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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	Class 12 (Science), then B.Sc. in Agriculture/Botany/Food Science plus a tea tasting certificate
Work mode	Mix of field and lab work in tea gardens, factories and tasting rooms
Demand	Niche field with steady demand in premium, organic and export tea brands
Top earning	Senior tasters and blenders can earn above ₹2,00,000 per month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in flavours and aromas of food and drink
- Love for nature, farming and plantations
- Enjoy minute observation and comparison

ABILITIES

- Sharp attention to fine detail
- Excellent sense of taste and smell
- Ability to work independently with patience

KEY SKILLS

- Knowledge of tea varieties and grading
- Sensory evaluation and analysis
- Blending and flavour balancing
- Quality control and record keeping

- Understanding of market and auction pricing
- Report writing and communication skills

4 How to get there

- 1 After Class 10, complete Class 12 with Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology).
- 2 Do a B.Sc. in Agriculture/Horticulture/Botany/Food Science; in Rajasthan admission is through JET.
- 3 Complete a certificate/diploma in tea tasting or tea management (Kolkata, Darjeeling, Bengaluru etc.).
- 4 Join a tea company or estate as a trainee taster and practise tasting many cups daily.
- 5 For growth, you may do an M.Sc. or a PG in plantation management.

MAIN EXAMS

- Rajasthan JET for agriculture UG admission
- CUET-UG for central university admission
- ICAR AIEEA all-India exam for agricultural universities

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- श्री कर्ण नरेन्द्र कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, जोबनेर — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- असम कृषि विश्वविद्यालय — Jorhat, Assam (<https://www.aau.ac.in/>)
- तमिलनाडु कृषि विश्वविद्यालय — Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- उत्तर बंगा कृषि विश्वविद्यालय — Cooch Behar, West Bengal
- इंडियन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ प्लांटेशन मैनेजमेंट — Bengaluru, Karnataka

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- बिड़ला इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ प्यूचरिस्टिक स्टडीज — Kolkata, West Bengal
- दिप्रास इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ प्रोफेशनल स्टडीज — Kolkata, West Bengal
- एशियन स्कूल ऑफ टी — Darjeeling, West Bengal

ONLINE

- इग्नू - कृषि व खाद्य सुरक्षा से जुड़े कोर्स — Distance learning (<https://www.ignou.ac.in/>)
- स्वयं पोर्टल - खाद्य विज्ञान कोर्स — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)

FEES

Tea tasting certificate courses cost about ₹24,000-1,00,000; B.Sc. in a government college costs about ₹10,000-40,000 per year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- राजस्थान उच्च शिक्षा विभाग छात्रवृत्ति (<https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- बडी4स्टडी छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (<https://www.buddy4study.com/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Tea companies, tea estates, blending units, auction centres and export firms.

WORK CULTURE

Not a desk job; you taste many cups a day and may supervise estate workers. Six days a week with eight to nine hour days is common.

WHO HIRES

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| • Tata Consumer Products | • Hindustan Unilever tea brands |
| • Wagh Bakri Tea Group | • Goodricke Group |
| • McLeod Russel | • Specialty tea startups and exporters |

DEMAND (2026)

India is among the world's largest tea producers; the growing premium, green and organic tea market keeps steady demand for skilled tasters.

7 Career growth

- 1 Trainee tea taster
- 2 Tea taster
- 3 Senior taster / blender
- 4 Quality head / plantation manager

EARNINGS

Starting	₹20,000-30,000
Mid level	₹45,000-90,000
Senior level	₹1,00,000-2,00,000+

Monthly earnings depend on experience, company and specialisation; reputed blenders can earn very high packages.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A niche, respected skill with low competition
- Chance to travel and work close to nature
- Earnings grow fast with experience

The challenges

- Most jobs are in tea regions of Assam, Bengal and South India
- Strict lifestyle discipline needed to protect taste and smell
- Modest starting pay and long training

9 Real-life journeys

Snigdha Manchanda

Certified tea sommelier and founder of Tea Trunk

India's first certified tea sommelier, Snigdha trained under a Japanese tea master in Sri Lanka and launched her own brand Tea Trunk in 2013.

Travel + Leisure Asia · <https://www.travelandleisureasia.com/in/people/interview-with-snigdha-manchanda/>

Rajiv Lochan

Tea expert and founder of Lochan Tea

Working with tea since 1974, Rajiv founded Lochan Tea in 1991 and built the Doke tea garden in Bihar on land people said could never grow tea.

Tea Happiness · <http://www.tea-happiness.com/2015/02/spotlight-rajiv-lochan-doke-tea-garden.html>

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