



एमएसीएस - आघारकर अनुसंधान संस्थान  
(विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, भारत सरकार के अधिन स्वायत्त संस्थान)  
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ADVT/RecT/ANRF/03/SP-384/2026-27

परियोजना सहयोगी I (1) पद के लिए आवेदन  
**Application for Project Associate I (1 No.)**  
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इस संस्थान के बायोडायवर्सिटी और पैलियोबायोलॉजी (कवक) ग्रुप में SP-384 के तहत प्रोजेक्ट एसोसिएट (1 पद) के अस्थायी पद के लिए योग्य उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। विस्तृत विज्ञापन अगले पेज पर उपलब्ध है।

**Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the temporary post of Project Associate (1 No.) under SP-384 in the Biodiversity & Paleobiology (Fungi) Group of this Institute. A detailed advertisement is available on the following page.**

**IMPORTANT DATES & LINK**

<b>Commencement of Online Application</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June, 2026</b>
<b>Last Date to Submit the Online Application</b>	<b>22/06/2026</b>
<b>Online Application Link</b>	<b><a href="http://arijob.ourlib.in">http://arijob.ourlib.in</a></b>

निदेशक, एआरआई/ Director, ARI



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**OFFLINE INTERVIEW FOR THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF PROJECT ASSOCIATE I (1NO.) IN THE BIODIVERSITY AND PALEOBIOLOGY (FUNGI) GROUP.**

Particulars	Description
1. Position/s & No.	<b>Project Associate I (1 No.)</b>
2. Funding Agency, Title, Period of the Project & Post Code	<b>ANRF-SP-384:</b> "Decoding the dark taxa in symbiosis; exploring the endolichenic fungi through polyphasic taxonomy and harnessing their bioprospecting potential for breast cancer therapeutics" <b>Period up to:</b> 20/03/2029 <b>Post Code:</b> ANRF-03-2026-27-PA-I
3. Name of the Co-Ordinator/ Principal Investigator's	Dr. Rajesh Kumar K.C., Scientist E, PI Dr. Virendra Gajbhiye, Scientist E, Co-PI
4. Group/ Division	Biodiversity & Paleobiology (Fungi) Group
5. Qualifications	<b>Essential:</b> (i) Master's degree (1 <sup>st</sup> Class) in Botany/Microbiology/Biotechnology or Life Sciences. (ii) CSIR/UGC/ICMR including Lectureship (Assistant Professorship) OR GATE. National Level examination DST, DBT, DAE, DOS, DRDO, MHRD, ICAR, IIT, Iisc., IISER etc. <b>Desirable:</b> Experience in molecular techniques (DNA extraction, PCR, sequencing), familiarity with phylogenetic and bioinformatics tools, and exposure to metabolomics methods such as LC-MS or HPLC. Knowledge of bioactive compound screening, particularly for anticancer studies, along with strong scientific writing, data analysis, and the ability to work independently and collaboratively in a research environment, is preferred.
6. Monthly stipend	Rs. 37000/- + HRA
7. Age limit (As on date of interview)	50 Years as of the closing date of the advertisement. (Relaxation will be applicable for the OBC, SC, ST, etc. categories according to the Government of India regulations.)
8. Last date for receipt of Application	<b>22.06.2026</b>
9. Display of a shortlist of candidates for Offline interview	<b>24.06.2026</b>
10. Day, Date & time of Offline Interview	<b>29.06.2026 at 10:30 am onwards</b>
<b>Note: No T.A. is admissible for interviews, and selected candidates will have no right for appointment against any ARI or funding agency's post/s.</b>	

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. Candidates fulfilling the above conditions may apply online application the link (<http://arijob.ourlib.in>) and attach with self-attested scanned certificates, a recent Passport size photograph, a caste certificate issued by a competent authority (for reserved category), receipt of online payment of fees (if applicable) on or before **22.06.2026**



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2. Non-refundable application fee of ₹100/- (except SC/ST/Divyang/Women Candidates) to be paid online through <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/> (Steps to follow: Educational Institutions → Category → Agharkar Research Institute-MACS → Payment Category → Application Fee → Enter Necessary fields/details, etc.). Candidates should attach the online payment receipt for fees and indicate the receipt number in the application form. The Institute is not responsible for any incomplete/pending/failed transactions for online application fee payments; they may contact the concerned bank in this regard.
3. The prescribed essential qualifications are minimum, and the mere possession of the same does not entitle candidates to be called for an interview. The consideration of qualifications as equivalent to the essential and desirable qualifications stated above shall be within the discretion of the relevant committee constituted to scrutinize the applications. If the number of applications received in response to advertisement is large, the Institute may restrict the number of candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable limit through a shortlisting process based on a well-defined criterion which may include possessing of desirable qualifications and/or experience more than that prescribed in the advertisement and/or qualifications/ experience in a particular field as per the specific requirement.
4. In the case of deserving and exceptionally qualified candidates, desirable qualifications are relaxed at the discretion of the Competent Authority.
5. The Positions/ requirements are purely on a contractual basis. The selected candidates may be assigned to another project based on Institutional requirements.
6. The Candidate has the option to appear for an interview in Hindi language as well.

Director, ARI