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A cameraperson operates a film or video camera to capture footage for films and TV shows, working with a camera crew or independently.



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	Degree in Film/Mass Media or diploma in Photo/Videography
Starting salary	₹18,000–30,000/month
Work area	Film, TV & ad production sets
Key skill	Camera operation & framing

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Creativity and visual art
- Working in teams
- Gadgets and camera technology

ABILITIES

- Creative attitude
- Comfortable working in groups
- Attention to detail

KEY SKILLS

- Camera operation and lens knowledge
- Understanding of video editing
- Team coordination
- Lighting and composition (framing)
- Stability and camera-movement techniques
- New technology (drones, digital cameras)

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 in any stream
- 2 Do a bachelor's (B.Sc.) in Mass Media/Film Studies/Filmmaking
- 3 Or take a diploma in Photography and Videography
- 4 Master's in Mass Communication/Film Studies (optional)
- 5 Gain experience as an assistant cameraman on sets

MAIN EXAMS

- FTII/SRFTI entrance exam
- University/institute-level entrance test

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- भारतीय फिल्म और टेलीविजन संस्थान (FTII) — Pune
- सत्यजीत रे फिल्म व टेलीविजन संस्थान (SRFTI) — Kolkata
- सरकारी फिल्म व टेलीविजन संस्थान — Bangalore
- राष्ट्रीय डिज़ाइन संस्थान (NID) — Ahmedabad

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- व्हिस्लिंग वुड्स इंटरनेशनल — Mumbai
- एशियन एकेडमी ऑफ फिल्म एंड टेलीविजन (AAFT) — Noida
- क्राफ्ट फिल्म स्कूल — New Delhi
- एल.वी. प्रसाद फिल्म व टीवी अकादमी — Chennai

ONLINE

- NPTEL स्वयम — Online/Distance (<https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in>)
- यूडेमी - वीडियोग्राफी कोर्स — Online/Distance (<https://www.udemy.com/topic/videograph/>)
- इग्नू (इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय) — Online/Distance (<https://www.ignou.ac.in>)

FEES

Course fees range from about ₹44,000 to ₹24,00,000. Government institutes (FTII/SRFTI) are relatively affordable.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- विद्यालक्ष्मी शिक्षा ऋण (Vidya Lakshmi) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Film/ad/TV production sets and media houses. Rajasthan (Jaipur, Udaipur, Jaisalmer) is a major film-shooting location.

WORK CULTURE

Working hours depend on the shoot, usually 8–9 hours a day. Travel to outdoor locations and ample self-employment opportunities.

WHO HIRES

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|---|--------------------------------|
| • Film production houses (Bollywood/regional) | • TV channels and news media |
| • Advertising and digital content agencies | • OTT and web-series producers |
| • Wedding & event film companies (Rajasthan) | • Independent/freelance work |

DEMAND (2026)

The growth of OTT, web series and digital content is rapidly increasing demand for skilled camerapersons. Rajasthan offers strong film-shooting opportunities.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Cameraman
- 2 Movie Cameraman
- 3 Head Camera Operator
- 4 Cinematographer (Director of Photography)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹18,000–30,000
Mid level	₹40,000–80,000
Senior level	₹1,50,000+

Figures are per month and indicative; they vary with project, experience and city.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Creative visual expression
- Varied locations and meeting people
- Freelance and self-business opportunities

The challenges

- Irregular and long hours
- Heavy equipment and physical effort
- Unstable income early on

9 Real-life journeys

संतोष सिवन

Cinematographer & Director

Santosh Sivan is a founding member of the Indian Society of Cinematographers and one of India's most respected cinematographers. FTII-trained, he has shot over 45 feature films and many documentaries, won five National Awards, and received the Padma Shri in 2014.

MovieCrow · <https://www.moviecrow.com/interviews/91/interview-with-santhosh-sivan>

बी.आर. विजयलक्ष्मी

Cinematographer (India's first woman cinematographer)

B. R. Vijayalakshmi is regarded as the first woman cinematographer in India, and in Asia. In the 1980s she took up the camera in Tamil cinema, breaking ground in a male-dominated field and shooting several films.

Scroll.in · <https://scroll.in/reel/1019362/meet-br-vijayalakshmi-the-trailblazing-woman-with-the-movie-camera>

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.

- VFX Editor
- Animator
- Journalist

11 Sources & further reading

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3. NPTEL SWAYAM — <https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in>
4. PayScale Cameraman Salary — <https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Job=Cameraman/Salary>



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