

Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu); a research centre aided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt of India invites applications for the following post:

Principal Scientist (Landscape Ecology)

Age: below 45 years as on 1.1.2011; **Scale of pay:** Rs. 37400-67000+8700; **Essential qualification and experience:** i) PhD in any branches of Life / Environmental Sciences, based on work in plant or vertebrate field ecology, ii) 15 years research experience in the study of ecology of individual species especially indicator and endangered species, interpretation of satellite imagery and GIS, rapid assessment of habitats, vegetation mapping, in the latest techniques of the field. **Desirable:** Experience in leading a multidisciplinary research team and research projects, peer reviewed publications, statistical analysis of ecological data, development of databases and web-based programs, guiding research leading to M Phil/ PhD, and conducting training or regular courses. **Job requirement:** The incumbent is expected to conduct and organise studies, from the perspective of landscape ecology, ecosystems emphasizing birds, ungulates, elephant, carnivores, primates, disturbed and undisturbed ecosystems, and formulate management programmes for various habitats and wildlife.

Note:

1. Age and experience relaxation will be given to the SC/ST/OBC/PH candidates as per the Govt. of India Rules.
2. Salary, allowances and other benefits such as CPF, Medical reimbursement, gratuity and LTC as per the rules of SACON.
3. Selection Committee has the right to relax age and experience in case of exceptional candidates
4. Appointment will be on contract basis for five years and continuance of the same is based on performance.
5. Application on plain paper with a biodata in the following format should reach the Director, Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Anaikatty Post, Coimbatore – 641 108 (Tamil Nadu) within 30 days from the date of the publication of the advertisement:
(1) Name, (2) Date of birth and Age as on 1.1.2011, (3) Permanent Address and communication address, (4) details of qualifications with grades, (5) other qualifications, if any with grade obtained, (6) total years of experience in the field concerned, (7) positions held with details of pay and responsibilities, (8) present position with salary and responsibilities, and (9) publications and (10) any other relevant information. Applications not received in the above format are liable to be rejected. Applications sent by email will also be not accepted.
6. Candidates, who want to apply for more than one post, should submit applications separately for each post.
7. SACON will decide the cut off point for calling the candidates for interview based on the academic qualifications, experience and age.
8. Only those who are highly motivated, creative and committed to the cause of nature conservation and prepared to put in strenuous field work need apply
9. Applications should be accompanied by certified copies of all documents in support of the qualifications, community, and experience claimed.
10. Candidates, who apply for scientific posts, may enclose copies of latest peer reviewed publications along with their applications.