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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	10+2 (any stream) + barista/coffee certificate
Work mode	Shifts in cafes/roasteries, some travel
Demand	High (specialty cafe chains expanding)
Top earning	₹1 lakh+/month (Q grader/head roaster)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Coffee and the world of flavours/aromas
- Food and beverage craft
- Meeting and serving people

ABILITIES

- A sharp sense of taste and smell
- Effective communication
- Attention to detail

KEY SKILLS

- Cupping and sensory evaluation
- Basics of roasting
- Customer service
- Espresso brewing and latte art
- Knowledge of Q/R grading standards
- Hygiene and food safety

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 10+2 in any stream

- 2 Do a barista/coffee-making certificate course
- 3 Graduate in any subject (hotel management helps)
- 4 Do Coffee Board's Kaapi Shastra or a coffee quality management diploma
- 5 Gain cafe/roastery experience, then take the international Q Grader certification

MAIN EXAMS

- NCHM-JEE (for the hotel management route)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Coffee Board of India (Kaapi Shastra training) — Bengaluru, Karnataka (<https://coffeeboard.gov.in>)
- IHM Jaipur — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://ihmjaipur.com>)
- NCHMCT institutes (IHMs) — National (<https://nchm.gov.in>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Araku World Specialty Coffee Academy — Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Corridor Seven Coffee Roasters (Q & sensory courses) — Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Blue Tokai / specialty roaster workshops — Multiple cities

ONLINE

- Barista Hustle (online coffee courses) — Online
- Udemy (barista/brewing courses) — Online (<https://www.udemy.com>)

FEES

Certificate/diploma courses cost about ₹10,000–2 lakh; the international Q Grader exam costs extra (about ₹1.5–2 lakh).

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Specialty cafes, roasting plants, coffee estates (Coorg/Chikmagalur), exporters, hotels

WORK CULTURE

Shift duty and standing work in cafes; tasting labs and local travel to estates; weekends are busy

WHO HIRES

- Tata Starbucks
- Third Wave Coffee
- Coffee exporters and roasteries
- Blue Tokai Coffee Roasters
- Coffee Board and coffee estates
- Hotels and cruise lines

DEMAND (2026)

In 2026 specialty cafes are spreading to tier-2 cities like Jaipur; India has very few certified Q graders, making this a strong niche.

7 Career growth

- 1 Barista
- 2 Head Barista / Cafe Manager
- 3 Roaster / Coffee Taster
- 4 Q Grader / Head Roaster
- 5 Brew Master / Cafe Entrepreneur

EARNINGS

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

Per the government source, coffee tasters start around ₹21,000–25,000/month; Q Grader certification raises earnings sharply.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Fast-growing creative field
- International certification opens global jobs
- A path to your own cafe/roastery

The challenges

- Low starting pay
- Shift and weekend work
- Q Grader certification is costly

9 Real-life journeys

Mithilesh Vazalwar

Coffee Q Grader and founder of Corridor Seven Coffee Roasters, Nagpur

Nagpur's Mithilesh Vazalwar is among India's few certified Q graders and became India's first AeroPress champion. He left CA studies to make coffee his career and built his own roastery.

Youth Incorporated · <https://youthincmag.com/meet-mithilesh-vazalwar-coffee-q-grader>

Sunalini Menon

Asia's first woman coffee taster, founder of Coffeelab Bengaluru

Sunalini Menon began cupping at the Coffee Board in the 1970s, breaking into a male-dominated field. Regarded as Asia's first woman coffee taster, she has judged Indian coffee quality for decades.

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

10 Sources & further reading

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