Job Title: Project Associate on the project, "Towards a National Cultural Landscape Information System: Mapping Heritage Sites for Inclusive Planning"

Reports to: Co-researcher on this project, Sanjukta Datta

Location: Ashoka University

Nature of work: Full Time (till 31 October 2025)
This collaborative project, led by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, aims to create a National Database of Cultural Heritage Landscapes for India. Focusing on 100 key archaeological sites, the project highlights the geospatial mapping of both protected and unprotected heritage remnants. The resulting database will enable researchers, archaeologists, and planners to make informed decisions that balance heritage preservation with sustainable urban development, ensuring India's cultural legacy is preserved for future generations. The team at Ashoka will contribute to this initiative by conducting research and preparing databases for a subset of selected sites.

Role and Responsibilities: The selected candidate will undergo training and work with the co-researcher of the project to achieve project deliverables, and will be based at Ashoka University, Sonepat, Haryana. Key responsibilities will include:
- Conducting research on cultural heritage sites
- Undertaking geospatial analysis and field surveys
- Collaborating with individuals and teams involved in the project

Eligibility: Candidates should have a Post-Graduate degree in history/ archaeology geography/ art history/ architecture/ cultural heritage/ heritage conservation/ remote sensing/ GIS/ computer science. Experience in research, remote sensing and GIS application to heritage studies, and field experience will be an asset.

Last Date for Application: 14 February 2025

Application Submission Process

Applicants should submit a single PDF containing:
1. Cover letter
2. Statement of Purpose detailing interest, motivation, and fit for the project
3. CV (clearly outlining educational and research/work experience)
4. Scans of degree certificates
to sanjukta.datta@ashoka.edu.in with the subject line – <Project Associate _Applicant's Name>.
Please ensure that the application includes the last compensation received, expected salary, and notice period.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
Candidates applying after the due date will not be considered.

Ashoka is an equal opportunities employer. Remuneration will be competitive with Indian non-profit pay scales and will depend upon the candidate's experience levels and the overall organization's salary structure.