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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

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2 At a glance

Domain	Defence (Navy)
Minimum qualification	Class 12 (PCM) or graduate
Selection exam	NDA, CDS, INET
Starting salary	₹56,100+/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in serving the nation and an adventurous life
- Fascination with the sea, ships and technology
- Enjoying teamwork and leading people

ABILITIES

- Strong physical and mental fitness
- Making quick, sound decisions under pressure
- Discipline and following clear instructions

KEY SKILLS

- Navigation and seamanship
- Leadership and team management
- Technical and engineering aptitude
- Problem-solving and reasoning
- Communication and English proficiency
- Physical endurance and swimming

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 with Physics, Chemistry and Maths (PCM).
- 2 Clear the NDA exam (UPSC), then the SSB interview and medical test.
- 3 After graduation, enter via the CDS exam or INET (short-service/technical entries).
- 4 Engineering graduates can join through technical entries (10+2 B.Tech, naval architect, etc.).
- 5 After selection, train at the NDA (Pune) or the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala (Kerala).
- 6 Women are also commissioned as officers, including pilot and warship duties.

MAIN EXAMS

- NDA (National Defence Academy exam)
- CDS (Combined Defence Services exam)
- INET (Indian Navy Entrance Test)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी (NDA) — Khadakwasla, Pune (<https://www.nda.nic.in/>)
- भारतीय नौसेना अकादमी (INA) — Ezhimala, Kerala (<https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/>)
- INS चिल्का — Odisha
- राष्ट्रीय इंडियन मिलिट्री कॉलेज (RIMC) — Dehradun (<https://www.rimc.gov.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- सैनिक स्कूल चित्तौड़गढ़ — Chittorgarh, Rajasthan

ONLINE

- Join Indian Navy (आधिकारिक पोर्टल) — Online (<https://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in/>)
- SSBCrack (SSB तैयारी) — Online (<https://www.ssbcrack.com/>)
- 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

Class 12/graduation costs roughly ₹6,000 to ₹10,00,000 depending on the institute. During NDA and INA training, cadets receive a stipend, so academy training costs very little.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study छात्रवृत्ति खोज (<https://www.buddy4study.com/>)
- विद्यालक्ष्मी शिक्षा ऋण पोर्टल (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Warships, submarines, naval aircraft, naval bases and shore establishments. Postings are mainly in coastal cities like Mumbai, Visakhapatnam, Kochi and Karwar.

WORK CULTURE

A disciplined, challenging environment. Sea deployments mean long spells away from home. A shift system and 6-7 duty days a week are common.

WHO HIRES

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| • Indian Navy (Executive branch) | • Indian Navy (Engineering branch) |
| • Indian Navy (Electrical branch) | • Indian Navy (Education branch) |
| • Naval Aviation | • Indian Coast Guard (allied opportunities) |

DEMAND (2026)

With India's growing focus on maritime security and self-reliant defence (Atmanirbhar Bharat), demand for naval officers remains steady. New warships, submarines and technical branches keep opening opportunities for qualified youth. 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 Sub-Lieutenant
- 2 Lieutenant
- 3 Lieutenant Commander
- 4 Commander
- 5 Captain
- 6 Commodore
- 7 Rear Admiral
- 8 Vice Admiral
- 9 Admiral (Chief of Naval Staff)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹56,100/माह
Mid level	₹1,20,000/माह
Senior level	₹2,50,000/माह

Pay follows the 7th Pay Commission, plus Military Service Pay, dearness allowance, housing, medical and other benefits. Figures are indicative and vary with rank and experience. 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

- A prestigious career with national service and respect
- Good pay, housing, medical care and pension benefits
- Travel, adventure and strong leadership development

The challenges

- Long sea deployments away from family
- Demanding physical and mental challenges
- A tough selection process and strict discipline

9 Real-life journeys

Sub Lt Shubhangi Swaroop

Indian Navy's first woman pilot

Shubhangi Swaroop from Uttar Pradesh graduated in 2017 from the first women's batch at INA Ezhimala and became the Indian Navy's first woman pilot, flying maritime reconnaissance missions on Dornier aircraft.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shubhangi_Swaroop

Lt Cdr Vartika Joshi

Skipper of INSV Tarini, Navika Sagar Parikrama

Lt Cdr Vartika Joshi from Uttarakhand skippered an all-woman crew of six naval officers who circumnavigated the globe aboard INSV Tarini in 254 days. She was awarded the Nao Sena Medal for the feat.

Aviation & Defence Universe · <https://www.aviation-defence-universe.com/lt-cdr-vartika-joshi-43077-a-gets-nao-sena-medal-gallantry/>

Ritesh Kumar Singh

Sub Lieutenant, Indian Navy Officer

From the small village of Raghodihara in Bihar's Rohtas district, Ritesh became the first commissioned military officer from his village. He never gave up despite more than ten SSB attempts and chose to serve the nation, turning down an IIM admission for a corporate career.

SSBCrack · <https://www.ssbcrack.com/2026/06/kargil-veterans-son-becomes-indian-navy-officer-chooses-service-over-iim-opportunity.html>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Indian Air Force Officer
- Indian Army Officer
- Indian Coast Guard

11 Sources & further reading

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3. Indian Navy — Official Website — <https://www.indiannavy.nic.in/>
4. Pay Scale of Officers — <https://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in/en/page/pay-scale-of-officers.html>
5. 8th Central Pay Commission — Cabinet approval of the Terms of Reference (PIB, 28 October 2025) — <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2183289>

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