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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

IRSME officers are responsible for the design, manufacture, operation and maintenance of Indian Railways' rolling stock - locomotives, coaches and wagons. This Group-A gazetted post is filled through UPSC ESE (IES) and is now the mechanical cadre of IRMS.

2 At a glance

Service class	Group-A gazetted officer
Selection exam	UPSC ESE (IES)
Minimum qualification	B.E./B.Tech (Mechanical)
Training institute	IRIMEE, Jamalpur

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Building machines and things
- Repairing mechanical things and leadership
- Mathematics and physics

ABILITIES

- Mechanical and analytical thinking
- Ability to lead a team
- Strong mathematical ability

KEY SKILLS

- Rolling stock design and maintenance
- Production and quality control
- Problem-solving and decision-making
- Leadership and coordination
- Thermal and machine design
- CAD/CAM and CNC
- Safety and reliability management

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry, Maths.
- 2 Complete a B.E./B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering.
- 3 Clear UPSC ESE (IES) - Prelims, Mains and Interview.
- 4 Get appointed as an IRMS (Mechanical) Group-A officer.
- 5 Undergo training at IRIMEE, Jamalpur and NAIR, Vadodara.

MAIN EXAMS

- UPSC Engineering Services Examination (ESE/IES)
- GATE (optional - for PSUs / M.Tech)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- IIT Bombay — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- IIT Jodhpur — Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MNIT Jaipur — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://mnit.ac.in>)
- CTAE Udaipur — Udaipur, Rajasthan
- COEP Pune — Pune, Maharashtra

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- BITS Pilani — Pilani, Rajasthan
- Manipal University Jaipur — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- VIT Vellore — Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- PSG College of Technology — Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

ONLINE

- NPTEL - Engineering Mechanics — Online (<https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in>)
- NPTEL - Thermodynamics — Online (<https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.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

B.E./B.Tech engineering fees roughly Rs 68,000 - 2,00,000 (varies by institute). Post-ESE training is free and paid.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Indian Railways zones, loco sheds, coaching depots, workshops and production units (ICF, BLW, etc.).

WORK CULTURE

Work across office, workshop and shed; leading large teams; local travel; 5-6 days a week, 8-9 hours. Opportunities available for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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|----------------------------------|---|
| • Indian Railways (17 zones) | • Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai |
| • Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) | • Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) |
| • Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala | • RITES / IRCON |

DEMAND (2026)

Strong demand - Vande Bharat and modern coach manufacturing, maintenance modernisation and 'Make in India' keep mechanical engineers in continuous need. 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 Assistant Mechanical Engineer
- 2 Divisional Mechanical Engineer
- 3 Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer
- 4 Divisional Railway Manager
- 5 Chief Mechanical Engineer
- 6 General Manager
- 7 Member (Mechanical), Railway Board

EARNINGS

Starting	₹56,100 (मूल, लेवल-10)
Mid level	₹1,31,100 – ₹1,51,100 (लेवल 12-13)
Senior level	₹2,25,000 (शीर्ष/अपेक्स)

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 10 — so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Starts at Group-A Level 10 (7th CPC); DA, HRA, housing and medical benefits additional. 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

- Job security, prestige and Group-A status
- Role in building modern trains (Vande Bharat)
- Good pay, housing and railway perks

The challenges

- Frequent transfers and shed/workshop postings
- High pressure of operations and safety
- Shift and emergency duties

9 Real-life journeys

Romit Sharma

ESE 2023 All-India Rank 1 (Mechanical)

A gold medalist in Mechanical Engineering, Romit secured All-India Rank 1 in ESE 2023 and set course for the mechanical engineering service.

MADE EASY · <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDOP0yBekks>

Kalyani Chadha

One of the first women mechanical engineers in Indian Railways

Kalyani Chadha trained for four years at IRIMEE, Jamalpur as a Special Class Apprentice of the 1983 batch and joined Indian Railways services in 1988 - among the pioneering women who opened the path for others in railway mechanical engineering.

Google Arts & Culture - Indian Railways Heritage Directorate · <https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/kalyani-chadha/FwEpxLVNzuRNBQ?hl=en>

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 Railway Service of Engineers
- Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers
- Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers

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