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1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Graduation in any subject
Selection exam	UPSC Civil Services Exam
Training	SVPNPA, Hyderabad
Starting salary	₹56,100/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in law, order and justice
- Interest in protecting and serving people
- Willingness to take on new responsibilities

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina
- Courage and decision-making under pressure
- Leadership and discipline

KEY SKILLS

- Leadership and team management
- Investigation and crime analysis
- Crisis and crowd management
- Communication and public relations
- Knowledge of law
- Integrity and discipline

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 in any stream.

- 2 Complete graduation in any subject from a recognised university (mandatory).
- 3 Clear the UPSC Civil Services Exam: Prelims, Mains and Interview.
- 4 A suitable rank leads to IPS allocation, followed by training at SVPNPA, Hyderabad.
- 5 It is highly competitive — complete graduation, stay physically fit, and keep a backup plan.

MAIN EXAMS

- UPSC Civil Services Exam (Prelims + Mains + Interview) + physical/medical standards

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Delhi University — New Delhi (<https://www.du.ac.in>)
- Jawaharlal Nehru University — New Delhi (<https://www.jnu.ac.in>)
- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Vajiram & Ravi — Private paid coaching — this portal does not endorse any institute. Look at the free options first: the Chief Minister Anuprati coaching scheme, and the recruiting board's own syllabus and past question papers. Check fees, facilities and success claims for yourself; no one can guarantee selection.

ONLINE

- UPSC Official Portal — Online (<https://upsc.gov.in>)
- SWAYAM / iGOT — Online (<https://swayam.gov.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

Graduation at government universities costs from nearly free up to about ₹50,000/year. The UPSC application fee is around ₹100 (waived for many categories). Coaching is optional and can cost ₹50,000–2,00,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)

- Rajasthan SJE Scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi (Education Loan) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Police stations, district and state police headquarters, central paramilitary forces (BSF, CRPF, CISF etc.) and intelligence agencies.

WORK CULTURE

Work in both office and field; leading a large force; a transferable posting; irregular hours and emergency duty are possible.

WHO HIRES

- State police forces
- Central paramilitary forces (BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB)
- Intelligence agencies (IB, RAW)
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Central investigation agencies (CBI, NIA)

DEMAND (2026)

The All-India Services offer limited posts each year while lakhs of candidates apply, so competition is extremely high. Selection is tough, but demand stays strong because of nation-building and job security. It matters to keep two things apart: "demand" here counts the posts on offer, not your chance of getting one. In the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025, 958 candidates in all were recommended across the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service, the Indian Police Service and every central Group A and Group B service combined; in 2024 the figure was 1,009. That is the whole country's intake for a year. So do not make this your only plan — keep a second route (a postgraduate degree, a skill, or another recruitment) moving alongside it.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP)
- 2 Superintendent of Police (SP)
- 3 Deputy Inspector General (DIG)
- 4 Inspector General (IG)

5 Director General of Police (DGP)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹56,100/माह
Mid level	₹1,44,200/माह
Senior level	₹2,25,000–2,50,000/माह

Basic pay per the 7th Pay Commission; total is higher with uniform and other allowances. Figures are indicative. 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

- Direct contribution to public safety
- Authority, respect and job security
- Leadership and exciting work

The challenges

- Extreme competition; tough selection
- Risk, stress and long working hours
- Frequent transfers and political pressure

9 Real-life journeys

Prem Sukh Delu

IPS Officer (Rajasthan, AIR 170)

Born into a poor family in Bikaner district of Rajasthan, Prem Sukh Delu, son of a camel-cart driver, first became a patwari and then an IPS officer by securing All-India Rank 170 in the UPSC exam.

Zee News · <https://zeenews.india.com/india/ips-success-story-meet-prem-sukh-delu-journey-from-village-patwari-to-ips-officer-know-his-story-of-determination-and-struggle-2762027.html>

Kiran Bedi

India's first woman IPS officer (1972 batch)

Kiran Bedi became India's first woman IPS officer in 1972 and is renowned for her work in prison reform and community policing.

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

10 Sources & further reading

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5. Civil Services Examination 2025 final result — 958 candidates recommended (PIB, 6 March 2026) — <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2235922>



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