

INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE

The Indian Foreign Service was established to handle political, commercial, consular and all other tasks overseas. As a career diplomat, the Foreign Service Officer is required to project India's interests, both at home and abroad on a wide variety of issues. These include bilateral political and economic cooperation, trade and investment promotion, cultural interaction, press and media liaison as well as a whole host of multilateral issues

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You are an ambitious person
- You like trying to help people solve their problems
- You are quick to take on new responsibilities

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **National Scholarship Portal** - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes offered by different departments, UGC/AICTE Schemes and State Schemes*
- Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI.
- Scholarships are also available in the institutes themselves based on merit.

*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)

LOANS

- VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA). Students can view, apply and track the education loan applications on the website.
- Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.
- All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in any stream
 2. Pursue Bachelor's in any subject
- OR
- Complete Bachelor's and follow it up with a Master's in any subject
3. Qualify the civil service exam held by the UPSC

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

The figures are indicative & subject to change

The approx. salary of an IFS officer ranges between **INR 60,000 - 2,24,000*** or more per month

Source: https://doe.gov.in/sites/default/files/7cpc_report_eng.pdf



WHERE WILL YOU WORK

Places of Work: IFS officers are posted in the embassies and consulates of India across the world.

Work Environment: You are likely to be posted in India or abroad. You will work in an office set up. You will handle a team of officials. It is a transferrable job. You are likely to work 5 to 6 days a week and 8 to 9 hours every day.

Opportunities for differently abled exist in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

India

Under Secretary → Deputy Secretary →
Counsellor Director → Joint Secretary →
Additional Secretary → Secretary

Overseas

Attaché / Third Secretary → Second/First
Secretary → First Secretary → Director →

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

Any recognized college in India

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Chonira Belliappa Muthamma was the first woman to pass the UPSC exam in 1949 and opt for the Indian Foreign Service. Born in Virajpet, Kodagu, she did her Bachelor's in English Literature from Women's Christian College in Chennai and Master's in the same from Presidency College, Chennai.*

Source: <https://starofmysore.com/a-toast-to-diplomats/>

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