

**CSIR-NIScPR**  
**Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg, New Delhi-110012**

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**APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF FREELANCE SCIENCE-BASED  
ARTISTS/ILLUSTRATORS/CARTOONISTS**

**Subject: Preparation of a panel of Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists for providing professional services like science cartoons, science art work, illustrations, etc. to CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi.**

CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR), New Delhi intends to prepare a panel of Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists for providing professional services like science art work, illustrations, science cartoons, etc. for popular science magazines, its books, and any other exclusive publications, purely on assignment basis.

Accordingly, applications are invited from eligible and willing persons/organizations/ agencies with relevant experience.

**The applications in prescribed Proforma (Annexure-I) should reach to:**

The Head  
Popular Science Division  
CSIR-NIScPR  
Dr. K. S. Krishnan Marg,  
New Delhi – 110012

**by 10.09.2026 (5.30 P.M.) positively. The applications should be sent by Post/Speed Post/By Hand or sent by mail on vp.niscpr@csir.res.in**

**Qualifications and Experience required for Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists:-**

**Qualifications for Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists**

- (i) Degree in Bachelor of Science/Natural Science from a recognized University or PG Diploma in Fine/Applied Arts from a recognized University/Board of Technical Education. The person should have portfolio of established reputed work of science based art work or science cartoon related art works.
- (ii) The Candidate should be expert in preparing manual science cartoon/sci-art/ illustration.
- (iii) The Candidate should have sufficient knowledge of Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Corel Draw, Quark Xpress and relevant science cartoon creating software/tools.
- (iv) He/she should be well versed in computer applications.

- (v) Only original science-based artwork or science cartoons will be considered. Science cartoons or artworks created using AI tools will not be considered by CSIR-NIScPR.

**Work Experience:**

- (i) The individual experienced freelancer candidate applying for empanelment of Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists must be having 3 years of experience.
- (ii) The agency which intends to apply for the same must have minimum 5 year experience in the relevant field, and give at least one profile of artist having the above mentioned qualifications. Providing a copy of the GST and PAN by the agency is essential.

**Job requirements for Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists:**

- Empanelled freelance candidates or agencies will be responsible for preparing science cartoon or science art work for NIScPR's popular science magazines or any other publication/s of the institute.
- Science cartoon based illustration/art work for the popular science story books.

**Rates for Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists**

Engagement of Science-based Artists/Illustrators/ Cartoonists will be purely on assignment basis as per the following rates:

**Rates for Science-based Art Work/Illustrations/ Cartoon**

Rs. 1,000/- per item

(One page Science-based Artwork/Illustrations/ Cartoon will be considered one item)

**Procedure for empanelment:**

After scrutiny of qualifications and experience of the freelance candidates or agencies, a list of suitable candidates will be prepared by the selection committee of CSIR-NIScPR.

The Selection Committee, on the basis of qualification, work-experience and suitability of the candidate will recommend the names of the candidates for inclusion in the panel. The recommendation of the Selection Committee will be placed before the competent authority for approval. The decision of the CSIR-NIScPR shall be final and cannot be challenged.

**General Terms and Conditions:**

1. Mere inclusion of the name of a candidate in the panel does not confer any legal right to get the assignment. Assignment will be given as and when required.

2. The empanelled candidate or agency will not be entitled to claim any kind of extension in his/their assignment/absorption in the government job.
3. No other facilities except the fixed rates mentioned above will be payable to the individual or agency.
4. The Income Tax at source will be liable to be deducted, as per the prevailing rules.
5. Normally, the Panel will be valid for one year from the date of its approval. However, if required, there may be periodic revision and addition/modification/deletion depending upon the requirement of the office and availability of more suitable candidates at any point of time.
6. The artist is required to produce original artwork incorporating English text based on the topic/subject specified by NIScPR. NIScPR shall subsequently be free to translate this content into Hindi other regional languages and utilize it accordingly.
7. NIScPR will hold the copyright to the science cartoon or art work content.
8. Initially, NIScPR will include such science cartoon/sci-art-work in every alternate issue of magazines. Frequency may be increased based on readers feedback and availability of quality content.
9. If the performance of an assignee is not found up to the mark, his/her empanelment could be terminated and no payment will be made to the work done by him/her.
10. Before engaging any science-based artists/illustrator/cartoonists, a sample of few artwork designs must be obtained to judge the quality of art work. The artist will have to give minimum three options for the art work. However, more options may be asked from the artists/illustrator/cartoonists till the appropriate work is not received, without any extra payment.

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**PROFORMA****Application for preparing panel of Freelance Science-based Artists/Illustrators/Cartoonists  
or agencies in CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi**

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| 1. | Name in Full (Block Letters)                                                                                                           |                 |                                |  |
| 2. | Name of the engagement applied for                                                                                                     |                 |                                |  |
| 3. | Date of Birth                                                                                                                          |                 |                                |  |
| 4. | Complete residential address with phone number, mobile no. and email address                                                           |                 |                                |  |
| 5. | Nationality                                                                                                                            |                 |                                |  |
| 6. | Educational Qualifications (with Percentage/Grade)<br>Certificate to be attached from class 10 <sup>th</sup> onwards                   |                 | Marks / % / Grade*<br>obtained |  |
|    |                                                                                                                                        | Class 10        |                                |  |
|    |                                                                                                                                        | Graduation      |                                |  |
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|    |                                                                                                                                        | Any other       |                                |  |
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| 7. | Brief particulars of work experience (Recent first, if no experience, may write 'N/A')                                                 | Employer        |                                |  |
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| 8. | Additional relevant information, if any in support of your suitability for the said engagement, attach a separate sheet, if necessary. |                 |                                |  |
| 9. | Names of references from reputed clients                                                                                               |                 |                                |  |

\*Attach self-certified copies of the science-based cartoons/art work documents. The selection committee of CSIR-NIScPR will check and prepare a final panel of Freelance science-based Artists/Illustrators/Cartoonists or agencies for a period of one year.

I hereby declare that the particulars furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read this document and ready to accept all the terms & conditions for engagement Freelance Science-based Artists/Illustrators/Cartoonists or agencies.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Candidate)