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करियर शीट · CAREER SHEET

## लैपिडरिस्ट

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### Scan for everything on this career

Salary, exams, colleges, the routes in and the steps after — all on the portal.

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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

|                       |                                                            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimum qualification | Diploma or degree in gemmology/jewellery design after 10+2 |
| Work mode             | Hands-on work at a workshop/polishing station              |
| Demand                | Good — Jaipur is a global gem-cutting and export hub       |
| Top earning           | ₹1,00,000+/month (master craftsman/own business)           |

## 3 What you need

### INTERESTS

- Deep interest in stones, gems and minerals
- Liking fine handwork
- Desire to start one's own business

### ABILITIES

- Sharp eyesight and hand-eye coordination
- Patience and concentration
- Ability to plan one's own work process

### KEY SKILLS

- Gem identification and grading
- Cutting, faceting and polishing techniques
- Using lapidary machines and tools
- Gem valuation
- Safety and careful handling of chemicals
- Customer and trade sense

## 4 How to get there

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- 1 Complete 10+2 in any stream.
- 2 Do a diploma in gemmology or a B.Sc./B.Des. in gem science/jewellery design.
- 3 Take practical cutting-polishing training in Jaipur's gem units/institutes.
- 4 Start as an apprentice under an experienced craftsman.
- 5 Optionally deepen expertise with an M.Sc./M.Des. or grading certification.
- 6 With experience, start your own workshop or export business.

### MAIN EXAMS

- NID DAT (for design degrees)
- NIFT entrance exam (for design degrees)

## 5 Where to study

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### GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय फैशन प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (निफ्ट) — New Delhi
- राष्ट्रीय डिजाइन संस्थान (एन.आई.डी.) — Ahmedabad, Gujarat

### PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ जेम्स एंड ज्वेलरी (आई.आई.जे.जे.) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- आर्क जेमोलॉजी एंड ज्वेलरी इंस्टीट्यूट — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- जी.आई.ए. इंडिया — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- भारतीय रत्न और आभूषण संस्थान — Mumbai, Maharashtra

### ONLINE

- जी.आई.ए. ई-लर्निंग (जेमोलॉजी कोर्स) — Online

### FEES

Gemmology diploma/degree fees are about ₹50,000-2,00,000; short certificate courses cost less.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल / National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- विद्यालक्ष्मी शिक्षा ऋण / Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

## 6 What the work is like

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### WHERE YOU WORK

Gem cutting-polishing units, jewellery stores, export houses, antique galleries and gem testing labs — especially in Jaipur.

### WORK CULTURE

Most time is spent at a workbench/polishing station with tools and chemicals; 5-6 days a week, 8-9 hours daily. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

### WHO HIRES

- Jaipur gem exporters and cutting units
- Gem testing laboratories
- Diamond cutting-polishing companies (Surat/Mumbai)
- Jewellery brands (Tanishq, Amrapali, etc.)
- Antique and handicraft galleries
- Own workshop

### DEMAND (2026)

Jaipur is a global hub for cutting coloured gems including emeralds, and gem-jewellery export is a major Indian industry; in 2026 skilled cutters and the lab-grown diamond segment offer good openings.

## 7 Career growth

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- 1 Apprentice
- 2 Lapidarist
- 3 Senior lapidarist/master craftsman
- 4 Instructor or workshop owner

## EARNINGS

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|--------------|----------------|
| Starting     | ₹15,000-25,000 |
| Mid level    | ₹30,000-60,000 |
| Senior level | ₹1,00,000+     |

Income depends on skill, gem category and city; export and own business can pay much more. Base source: Rajasthan career portal, 2026 levels.

## 8 The good parts · The challenges

### The good parts

- A world-class industry close to home in Jaipur
- Skill-based — craft matters more than degrees
- Strong scope for self-employment and exports

### The challenges

- Long hours of fine, seated work
- Low starting pay
- Fluctuations in market and export demand

## 9 Real-life journeys

### Savji Dholakia

**Diamond cutting-polishing entrepreneur; founder, Hari Krishna Exports**

Born in Dudhala village, Gujarat, Savji Dholakia left school at 13 to learn diamond polishing in Surat and in 1992 co-founded a diamond cutting-polishing company that employs over 9,000 workers. He received the Padma Shri in 2022.

Wikipedia · [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savji\\_Dholakia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savji_Dholakia)

### Suhani Pittie

**Gemmologist and jewellery designer**

Suhani Pittie studied gemmology at GIA (USA) and set up her own diamond grading institute at just 20. Built on this understanding of gems, her jewellery label went on to international fashion platforms.

Wikipedia · [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suhani\\_Pittie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suhani_Pittie)

## 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.

- Photographer
- Musician
- Dancer

## 11 Sources & further reading

1. Rajasthan Career Guidance portal — <https://cg.rajasthan.gov.in/careerguidance/hi/career/%e0%a4%b2%e0%a5%88%e0%a4%a%e0%a4%bf%e0%a4%a1%e0%a4%b0%e0%a4%bf%e0%a4%b8%e0%a5%8d%e0%a4%9f-lapidarist/>
2. National Career Service (NCS) — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>
4. Wikipedia: Savji Dholakia (diamond entrepreneur) — [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savji\\_Dholakia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savji_Dholakia)



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