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1 About this career

A Sub-Inspector (SI) is the key investigating officer at a police station. He/she is usually the first to investigate a case, leads a team of constables and files the chargesheet in court. In Rajasthan the post is filled through the RPSC Sub-Inspector examination.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Graduate (any stream)
Selection exam	RPSC Sub-Inspector Exam
Age limit	20–25 yrs (relaxation applies) — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Selection	Written + Physical + Interview

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in law, order and justice
- Enjoy leadership and challenges
- Helping people and serving society

ABILITIES

- Ability to take quick, correct decisions
- Can communicate with all kinds of people
- Physically strong and agile

KEY SKILLS

- Investigation and evidence-gathering skills
- Knowledge of law (BNS/BNSS)
- Report writing and computer use
- Leadership and team management
- Physical endurance and stamina
- Staying calm under pressure; discipline

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 in any stream.
- 2 Complete graduation from a recognised university.
- 3 Age 20–25; relaxation for reserved categories and women.
- 4 Apply for the RPSC Sub-Inspector examination.
- 5 Clear the written exam, physical test (PET/PST) and interview.
- 6 Complete training at the Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur.

MAIN EXAMS

- RPSC Sub-Inspector (Police) Exam
- SSC CPO (for central police forces)

- RPSC Sub-Inspector / Platoon Commander combined competitive examination — the same exam fills Sub-Inspector posts in AP, IB and MBC, and Platoon Commander posts in the RAC. The re-examination for the 2021 recruitment is set for 20 September 2026, but only candidates who sat both papers of the original 2021 exam may appear — new candidates cannot. Watch the official RPSC notification for a fresh recruitment.
- 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

- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in/>)
- Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University — Ajmer, Rajasthan

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- 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/>)
- Testbook — 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. (<https://testbook.com/>)
- Unacademy — 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. (<https://unacademy.com/>)

FEES

Graduation at a government college costs very little (a few thousand rupees a year). Coaching for the exam is optional and may cost about ₹15,000–50,000.

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

Police stations, district police, outposts and crime scenes.

WORK CULTURE

Work both indoors and outdoors; about 6 days a week, 8–9 hours, longer if the situation demands. It is a transferable job.

WHO HIRES

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| • Rajasthan Police | • Other State Police forces |
| • Delhi Police | • Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) |
| • Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) | • Intelligence Bureau (IB) |

DEMAND (2026)

The Rajasthan Police recruits Sub-Inspectors in large numbers from time to time. It is a highly popular, respected and secure government job, so demand for it stays consistently high. 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 Sub-Inspector (SI)
- 2 Inspector
- 3 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP)
- 4 Additional Superintendent of Police
- 5 Superintendent of Police (SP)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹37,800 (मूल, लेवल-11)
Mid level	₹80,000/माह
Senior level	₹1,10,000+/माह

The starting figure is BASIC PAY — the entry basic at pay matrix Level 11 — 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. Note — in Rajasthan a direct recruit is a probationer-trainee for the first 2 years and is paid a fixed remuneration, not the pay scale; dearness allowance and house rent allowance are not payable in those two years (Rajasthan Service Rules, rule 7(30A)). The full pay scale applies once probation is completed. In Rajasthan the SI post is on Pay Matrix Level 11 (basic pay about ₹37,800). 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

- Respect, authority and recognition in society.
- Secure job with good pay, pension and benefits.
- Scope for promotion up to DSP/SP.

The challenges

- Stress and irregular, long working hours.
- Transfers may keep you away from family.
- Physically demanding and risky work.
- A real risk that the recruitment itself is cancelled — the 2021 Sub-Inspector recruitment was quashed over a paper leak and dummy candidates, and that decision held up to the Supreme Court. A selection can be undone years after it is made, so do not rest an entire plan on one recruitment.

9 Real-life journeys

Deveelahal Meena

Sub-Inspector, Rajasthan Police

From the small village of Untehel in Pratapgarh, Deveelahal Meena's father worked as a farmer and daily-wage labourer, even mortgaging his fields to educate his son. After a BA and B.Ed, Deveelahal cleared several exams and became a Police Sub-Inspector in 2021; he now serves in Udaipur district.

Patrika · <https://www.patrika.com/pratapgarh-rajasthan-news/father-sacrifice-made-son-tehsildar-and-police-sub-inspector-pratapgarh-success-story-20687244>

Vijaya Laxmi Devi

Sub-Inspector (Odisha's first woman SI)

Vijaya Laxmi Devi joined the police in 1962 to become Odisha's first and India's third woman Sub-Inspector. A graduate from Cuttack and a native of Dhenkanal, she opened the door for generations of women in the police.

ANI News · <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/odisha-police-pays-tribute-to-vijaya-laxmi-devi-state-first-woman-sub-inspector20230109063503/>

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