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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 Mason (Stone) is the craftsperson who cuts, dresses, shapes, lays and polishes natural stones such as sandstone, marble, granite and limestone according to set standards and designs. They build stone walls, foundations, flooring, arches, door-frames and heritage structures, packing lime/cement mortar to make the joints strong. In Rajasthan — with its Jodhpur red sandstone, Makrana marble and a centuries-old tradition of building forts and havelis in stone — skilled stone masons are always in demand. Unlike brick-laying or tiling, this is a craft focused specifically on working with stone.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 18 (NSQF Level 4)
Course duration	About 3–6 months (or 1-year ITI)
Starting salary	₹12,000–16,000/month
Work mode	Full-time/daily-wage skilled work at construction sites

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in building and carving things from stone
- A liking for hands-on, physically active craft work
- Enthusiasm for building together in a team

ABILITIES

- Being physically fit and strong
- Good hand-eye coordination and a sense of measurement
- Ability to judge stone, level and plumb accurately

KEY SKILLS

- Cutting, dressing and shaping stone
- Checking alignment and level using plumb, spirit level and string line
- Finishing and polishing marble/granite surfaces
- Safe use of tools and site safety
- Mixing lime/cement mortar, laying stone and pointing joints
- Building stone walls, foundations, arches and flooring
- Reading drawings and working to measurements

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and reach the age of 18.
- 2 Enrol in the NSQF Level 4 'Mason (Stone)' course at an NSDC/CSDCI/PMKVY centre.
- 3 Or take the 'Mason (Building Constructor)' trade at an ITI and specialise in stonework.
- 4 Gain hands-on experience as a helper under an experienced stone mason.
- 5 Sharpen skills by practising cutting, dressing and laying of sandstone/marble.
- 6 In Rajasthan, use RSLDC/PMKVY centres for training and placement support.

MAIN EXAMS

- CSDCI/NSDC Mason (Stone) 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 incl. Rajasthan (<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

- Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI) — All-India / New Delhi (<https://www.csdcindia.org/>)
- Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) — All-India / New Delhi (<https://www.cidc.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, JSS, RSLDC, PMKVY) the Mason (Stone) course is free or very low-cost. ITI annual fees are also very low (roughly ₹1,000–7,000).

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

Construction agencies, builders, stone quarries and yards, heritage/temple construction, haveli-fort restoration, and local building sites.

WORK CULTURE

Usually 6 days a week, 8–9 hours a day; overtime is common. The work is mostly outdoors amid sun, dust and stone particles, so masks, gloves and safety gear are important. This field also offers some opportunities for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Construction and infrastructure companies and builders | • Stone and marble quarries, processing units and stone yards (Kishangarh, Makrana, Jodhpur) |
| • Heritage/temple and fort-haveli conservation and restoration agencies | • CPWD, Rajasthan PWD and municipal corporations |
| • Real estate developers and landscape/garden construction firms | • Stone-work contractors and self-employment (own business) |

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan is India's largest stone-producing state — Jodhpur sandstone, Makrana marble and the Kishangarh marble hub are famous across India and abroad. Skilled stone masons are constantly needed for restoring forts, havelis and temples and for new stone-based buildings. Urbanisation, heritage tourism and sandstone exports make this craft a source of steady employment and good daily wages.

7 Career growth

- 1 Stone Mason Helper / Mason Level-2
- 2 Mason (Stone) Level-3
- 3 Skilled Marble, Granite and Stone Mason
- 4 Mason Level-5 / Head Mason
- 5 Construction Supervisor
- 6 Site Manager / Stone-work Contractor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹12,000–16,000/माह
Mid level	₹18,000–28,000/माह
Senior level	₹30,000–50,000+/माह

Per Indeed (Feb 2026), a mason in India earns about ₹25,000/month on average, while the government NCS figure for an entry stone mason is ₹19,500–21,000/month. With growing skill and experience — especially in marble/granite finishing, or as a head mason or stone contractor — income rises considerably. Pay varies by daily-wage rate and city.

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

- An always-in-demand craft in Rajasthan's stone-building tradition
- Chance to become a head mason or start one's own contracting business
- Good daily wages and respect through skill, even without higher education

The challenges

- Hard physical labour in a hot, dusty environment
- Health risk from stone dust — safety gear is essential
- In daily-wage work, income depends on season and projects

9 Real-life journeys

Pratyush Kumar Dalabehera

Bricklaying Gold Medallist at IndiaSkills 2024, Odisha

Pratyush Kumar Dalabehera from Odisha worked hard at the bricklaying craft and won the gold medal in the Bricklaying skill at the national IndiaSkills 2024 competition, earning a place in India's skill team. His story shows that when construction crafts like stone and masonry are learned with seriousness and discipline, even a modest start can lead to national recognition and a strong career — whether the route is stone laying, marble finishing or becoming a head mason.

WorldSkills India / IndiaSkills 2024 · https://www.worldskillsindia.co.in/pdf/IndiaSkills_2024_WINNERS.pdf

Sr. Thresiamma Mathew

Founder of Archana Women's Centre, who trained ~2,500 women as masons

Sr. Thresiamma Mathew of Kottayam, Kerala opened the doors of construction — long seen as 'men's work' — to women. In 2004 she founded the Archana Women's Centre and has since trained about 2,500 poor women as skilled masons; the Centre's own main building was even constructed by these women masons. Her journey inspires girls in Rajasthan too who want to build self-reliant careers in stone laying, dressing and construction.

Global Sisters Report · <https://www.globalsistersreport.org/blog/q/equality/q-sr-thresiamma-mathew-bringing-gender-equality-through-masonry-49816>

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4. WageIndicator – Stonemasons/Stone Cutters Pay — <https://wageindicator.org/en-in/work-in-india/role-and-pay/india-stonemasons-stone-cutters-splitters-and/>
5. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>



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