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Ministry of External Affairs  
(Administration Division)

Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,  
New Delhi, the 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

**Advertisement for engagement of Consultant for NEST Division of the Ministry of External Affairs**

Applications in the prescribed proforma (as per Annexure I to the advertisement) are invited from eligible candidates for engagement of **01 (One)** Consultant in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi, as per details given below:

1.	Name of the Position	:	<b>Consultant (Technology) in NEST Division, MEA.</b>
2.	Period of Consultancy	:	Initially for <b>01 (one) year</b>  The contract can be extended further depending on assessment of performance, mutual willingness and depending on the requirement. The contract may be terminated on one month's notice from either side or on payment of one month's pay in lieu thereof. Unauthorized absence may lead to termination of the engagement.
3.	Nature of Duties	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The selected NEST Fellow will be required to work in the Ministry's New, Emerging &amp; Strategic Technologies (NEST) Division in the Ministry which looks after matters related to technology diplomacy.</li><li>• His/Her duties will entail gauging new emerging strategic and critical technologies and their relevance to India's development, economic growth, and national security.</li><li>• This may include regularly monitoring information on technology innovation and international normative frameworks, technology governance rules, and standards being deliberated by countries, as well as providing knowledge-based inputs.</li><li>• Assisting in analyses of national security and legal implications of new, emerging, strategic and critical technologies and technology-based resources.</li><li>• Assisting in the assessment of demand-driven requirements of new emerging and strategic technologies in the country, help in identify new emerging technologies of relevance to India, and assessing the potential for collaboration.</li><li>• Analyse published material on new emerging and strategic technologies.</li><li>• Assist in organising and participating in meetings, workshops, seminars, and conferences relevant to the work of the NEST Division and submitting reports on them.</li></ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From time to time, undertake research on specific NEST-related issues.</li> <li>Any other tasks assigned by the Head of Division.</li> </ul>
4.	Job Location	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of External Affairs (South Block/Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan/Sushma Swaraj Bhawan/Patiala House/ISIL Building/Akbar Bhavan), New Delhi.</li> </ul>
5.	Qualifications/ Essential Criteria	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must be an Indian national.</li> <li>Applicant must have a graduate degree in either mathematics/physics/computer science/artificial intelligence/quantum physics/communication technologies/cyber technology, or a related field.</li> <li>The candidate should be in the <b>age group of 30-40 years</b> of age as of the last date of submission of the application.</li> </ul>
6.	Desirable Qualifications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidates having specialization/work experience in the field of new, emerging and strategic/critical technologies interalia including in Advanced Computing, Advanced Engineering Materials, Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Nuclear Energy Technologies, Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Systems and Robotics, Biotechnology and health-tech, Communication and Networking Technologies, Critical minerals, Directed Energy, Human-Machine Interfaces, Hypersonics, Networked Sensors and Sensing, Quantum Information Technologies, Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen Generation and Storage, Semiconductors and Microelectronics, Semiconductors, Space Technologies and Systems, Telecommunications etc. will be given preference.</li> <li>Extra credit will be given for experience of work in a Government Department or a reputed university or a think-tank or research organization in the above-mentioned areas and/or foreign policy or international affairs.</li> </ul>
7.	Remuneration & Entitlements	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remuneration package will be commensurate with the experience and profile of the selected candidate, subject to a maximum of <b>Rs.12 lakh per annum</b> (1 lakh per month) and deduction of applicable taxes. The amount of consultancy fee so fixed shall remain unchanged during the term of engagement.</li> <li>The engagement will be strictly contractual and will not confer any other benefits to the selected candidates.</li> <li>The consultant shall not be entitled to any benefit like Provident Fund, Pension, Gratuity, Medical Attendance Treatment, Seniority, Promotion etc. or any other benefits available to the regular employees of the Ministry.</li> <li>No HRA shall be admissible.</li> <li>The engagement of the Consultant is on full time basis. Normal working hours will be from 0900 to 1730 hrs.</li> </ul>

Working hours is subject to change from time to time. Saturdays/Sundays will remain closed as weekend off. In exigencies, he/she may be required to work beyond office hours and/or on holidays. No extra allowance or remuneration for such work is admissible. He/She shall not accept any other professional appointment, paid or otherwise in government or private sector or in any other organization of any kind during the term of engagement with this Ministry.

- Paid leave of absence may be allowed at the rate of 1.5 days for each completed month of service. Accumulation of leave beyond a calendar year may not be allowed. Leave cannot be claimed as a matter of right. Leave will not be allowed for more than 10 days at a time. Discretion is reserved to the Head of Division to refuse or revoke leave in the public interest. Leave encashment will not be permissible on unspent leave. Unspent leave will lapse on commencement of notice period. No other leave of any kind shall be admissible to him/her. In case he/she remains absent from duty beyond entitled leave, a proportionate deduction from the consolidated fee as applicable will be made.
- In case the Consultant is required to travel as part of his/her duties, the Ministry will take care of his/her travel, accommodation and per-diem costs, as per Ministry's guidelines.
- The selected person will be required to enter into a contract with the Ministry in a prescribed format w.e.f. the actual date of engagement as Consultant.

8. How to apply

- The applicants who fulfil the eligibility criteria may submit application indicating their interest in working for the Ministry of External Affairs as per proforma at **Annexure I**.
- Documents / certificates in support of educational qualifications, experience in Govt. service should be attached with the application.
- Applications along with supporting documents can be submitted to the Ministry through either of the following modes:
- **OFFLINE MODE:-** By registered post in an envelope labelled as "Application for the position of Consultant (Technology) in NEST Division of Ministry of External Affairs". This is to be sent to the following address.

**Under Secretary (PF&PG)  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Room No. 4071, Jawaharlal Nehru  
Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011**

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ONLINE MODE:-</b> Through email with the subject clearly mentioning the name of the candidate and the position against which the application is being submitted. The email is to be sent to the following email address: <a href="mailto:aopfsec@mea.gov.in">aopfsec@mea.gov.in</a>.</li> <li>• Ministry of External Affairs will review the applications and shortlist the candidates for interview / written test. The shortlisted candidates will be intimated by email.</li> <li>• Incomplete application and those received without supporting documents will be summarily rejected.</li> <li>• The date, time and venue of the interview will be conveyed through email at the email address provided by the applicants.</li> <li>• Applicants will have to make their own arrangements to reach the place of interview.</li> <li>• No TA/DA will be payable by the Ministry to Applicants for attending interview.</li> <li>• The decision of the Government regarding selection of candidate will be final.</li> </ul>
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The **last date for receiving applications is 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 (1730 Hrs)**. Applications received after the closing date or without the prescribed documents or otherwise found incomplete or not in the prescribed proforma will be rejected and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**APPLICATION PROFORMA FOR THE POSITION OF CONSULTANT (TECHNOLOGY)  
FOR THE NEST DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI  
(Only for Indian Nationals)**

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1. Name of the position :
2. Name :
3. Gender :
4. Nationality :
5. Father's Name :
6. Marital Status :
7. Spouse's Name :
8. Date of Birth :
9. Educational Qualifications :  
*(Please enclose supporting documents /  
certificates in respect of all the qualifications)*
10. Mobile No. :
11. Email ID :
12. Address for Communication :
13. Details of employment in chronological order, if applicable. *(Please enclose supporting documents, if space below is insufficient enclose a separate sheet)*

Department/ Institution/ Organisation	Position held	From	To	Emoluments	Nature of duties performed

14. Languages known :

15. Details of courses/ training programmes attended, if any :

16. Details of previous Consultancy, if any :

17. Additional information, if any, which you would like to mention in support of your suitability for the post. Enclose a CV or separate sheet, if need be.

18. Remarks, if any :

(Signature of Candidate)  
Date: