



Position: Research Associate

Location: Itanagar

Organisation: Pahle India Foundation (PIF)

Position Type: Full-time

About Pahle India Foundation

Pahlé India Foundation (PIF) is a public policy think-and-action tank working at the intersection of research, policy implementation, and partnerships to advance India's inclusive development agenda. PIF collaborates with government, industry, philanthropy, and knowledge partners to design evidence-based solutions aligned with the vision of a *Viksit Bharat*.

Role Overview

PIF is seeking a **Research Associate** to lead high-quality economic and public policy research, support policy engagement, and contribute to the organisation's thought leadership. The role requires strong analytical capabilities, independent research skills, and a deep understanding of India's political economy and governance systems.

Key Responsibilities

Research & Policy Analysis

- Conduct rigorous research and analysis on economic and public policy issues.
- Draft high-quality policy briefs, research papers, and analytical reports for internal and external publication.
- Identify, evaluate, and prioritise evidence-based policy ideas based on impact, contextual relevance, and administrative feasibility.
- Assess policy options with a clear understanding of state-level political and administrative realities.
- Analyse relevant datasets and interpret findings to generate actionable policy insights.

Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration

- Engage with government departments, policymakers, industry leaders, and academic institutions to advance research objectives.
- Organise and participate in policy discussions, roundtables, and conferences.
- Collaborate with internal research teams to ensure alignment with institutional priorities.



Communication & Thought Leadership

- Contribute to public communication efforts, including media outreach, op-eds, and knowledge dissemination initiatives.
- Support the organisation in strengthening its thought leadership in economic and public policy.

Qualifications & Experience

- Master's, MPhil, or PhD in Economics, Public Policy, or related fields from reputed institutions.
- Experience in economic research, public policy, consulting, academia, or think tanks.
- **Strong preference for candidates from or familiar with the North-East region**
- Strong understanding of India's political economy, governance structures, and administrative systems.
- Proven experience in research writing and publication.
- Strong analytical, data interpretation, and research methodology skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication abilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Familiarity with or experience working in the North-East region.
- Experience working with think tanks, academic institutions, or government agencies.
- Knowledge of regional language/dialect (advantageous).
- Exposure to statistical/econometric techniques.

What We Offer

- Opportunity to work at the forefront of public policy research.
- A collaborative and mission-driven work environment.
- Engagement with senior policymakers and institutional stakeholders.
- Competitive remuneration based on experience and skill set.

Application Procedure - Email the following to hrsupport@pahleindia.org

- CV
- Cover Letter (highlighting data/econometrics experience)
- 1–2 writing samples (preferably empirical research)

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further evaluation. Pahle India Foundation is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds.