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करियर शीट · CAREER SHEET

## कला इतिहासकार

Art historians study the history and styles of painting, sculpture and architecture. They research, curate and teach at museums, art galleries, auction houses, publishers and universities.



### 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

Art historians study the history and styles of painting, sculpture and architecture. They research, curate and teach at museums, art galleries, auction houses, publishers and universities.

## 2 At a glance

|                       |                                                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimum qualification | Class 12 (arts) + bachelor's in fine arts/art history, then M.A.     |
| Work mode             | Museums, galleries and academia; research travel too                 |
| Demand                | Niche - India's art market, museums and cultural tourism are growing |
| Top earning           | ₹1.5 lakh+/month at professor/senior curator level                   |

## 3 What you need

### INTERESTS

- Interest in art, painting and cultural heritage
- Love visiting museums and exhibitions
- Passion for uncovering history and stories

### ABILITIES

- Creative and curious mind
- Good communication skills and teamwork
- Good analytical and research skills

### KEY SKILLS

- Identifying art styles, periods and artists
- Understanding of exhibition curation
- Presentation and public-speaking skills
- Research and academic writing
- Basics of art conservation
- Knowledge of a classical or foreign language helps

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## 4 How to get there

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- 1 Complete Class 12 in the arts stream.
- 2 Do a B.F.A. or B.A. in art history/social sciences.
- 3 Pursue an M.A. in art history; add a Ph.D. for research careers.
- 4 Or take a P.G. diploma in museology and history of Indian art.
- 5 Start with internships at a museum or gallery.
- 6 Clear UGC-NET for teaching positions.

### MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- UGC-NET (history/fine arts) for lecturer posts

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## 5 Where to study

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### GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Rajasthan School of Art — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- University of Rajasthan (Drawing & Painting) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Indian Institute of Crafts and Design (IICD) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Faculty of Visual Arts, Banaras Hindu University — Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Jamia Millia Islamia (Faculty of Fine Arts) — New Delhi
- College of Art, University of Delhi — New Delhi

### PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Symbiosis International University — Pune, Maharashtra
- Manipal Academy of Higher Education — Manipal, Karnataka

### ONLINE

- IGNOU (distance programmes in arts) — Distance education

### FEES

Course fees roughly ₹3,000 to ₹1,50,000; lower in government institutes. 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**

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**WHERE YOU WORK**

Museums, art galleries, auction houses, government libraries, publishers and academic institutions.

**WORK CULTURE**

8-9 hours a day, 5-6 days a week; busier during exhibitions. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

**WHO HIRES**

- National Museum and state museums (Albert Hall, Jaipur)
- Universities and art colleges
- Art publishers and journals
- Art galleries and auction houses
- Archaeological Survey of India and Ministry of Culture
- Cultural trusts and foundations

**DEMAND (2026)**

With India's growing art market, new museums and cultural tourism, demand for curators and art historians is rising in 2026.

**7 Career growth**

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- 1 Trainee
- 2 Art historian/Assistant curator
- 3 Senior art historian/Curator
- 4 Lecturer to professor (academic path)

## EARNINGS

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|--------------|------------------|
| Starting     | ₹18,000-25,000   |
| Mid level    | ₹35,000-70,000   |
| Senior level | ₹80,000-1,50,000 |

Starting pay is modest; income rises well in university posts (UGC pay scales) and senior curator roles.

## 8 The good parts · The challenges

### The good parts

- Creative work amid art and culture
- Varied opportunities - research, travel, exhibitions
- Dual career paths of teaching and curation

### The challenges

- Low starting pay and limited posts
- Long study path - M.A./Ph.D. for senior roles
- Big opportunities are mostly in metros

## 9 Real-life journeys

### B. N. Goswamy

**Eminent art historian - scholar of Pahari miniature painting**

Born in Sargodha in undivided Punjab, B. N. Goswamy left the civil services for art history and became a world authority on Indian miniature painting, earning the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

Wikipedia · [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B.\\_N.\\_Goswamy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B._N._Goswamy)

### Alka Pande

**Art historian and curator, India Habitat Centre**

Kolkata-born Alka Pande earned a Ph.D. in art history, curated Indian art shows from Paris to Vienna, wrote about 15 books and received the French honour Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres.

Wikipedia · [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alka\\_Pande](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alka_Pande)

## 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/art-historian-%e0%a4%95%e0%a4%b2%e0%a4%be-%e0%a4%87%e0%a4%a4%e0%a4%bf%e0%a4%b9%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b8%e0%a4%95%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b0/>
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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