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The **Archives and Museums** programme of IFA has been initiated with a two-fold objective: to provide arts practitioners and researchers an opportunity to generate new, critical, and creative approaches for public engagement with archive and museum collections; and to energise these spaces as platforms for dialogue and discourse. For more information, click [here](#).

About Mysuru Mithra

Mysuru Mithra is a popular Kannada morning newspaper. This paper together with its sister publication *Star of Mysore*, an evening English daily, is published by the Academy Newspapers Pvt Ltd, Mysuru. Both newspapers were founded by KB Ganapathy and the late CP Chinnappa. *Mysuru Mithra* was launched in 1980, two years after *Star of Mysore*.

Mysuru Mithra began as a local newspaper covering Mysuru city news, but has grown to become a regional newspaper covering five districts: Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu. The newspaper is well-known for its in-depth coverage of local politics, concerns and programmes. The paper made a name for itself and received accolades for its reportage of the search of the dreaded poacher Veerappan in the early years of 2000. Like *Star of Mysore*, *Mysuru Mithra* too has nurtured young journalistic talent. Now, 43 years on, this vernacular newspaper is the highest read local newspaper in Mysuru district.

The archive at *Mysuru Mithra* has copies of the physical newspapers that have been printed from 1980 and digital copies of the online version. The papers are rich in local content and images, and trace the social, political and economic history of the city and its neighbouring districts.

About the IFA-MM Creative Projects

The IFA-MM Creative Projects offer Project Coordinators the opportunity to engage with and research this archive over a period of a year, and create public programmes such as exhibitions, talks, workshops, etc. both online and offline, over the project period, which IFA will implement.

To view copies of the paper, please visit <https://epaper.mysurumithra.com/>

Applicant Profile:

We seek applications from curators, visual artists, researchers, journalists, writers, performers and other creative practitioners with a strong interest in research and working with archival collections. We also encourage applicants to think through interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches and methods for their public programmes.

Practitioners who are Indian nationals are eligible to apply. To know more about our eligibility criteria, please click [here](#). Applicants from Mysuru and places close to the city will be given preference as the Project Coordinators will need to spend a considerable amount of time at the archive during the project period.

Application Guidelines:

Your application must include:

- A proposal briefly describing a project that could be developed from the archival material. The description should include the vision, approach and possible outcomes.
- A brief note on public programmes that could be developed from the material.
- A detailed budget.
- Your curriculum vitae with a brief description of a project you have been involved with as an arts practitioner or researcher. This description should comprise the vision, approach, processes, and outcomes that have resulted from that project. Please send us links and not attachments.

Project Budget:

- The project costs should not exceed **Rs 2,00,000/-**.
- You may budget for an honorarium of **Rs 12,000/- per month** subject to a limit of **Rs 1,44,000/-** for the **entire** duration of the project. Please note that the total amount is inclusive of the honorarium.
- Our funds will cover only project-related costs and activities and will not pay for infrastructure costs or equipment purchase.
- Please ensure that each budget category pertains to a specific item of project-related expenditure.

Please note that IFA will implement this project with you directly as Project Coordinator.

Key Dates:

- The deadline for receiving applications is **Monday, March 07, 2022**.
- Interviews with shortlisted candidates are expected to take place in **early March 2022**.
- The project will commence at the **end of March 2022** for a period of **one year**.

Please note, considering the current situation, we only accept applications via email. Email your application or any queries to Suman Gopinath at suman@indiaifa.org.

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