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Ranks are classified into:

1. Other Ranks / GD Soldiers:

- Sepoy
- Lance Naik
- Naik
- Havildar

2. Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs):

- Naib Subedar
- Subedar
- Subedar Major

3. Commissioned Officers:

- Lieutenant
- Captain
- Major
- Lieutenant Colonel
- Colonel
- Brigadier
- Major General
- Lieutenant General
- General

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- Field Marshal (Honorary)

Salary Structure (Approx. Monthly):

- Sepoy: INR 25,000 - 30,000
- Havildar: INR 35,000 - 40,000
- Naib Subedar: INR 45,000 - 50,000
- Subedar Major: INR 65,000 - 70,000
- Lieutenant: INR 68,000+
- Major: INR 1,00,000+
- General: INR 2,25,000+

Key Points:

- JCOs bridge the gap between soldiers and officers.
- Badges and insignia vary by rank: stars, stripes, Ashoka symbol.
- Rank progression is linked with experience, exams, and recommendations.
- Field Marshal is the highest honorary rank (rare).

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