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1 About this career

An E-Waste Collector gathers old and discarded electronic products — mobiles, computers, TVs, fridges and batteries — from homes, shops, repair outlets and offices, segregates and packs them, and delivers them to authorised recycling units. They handle packing, labelling, transport and record-keeping (logs) of the e-waste and spread awareness about safe disposal. This is a 'green job' and part of the circular economy — it protects the environment from pollution and helps recover valuable metals like gold, copper and aluminium. Thanks to the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 and EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), demand for this work is rising fast in India.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 18 (NSQF Level 3)
Course duration	About 2–4 months
Starting salary	₹12,000–18,000/month
Work mode	Field collection + warehouse/recycling unit

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- A strong interest in the environment and cleanliness
- Curiosity about electronic goods and their parts
- Enjoy meeting people, persuading them and working in a team

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina for handling loads
- Good communication skills and a trustworthy nature
- Attention to safety rules and careful handling

KEY SKILLS

- Collecting e-waste from homes, shops and offices
- Safe packing, labelling and transport
- Following PPE (gloves, mask) and safety protocols
- Creating awareness about correct disposal
- Sorting and segregating e-waste by category
- Maintaining records/logs of quantity, weight and dispatch
- Basic understanding of E-Waste Rules and EPR

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and be at least 18 years old.
- 2 Enrol in an E-Waste Collector / Dismantling & Segregation course (NSQF Level 3) at an NSDC/ESSCI or Skill Council for Green Jobs centre.
- 3 Get hands-on training in e-waste identification, sorting, safety and PPE.
- 4 Gain field experience with an authorised recycler or EPR aggregator.
- 5 After certification, grow from collector to segregator/dismantler and on to supervisor or your own collection business.

MAIN EXAMS

- ESSCI / Skill Council for Green Jobs trade assessment and certification exam

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

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

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) — All-India / accredited centres (<https://www.essci-india.org/>)
- Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ) — All-India / Noida (<https://sscjj.in/>)

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, ESSCI, SCGJ, RSLDC, PMKVY) this course is free or very low-cost. At some private institutes, e-waste / green-skill courses can cost roughly ₹3,000–15,000.

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

Authorised e-waste recycling companies, EPR aggregators, collection centres, kabadi/scrap dealer networks, municipal sanitation programmes and electronics brands' take-back campaigns.

WORK CULTURE

Typically 6 days a week, 8–9 hours a day. Part of the work is in the field (moving around for collection) and part is sorting at a warehouse/unit. Safety gear like gloves and masks is essential. The sector also offers growing opportunities for women and informal kabadi workers to move into formal employment.

WHO HIRES

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| • Attero Recycling – a major Indian e-waste and lithium-battery recycler | • Eco Recycling Ltd (Ecoreco) – an authorised e-waste recycler |
| • Karo Sambhav – an EPR and take-back/aggregation network | • Recyclekaro – an e-waste and battery recycling company |
| • Electronics brands' producer take-back programmes and EPR aggregators | • Municipal bodies and collection centres under Swachh Bharat |

DEMAND (2026)

India is among the world's largest generators of e-waste, and the volume is rising rapidly each year. Under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 and EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), electronics companies must now take back old products and route them to authorised recyclers. This is creating large numbers of green jobs in formal e-waste collection and segregation, and the sector will grow even faster in the coming years.

7 Career growth

- 1 E-Waste Collector
- 2 E-Waste Segregator / Dismantler
- 3 Recycling Unit Supervisor
- 4 Own collection / aggregation business

EARNINGS

Starting	₹12,000–18,000/माह
Mid level	₹20,000–30,000/माह
Senior level	₹35,000–60,000+/माह

Per SalaryExpert, average pay for such collection work in India is around ₹20,000/month. Informal kabadi work pays less and is uncertain, whereas joining an authorised recycler or EPR network brings steady wages, safety gear and progression. Becoming a supervisor or building your own collection business raises income considerably. (2026 estimates; subject to change)

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A meaningful 'green job' that protects the environment and is in fast-rising demand
- Can start with basic schooling (Class 8) and can even build your own collection business
- Stable employment opportunities with organised recyclers thanks to EPR rules

The challenges

- Informal breaking/burning of e-waste exposes workers to toxic substances like lead and mercury — always work with an authorised unit and PPE (gloves/masks)
- Heat, dust, heavy lifting and long hours in the field
- Income can be limited and sometimes irregular at the entry level

9 Real-life journeys

Suhaib Malik

Third-generation scrap aggregator turned e-waste businessman, Mustafabad (Delhi)

Suhaib Malik of Mustafabad, Delhi, is a third-generation scrap aggregator — his father and grandfather traded in scrap iron for decades. In 2018 he ventured into the then-unknown but promising e-waste sector and, by partnering with Karo Sambhav, adopted 'responsible recycling'. Now a truck collects his e-waste in bar-coded sacks every two weeks and carries it to certified recyclers. He says, "We no longer need to break keyboards; we hand them over as they are" — sparing his workers the harmful labour of toxic waste while improving both his business and finances. His story shows how one can move from informal kabadi work to formal, safe and dignified e-waste recycling.

Microsoft News (Source Asia) · <https://news.microsoft.com/source/asia/features/karo-sambhav-responsible-e-waste-recycling-india/>

Suman More

Waste picker turned Chairperson of SWaCH Cooperative, Pune

Suman More of Pune was once a waste picker collecting rubbish from streets and homes, her work neither recognised nor respected. By organising, she and thousands of fellow women built the SWaCH cooperative, which collects and segregates household dry and wet waste (including electronic and other recyclables) door to door. Today Suman is the cooperative's Chairperson and raises workers' voices even at international forums. Her journey inspires every girl and woman who wants to build a dignified, self-reliant career in the waste-management and recycling sector.

International Labour Organization (ILO) · <https://www.ilo.org/resource/article/interview-suman-more-solid-waste-collection-and-handling-swach>

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