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Anthropologists scientifically study human beings, their cultures, communities and evolution. Through fieldwork, interviews and excavation they inform research, policy and museums.



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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

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (any stream) + bachelor's and master's in anthropology
Work mode	Fieldwork plus lab/office; long research trips
Demand	Moderate - growing in research, UX/market research and development
Top earning	₹1.8 lakh+/month at professor/senior researcher level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Curiosity about different cultures and communities
- Interest in history, society and human evolution
- Interest in talking to and observing people

ABILITIES

- Close attention to detail
- Patient, analytical thinking
- Skilled communication and listening

KEY SKILLS

- Ethnography and fieldwork methods
- Qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- Sensitivity to local languages and cultures
- Interview and survey techniques
- Research writing and publication
- Basics of photo/video documentation

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in any stream (arts preferred).
- 2 Do a BA/BSc in anthropology.
- 3 Pursue an MA/MSc in anthropology; fieldwork is a core part.
- 4 Clear UGC NET/JRF and do a PhD.
- 5 Apply to the Anthropological Survey of India, research institutes or NGOs.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- UGC NET/JRF in anthropology
- UPSC civil services - anthropology is a popular optional

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- University of Delhi (Dept of Anthropology) — Delhi
- Panjab University — Chandigarh
- North-Eastern Hill University — Shillong, Meghalaya
- Guru Ghasidas Central University — Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- NIMS University — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- St. Xavier's College — Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Ashoka University — Sonapat, Haryana

ONLINE

- IGNOU (M.A. Anthropology, distance) — Distance education

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹12,000 to ₹1,00,000 per year; much lower at government universities and IGNOU.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Anthropological Survey of India, universities, museums, NGOs, publishing houses and research projects.

WORK CULTURE

Office and lab work with long fieldwork; may involve weeks living with remote communities. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) | • Universities and research institutes |
| • Tribal welfare departments and government projects | • International bodies like UNICEF and WHO |
| • UX/market research companies | • Museums and NGOs |

DEMAND (2026)

Opportunities for anthropologists are growing in 2026 due to tribal development, health research and ethnographic user research in companies.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research intern/Field investigator
- 2 Anthropologist (cultural/physical)
- 3 Senior anthropologist/Assistant professor
- 4 Head of department/Professor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹22,000-35,000
Mid level	₹40,000-80,000
Senior level	₹90,000-1,80,000

Government research bodies and universities offer good pay scales; corporate user research can pay faster-growing salaries.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Unique experience of knowing cultures up close
- Research creates real impact on policy and communities
- Also useful as a UPSC optional subject

The challenges

- Long, tough fieldwork in remote areas
- Permanent research posts are limited and competitive
- Modest income in early years

9 Real-life journeys

Triloknath Pandit

Former director, Anthropological Survey of India - anthropologist who made friendly contact with the Sentinelese

Kashmir-born Triloknath Pandit worked for decades at the Anthropological Survey of India and led the first friendly contact expeditions to the Sentinelese of the Andamans in 1991.

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

Madhumala Chattopadhyay

Anthropologist - first woman to make friendly contact with the Sentinelese

From an ordinary Bengali family, Madhumala Chattopadhyay became a researcher at the Anthropological Survey of India and in 1991 made history as the first woman to peacefully contact the Sentinelese.

ThePrint · <https://theprint.in/opinion/madhumala-chattopadhyay-the-woman-who-made-the-sentinelese-put-their-arrows-down/156330/>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Political Scientist
- Criminologist
- Museologist

11 Sources & further reading

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2. National Career Service portal — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>
4. NIRF institute rankings — <https://www.nirfindia.org>
5. Vidya Lakshmi education loan portal — <https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>



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