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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 Translator is a language specialist who carries written material from one language into another while keeping the meaning, tone and style of the original — books, stories, legal and government documents, websites, apps, games, and film/OTT subtitles. Where an interpreter converts spoken words orally on the spot, a translator works mostly on written text, calmly and with dictionaries and references. With today's booming digital content, the localisation industry and OTT subtitling, demand for skilled translators in Hindi, English, Rajasthani and foreign languages is rising fast.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	After Class 12, strong command of two languages; a degree/translation diploma is better
Course duration	Diploma 6 months–1 year; degree 3 years; MA Translation 2 years
Starting salary	₹15,000–25,000/month (freelance also paid per word)
Work mode	Job or freelance; mostly written, computer-based

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in languages, words, reading and writing
- Curiosity to understand different cultures and literatures
- Enjoy detailed, patient, independent work

ABILITIES

- Excellent command of at least two languages
- Sense for conveying meaning and nuance with the right word choice
- Concentration, patience and skill at researching dictionaries/references

KEY SKILLS

- Reading the source language and producing accurate, natural translation in the target language
- Knowledge of subject-specific (legal, medical, technical, literary) terminology
- Subtitling/localisation software and time-coding
- Coordinating with clients/publishers and maintaining confidentiality
- Mastery of grammar, spelling, punctuation and proofreading
- CAT tools (e.g. Trados, MemoQ) and machine-translation post-editing
- Research, time management and meeting deadlines

4 How to get there

- 1 In school, build strong command over two languages (e.g. Hindi-English, or Rajasthani/Sanskrit/a foreign language) and read widely.
- 2 After Class 12, do a BA in a language/literature or take a diploma/certificate in translation.
- 3 Choose a specialisation — literary, legal, technical, medical, subtitling or localisation.
- 4 Learn CAT tools and build a portfolio with small sample translations.
- 5 Start work/internships on freelance platforms, with publishers, translation agencies or a government translation department.
- 6 Advance to an MA (Translation Studies) or NTM/CIIL training to become an expert translator/reviser.

MAIN EXAMS

- UGC-NET (a language/literature subject) — for teaching and research
- Foreign-language proficiency exams (e.g. JLPT, DELF, Goethe) for the relevant language pair
- NTM/CIIL translation training and certification programmes

5 Where to study**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES**

- राजस्थान विश्वविद्यालय - भाषा विभाग — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय अनुवाद मिशन (NTM), केंद्रीय भारतीय भाषा संस्थान — Mysuru (All-India) (<http://www.ntm.org.in/>)

- अंग्रेज़ी एवं विदेशी भाषा विश्वविद्यालय (EFLU) – अनुवाद अध्ययन विभाग — Hyderabad (https://www.efluniversity.ac.in/translation_studies.php)
- जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय (JNU) – भाषा, साहित्य एवं संस्कृति अध्ययन संस्थान — New Delhi

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- भारतीय विद्या भवन – विदेशी भाषा एवं अनुवाद पाठ्यक्रम — Jaipur / many cities (<https://www.bhavans.info/>)
- सिम्बायोसिस इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ़ फ़ॉरेन एंड इंडियन लैंग्वेजेज़ (SIFIL) — Pune

ONLINE

- SWAYAM – अनुवाद एवं भाषा पाठ्यक्रम — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- NTM ई-लर्निंग एवं यूट्यूब कक्षाएँ — Online (<https://www.youtube.com/@nationaltranslationmissionciil/videos>)

FEES

At government universities (University of Rajasthan, JNU, EFLU) BA/MA fees are very low — often ₹5,000–20,000 per year — and many NTM/CIIL trainings are free or nominally priced. Private translation/foreign-language diplomas can cost roughly ₹15,000–1,00,000, depending on the language and level.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- SJE राजस्थान छात्रवृत्ति (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study – भाषा/मानविकी छात्रवृत्तियाँ (<https://www.buddy4study.com/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Publishing houses, news and media organisations, translation and localisation agencies, OTT/subtitling companies, government translation departments and courts, and freelancing from home.

WORK CULTURE

Work is mainly on a computer, solitary and deadline-driven. Salaried roles usually follow office hours, while freelancers set their own schedule. The profession offers good scope for working from home and flexibility, making it suitable for persons with disabilities and for women too.

WHO HIRES

- Publishing houses and literary/academic publishers
- OTT platforms and subtitling/dubbing studios
- Media, news agencies and advertising companies
- Translation and localisation companies (LSPs)
- Government translation departments, Official Language departments, Parliament and courts
- IT/software firms (UI and documentation localisation) and freelance platforms

DEMAND (2026)

The growth of digital content, e-commerce, gaming and OTT has sharply raised demand for translators in localisation and subtitling — services like Netflix and Amazon Prime commission heavy work in Hindi and regional languages. With machine translation and AI, 'post-editing' (improving AI translation) has become a major new opportunity. Literary translation has also gained fresh recognition through prizes like the International Booker, raising both the prestige of and opportunities for skilled translators of Indian languages.

7 Career growth

- 1 Junior Translator / Translation Trainee
- 2 Translator
- 3 Senior Translator / Reviser
- 4 Translation Project Manager / Language Lead or independent expert translator

EARNINGS

Starting	₹15,000–25,000/माह
Mid level	₹30,000–50,000/माह
Senior level	₹60,000–1,00,000+/माह

Per Indeed (2026), a translator in India earns on average about ₹26,671/month, while in cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai and in senior roles it can exceed ₹50,000–75,000/month. Freelance translators charge per word/per page, so rare language pairs and specialisation (legal, medical, technical) pay considerably more. Literary translation can add royalties and prize money.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Flexibility to work from home and freelance; satisfying for language lovers
- Fast-growing demand in localisation, OTT and AI post-editing
- High income in specialisation/rare languages and scope for international recognition

The challenges

- Income can be unstable early on; freelance workflow is up and down
- Tight deadlines and long, focused hours at the screen
- Competition from machine translation; continuous upskilling is essential

9 Real-life journeys

Deepa Bhasthi

Translator — 'Heart Lamp' (Kannada to English), winner of the International Booker Prize 2025

A writer-translator from Kodagu district in Karnataka, Deepa Bhasthi translated Banu Mushtaq's Kannada short-story collection into English as 'Heart Lamp', which won the prestigious International Booker Prize 2025 — the first short-story collection and the first Kannada work ever to win. In her translation she deliberately kept the rhythm and idiom of Kannada alive in English. Her success shows that written translation is not merely swapping words but a creative art that can carry the voice of Indian languages to the whole world.

The Booker Prizes · <https://thebookerprizes.com/media-centre/press-releases/heart-lamp-wins-the-international-booker-prize-2025>

N. Kalyan Raman

Tamil-to-English literary translator; translator of Perumal Murugan's 'Pyre'

Chennai-based N. Kalyan Raman is one of India's foremost literary translators, who — after starting in a corporate career — made bringing Tamil literature into English his life's work. He has translated many Tamil novels and stories, including Perumal Murugan's 'Pyre', which was longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2023. He says a translator works from within the original text. His journey shows that with dedication and love of language, written translation can become a respected and lasting career.

Scroll.in · <https://scroll.in/article/899292/only-a-fraction-of-worthy-modern-tamil-books-have-been-translated-says-n-kalyan-raman>

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.

- Interpreter
- Dubbing Artist / Voice Actor
- Lexicographer

11 Sources & further reading

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