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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

Min qualification	12th/graduation for officer; 10th/12th for soldier
Work mode	Full-time, field postings, disciplined life
Demand (2026)	Steady government intake; highly competitive
Top earning	₹2.5 lakh/month+ (General ranks)

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Patriotism and national service
- Leadership and teamwork
- Adventure and physical activity

ABILITIES

- High physical fitness and stamina
- Discipline and mental toughness
- Quick decision-making under pressure

KEY SKILLS

- Physical fitness and running
- Handling weapons and equipment
- Teamwork and communication
- Stress management
- Leadership and following orders
- Situational awareness and tactics
- Map reading and navigation

4 How to get there

- 1 After Class 10: study at a Sainik School/RIMC to build a foundation for officer entry
- 2 After Class 12 (PCM/any stream): take the NDA exam to become an officer in the three services
- 3 After Class 12: Army Technical Entry Scheme (TES) for engineering officer entry
- 4 After Class 10/12: Agniveer (soldier) recruitment via the Agnipath scheme
- 5 After graduation: CDS exam for officer entry to IMA/OTA/Naval/Air Force Academy
- 6 After graduation: AFCAT for Air Force officer, or CAPF via SSC/UPSC for paramilitary

MAIN EXAMS

- NDA & Naval Academy Examination (UPSC)
- AFCAT (Air Force Common Admission Test)
- SSB interview and medical examination
- CDS (Combined Defence Services Exam, UPSC)
- Agniveer recruitment exam (Army/Navy/Air Force)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Sainik School, Chittorgarh — Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sainik_School,_Chittorgarh)
- National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla — Khadakwasla, Pune
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_academies_in_India)
- Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun — Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai — Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal — Dundigal, Hyderabad
- Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun — Dehradun, Uttarakhand

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Defence coaching academies (NDA/CDS/AFCAT preparation) — Jaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar (Rajasthan)

ONLINE

- SSBCrack (SSB and defence exam prep) — Online (<https://www.ssbcrack.com/>)

FEES

Sainik School fees are moderate with scholarships for weaker sections. At academies like NDA/IMA cadet training is largely government-funded and cadets receive a stipend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sainik School Fee Reimbursement/Scholarship Scheme
- PM Scholarship Scheme for wards of ex-servicemen (KSB) (<https://ksb.gov.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Border areas, field units, cantonments, ships and air stations; postings across the country and in tough high-altitude terrain.

WORK CULTURE

A culture of strict discipline, hierarchy, teamwork and honour; demanding conditions but deep pride and camaraderie.

WHO HIRES

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| • Indian Army | • Indian Navy |
| • Indian Air Force | • Paramilitary forces (CRPF, BSF, ITBP, CISF) |
| • Territorial Army | • Indian Coast Guard |

DEMAND (2026)

The forces recruit steadily each year and the job is secure and respected, but selection is extremely competitive and physical-medical standards are strict.

7 Career growth

- 1 Officer: Lieutenant → Captain → Major → Lt Colonel → Colonel → Brigadier → General ranks
- 2 Soldier: Agniveer → Sepoy → Naik → Havildar → Subedar → Subedar Major

EARNINGS

Starting	₹30,000–₹56,100/माह
Mid level	₹1,00,000–₹1,50,000/माह
Senior level	₹2,00,000–₹2,50,000/माह

Agniveers earn about ₹30,000/month (in-hand ~₹21,000) in year 1 rising to ₹40,000/month by year 4, plus a ~₹11.71 lakh Seva Nidhi on exit. Officers start as Lieutenant at Pay Level 10 (~₹56,100 + ₹15,500 Military Service Pay); with allowances, housing, medical and pension.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Pride of serving the nation and high social respect
- Job security with housing, medical care and pension benefits
- Leadership, discipline and an adventurous life experience

The challenges

- Strict physical-medical standards and highly competitive selection
- Postings away from family, in tough and risky conditions
- Risk to life and heavy demands of discipline

9 Real-life journeys

Squadron Leader Mohana Singh Jitarwal

IAF fighter pilot — first woman to fly the Tejas jet

Born in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, Mohana Singh became one of India's first three women fighter pilots in 2016 and the first woman to fly the Tejas fighter jet. She was honoured with the Nari Shakti Puraskar.

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

Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, PVC

Army officer — Param Vir Chakra (posthumous)

Born in Banasar, Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Major Shaitan Singh led his company with extraordinary courage at Rezang La in the 1962 war. For his sacrifice he was awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest gallantry honour.

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

Captain Priya Jhingan**First woman cadet to join the Indian Army**

Priya Jhingan made history as 'Lady Cadet No. 1', commissioned in 1993 and serving in the Judge Advocate General branch. She became a strong advocate for women's rights in the armed forces.

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

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