



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW- ADVERTISEMENT FOR ONE POSITION

Under The ICSSR-Sponsored Minor Project – 2024-25

‘Public Distribution System and Food Security in India’

Name of the Position	Pay (Consolidated)	Number of Positions	Tenure	Eligibility
Research Assistant	Rs. 37,000/- Per Month.	01	3 Months	<u>Essential Requirement</u> 1. Postgraduate in a social science discipline with a minimum 55% <u>Desirable Requirement</u> 2. Previous Work Experience in a Similar Area 3. Relevant Publications

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 on 20th March 2014, is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. The Act aimed to establish a National Law University in Maharashtra to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies, thereby advancing the societal life of the people in the country. The primary goal of the University is to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and processes of law among students and impart to them the skills of advocacy, legal services, and law reforms, making them aware and capable of utilizing these instruments for social transformation and development.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The public distribution system, or PDS, is a rationing mechanism that entitles households to receive specified quantities of selected commodities at subsidized prices. The Public Distribution System (PDS) is the largest food subsidy program in India. It reaches nearly 11 crore households and supplies food grains at subsidized rates. Over the years, PDS has been maintained as a deliberate social policy to provide food grains and other essential items to vulnerable segments of society at reduced prices. Although food grain production and procurement for PDS are sufficient to eradicate hunger in the country, the Indian PDS has undergone extensive reform to ensure food security among the poor and the very poor living in rural areas of backward districts.

Mainly, six districts from Maharashtra have been selected for the survey, viz, **Nashik, Aurangabad / CSN, Amravati, Chandrapur, Solapur, Ratnagiri.**

Essential Criteria for Research Assistant:

- (i) Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with a minimum of 55% of marks with NET/M.Phil. /Ph.D. Preference may be given to the applicant who knows PDS Services/Law/Economics/Management/ other Social Disciplines, focusing on PDS Studies.
- (ii) Good knowledge of the latest national and international research trends and developments in Economics;
- (iii) Working experience in MS Office, basic knowledge of information technology;
- (iv) Strong analytical skills, excellent English writing and communication abilities, and the ability to manage research projects;
- (v) Excellent research and writing skills with On-hand experience with Statistical Tools like ATLAS-TI, SPSS, SAS, etc.

Highly desirable:

- (i) Empirical Research experience;
- (ii) Publication of a research paper/article in a reputed journal;
- (iii) Presentation/Participation in State or National Level Conference/Symposium;
- (iv) Excellent inter-personal and team building skills;
- (v) Experience in handling quantitative and qualitative data;
- (vi) Ability to innovate, improve academic programs or services, and pursue interesting new ideas and methods.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Under the guidance of the Principal Investigator/ Co-Investigator, the incumbent shall perform the following roles and responsibilities in the project titled “*Public Distribution System and Food Security in India*” funded by the ICSSR.

- (i) Provide research assistance to Principal Investigator/ Co-Investigator;
- (ii) Conduct interdisciplinary research in view of the aim and objectives of the Project;
- (iii) Developing qualitative and quantitative tools, and making qualitative and quantitative research analysis;
- (iv) Collecting data, compilation of datasets, and interpretation of data analysis and report writing;
- (v) Perform project-related duties, including administrative, coordination, etc., required to achieve the aim and objectives of the project.

Important Notes:

- (i) This appointment is purely on a contractual basis for a period of **three (03) months**, which may be extended further depending upon the needs of the Project/ Principal Investigator(s).
- (ii) The University retains the discretion not to make any appointment to this vacancy, to make an appointment at a revised remuneration, or to make an appointment with a modified job description, and to fix revised qualifications and requirements.
- (iii) The position shall not be treated as an employee of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (MNLU Mumbai) or ICSSR for any purpose whatsoever.

(vi) **Date and time of Walk-in Interview:**

Friday, 23rd January 2026, at 11:30 AM

Venue: 6th Floor, Conference Hall/Room, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, MTNL Building, CETTM Campus, Powai, Mumbai. 400076. (No candidate shall be considered for a walk-in interview after the scheduled date and time.)

- (v) Candidates are required to bring three copies of their resume along with a passport-size photograph affixed thereon in all the copies, a set of photocopies of academic/ experience certificates, and other documents, if any, while approaching for the interview.
- (vi) The selected candidate needs to join the project immediately after receiving confirmation. Depending upon the credentials of the applicant, the team may consider the request for a part-time work option.

The Registrar. MNLU MUMBAI

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