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Sound engineers record, mix and enhance audio for films, songs, live shows and podcasts. It is a creative career for those who love both music and technology.



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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

Sound engineers record, mix and enhance audio for films, songs, live shows and podcasts. It is a creative career for those who love both music and technology.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	12th + diploma or degree in sound/audio engineering
Work mode	Studios, sets and live events; irregular hours
Demand	Growing - in OTT, podcasts, gaming and events industry
Top earning	Senior sound designer: Rs 1.5-2 lakh+/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in music, singing or instruments
- Creative experimentation
- Liking for science and technology

ABILITIES

- Sharp, trained listening ability
- Working with teams and instructions
- Attention to detail and patience

KEY SKILLS

- Recording and microphone techniques
- DAW software (Pro Tools, Logic)
- Understanding of acoustics
- Mixing and mastering
- Live sound and PA systems
- Sound design and foley for film

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10th/12th; physics and maths help.
- 2 Do a diploma or B.Tech/B.Sc in sound/audio engineering (FTII, SRFTI etc.).
- 3 Learn as an assistant in a studio or event company.
- 4 Build a demo/portfolio and grow your network.
- 5 Specialise in film, music, OTT or live events.

MAIN EXAMS

- FTII JET (entrance exam)
- SRFTI entrance exam
- Institute-level entrance/auditions

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- FTII (Film & Television Institute of India) — Pune, Maharashtra (<https://ftii.ac.in/>)
- SRFTI (Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute) — Kolkata, West Bengal (<https://srfti.ac.in/>)
- Government Film & Television Institute — Bengaluru, Karnataka
- IIT Kharagpur (acoustics-related courses) — Kharagpur, West Bengal

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Angel Music Academy — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Seamedu School of Pro-Expressionism — Pune, Maharashtra
- ZIMA (Zee Institute of Media Arts) — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Garden City University — Bengaluru, Karnataka

ONLINE

- Coursera (audio/music production courses) — Online (<https://www.coursera.org>)
- Udemy (sound engineering courses) — Online (<https://www.udemy.com>)

FEES

Diploma courses cost about Rs 45,000-2 lakh; degrees/specialised institutes up to Rs 1-4 lakh per year. Government film institutes cost less than private ones.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)
- Rajasthan Social Justice Dept Scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Recording studios, film/TV production houses, OTT, radio, live events and wedding industry, gaming studios.

WORK CULTURE

Project-based work; long, irregular hours during shoots/shows, coordination with teams is key. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Film and TV production houses | • Music labels (T-Series, Saregama) |
| • OTT and dubbing studios | • Live event and sound rental companies |
| • All India Radio and radio channels | • Gaming and podcast studios |

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for skilled sound engineers is growing in 2026 with OTT content, regional cinema, podcasts and the wedding-event industry; the Jaipur-Udaipur event market is also large.

7 Career growth

- 1 Sound assistant / recordist
- 2 Sound engineer
- 3 Senior sound engineer / mixing engineer
- 4 Sound designer / chief engineer
- 5 Studio owner / producer

EARNINGS

Starting	₹15,000-30,000
Mid level	₹40,000-80,000
Senior level	₹1,00,000-2,00,000+

Monthly earnings; freelance/project rates vary, top engineers earn much more. 2026 levels, indicative.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Creative mix of music and technology
- Option of freelancing or own studio
- Growing opportunities from OTT/podcasts

The challenges

- Low, irregular income at the start
- Long and late-night working hours
- Costly equipment and constant tech changes

9 Real-life journeys

Anju P.S.

Among India's first female live sound engineers

Anju from Thrissur, Kerala trained at a sound engineering academy and broke into male-dominated live sound. She has handled over 50 big shows, including an A.R. Rahman concert and an IPL ceremony.

The Interview Portal · <https://theinterviewportal.com/2018/07/05/sound-engineer-interview-2/>

Bishwadeep Chatterjee

Sound designer and audio mixer; National Film Award winner

Bishwadeep crafted the sound of films like Madras Cafe, Bajirao Mastani and Uri, winning three National Film Awards. He became a member of the Oscar Academy - a position earned through years of studio work.

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

10 Sources & further reading

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2. FTII Pune — <https://ftii.ac.in/>
3. National Career Service (NCS) — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
4. NPTEL (free online courses) — <https://nptel.ac.in>



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