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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/diploma in Fine Arts/Animation
Duration	1–4 years
Avg. salary	₹20,000–1,50,000/month
Work mode	Studio, freelance

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in sketching and drawing
- Awareness of society and current affairs
- A sense of humour and satire

ABILITIES

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Expressing ideas through drawing
- A good sense of humour

KEY SKILLS

- Drawing and sketching
- Digital tools (Photoshop, Procreate)
- Colour and composition
- Caricature and character design
- Story and dialogue writing
- Working to deadlines

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass 10+2 in any stream.

- 2 Complete a Bachelor's in Fine Arts/Animation or a related field.
- 3 Optionally do a Master's in the same field.
- 4 Or take a diploma in Animation/Cartooning.
- 5 Build a portfolio and publish in newspapers or on digital platforms.

MAIN EXAMS

- NIFT/NID entrance exam (design)
- UCEED / university entrance test

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan — Jaipur (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in>)
- Jamia Millia Islamia — New Delhi (<https://www.jmi.ac.in>)
- NIFT — New Delhi (<https://www.nift.ac.in>)
- Government College of Art — Chandigarh

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- NIMS University — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Indian Institute of Cartoonists — Bengaluru
- ZICA (Zee Institute of Creative Art) — Mumbai

ONLINE

- SWAYAM (Animation) — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?searchText=animation>)
- Udemy - Animation — Online (<https://www.udemy.com/topic/animation/>)
- Coursera - Animation — Online (<https://in.coursera.org/courses?query=animation>)

FEES

Course fees are roughly ₹32,900–94,000 and vary by institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://www.scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi (Education Loan) (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Newspapers, magazines, publishing houses, gaming and animation companies, and studios.

WORK CULTURE

Mostly in an office or studio; freelance and contract work is common with heavy computer use. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- Newspapers and magazines
- Gaming companies
- Advertising agencies
- Animation studios
- Digital and social-media platforms
- Freelance / independent work

DEMAND (2026)

The rise of digital media, web-comics and animation has expanded new, flexible opportunities for cartoonists and illustrators in 2026.

7 Career growth

- 1 Junior Cartoonist/Illustrator
- 2 Cartoonist
- 3 Senior Cartoonist
- 4 Independent Artist / Art Director

EARNINGS

Starting	₹20,000
Mid level	₹50,000
Senior level	₹1,50,000+

Experienced, popular cartoonists can earn much more freelancing; income depends on work and reach.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Creative freedom and self-expression
- Freelance and work-from-home possible
- Few formal barriers—talent matters most

The challenges

- Uncertain income at the start
- Pressure of tight deadlines
- Risk of criticism on sensitive topics

9 Real-life journeys

Sudhir Tailang

Acclaimed Political Cartoonist (Padma Shri)

Born in Bikaner, Rajasthan, Sudhir Tailang published his first cartoon at just 10. He went on to become a leading political cartoonist for papers like The Times of India, Hindustan Times and Deccan Chronicle, and was honoured with the Padma Shri.

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

Kanika Mishra

Digital Cartoonist, 'Karnika Kahen'

Kanika Mishra did her post-graduation in Fine Arts from Lucknow College of Arts and Crafts. Her creation 'Karnika Kahen' is an everywoman who comments on social issues. One of India's most popular cartoonists, she works mainly through digital platforms.

Feminism in India · <https://feminisminindia.com/2015/03/17/kanika-mishra-spearheading-indias-first-cartoon-woman-karnika-kahen/>

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