

Date: 10-09-2026

Online-Interview on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. onwards for the post of one Project Associate-I and one Technical Assistant

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for filling up the purely temporary position of one **Project Associate-I (PA I)** and one **Technical Assistant** in the DBT project entitled "Discovery of indigenous genome editing tools and developing high-yielding rice varieties (BT/PR53972/PBN/18/25/2024)" under the supervision of Dr. Aashish Ranjan, Scientist, BRIC-NIPGR.

Project Associate I (one Post): Emoluments ₹31,000/- + 27% HRA per month, as sanctioned in the project.

Qualification: Candidates having M.Sc. Degree in Life Sciences/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry/ Plant Physiology/ Genetics & Plant Breeding/ Bioinformatics or equivalent with at least 60 % (or equivalent) marks and fulfilling the guidelines as mentioned in the DST Office Memorandum number SR/S9/Z- 05/2019 dated 10/07/2020 are eligible to apply. The upper age limit for the position is 35 years. **Desirable:** Basic understanding of genetics, molecular biology, plant development, and/or plant physiology is required. A Candidate with prior work experience in rice tissue culture and gene-editing will be preferred.

Technical Assistant (one Post): Emoluments ₹20,000/- + 27% HRA per month, as sanctioned in the project.

Qualification: Candidates having B.Sc. Degree or 3-year diploma in engineering & technology and fulfilling the guidelines as mentioned in the DST Office Memorandum number SR/S9/Z-05/2019 dated 10/07/2020 are eligible to apply. The upper age limit for the position is 50 years.

Desirable: Prior experience of working in a molecular biology/biotechnology lab. A Candidate with prior work experience in tissue culture will be preferred.

The above positions are completely temporary and co-terminus with the project. The fellowship amount for the above positions is as per DBT norms and as sanctioned in the project. The initial appointment for the above post will be for one year or until the project's tenability, whichever is earlier, and the tenure of the post may be curtailed/extended based on the assessment of the candidate's performance and at the discretion of the Competent Authority. BRIC-NIPGR reserves the right to select the candidate against the above post depending upon the qualifications and experience of the candidate. Reservation of posts shall be as per the Government of India norms. The appointment may be terminated at any time by giving one month's notice by either side. The applicants will have no claim, implicit or explicit, for consideration against any regular position of BRIC-NIPGR.

Eligible candidates may appear for an online interview on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. onwards, with the online link provided below:

<https://nipgr.webex.com/nipgr/j.php?MTID=me307e79983d774935e9e77545d62fa60>

The online interview link will be active until 12:30 PM. Candidates who log in during this timeframe will be interviewed, provided they have already submitted the duly filled application form in the prescribed format to aranjan@nipgr.ac.in by September 28, 2026, at 10:30 AM. The duly filled application form, along with self-attested copies of the date-of-birth, educational qualifications, and experience certificates, must be emailed as a single consolidated PDF. Candidates must ascertain their eligibility before applying, as ineligible candidates will not be interviewed. Canvassing in any form or exerting influence, political or otherwise, will lead to the disqualification of the candidate(s).

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