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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG), under the Ministry of Defence, is a maritime armed force that protects India's sea frontiers, fishermen and offshore assets while leading anti-smuggling and search-and-rescue operations. Both men and women can join as Navik/Yantrik after Class 12 or as Assistant Commandant (officer) after graduation. It is a respected career for young people who want national service, discipline and an adventurous life at sea.

2 At a glance

Domain	Defence (maritime)
Selection exam	Coast Guard CGEPT / Assistant Commandant exam
Minimum qualification	12th for Navik; graduation/engineering for officer
Starting salary	Navik ~₹21,700; officer ~₹56,100 per month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in serving the nation in uniform
- Love for the sea, ships and outdoor adventure
- Enjoy disciplined teamwork

ABILITIES

- Physically fit and resilient
- Stay calm and decide fast under pressure
- Follow clear instructions and lead

KEY SKILLS

- Swimming and physical fitness
- Navigation and seamanship
- Technical/machinery aptitude (for Yantrik)
- Communication and English
- Discipline and time management
- Search-rescue and first aid

4 How to get there

- 1 Navik (General Duty): pass Class 12 with Science (Physics + Maths), then take CGEPT.
- 2 Navik (Domestic Branch): pass Class 12 in any stream, then take CGEPT.
- 3 Yantrik (Technical): after 12th complete a diploma in Electrical/Mechanical/Electronics/Telecommunication, then take CGEPT.
- 4 Assistant Commandant (GD/Pilot): after 12th (Science) complete graduation in any subject, then take the Assistant Commandant exam.
- 5 Assistant Commandant (Technical): complete engineering (Mechanical/Marine/Aeronautical etc.), then take the Assistant Commandant exam.
- 6 Women can also join as officers (Assistant Commandant) under Short Service Appointment.

MAIN EXAMS

- Indian Coast Guard CGEPT (Coast Guard Enrolled Personnel Test) for Navik/Yantrik; Assistant Commandant exam for officers

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala — Ezhimala, Kerala (<https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/>)
- College of Engineering, Pune (COEP) — Pune, Maharashtra
- IIT Bombay — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Government Polytechnic (diploma for Yantrik) — Jaipur/Jodhpur, Rajasthan

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Manipal Institute of Technology — Manipal, Karnataka
- Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) — Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- SRM Institute of Science and Technology — Chennai, Tamil Nadu

ONLINE

- IGNOU (graduation for officer eligibility) — Distance learning, all India (<https://www.ignou.ac.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>)

- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

Training in the Coast Guard is free after selection and comes with a salary. The 10+2/diploma/graduation needed for eligibility costs roughly ₹6,000–20,000 per year in government institutes; private institutes charge more.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

At sea on ships and boats, at coastal bases, ports and air squadrons; postings are across India's entire coastline and islands.

WORK CULTURE

A disciplined uniformed environment; you must be ready for shifts and sea deployment, most work is outdoors and involves challenging conditions.

WHO HIRES

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| • Indian Coast Guard (main employer) | • Ministry of Defence, Government of India |
| • After service: ports and maritime security agencies | • Merchant Navy and shipping companies |
| • Public-sector maritime/oil companies (ONGC, SCI) | • Private maritime security and logistics firms |

DEMAND (2026)

The Coast Guard recruits Navik, Yantrik and Assistant Commandant every year, and demand stays steady with growing maritime-security needs; there are good openings for youth from states like Rajasthan too. One thing to be clear about — the "demand" described above counts posts, not your chance of getting one. Selection is by open competition and the number of applicants runs to many times the number of posts, so most candidates are not selected in any given recruitment. That is not an argument against this career; it is an argument against making it your only plan. Keep studying or building a skill alongside your preparation, so that the year is not lost whichever way the result goes.

7 Career growth

- 1** Officer: Assistant Commandant → Deputy Commandant → Commandant (JG) → Commandant → DIG → Inspector General → Additional Director General → Director General
- 2** Navik: Navik → Uttam Navik → Pradhan Navik → Adhikari → Uttam Adhikari → Pradhan Adhikari
- 3** Yantrik: Yantrik → Uttam Yantrik → Pradhan Yantrik → Assistant Engineer → Uttam Assistant Engineer → Pradhan Assistant Engineer

EARNINGS

Starting	₹21,700 (मूल, लेवल-3)
Mid level	₹67,700–1,10,000
Senior level	₹1,30,000–2,05,400+

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 3 — so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Navik/Yantrik entry pay begins around ₹21,700 (Pay Level-3), while Assistant Commandant entry pay is about ₹56,100 per month; additional dearness, sea, ration and housing allowances apply. Figures are indicative and may change. The figures above rest on the 7th Central Pay Commission matrix, which is what applies as of 16 August 2026. The Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission on 28 October 2025, and it must report within 18 months of its constitution. It has not reported yet, so no revised pay scale exists — but these figures will change. Dearness allowance has been 60% of basic pay since 1 January 2026.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Stable government job with respect and pride of national service
- Free training, housing, medical care and good allowances
- Equal career opportunities for women and youth

The challenges

- Long sea deployments and time away from family
- Tough physical and weather conditions
- Strict selection and fitness standards

9 Real-life journeys

Nupur Kulshrestha

Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Indian Coast Guard

Nupur Kulshrestha, who joined the Indian Coast Guard in 1999, became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of DIG after nearly 22 years of service. She believes this merit-based promotion opens the path for other women.

SheThePeople · <https://www.shethepeople.tv/top-stories/inspiration/nupur-kulshrestha-dig-of-indian-coast-guard/>

Rakesh Pal

Director General (25th), Indian Coast Guard

Rakesh Pal joined the Indian Coast Guard in January 1989 after training at the Indian Naval Academy and specialised in gunnery and weapons systems, serving as the force's First Gunner. He commanded vessels ranging from small interceptor boats to large offshore patrol ships like ICGS Samarth, and led the Northwest Region guarding Gujarat's coast. In February 2023 he became the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. He was decorated with the Tatrakshak Medal, the President's Tatrakshak Medal and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, and died in harness in August 2024. His 35-year journey shows how a young officer can rise through dedication and expertise to lead the entire force.

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