



भारतीय खगोलभौतिकी संस्थान INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ASTROPHYSICS

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Walk-in Interview on 30.06.2025

Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is an autonomous academic national institution under Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India dedicated to research in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Allied Sciences & Technology. The Institute has its main campus in Koramangala, Bengaluru and CREST Campus at Hosakote, Bengaluru. It operates field stations at Kavalur & Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu, Gauribidanur in Karnataka, and Leh/Hanle in Union Territory of Ladakh.

The Indian Institute of Astrophysics operates the Indian Astronomical Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh. Situated at a height of 4500 m above sea level, it is host to a number of optical, IR, and gamma ray Cherenkov telescopes, and will be hosting other telescopes in the near future. To safeguard the dark skies at Hanle, and to leverage astro-tourism for local socio-economic development, IIA, in collaboration with the UT Ladakh administration and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh, and in partnership with the communities around Hanle, operates the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR). HDSR has been notified over an region of roughly 1000 sq km around the observatory and astro-tourism inside HDSR is carried out through astronomy ambassadors, selected and trained from the local villages.

IIA is hiring a Project Assistant to help coordinate astronomy outreach, education, and astro-tourism activities in HDSR as well as in Ladakh. The selected candidate will report to the Engineer-in-charge of IAO, and will also work closely with IIA SCOPE Section.

Eligible young, bright and highly motivated individuals are invited to attend Walk-In Interview on 30.06.2025 at Raman Science Center, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Skara Yokma Leh-Ladakh 194101 between 09.00 AM to 05.00 PM for the following post.

Google-Map (Location): <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZoQyUAc9Akqj35mM7>

The candidates should register their name between 09.00 AM to 11.00 AM on the date of Walk-In Interview and the candidates coming beyond this time will not be entertained.

01.	Name of the position	Project Assistant
02.	No. of Position	One (01)
03.	Age limit	35 years
04.	Essential Education Qualifications & Remuneration	<p>i) Rs.20,000/- plus Admissible HRA for B.Sc. degree in Physics or Mathematics, or any undergraduate degree with Physics as a major, or B.Ed with science specialization by UGC/AICTE with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>ii) Rs.25,000/- plus Admissible HRA for B.E/B.Tech in any Discipline from a University/Institution recognized by UGC/AICTE with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>iii) Rs.31,000/- plus Admissible HRA for B.E/B.Tech in any Discipline from a University/Institution recognized by UGC/AICTE with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent grade and valid qualified certificate in UGC/CSIR-NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) /GATE or a selection process through National level examination conducted by Central government Departments and their agency institutions.</p>
05.	Essential Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrable knowledge in basic astronomy concepts, and general physics. 2. Excellent in spoken and written Ladakhi, and fluent in spoken and written English; ability to explain basic science concepts in Ladakhi. 3. Basic computer skills for office management, and ability to type in Ladakhi. 4. Good at communication, especially with students, and in engaging with local communities.
06	Desirable Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exposure to basic astronomy in some structured way (e.g. amateur astronomy, online or in-person astronomy courses, planetarium internships, etc). 2. Experience in the tourism industry, or in the development sector. 3. Experience in a job involving science (preferably including astronomy) outreach and communication, in a formal or informal capacity. 4. Knowledge of how to operate a telescope and of the night sky.
07.	Place of posting	Indian Astronomical Observatory, Hanle, Ladakh

Job Description: The candidate will be posted at the Indian Astronomical Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh, and will be required to travel for official work to surrounding regions and Leh. The candidate would need to be capable of adjusting physically to high altitudes, after appropriate acclimatisation. The selected candidate will be trained by our staff in basic astronomy, including usage of telescopes. The specifics of the job include:

1. Coordination of IIA's efforts to develop and operate the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve.
2. Work with UT Ladakh administration and the tourism industry to promote astro-tourism.
3. Work with the astro-tourism ambassadors from the Hanle villages to sustain and enhance their engagement in the project.
4. Support the observatory in handling regular visitors to the Indian Astronomical Observatory.
5. Work with schools inside HDSR for promoting science education.
6. Help promote astronomy across Ladakh.

Candidates attending the walk in Interview should come with duly filled in prescribed application attached with this advertisement with a passport size photograph pasted on the top of the application along with original certificates related to their qualification and experience and also one set of self-certified photo copies failing which the candidature will not be considered.

Terms & Conditions:

1. The appointment is purely on contract basis and does not entitle any privileges or service benefits applicable to regular employees of the Institute. No claim whatsoever for regular employment in the Institute shall be entertained.
2. The tenure of appointment is for a period of one year and extendable annually for two years (Total three years) subject to satisfactory performance of the candidate assessed annually and requirement to the institute. You are liable to be posted anywhere in India as per the requirement of the Institute.
3. Age relaxation is permissible to SC / ST /OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates and also physically handicapped candidates as notified by the Govt. of India from time to time.
4. The date for determining the upper age limit, qualifications and experience shall be the date of Walk-In Interview as indicated above.
5. It is open to the Institute to conduct written test to shortlist the candidates for walk-in interview in case the attendance of candidates is more.
6. The Institute reserves the right to cancel the entire recruitment process at any time or re-advertises if no candidate is found suitable for the position without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
7. The Institute reserves the right to increase/decrease the advertised vacancies subject to requirement of the project/institute.
8. No correspondence will be entertained with the candidates not selected for walk-in interview / appointment. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
9. Candidates meeting the above requirements and willing to be considered for the above said post may attend the walk-in interview.
10. Candidate so Indian Nationality only can attend the walk-in interview.
11. Candidates meeting the above requirements are required to bring the originals and one set of self-certified photocopies of Curriculum Vitae (CV), Date of Birth Proof, Educational Qualifications documents, Experience certificates (If applicable), ID proof (Aadhar, PAN, Driving License) and other relevant documents.
12. Misrepresentation or falsification of facts detected at any stage of the selection process or instances of misconduct/misbehavior at any stage during selection process shall result in cancellation of candidature without any notice and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.
13. No TA/DA will be reimbursed for attending walk-in Interview.

9. Details of educational qualifications:

Sl. No.	Name of School/ Institute	Exam passed	Year of passing	Subjects	Class/ Division	% of marks
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10. Computer Knowledge:

11. Details of Experience:

Sl. No.	Name of the Employer	Designation of post held	Nature of duties performed	Pay	Date of joining	Date of leaving	Reasons for leaving
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12. Additional information, if any:

Declaration

I hereby declare that all the particulars furnished above are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of any information being found false or incorrect, my candidature may be cancelled without any notice at any stage of recruitment and thereafter.

Date:
Place:

Signature of the candidate