience in analysing policies.
- Proficiency in carrying out primary research using various methods and media.
- Ability to conduct context analysis and mapping exercises at the regional and city scale.
- Ability to apply creative thinking and sound planning judgement to large scale urban planning.
- Analytical mindset and capacity to organise your own tasks and meet deadlines.
- Strong IT skills, including data analysis skills.
- Ability to own work streams with minimal supervision.

Compensation

Remuneration shall be commensurate with the candidate's experience levels.