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Scan for everything on this career

Salary, exams, colleges, the routes in and the steps after — all on the portal.

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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

Min qualification	Class 12 (Physics + Maths)
Work mode	Cockpit, shifts, travel
Demand (2026)	High and growing
Top earning	₹5–10 lakh+/month (Captain)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Passion for flying and aviation
- Interest in technology and machines
- Travel and seeing new places

ABILITIES

- Quick, accurate decision-making
- Staying calm under pressure
- Maths and spatial awareness

KEY SKILLS

- Aircraft handling and navigation
- Reading weather and flight planning
- Knowledge of emergency procedures
- Clear communication in English
- Teamwork and crew coordination
- Discipline and time management

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 with Physics and Maths (usually 50%+).

- 2 Clear the DGCA Class 1 and Class 2 medical exams.
- 3 Enrol in a DGCA-approved flying school (FTO).
- 4 Get a Student Pilot Licence, then a PPL.
- 5 Complete 200 flying hours and DGCA papers to earn the CPL.
- 6 Do an Airbus/Boeing type rating and join an airline.

MAIN EXAMS

- DGCA CPL papers: Air Regulations, Air Navigation, Meteorology, Technical (General/Specific)
- RTR(A) radio telephony exam and Class 1 medical

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) — Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh (<https://igrua.gov.in/>)
- Sanganer / Rajasthan State Flying Clubs (DGCA FTOs) — Jaipur, Rajasthan

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Skyreach Aviation — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://skyreachaviation.org/>)
- BVG Flying & Gliding Club (DGCA approved) — Rajasthan (<https://bvgfc.in/>)
- CAE / IndiGo Cadet Pilot Programme — Gondia and other centres (<https://www.cae.com/civil-aviation/become-a-pilot/our-pilot-training-programmes/indigo-cadet-pilot-programme/>)

ONLINE

- DGCA ground classes (online CPL theory coaching) — Online

FEES

CPL training is expensive — about ₹45–55 lakh in India (200 flying hours, ground school, medical). Bank education loans and scholarships can ease the cost.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- IGRUA Financial Assistance (Ministry of Civil Aviation) (<https://igrua.gov.in/financial-assistance>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Airline cockpits, airports, domestic and international routes, cargo and charter flights.

WORK CULTURE

Irregular shifts, night flights, strict safety rules and regular medical checks.

WHO HIRES

- IndiGo
- Akasa Air
- Air India Express
- Air India
- SpiceJet
- Cargo and charter operators

DEMAND (2026)

Air travel in India is booming and airlines are adding hundreds of new aircraft, so pilot demand in 2026 is high and growing.

7 Career growth

- 1 Trainee / Junior First Officer
- 2 First Officer
- 3 Senior First Officer
- 4 Captain (Commander)
- 5 Training Captain / Examiner

EARNINGS

Starting	₹1.5–2 लाख/माह
Mid level	₹3.5–4.5 लाख/माह
Senior level	₹5–10 लाख+/माह

Pay rises sharply from junior First Officer to Captain; international wide-body captains earn even more. (2026 estimates)

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- High pay and global travel
- Respected and thrilling career
- Fast-growing airline demand

The challenges

- Training is very expensive
- Irregular hours and fatigue
- Strict medicals and constant exams

9 Real-life journeys

Shrikant Pantawane

IndiGo commercial pilot

Son of a security guard in Nagpur, Shrikant drove an auto-rickshaw, learned about a DGCA scholarship, mastered English and earned his CPL to become an IndiGo pilot.

YourStory · <https://yourstory.com/2016/01/shrikant-pantawane>

Maitri Patel

India's youngest commercial pilot

A farmer's daughter from Surat, Maitri trained on money her father raised by selling land, and earned her commercial pilot licence at just 19.

ScoopWhoop · <https://www.scoopwhoop.com/news/maitri-patel-indias-youngest-commercial-pilot-from-surat/>

Prem Mathur

India's first woman commercial pilot

Prem Mathur became India's first woman commercial pilot, won the 1949 National Air Race and rose to Captain at Indian Airlines, inspiring generations.

Simple Flying · <https://simpleflying.com/prem-mathur/>

10 Sources & further reading

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