

Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Position: Senior Researcher in Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility

About CAG

Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG) is a non-profit and non-political organisation that works towards protecting citizens' rights in consumer and environmental issues and promoting good governance processes including transparency, accountability and participatory decision-making.

Project description

Sustainable Mobility

Emissions from the transport sector contribute around 25 per cent of the pollutants (NO_x and SO_x) in the air, having a wide ranging impact on human health and the environment. Yet, cities across India continue to support the growth of private transport over more sustainable public transit.

The project aims to advocate for sustainable transport in Chennai through actions directed at key decision makers in legislative, implementation and enforcement agencies, and citizens. The overarching goal is 'Zero Emissions, Zero Exclusion, and Zero Road Deaths'. This entails a significant shift away from private car and ICE dominated systems to systems that prioritise smart, shared, renewable energy-based electric mobility and increase the infrastructure and support for walking, cycling, improved and equitable public transport.

Road Safety

There is one fatality every 4 minutes on Indian roads. The World Health Organization (WHO) notes that though India has only one percent of the world's roads, the country accounts for 10 percent of road accident fatalities. Reversing this worsening trend requires a concerted effort on various fronts – changing user behaviour; stronger legislation that covers aspects of vehicle safety, etc; better enforcement of legislation; proper road design and improved data collection regarding traffic. There is an ongoing effort to strengthen existing road safety legislation.

The project aims to advocate for improved road safety in the country, with specific focus on Tamil Nadu (at the state- and district-level), through actions directed at key decision makers in legislative, implementation and enforcement agencies, and road users.

More information on the project can be had from

<https://www.cag.org.in/our-work/sustainable-transportation>

Responsibilities

The Senior Researcher will be responsible for the following:

- Collecting, curating and analysing data
- Preparing research papers and reports, blogs, etc
- Guiding the team on carrying out literature reviews, conducting interviews
- Taking the lead in content management for website, flyers and brochures

- Leading the team in organising knowledge sharing meetings, workshops etc
- Engaging and interacting with government officials, general public, and other stakeholders
- Achieving project goals and managing partnerships with the stakeholders - partners, funders, government agencies, media, citizens, etc
- Identifying potential grant opportunities, writing proposals
- Supporting the Executive Director in achieving organisational and team goals.

Competencies

Professionalism: Knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts, approaches and public discourse

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues and partners to achieve organisational goals

Communication: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively, listens to others, clearly interprets messages, openness in sharing information and keeping people informed

Planning: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies, identifies and adjusts priorities, time management, makes contingencies while planning

Project Management: Develops clear plans with appropriate budgets, monitors progress of the team and ensures benchmarks are met.

Education

Candidates should have a postgraduate degree with specialisation in Social Work, Media, Communications or Social Sciences, and a good understanding of road safety issues, sustainable transport issues and mitigation strategies.

Work Experience

Candidates should have at least six (6) years of work experience in a non-profit and a familiarity with research methods/tools, research writing, project management, and leading a team.

Languages

For the position, fluency in oral and written English and conversational Tamil is mandatory.

As a CAG employee, you can expect to

- be respected for who you are;
- be recognised and rewarded on ability and merit for your contributions;
- learn a wide range of skills in research, communications, finance, information and communication technology;
- be encouraged and supported to fulfil your potential through meaningful work that matters;
- work with great colleagues who are smart, mission-driven, and collaborative; and
- enjoy an inclusive and welcoming workplace.

You would be a part of a team that is notable in its efforts to influence policy, open minds, shape decisions, offer solutions, and improve lives.

Interested?

If you are interested in exploring a career with CAG and working on road safety, please write to S. Saroja at saroja@cag.org.in. Please share your most recent resume, links to samples of your work, and a motivation letter explaining why you would like to work at CAG.