DevOps Engineer Salary India 2026-2031 PDF

Self-reported PayScale data (777 profiles, updated 11 October 2026) puts the average DevOps Engineer base salary in India at about Rs 10.0 lakh a year. Freshers with under 1 year average about Rs 4.5 lakh total pay. PayScale shows mid-career DevOps engineers earning about 47% above the role average. Indeed India (225 salaries, updated 30 October 2026) shows an average base of about Rs 7.6 lakh.

Key takeaways

- PayScale (self-reported, 777 profiles, updated 11 October 2026): DevOps Engineer average base pay about Rs 10.0 lakh, typical range Rs 4.0 lakh to about Rs 30 lakh.
- Entry level (under 1 year) averages about Rs 4.5 lakh total pay (80 salaries), which PayScale shows as 55% below the role average.
- Indeed (225 salaries, October 2026) shows an average base of about Rs 7.6 lakh, with Noida and Gurgaon the top-paying cities.
- Solutions Architects average about Rs 28.9 lakh base on PayScale, a common long-term path for senior DevOps and cloud engineers.
- Kubernetes, AWS, Jenkins, Linux, Azure, Terraform and Python are the skills PayScale lists most for DevOps engineers.

How to read these numbers

Every salary in this report comes from a page we opened on PayScale India or Indeed India. Both are built from pay that people report themselves, and Indeed also uses job postings. So treat them as a guide.

- **Base pay vs total pay.** Base is your fixed salary. Total pay adds bonus and other cash. PayScale's experience-level figures are total pay.
- **The average hides a wide spread.** DevOps has very few true fresher roles. Many people move into DevOps after a few years in support, testing or development, which pulls the average up.
- **Sample size.** We give it each time. Small samples can swing a lot.
- **Your offer will differ** by company, city, cloud certifications and interview performance.

We tried to open AmbitionBox and Glassdoor pages, but they blocked access, so no numbers from those sites are used.

DevOps engineer salary by experience

Experience	Average pay (per year)	Based on	Source
Fresher (under 1 year)	Rs 4.5 lakh (total pay)	80 salaries	PayScale, DevOps Engineer
1 to 4 years	24% below the role average (rupee figure not shown)	not shown	PayScale, DevOps Engineer
5 to 9 years	47% above the role average (rupee figure not shown)	not shown	PayScale, DevOps Engineer
All levels (average base)	Rs 10.0 lakh	777 profiles	PayScale, DevOps Engineer
All levels (average base)	Rs 7.6 lakh	225 salaries	Indeed India, DevOps Engineer
Senior Software Engineer, 1 to 4 years	Rs 12.2 lakh (total pay)	984 salaries	PayScale, Senior Software Engineer

PayScale's typical base range is about **Rs 4.0 lakh to Rs 30 lakh** (10th to 90th percentile), one of the widest of any IT role. PayScale shows only percentages for the 1 to 4 and 5 to 9 year levels, so we do not turn them into rupee figures. What the data does show: freshers start well below the average, and pay rises steeply once you can run production systems on your own.

Salary by city

Indeed India (updated 30 October 2026) lists these top-paying cities. It does not give a sample size per city.

City	Average base pay (per year)
Noida	Rs 12.2 lakh
Gurgaon	Rs 10.0 lakh
Bengaluru	Rs 9.0 lakh
Kochi	Rs 8.7 lakh
Pune	Rs 8.1 lakh

PayScale also lists Pune, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai as main DevOps cities, without city pay figures. Many DevOps teams work remotely or hybrid, which can reduce city gaps.

Salary by company type

Product and software companies. Indeed's top-paying companies for DevOps engineers, based on job postings over the past 36 months, include Apar Technologies (about Rs 25 lakh), Epicor Software (about Rs 22.5 lakh), Pristyn Care (about Rs 22 lakh) and Broadcom (about Rs 20.3 lakh). These are mostly experienced roles.

IT services companies (mass hiring). These hire many freshers at fixed packages. Business Today (25 December 2025) reported Infosys packages of **Rs 7 lakh** for Digital Specialist Engineer trainees and **Rs 11 lakh, Rs 16 lakh and Rs 21 lakh** for Specialist Programmer L1, L2 and L3, with Infosys group CHRO Shaji Mathew confirming packages of up to Rs 21 lakh. EnggWave (21 March 2026) reported TCS NQT packages of **Rs 3.36 lakh** (Ninja), **Rs 7 lakh** (Digital) and **Rs 9 lakh** (Prime) for undergraduates. We could not open an official TCS notice, so confirm these on the TCS careers site. The higher bands need strong test scores and coding or AI skills.

IT services and enterprise employers. PayScale lists Amdocs, Wipro, Accenture, Amazon, SAP Labs India, IBM India, Infosys, HCL and Oracle among common DevOps employers, without pay for each. Many freshers start here in cloud support or build and release teams, then move into DevOps.

Skills that raise your pay

PayScale lists these as top DevOps skills: **Kubernetes, AWS, Jenkins, Linux, Azure, Chef, automation scripting, Terraform and Python**. PayScale does not show the pay effect of each skill, so use it as a checklist.

DevOps engineers who earn more usually:

- Know Linux and networking deeply
- Build CI/CD pipelines that teams trust
- Run containers on Kubernetes in production
- Write infrastructure as code with Terraform
- Set up monitoring and fix outages calmly
- Keep cloud bills under control

Next roles and their pay

Next role	Average base pay	Based on	Source
Senior Software Engineer	Rs 16.9 lakh	3,696 profiles (Oct 2026)	PayScale
Site Reliability Engineer	Rs 10.8 lakh	11 salaries (Sep 2026)	Indeed India
Security Engineer (DevSecOps path)	Rs 10.1 lakh	117 profiles (Apr 2026)	PayScale
Machine Learning Engineer (MLOps path)	Rs 10.2 lakh	232 profiles (Jul 2026)	PayScale
Solutions Architect	Rs 28.9 lakh	563 profiles (Oct 2026)	PayScale

The Site Reliability Engineer figure is based on only 11 salaries, so treat it with care. Solutions Architect pays the most but usually needs many years of experience.

How AI changes the DevOps role

AI tools can now write pipeline files, Terraform code and scripts in seconds. That makes basic scripting less rare, but it raises the value of people who understand systems.

- Naukri JobSpeak for October 2026 (via CareerIndia) showed AI/ML hiring up **32%** year on year, and the article mentions MLOps and CI/CD skills in AI teams. General software and QA hiring grew only 1%.
- Naukri's World AI Day Report 2026 (via Telangana Today) found AI skills in **15.4%** of tech job descriptions, up from 0.9% in 2020.
- NASSCOM (via Angel One News, February 2026) projected India's tech industry at **$315 billion** in FY26 with AI revenue of $10 to 12 billion and a headcount of 59.5 lakh.

AI systems need GPUs, data pipelines, model deployment and monitoring. DevOps engineers who learn MLOps and platform engineering will run this work. Engineers who only copy scripts will find AI doing that part.

Year by year: what to learn and expect

2026

Learn Linux, networking, Git and one cloud (AWS or Azure). Build a CI/CD pipeline for a small app. PayScale's entry average of about Rs 4.5 lakh is a fair benchmark for a first offer.

2027

In your first job, learn Docker, Kubernetes and monitoring tools. Take part in on-call and learn from real outages.

2028

Add Terraform and one cloud certification. Own a pipeline or environment end to end. This is a good time for a switch.

2029

Aim for senior DevOps or SRE work: reliability targets, cost control, security in pipelines. Pick a direction: platform engineering, DevSecOps or MLOps.

2030

WEF expects 39% of workers' existing skills to change by 2030. Learn to run AI workloads and use AI tools for automation and incident analysis.

2031

No source we opened publishes DevOps salary forecasts for 2031, so we do not give one. With about 5 years of hands-on cloud and Kubernetes work, you are best placed for senior DevOps, SRE, platform or cloud architect paths.

A 5-step plan for a student

1. **Master Linux and networking.** These are the base of every DevOps job.
2. **Learn one cloud well.** AWS or Azure. Deploy real apps, not only tutorials.
3. **Build pipelines and containers.** Git, Jenkins or GitHub Actions, Docker and Kubernetes.
4. **Show your work.** Put 2 or 3 projects on GitHub with clear notes, including Terraform code.

5. **Apply widely and compare.** Apply for cloud support, build and release, and junior DevOps roles. Compare offers with the PayScale and Indeed numbers in this report.

Frequently asked questions

What is the salary of a DevOps engineer fresher in India?

PayScale (self-reported, 80 salaries, updated October 2026) shows about Rs 4.5 lakh a year total pay for DevOps engineers with under 1 year of experience.

What is the average DevOps engineer salary in India?

PayScale shows about Rs 10.0 lakh average base pay (777 profiles). Indeed shows about Rs 7.6 lakh (225 salaries, October 2026).

Which city pays DevOps engineers the most?

Indeed India (October 2026) lists Noida first at about Rs 12.2 lakh, followed by Gurgaon, Bengaluru, Kochi and Pune.

Will AI replace DevOps engineers?

No source we opened says so. AI writes basic scripts, but AI systems themselves need cloud, deployment and monitoring work. MLOps and platform skills will matter more.

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