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1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	No degree required; top in-game rank, continue Class 10/12
Work mode	Bootcamp/home online practice, live events
Demand	Growing fast, but very few seats
Top earning	₹2 lakh+/month (top pros + streaming); near zero at the start

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Competitive gaming and strategy
- Technology and online content
- Coordinating with a team

ABILITIES

- Fast reflexes and hand-eye coordination
- Discipline for hours of focused practice
- Patience to learn from losses

KEY SKILLS

- Mastery of one game (BGMI/Valorant)
- Strategy, map knowledge and game sense
- Team communication (calling/in-game leading)
- Streaming and video content creation
- Building a social media brand
- Managing physical and mental fitness

4 How to get there

- 1 While continuing studies, reach top rank (leaderboard) in one game with limited hours.
- 2 Play online open tournaments and college/school esports competitions.
- 3 Use your gameplay clips to join scrim teams and smaller organisations.
- 4 Play qualifiers of big circuits like BGMS/VCT.
- 5 Build a second income through streaming/content alongside.
- 6 Even after a pro contract, keep your studies/backup plan alive.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राजकीय विद्यालय/महाविद्यालय (पढ़ाई साथ रखें) — Across Rajasthan

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- ई-स्पोर्ट्स अकादमियाँ व गेमिंग संस्थान (कोर्स वैकल्पिक) — Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru
- गेमिंग कैफ़े/बूटकैम्प (अभ्यास) — Big cities including Jaipur

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- इन-गेम रैंक सिस्टम व ऑनलाइन टूर्नामेंट प्लेटफ़ॉर्म — Online

FEES

No degree needed; a good phone/PC and internet cost ₹30,000-1,50,000 upfront; optional academy courses ₹20,000-1,00,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (पढ़ाई हेतु) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Team bootcamps (Mumbai/Delhi/Bengaluru), online from home, LAN event arenas

WORK CULTURE

6-10 hours of daily practice and scrims, late-night sessions; young team culture but a short (typically ages 17-25), high-pressure career.

WHO HIRES

- Esports organisations like S8UL, GodLike, Soul
- Global Esports, Velocity Gaming
- Tournament organisers (NODWIN Gaming, Skyesports)
- Streaming platforms (YouTube etc.)
- Gaming brands (sponsorships)
- Coaching/casting/event roles (later)

DEMAND (2026)

Esports got government recognition in India in 2022 and a path to the Asian Games and Olympic Esports; the industry is growing but full-time pro seats number only a few hundred.

7 Career growth

- 1 Ranked grinder / local tournament player
- 2 Semi-pro (small org/scrim team)
- 3 Pro team player (salary + prize share)
- 4 Star player/captain + streamer
- 5 Coach, caster, content creator or org owner

EARNINGS

Starting	₹0-15,000/माह
Mid level	₹25,000-1,00,000/माह
Senior level	₹2,00,000+/माह

Income is very unequal - salary, prize money, streaming and sponsorships combined; most players never reach even mid level. Figures are indicative for 2026.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A chance to turn passion into a career in a fast-growing industry
- Entry on talent, without a degree
- Multiple income streams via streaming/content

The challenges

- Highly uncertain - very few players earn well
- Short career; shocks like game bans (BGMI ban of 2022)
- Health and studies can suffer from long screen time

9 Real-life journeys

Naman Mathur (Mortal)

Pro gamer and co-founder, S8UL Esports

Naman Mathur 'Mortal', from a middle-class Mumbai family, represented India as a PUBG Mobile pro and co-founded S8UL Esports. Through hard work and consistent content he became one of the biggest faces of Indian gaming with millions of followers.

Esports Awards · <https://esportsawards.com/how-mortal-went-from-pubg-mobile-pro-to-megastar-influencer-with-s8ul/>

Saloni Pawar (Meow16K)

Pro Valorant player and streamer

Saloni Pawar 'Meow16K' started with Counter-Strike after her brother's challenge and rose among India's leading women Valorant players. Fighting trolling and bias, she aims to represent India in VCT Game Changers and pushes more girls into gaming.

Gameffine · <https://www.gameffine.com/in-conversation-with-saloni-pawar-girlgamer-meow16k/>

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