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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

An Airline Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Operator drives the specialised vehicles and equipment used to service aircraft on the airport 'airside' (runway and apron area) — such as pushback tugs/tractors, baggage belt loaders, container/pallet loaders, ground power units, water and lavatory service trucks, and air-start units. The job is to help aircraft depart safely and on time while keeping airside traffic safe. It is a career that starts with a short NSQF Level-4 training after Class 10, and offers steady employment with ground-handling companies in India's fast-growing aviation sector.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 10 pass + age 18 (NSQF Level 4)
Work mode	Shift-based job at airports
Demand	Growing — new airports and flights
Starting salary	₹13,000–18,000/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in vehicles, machines and the airport environment
- Likes safety-driven, responsible work
- Enjoys working to tight timings in a fast-paced team

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and agility
- Attention to detail and constant safety awareness
- Ability to follow clear instructions accurately and quickly

KEY SKILLS

- Safe operation of ground support vehicles and equipment
- Knowledge of pushback, loading and servicing procedures
- Coordinating with the team via radio/hand signals
- Teamwork and discipline
- Understanding of airside safety rules and markings
- Basic equipment checks and maintenance (pre-use inspection)
- Time management and staying calm under pressure

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 10 and reach the age of 18.
- 2 Enrol in NSQF Level-4 training at an NSDC/JSS/NIOS centre or a recognised aviation ground-handling institute.
- 3 Do hands-on driving and equipment-operation training; a valid licence (incl. heavy vehicle where needed) is useful.
- 4 Obtain basic airside safety, fire-safety and airport-security (AVSEC) clearances/certificates.
- 5 Apply for handyman/GSE-operator roles with ground-handling companies (AISATS, Celebi, Bird, Menzies-Bhadra) or airlines.
- 6 With experience, progress from operator to supervisor (NSQF Level 5).

MAIN EXAMS

- There is no traditional entrance exam; training ends with an NSQF/Sector Skill Council skill assessment, and employers require an airside driving permit and AVSEC clearance.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम (NSDC) – प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोजें — All-India network (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)
- जन शिक्षण संस्थान (JSS) — Various districts of Rajasthan (<https://nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre-jss/>)
- एनआईओएस व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र — Online / locate nearest centre (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)

- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rsldc/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- AISATS एविेशन एकेडमी (एयर इंडिया सैट्स) — Bengaluru / major airports (<https://www.aisats.in/academy>)
- फ्रैंकफिन इंस्टीट्यूट – एयरपोर्ट ग्राउंड स्टाफ कोर्स — Centres across India, including Jaipur (<https://www.frankfinn.com/courses/airport-ground-services>)

ONLINE

- स्किल इंडिया डिजिटल हब — Online (<https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in/>)
- एनएसडीसी – प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोजें — Online (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)

FEES

Under most government schemes (NSDC, JSS, NIOS, RSLDC) this training is free or very low-cost. Private aviation ground-staff courses (e.g. Frankfinn) can cost roughly ₹40,000–1,20,000 depending on the institute and duration — always check fees and the placement record before enrolling.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/onlineInstituteSearchIndex>)
- Buddy4Study – ITI/Vocational Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Airports (airside/apron), aviation ground-handling companies, and airline ground-operations departments.

WORK CULTURE

Typically 8–9 hours a day, 5–6 days a week; shift duty (morning/evening/night) and overtime are common as airports run 24×7. Work is outdoors in all weather with strict safety discipline. Some roles in this field also offer opportunities for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air India SATS (AISATS) and Air India Airport Services (AIASL) Bird Group and Menzies-Bhadra (Bhadra International) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebi Aviation Ground Handling Ground-operations departments of IndiGo, SpiceJet and Akasa Air |
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- Airports operated by GMR and Adani (airport operators)
- Airports Authority of India (AAI), AIAL and defence airfields
- Cargo and air-freight handling companies

DEMAND (2026)

India's aviation sector is one of the fastest-growing markets in the world — new airports (under the UDAN scheme), rising flight numbers and large aircraft orders keep demand for ground-handling staff and GSE operators growing steadily. In Rajasthan, expansion at Jaipur plus Kishangarh, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Bikaner airports is adding local opportunities.

7 Career growth

- 1 Handyman / Trainee
- 2 GSE Operator
- 3 Senior Operator / Ramp Lead
- 4 Supervisor / Ground Operations Supervisor (NSQF Level 5)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹13,000–18,000/माह
Mid level	₹20,000–30,000/माह
Senior level	₹35,000–45,000+/माह

The government NCS lists a GSE-operator starting salary of roughly ₹13,300–15,000/month. Industry sources (aero.edu.in and similar) put airport ground-staff entry pay at about ₹15,000–40,000/month, and supervisory/load-control roles can exceed ₹45,000/month. Actual pay depends on the company, airport and experience.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Quick entry after Class 10 and steady demand in a growing aviation industry
- Work in an exciting airport environment with clear paths to grow
- Progression to supervisor/ground-operations roles with experience

The challenges

- 24×7 shifts, night duty and outdoor work in all weather
- High-safety-pressure work — even a small lapse can be risky
- Relatively low starting pay and physically demanding work

9 Real-life journeys

Pampa Mahanta

Airline Operations Leader (Akasa Air), Kolkata Airport

Raised in Guwahati, Pampa Mahanta began her aviation career as a customer-service trainee — one of the most entry-level airport ground jobs. After years of hard work and experience, she is today an Airline Operations Leader for Akasa Air at Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. Her journey shows how someone who starts in a ground-level airport role can rise all the way to operations leadership.

Aviation JETA (International Women's Day feature) · <https://aviationjeta.com/international-womens-day-women-indian-aviation/>

Kumari Pallavi

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, IndiGo (Bengaluru)

Raised in Jharkhand, Kumari Pallavi was drawn to aircraft flying overhead from childhood. She completed aircraft-maintenance training and today works as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer with IndiGo in Bengaluru, doing the responsible job of clearing aircraft as safe and ready to fly. She says, 'Watching that aircraft taxi and take off felt like seeing years of perseverance take flight.' Her journey in aviation's ground-technical side is an inspiration for girls from smaller towns.

Aviation JETA (International Women's Day feature) · <https://aviationjeta.com/international-womens-day-women-indian-aviation/>

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