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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

A Forest Guard is the frontline protector of the forest - preventing illegal felling, poaching and mining, protecting wildlife, plantation work and fire control. In Rajasthan this recruitment happens through the popular RSSB (formerly RSMSSB) Vanrakshak exam.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 10 pass (Class 12 for Forester)
Work mode	Field duty - patrolling in the forest
Demand	High - thousands of posts each cycle, lakhs of applicants
Top earning	₹70,000+/month (senior promoted levels)
Age limit	18–40 under the service rules; physical standards also apply — 163 cm male, 150 cm female — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Nature, forests and wildlife
- Protecting the environment
- Outdoor, on-the-move work

ABILITIES

- Strong physical fitness
- Readiness to work alone in tough terrain
- Courage and alertness

KEY SKILLS

- Forest patrolling and using maps/GPS
- Wildlife identification and rescue

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- Preventing forest offences and basic legal action
 - Forest fire control
 - Plantation and nursery management
 - Communicating with local communities

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 10 (Forest Guard) or Class 12 (Forester); age 18-24 (relaxations as per rules).
- 2 Apply via the SSO portal when the RSSB Vanrakshak notification is out.
- 3 Clear the written exam (100 questions - Rajasthan GK, science, maths, current affairs).
- 4 Physical standards test: men height 163 cm, chest 84+5 cm; women height 150 cm.
- 5 Walking test: 25 km for men and 16 km for women, in 4 hours.
- 6 After medical and document verification, complete training and join.
- 7 Age — 18 attained and 40 not attained, on the 1st January following the last date for applications. A separate clause applies to the post of Forest Guard. Relaxation in the upper age limit — 5 years for male candidates of the SC, ST, Backward Classes, More Backward Classes and EWS; 5 years for General-category women; and 10 years for women of those same categories. That is the standing position in the service rules; what applies in a particular recruitment is fixed by that recruitment's advertisement, so read the notification before applying. (source: Rajasthan Forest Subordinate Service Rules, 2015)

MAIN EXAMS

- RSSB Vanrakshak (Forest Department) exam
- RSSB Forester (Vanpal) exam (Class 12 level)

- Relaxation in the upper age limit — 5 years for male candidates of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, More Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections; 5 years for women candidates of the General category; and 10 years for women candidates of those same categories. Which means plainly that the bare figure printed against a post understates a reserved-category woman's eligibility by a decade — if you are in that category, work out your eligibility only after adding the relaxation. In Rajasthan, 30% of the posts in direct recruitment are reserved category-wise for women candidates. Widows and divorced women have no upper age limit at all — the rules say it in those words. It is Rule 13(9) of the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services (Direct Recruitment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules 1999, it appears again as the same proviso in the Rajasthan Medical & Health Subordinate Service Rules, and RPSC advertisements reproduce it. A widow must furnish a certificate of the death of her husband from the competent authority, and a divorced woman the proof of divorce. The exact terms of relaxation and reservation are given in that recruitment's own advertisement.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राजकीय विद्यालय (10वीं/12वीं) — Across Rajasthan
- वन विभाग प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (फॉरेस्ट ट्रेनिंग स्कूल) — Including Jaipur and Alwar

ONLINE

- आर.एस.एस.बी. पोर्टल (पाठ्यक्रम/अधिसूचना) — Online (<https://rssb.rajasthan.gov.in/examscheme>)
- आर.एस.एस.बी. — पिछले प्रश्न-पत्र, उत्तर कुंजी व पाठ्यक्रम (निःशुल्क) — The Staff Selection Board's own site — the most reliable free preparation material there is (https://rsmssb.rajasthan.gov.in/show_archived?menuName=Xj4lCb9vGxpQnfls%2FxlZ2g%3D%3D)

- 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

Government schooling is nearly free; exam application fee ₹450-600 (one-time registration); optional coaching ₹8,000-30,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- मुख्यमंत्री उच्च शिक्षा छात्रवृत्ति योजना (राजस्थान) (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in>)
- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Forest areas, sanctuaries, tiger reserves (Ranthambhore, Sariska), forest posts and chowkis

WORK CULTURE

Uniformed, disciplined service; patrols in the forest, sometimes night duty and remote postings - the pride of working amid nature.

WHO HIRES

- Rajasthan Forest Department
- Wildlife sanctuaries
- Environment NGOs (WWF etc., alternative)
- Tiger reserves and national parks
- Forest development corporations

DEMAND (2026)

With expanding forest and wildlife protection in Rajasthan, Vanrakshak recruitment is regular - the 2020-2023 cycle had 2,300+ posts and new cycles keep coming. 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 Forest Guard (Vanrakshak)
- 2 Forester (Vanpal)
- 3 Senior roles under the ACF office
- 4 Forest Range Officer (Ranger) - RPSC route
- 5 Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹23,000-28,000/माह
Mid level	₹35,000-45,000/माह
Senior level	₹55,000-70,000/माह

Fixed remuneration during probation, then Pay Matrix Level-4 salary with allowances; pay rises with promotion. Figures are indicative for 2026. 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 secure government job for Class 10 pass
- Working amid nature and wildlife
- Respect of the uniform in society

The challenges

- Postings in remote, tough terrain
- Risk of confrontation with poachers/mafia
- Tough physical tests and high competition

9 Real-life journeys

Anita Chaudhary

Forest Guard, Shergarh Sanctuary (Rajasthan)

Rajasthan forest guard Anita Chaudhary has rescued over 500 wild animals including crocodiles and stood firm against illegal mining and felling. WWF honoured her with the prestigious Machhli National Award.

The Tribune · <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/wwf-recognises-rajasthan-forest-guard-anita-chaudhary-for-outstanding-wildlife-rescues/>

Fateh Singh Rathore

'Mr Ranthambhore' - from Ranger to legendary tiger conservationist

Fateh Singh Rathore of Jodhpur district began his forest career as a Ranger in 1971 and built Ranthambhore into a world-famous tiger reserve. Walking the trails with ground-level forest staff, he showed India how to save its tigers.

The Better India · <https://thebetterindia.com/234711/how-does-india-protect-tigers-fateh-singh-rathore-ranthambhore-national-park-rajasthan-india-nor41/>

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