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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 Assistant Carpenter helps a master carpenter through the entire process of making wood furniture — cutting and shaping timber, joining parts to build cupboards, beds and sofas, and keeping the workshop's tools clean and in working order. It is a hands-on, creative trade, and a solid entry point into India's fast-growing modular furniture and interior fit-out industry.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 18 (NSQF Level 3)
Course duration	About 6 months – 1 year
Starting salary	₹9,000–12,000/month
Work mode	Workshop/factory job or self-employment

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in hands-on woodworking and building things
- An eye for design and neat finishing
- Patience to work carefully and precisely

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and agility
- Attention to detail and safety while working
- Ability to follow instructions accurately

KEY SKILLS

- Measuring, marking and cutting wood
- Shaping and joining wood parts (joinery)
- Safe use of hand tools and power tools
- Sanding, polishing and finishing work
- Maintenance of tools and machines
- Reading and understanding basic furniture designs/drawings
- Ability to work well within a team

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and reach the age of 18.
- 2 Enrol in the NSQF Level 3 'Assistant Carpenter – Wood Furniture' course at an NSDC/JSS/ITI centre.
- 3 Do hands-on training or apprenticeship under a master carpenter in a workshop or furniture factory.
- 4 Practise safe use of saws, planers, drills and other tools.
- 5 With experience, progress from assistant to a full carpenter role.
- 6 In Rajasthan, RSLDC/PMKVY centres also offer training and placement support.

MAIN EXAMS

- NCVT/NSDC trade assessment and certification exam

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम (NSDC) — 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/>)
- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rsldc/>)
- एनआईओएस व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र — Online / locate nearest centre (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Hettich Poddar Wood Working Institute (HPWWI) — Faridabad, Haryana (<https://hettichwoodworkinginstitute.com/>)
- Career Point Institute of Skill Development (RSLDC Partner) — Kota, Rajasthan (<http://www.cpsid.in/collaboration/rsldc.asp>)

ONLINE

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

FEES

Under most government schemes (NSDC, JSS, RSLDC) this course is free or very low-cost. Specialised courses at private woodworking institutes (like HPWWI) can cost roughly ₹5,000–25,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Furniture agencies, woodwork workshops, furniture showrooms and furniture manufacturing factories.

WORK CULTURE

Typically 5-6 days a week, 8-9 hours a day; shift duty and overtime are common. The work is physically active and often done in teams at a workshop or site. This field also offers opportunities for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Furniture manufacturing companies and workshops | • Modular furniture and interior fit-out firms |
| • Real estate and interior design companies | • Furniture showrooms and dealerships |
| • Construction agencies | • Self-employment through one's own carpentry workshop |
| • Indian Railways (RRB ITI/technical-trade recruitment, railway workshops) | • Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Military Engineer Services (MES) |
| • Agniveer scheme (Army technical/tradesman, Navy, Air Force) | |

DEMAND (2026)

India's modular furniture, real estate and interior design sectors are expanding fast, keeping demand for trained carpenters steady. A shortage of skilled carpenters has pushed companies like Hettich and the Skill India Mission to scale up training significantly.

7 Career growth

- 1 Helper
- 2 Assistant Carpenter – Wood Furniture
- 3 Carpenter – Wood Furniture
- 4 Workshop Supervisor / Own business

EARNINGS

Starting	₹9,000–12,000/माह
Mid level	₹15,000–22,000/माह
Senior level	₹25,000–40,000+/माह

Per Indeed, a Carpenter Helper/Assistant Carpenter earns roughly ₹12,000–23,570/month in India. Experienced carpenters and those running their own workshop can earn considerably more — as Priti Hinge's story shows, where monthly income has grown to about ₹30,000.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Creative satisfaction of building something with your hands
- Steady demand in the growing furniture and interior industry
- A path to starting your own workshop after gaining experience

The challenges

- Physically demanding and repetitive work
- Risk of injury from tools and machines
- Income can be uncertain early on, especially in freelance work

9 Real-life journeys

Priti Ajay Hinge

Carpenter and furniture maker, owner of her own workshop

Priti Ajay Hinge, from Wathoda village in Maharashtra, is the only woman carpenter in her village. She learned the trade by watching her father work as a child, and made and sold her first cupboard at age 20. In 2014 she pawned her gold jewellery to open her first workshop, where she was initially the only woman assistant carpenter. After completing a business-development workshop under the Skill India-linked NIESBUD programme, she now earns about ₹30,000 a month, employs a carpenter to assist her, and dreams of opening a bigger showroom. She says there is no such thing as 'men's work' or 'women's work' — anyone who works hard can succeed.

YourStory · <https://yourstory.com/socialstory/2022/04/woman-successful-entrepreneur-village-monday-motivation>

Satish Kumar

Assembler, Universal Pride Interiors Pvt Ltd

Satish Kumar had only learned traditional solid-wood carpentry in his earlier academic training. Through hands-on training at the Hettich Poddar Wood Working Institute (HPWWI), he learned to work with modern furniture materials like MDF, particle board and block board. That extra skill set helped him land a job as an Assembler at Universal Pride Interiors, where he now builds modern modular furniture.

Hettich Woodworking Institute · <https://hettichwoodworkinginstitute.com/testimonials/>

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