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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

A General Housekeeper is responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of homes, offices and other facilities. They sweep, mop, dust, and clean floors, windows, bathrooms and common areas, use cleaning agents and equipment safely and correctly, and keep the premises tidy and hygienic. Unlike hotel guest-room work, this is domestic and facility housekeeping, which one can enter after passing Class 8 and reaching age 14. With rising urbanisation, apartments, offices and the facility-management industry, demand for this role stays steady.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 14 (NSQF Level 3)
Course duration	About 2–4 months
Starting salary	₹8,000–14,000/month
Work mode	Cleaning work at homes/offices/facilities

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in keeping spaces clean and organised
- A desire to help people and give trustworthy service
- Enjoy hands-on physical work

ABILITIES

- Physical fitness and stamina
- Ability to follow instructions and finish work on time
- Awareness of basic safety and hygiene rules

KEY SKILLS

- Sweeping, mopping, dusting and cleaning floors and windows
- Correct, safe use of cleaning agents, chemicals and equipment

- Maintaining hygiene of bathrooms, kitchens and common areas
- Time management and completing assigned tasks systematically
- Waste handling and proper disposal of refuse
- Good conduct, communication skills and a trustworthy nature

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and reach at least 14 years of age.
- 2 Enrol in the NSQF Level 3 'General Housekeeper' course at an NSDC / Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC)-affiliated centre.
- 3 In training, learn safety, hygiene, cleaning methods and life skills; obtain the certificate.
- 4 In Rajasthan, RSLDC/PMKVY centres offer free training and placement support.
- 5 Start work in homes, apartments, offices or a facility-management company and grow with experience.

MAIN EXAMS

- DWSSC/NSDC General Housekeeper skill assessment and certification

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

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

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC) – General Housekeeper QP — All-India / New Delhi (https://dwsscindia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/DWC_General-Housekeeper_Q0102_v3.0.pdf)
- NSDC – General Housekeeper Qualification — All-India (<https://nsdcindia.org/general-housekeeper>)

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, RSLDC, PMKVY) the General Housekeeper course is free. At private training institutes, housekeeping/cleaning 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

Homes, apartments and societies, offices, hospitals, schools and colleges, malls, and facility-management companies; home-service platforms also provide work.

WORK CULTURE

This is physical work. Usually 5–6 days a week; hours can be flexible in domestic work, while facility/company jobs involve shift duty and sometimes overtime. This field also offers opportunities for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Facility-management companies (e.g. Sodexo, ISS, BVG India) | • Home-service platforms (e.g. Urban Company, BookMyBai) |
| • Households and homeowners (as domestic help/housekeeper) | • Apartments, housing societies and residential complexes |
| • Offices, hospitals, schools/colleges and malls | • Cleaning/housekeeping service agencies and contractors |

DEMAND (2026)

With the rapid rise of apartments, offices and commercial buildings in cities, the facility-management and home-service industries recruit housekeepers in large numbers. Demand for domestic help stays steady in dual-income households, and trained, certified housekeepers get better pay and more reliable jobs.

7 Career growth

- 1 General Housekeeper
- 2 Housekeeping Supervisor
- 3 Facility-Services Team Lead
- 4 Own Cleaning-Services Agency

EARNINGS

Starting	₹8,000–14,000/माह
Mid level	₹15,000–22,000/माह
Senior level	₹25,000–40,000+/माह

Per Indeed (2026), a housekeeper in India earns on average about ₹13,942/month, and a senior housekeeper about ₹21,571/month. Becoming a supervisor or facility team lead, and starting one's own cleaning agency, raises income considerably.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- Entry from Class 8 and age 14; quick employment with little formal study
- Steady demand and job stability in cities
- A path to grow into supervisor and one's own cleaning agency with experience

The challenges

- Physically demanding work with long hours on one's feet
- Pay can be limited at the entry level
- Exposure to cleaning chemicals and weather/shift conditions

9 Real-life journeys

Anupam Sinhal

Co-founder, BookMyBai (India's online marketplace for domestic help/housekeepers)

Anupam Sinhal used his experience in blue-collar staffing to launch BookMyBai, India's online marketplace connecting maids, housekeepers, cooks and caretakers with homes. Earlier, 'fly-by-night' agencies would take an advance and vanish; Anupam's team brought trust and professionalism to this unorganised work through video interviews and background verification. His story shows how even domestic housekeeping, often seen as ordinary, can be organised to link thousands of housekeepers to dignified employment.

YourStory · <https://yourstory.com/2015/05/bookmybai>

Geeta Menon

Co-founder, Stree Jagruti Samiti & Domestic Workers Rights Union (domestic-workers' leader), Bengaluru

Geeta Menon is a well-known feminist activist and domestic-workers' leader. She co-founded Stree Jagruti Samiti in 1988 and organised housekeepers and domestic helpers, campaigning to secure them rights such as minimum wage, identity cards, skill training, overtime pay and paid leave. Under her leadership the collective grew to over a thousand members and spread across several Karnataka districts and into Uttar Pradesh. Her story shows that dignity, rights and collective strength can be built even in housekeeping and domestic cleaning work.

Deccan Herald · <https://www.deccanherald.com/content/173609/campaigning-dignity-labour.html>

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