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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

Minimum qualification	Class 12 + degree in history/archaeology + master's/PG diploma in archaeology
Work mode	Field during excavation season; research and writing otherwise
Demand	Moderate - steady openings in ASI, state departments and heritage projects
Top earning	₹2 lakh+/month at superintending archaeologist/professor level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Curiosity about historic monuments and the past
- Deep interest in discovery and research
- Like working outdoors

ABILITIES

- Fine observation and attention to detail
- Physical stamina and teamwork
- Patient, systematic research ability

KEY SKILLS

- Scientific methods of excavation and survey
- Understanding stratigraphy and dating
- Identifying pottery, tools and artefacts
- Basics of mapping, photography and GIS

- Documentation and report writing
- Basic principles of conservation

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in arts; take history.
- 2 Do a bachelor's in history or archaeology.
- 3 Do a master's in ancient history/archaeology.
- 4 Take the PG diploma at ASI's Institute of Archaeology for hands-on excavation training.
- 5 Gain field experience on university or ASI excavations.
- 6 Aim for ASI, the state archaeology department, or a PhD for research.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- Entrance test for the ASI Institute of Archaeology PG diploma
- UGC-NET (History/Archaeology) for research and teaching
- RPSC for posts in the Rajasthan archaeology department

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan (History & Indian Culture) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Jai Narain Vyas University — Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Institute of Archaeology (ASI) — Delhi/Greater Noida
- The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda — Vadodara, Gujarat
- Banaras Hindu University (AIHC & Archaeology) — Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth — Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute — Pune, Maharashtra

ONLINE

- IGNOU (MA History) — Distance education

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹2,000 to ₹1,50,000; very low at government universities and IGNOU. Varies by institute.

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

ASI, state archaeology departments, museums, universities, heritage bodies and the culture ministry.

WORK CULTURE

Camp at dig sites in winter, lab and writing in summer; dusty, sunny but exciting work. Independent projects are possible too. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Archaeological Survey of India | • Rajasthan Department of Archaeology & Museums |
| • National and state museums | • Universities and research institutes |
| • INTACH and heritage conservation bodies | • Heritage tourism and museum consultancies |

DEMAND (2026)

Government pushes on new excavations, monument conservation and museum modernisation offer steady openings for trained archaeologists in 2026.

7 Career growth

- 1 Excavation intern/research assistant
- 2 Assistant archaeologist
- 3 Deputy superintending archaeologist
- 4 Superintending archaeologist/professor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹25,000-45,000
Mid level	₹50,000-1,00,000
Senior level	₹1,20,000-2,00,000

Regular government pay scales in ASI/state departments; early years often depend on fellowships and project stipends.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- The thrill of discovering history, and travel
- Stability and prestige of government posts
- Varied paths in research, teaching and heritage

The challenges

- Limited posts; selection can take time
- Tough field life at remote sites
- Irregular income in the early years

9 Real-life journeys

K. K. Muhammed

Former regional director, Archaeological Survey of India - Padma Shri

From a modest Kerala family, K. K. Muhammed became an ASI archaeologist and restored over 80 Bateshwar temples in dacoit-hit Chambal, earning the Padma Shri in 2019.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K._K._Muhammed

Disha Ahluwalia

Young archaeologist - researcher of Harappan sites

Disha Ahluwalia began digging at the Binjor Harappan site in Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district; today she is a PhD researcher whose columns take archaeology to young readers.

History Literature Festival · <https://historylitfest.com/Speakers/disha-ahluwalia/>

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

1. Rajasthan Career Guidance portal - official career page — <https://cg.rajasthan.gov.in/careerguidance/hi/career/archaeologist-%e0%a4%aa%e0%a5%81%e0%a4%b0%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%a4%e0%a4%a4%e0%a5%8d%e0%a4%a4%e0%a5%8d%e0%a4%b5%e0%a4%b5%e0%a5%87%e0%a4%a4%e0%a5%8d%e0%a4%a4%e0%a4%be/>
2. Archaeological Survey of India - official website — <https://asi.nic.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>



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