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INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

# Naturalist, Documentation & Media Specialist – Media Lab

**About Us**

The Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) is an interdisciplinary knowledge institution and distinct university, committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of Indian settlements. It conducts an integrated programme of quality campus-based teaching and research, applied research/ practice-based work to deliver large-scale impact, training and lifelong learning for working professionals as well as blended learning. IIHS brings together theory and praxis around India-centric knowledge and applied research, while engaging with and drawing from knowledge across the globe.

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**About the Media Lab**

The IIHS Media Lab is a platform that engages with questions around the urban via multiple media practices. The Media Lab's vision is to build a culture of research, teaching and pedagogy using the audio-visual medium inside and outside the classroom. In a rapidly changing complex world, the Media Lab has created a space where the use of images and sound can be a way of understanding the urban milieu and creating new forms of knowledge production. This is in keeping with the IIHS vision of being an interdisciplinary Institution where different disciplinary methods are used to address urban challenges.

**About the School of Environment and Sustainability (SES)**

The School of Environment and Sustainability (SES) at IIHS and its Long-term Urban Ecological Observatory (LTUEO), the first such mega-city observatory in the world, focus on the sustainable transformation of diverse human settlements and the social-ecological-technical systems they are part of in the face of global change, especially urbanisation and climate change. The SES and LTUEO work on cutting edge scholarship and knowledge, education, and practice focused on solutions to wicked and complex environment and sustainability problems within the context of a rapidly urbanising India.

**Job Description**

IIHS requires a naturalist, documentation and media specialist who can shoot and edit images and videos for its LTUEO, to assist in documenting, monitoring and communicating the biodiversity on the campus and its neighboring ecosystems (lake, forest and urban). The role will require spending quality time on the IIHS Kengeri Campus, along with providing support as needed on other IIHS projects under the SES elsewhere.

This will be a contractual position for an initial term of 11 months.

**Activities and Tasks**

Responsibilities would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Conducting regular and methodical biodiversity photography and video surveys, and maintaining a log of the observations in the field;
- Maintaining and using Media Lab and LTUEO equipment with utmost care;
- Processing and archiving data for communication and publication projects as relevant;
- Providing support to other IIHS activities including academics, research, training, practice, operations and others;

- Participating in all activities of Institution-Building at IIHS; carrying out tasks as assigned by IIHS; and traveling on IIHS work within or outside the country as and when needed.

### **Structure and Reporting**

The naturalist, documentation and media specialist will be an External Consultant coordinating with the Senior Consultant – Media Lab and working closely with the LTUEO/ SES team at IIHS. S/he will also be required to collaborate effectively with other IIHS teams, external individuals/ organisations, and students.

### **Person Specification**

The applicant should have:

- A Bachelor's/ Master's in conservation biology or a related field;
- Adeptness with photography and videography;
- Good Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop and Lightroom skills;
- Effective team working and good interpersonal skills, and the ability to work with diverse teams across IIHS;
- Good communication skills – listening, speaking and writing;
- Proactiveness and self-drive, with the ability to take initiative as needed.

This is a contractual engagement for an initial term of 11 months. This offer is on an exclusive basis, which implies that other professional assignments (whether compensated or not) that bear a potential conflict of interest with IIHS cannot be undertaken.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

### **Location**

This position is based at the Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru and may entail travel to other locations in India as needed.

### **Review and Assessment**

The role and performance of the incumbent shall be subject to normal review and assessment systems at IIHS.

### **Diversity Policy**

IIHS is an equal opportunity employer that encourages women, people with disabilities and those from economically and socially excluded communities with the requisite skills and qualifications to apply for positions.

### **To apply**

If you are interested to explore this opportunity with us, please fill the online application form by clicking [here](#). (You can also click on the "Apply Now" button at the end of the Job Description displayed on the website).

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