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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

A sommelier is the hospitality industry's beverage expert, managing wine and beverage selection, service and training at luxury hotels and restaurants. This is an adults-only specialised field governed by legal-age and licensing rules.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	10+2 + hotel management/beverage-studies diploma (adults only)
Work mode	Luxury hotels/restaurants, evening-weekend duty
Demand	Growing but niche (luxury hospitality, cruises)
Top earning	₹2 lakh+/month (master level/abroad)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Fine judgement of taste and aroma
- Learning food and beverage culture
- Hospitality and guest service

ABILITIES

- A sharp sensory palate (taste/smell)
- Care and organisation
- Confident communication

KEY SKILLS

- Beverage knowledge and tasting technique
- Fine-dining service etiquette
- Sales and guest advising
- Understanding food pairing
- Inventory and cellar management
- Responsible service and legal compliance

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 10+2 in any stream
- 2 Do a hotel management degree/diploma (food & beverage service)
- 3 After reaching legal age, take wine/beverage certifications (WSET etc.)
- 4 Gain F&B experience at fine-dining restaurants/hotels
- 5 Progress toward advanced/master-level international certifications

MAIN EXAMS

- NCHM-JEE (for the hotel management route)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- IHM Jaipur (F&B service courses) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://ihmjaipur.com>)
- NCHMCT institutes (IHMs) — National (<https://nchm.gov.in>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Indian Wine Academy — Delhi
- Sonal Holland Wine Academy — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Wine Academy of India — Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Tulleehe Beverage Academy — Delhi/Mumbai/Bengaluru

ONLINE

- WSET-approved online providers — Online

FEES

Beverage-studies courses in India cost about ₹60,000–70,000/year; international certifications cost more by level.

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

Luxury hotels and fine-dining restaurants, cruise lines, wineries, beverage importers and retail

WORK CULTURE

Busy evening and weekend duty; travel to wine-growing regions; paths into writing, teaching and consulting open up

WHO HIRES

- Taj, Oberoi, ITC, Leela hotels
- Wineries like Sula, Grover Zampa, Fratelli
- Beverage importers and premium retail
- Fine-dining restaurant groups
- Cruise lines
- Beverage education academies

DEMAND (2026)

In 2026 India's luxury hospitality, wine tourism and cruise sectors are growing; trained sommeliers remain scarce, making this a niche but rising field.

7 Career growth

- 1 Introductory Sommelier
- 2 Certified Sommelier
- 3 Advanced Sommelier / Head Sommelier
- 4 Master Sommelier / Beverage Director

EARNINGS

Starting	₹25,000-40,000
Mid level	₹60,000-1,20,000
Senior level	₹2,00,000+

The government source cites a wide ₹10,000–4,17,000/month range; certifications, luxury hotels and cruise/overseas roles raise pay. This career is for adults only.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Rare expertise is highly valued
- Luxury and international exposure
- Extra paths into writing/teaching/consulting

The challenges

- Adults-only; legal-age and licence rules
- Long evening-weekend duty
- International certifications are expensive

9 Real-life journeys

Sonal Holland

India's first Master of Wine

Mumbai's Sonal Holland switched from a corporate career in her thirties to beverage education and in 2016 became India's first Master of Wine. Today she runs an academy training new professionals.

YourStory HerStory · <https://yourstory.com/herstory/2020/07/sonal-holland-indias-first-only-master-of-wine>

Magandeep Singh

India's first French-certified sommelier and author

After hotel management studies, Magandeep Singh became the first Indian to earn a sommelier certification from France. As a drinks writer, TV host and hospitality consultant, he shows the way in this profession.

Restaurant India · <https://www.restaurantindia.in/article/what-indias-first-french-sommelier-has-to-say-about-the-potential-of-wine-business.11714>

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2. NCHMCT (hotel management council) — <https://nchm.gov.in>
3. National Career Service (NCS) — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
4. Vidya Lakshmi education loan portal — <https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>



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