



Hiring: Project Manager , Bharatiya Vikas Trust , Udupi

About BVT

Bharatiya Vikas Trust (BVT), founded in 1978, is dedicated to rural development, women's empowerment, sustainable energy, financial inclusion, agriculture, and good governance.

BVT aspires to create a Centre of Excellence for Agriculture & Rural Development, integrating traditional knowledge with modern, climate-smart technologies in Udupi district. This Centre of Excellence would be a state of art centre towards strengthening the agriculture and allied livelihoods of the rural communities in Udupi and Mangalore region along with exposing the students on promising opportunities in rural livelihoods. As part of this vision, BVT is developing a 2-acre agricultural land in an on field agriculture experience parcel, wherein the key crops and allied livelihoods of farming community in the region would be promoted as demonstrations for exposure as well as adoption. The developed agricultural land would serve as a living lab, innovation hub for farmers, students, entrepreneurs, and key stakeholders

This holistic space will:

- Serve as a central repository for agricultural knowledge and digital archives.
- Incubate students and young farmers as climate-smart farmpreneurs.
- Build partnerships with FPOs, schools, and institutions to foster agriculture and allied livelihoods - innovation.
- Operate field schools demonstrating regenerative farming, allied enterprises, and renewable energy solutions.
- Serve diverse audiences from both urban and rural regions.

For more information, visit our website: [Bharatiya Vikas Trust](https://www.bharatiyavikastrust.org/)

Designation: Project Manager

Reporting to: Program Manager, BVT, Udupi

Experience: 5 to 7 years

Location: Manipal, Udupi

Employment type: Full time/Contract

Travel: Minimum 10 days per month

Worktype: Field/office-based

Working days and hours: Monday to Saturday, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Languages required: Kannada, English, Hindi

Interview Process: Initial telephonic or Google Meet interview, followed by an in-person interview

Start date: Immediate

About the Role

Seeking a passionate and skilled individual to anchor the Living Lab. The Project Manager would handle the entire operations on ground along with coordinating with all relevant stakeholders and most importantly the farmers in the nearby villages.

Key Responsibilities

- Serve as the primary anchor for planning, implementation and management of all activities in the 2-acre agricultural land parcel and training center.
- Act as the bridge between the architectural team and the BVT core team, contributing agricultural expertise throughout master planning, design, and construction phases.
- Lead the mapping and engagement of local farmers, FPOs, students, and other community stakeholders within a district ; maintain updated records and facilitate their involvement in the programme.
- Oversee the development and management of demonstration fields, poly-nurseries, allied enterprises (dairy, poultry, fisheries, handloom), technology integration, and eco-tourism initiatives.
- Organize, conduct, and document regular capacity-building workshops, interactive trainings, and exposure visits for farmers, FPOs, students, and stakeholders.
- Design and implement systems for ongoing knowledge capture, digitization of best practices, and integration with digital agricultural archives and technology partners.

- Ensure the space's long-term vitality by fostering farmer-driven experiments, onboarding expert practitioners, and encouraging student-led entrepreneurial projects.
- Monitor, report, and communicate project progress to the BVT core committee on a weekly basis; support review meetings, feedback collection, and adaptive problem-solving.
- Build partnerships with regional agricultural institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and market players to expand the center's reach and impact.

Qualification:

- Degree preferably in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Food Science, Dairy Science, Rural Management.
- A minimum of 5 to 7 years of experience in the development sector with domain knowledge of sustainable energy-driven livelihoods and allied sectors, is preferred.

Desired Skills:

- Demonstrated experience managing farm-based projects, rural innovation spaces, or training centers.
- Proven experience in content production (audio, video, case studies), especially for awareness campaigns and workshops.
- Strong knowledge of sustainable agricultural practices, farming techniques, and current agricultural innovations, ideally relevant to Karnataka.
- Excellent communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills to engage diverse audiences, including farmers.
- Experience in event management, workshop facilitation, or educational outreach.
- Ability to manage multiple projects independently and as part of a team.

Languages: Fluent Kannada and English