

Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Position: Open till filled

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

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 has been advocating for this so India, as a signatory to the Brasilia Declaration, can meet its target of reducing road accidents by 50% by 2020.

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. The project will focus on analysing the current road safety situation in Tamil Nadu (from legislative and implementation perspectives) and work with relevant state agencies to identify and rectify any lacunae. This would require basic research and analytical skills to develop position papers on various aspects of road safety in Tamil Nadu. In addition, consultative meetings with stakeholders will be held and so the researcher must be able to liaise with various stakeholders to organise such meetings. The researcher would also be expected to have a good command of English and Tamil (spoken and written) as the work would involve contributing to position papers, blogs, articles, etc.

More information on the project can be had from <https://www.cag.org.in/project/road-safety>.

Responsibilities

Researcher - Road Safety is a key position for developing our work on advocating for stronger road safety rules and to highlight a need for a change in road user behaviour.

The Researcher will be responsible for the following:

- Collecting, curating and analysing data
- Preparing research papers and reports, blogs, etc
- Undertaking literature reviews, conduct interviews
- Taking the lead in content management for website, flyers and brochures
- Assisting in organising knowledge sharing meetings, workshops etc
- Engaging and interacting with government officials, general public, and other stakeholders on road safety issues
- Supporting the Project Manager in achieving project goals and managing partnerships with the stakeholders

- Supporting the Director - Consumer Protection 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 keep people informed

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

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 and mitigation strategies.

Work Experience

Candidates should have at least two (2) years of work experience in a non-profit and a familiarity with research methods/tools and research writing.

Languages

For the position, fluency in oral and written English and 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 Om Prakash Singh at omprakash.singh@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.