

Important Awards in India



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Introduction to Important awards in India:

These important awards in India are given by authoritative institutions to celebrate the outstanding achievements or performances of individuals in their respective fields. The category of important awards in India comprises many awards covering fields like defense, medicine, cinema, sports, business, etc. Here we will talk about a few of them which are of utmost national pride:

1. Gallantry award
2. Civilian awards
3. National Sports awards
4. Dada saheb phalke award

Gallantry Award

The gallantry awards are of the utmost honor bestowed to the bravest of brave personnel of the defense forces. These are awarded to signify the courage shown by the warriors during difficult times.

The distribution of the gallantry awards along with their peculiar details is given below:

- Param Vir Chakra
- Mahavir Chakra
- Vir Chakra
- Ashok Chakra
- Kirti Chakra
- Shaurya Chakra

The Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, and Vir chakra were designed after independence. The gallantry awards are given twice a year on republic day and independence day. Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya chakra were designated in 1952. Colonel N. J. Nair is the only soldier to be awarded both the Kirti Chakra and the Ashok Chakra.

How are awardees selected?

The awardees are selected through the following process:

- The process starts with the name of the candidate provided by the unit to which personnel belongs.
- All the nominated candidates' names are presented to the supreme commanders at the headquarters of the force.
- The selection of the awardees is done on the combined recommendation of the defense forces and the ministry of defense.
- The list of awardees is finalized by the committee.

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Important Awards In India - Param Vir Chakra

Word 'Param' means 'Ultimate' and 'Vir' means 'Brave' which translates to the Ultimate Brave. It is the supreme gallantry award of our country. It is a wartime award given to persons who have shown extreme courage during wartime i.e. in presence of an enemy. The Param Vir chakra was designed by Savitri Khanolkar and the first recipient of the award was Major Somnath Sharma.



Features of Param Vir Chakra:

- It is a circular bronze disc of 34.9 mm in diameter.
- In the center of the front side of the award, the National Emblem of India is drawn. It is surrounded by vajra i.e. the weapon of Lord Indra.
- The motifs on the award represent the sacrifice of rishi Dadhich.
- Lotus flower is present on the reverse side of the award.
- The word 'Param Vir Chakra' is written in two languages i.e. Hindi and English.
- A ribbon of purple color holds the award.

Important Awards In India - Mahavir Chakra

This is the second-highest gallantry award known as the great warrior medal. It is awarded for valor in the presence of an enemy on the land, sea, or in the air.

Features of Mahavir Chakra

- It is circular in shape.
- Silver is the main component of the award.
- On the front side, a five-pointed star is inscribed on a circular center-piece with the emblem of India.
- On the backside, two lotus flowers are present on which the word 'Mahavir Chakra' is written.
- The words are written in two languages i.e. Hindi and English.

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Important Awards In India - Vir Chakra

This is the third-highest gallantry award. It is awarded for courage in the presence of an enemy on the battlefield.

Features of Vir Chakra

- It is circular in shape.
- Silver is the main component of the award.
- On the front side, a five-pointed star is inscribed on a circular center-piece with the emblem of India.
- On the backside, two lotus flowers are present on which the word 'Vir Chakra' is written.
- The words are written in two languages i.e. Hindi and English.

Important Awards In India - Ashok Chakra

This is the highest peacetime gallantry award meaning 'wheel of time'. It is awarded for courage away from the field or in absence of an enemy. The youngest recipient of the award was Ms. Neerja Bhanot. She was awarded the Ashok Chakra posthumously. The first awardee of this award was Flt. Lt. Suhas Biswas, an Indian Air Force officer.

Features of Ashok Chakra

- A wheel representing 24 spokes of the Ashok chakra.
- It is circular in shape.
- Each spoke in the wheel represents the 24 hours of the day.
- And the twenty-four principles like love, courage, sacrifice are also represented by these spokes.

Important Awards In India - Kirti Chakra

It is equivalent to Mahavir chakra but is a peacetime gallantry award. It can be awarded to both civilians or military officials living or posthumously. The front end of the medal possesses a replica of Ashoka Chakra in the center, surrounded by a lotus wreath. On the reverse side, the words KIRTI CHAKRA are written both in Hindi and English both separated by two lotus flowers

Features of Kirti Chakra

- It is circular in shape
- It is made of standard silver,
- one and three-eighth inches in diameter.
- It possesses a ribbon of 30 mm, dark green with two 2 mm saffron stripes. Dark green 8.5 mm, saffron 2 mm, dark green 9 mm, saffron 2 mm, dark green 8.5 mm.

Important Awards In India - Shaurya Chakra

It is the third-highest peacetime gallantry award. It can be awarded to civilians as well as Indian defense forces personnel.

Features of Shaurya Chakra

- It is circular in shape
- It is made up of bronze of 1-3/8 inches in diameter.
- A ribbon of green color divided into four equal parts by three orange vertical lines.

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Civilian Awards

These are the awards given to the people for their excellent performances and achievements in their respective fields. These awards are presented by the supreme authority of the country i.e. the President of India. On the eve of republic day, these awards are presented to be the winners. The civilian awards were introduced in the year 1954.

The following is the civilian awards:

1. Bharat Ratna
2. Padma Vibhushan
3. Padma Bhushan
4. Padma Shri

Important Awards In India - Bharat Ratna

This is the highest civilian award in the country. It was introduced on 2nd January 1954. It can be given to any citizen of the country irrespective of caste, race, position, occupation, or gender. The fields which are included in the list for the Bharat Ratna are Science, literature, arts, public services, and Sports. The first awardee of the Bharat Ratna was Dr. C V Raman in 1954.

Features of Bharat Ratna:

- It is of a Peepal leaf
- Made up of bronze
- It has a Sun emblem in the middle of the leaf.
- The words in the Bharat Ratna are written in Devanagari script.
- Also, possess the state emblem and motto.

Latest Awardee

The latest recipients of Bharat Ratna were Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh (Posthumously), and Bhupen Hazarika (Posthumously) in 2019.

Types of PADMA Awards:

PADMA Awards comprises of

- (i) PADMA Vibhushan
- (ii) PADMA Bhushan
- (iii) PADMA Shri

This year a total of 114 awardees were present in the list. Among that seven well-known celebrities have been chosen for Padma Vibhushan, 16 personalities for Padma Bhushan and 118 people for Padma Shri awards. The complete details of the PADMA Awards 2020 PDF Download have been given below.

PADMA Vibhushan Awardees 2020:

PADMA Awards was instituted on 02nd January 1954. It is the second-highest civilian honour of India is given for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by the government servants. The fields like arts, science and engineering, social work, sports, civil service, literature, and education, etc are awarded. The details regarding PADMA Vibhushan Awardees 2020 are given below.

S.No	Person	Field	State
1	George Fernandes (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar

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2	Arun Jaitley (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
3	Former Prime Minister of Mauritius - Anerood Jugnauth	Public Affairs	Mauritius
4	Smt. M.C. Mary Kom	Sports	Manipur
5	Shri Chhannulal Mishra	Arts	Uttar Pradesh
6	Smt. Sushma Swaraj (posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
7	Shri Vishveshateertha Swamiji Shri Pejavara Adhokhaja Matha Udupi (Posthumous)	Others Spiritualism	Karnataka

PADMA Bhushan Awardees 2020:

PADMA Awards was instituted on 02nd January 1954. It is the third-highest civilian honour of India. This award is given to recognize distinguished service of a high order to the nation. The fields like arts, science and engineering, social work, sports, civil service, literature, and education, etc are awarded. The details regarding PADMA Bhushan Awardees 2020 are given below.

S.No	Person	Field	State
1	M. Mumtaz Ali	Others Spiritualism	Kerala
2	Muazzam Ali (posthumously)	Public Affairs	Bangladesh
3	Muzaffar Hussain Baig	Public Affairs	Jammu & Kashmir
4	Ajay Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
5	Manoj Das	Literature & Education	Puducherry
6	Balakrishna Doshi	Architecture	Gujarat
7	Krishnammal Jagannathan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
8	Former Nagaland Chief Minister SC Jamir	Public Affairs	Nagaland
9	Uttarakhand's well-known environmentalist and social worker Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi	Social Work	Uttarakhand
10	Dr. Tsering Landol	Medicine	Ladakh
11	Eminent industrialist Anand Mahindra	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
12	Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala
13	Former Union Minister Manohar Parrikar (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Goa
14	Prof. Jagdish Seth	Literature & Education	USA
15	Olympian badminton player PV Sindhu	Sports	Telangana

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16	Industrialist Venu Srinivasan	Trade & Industry	Tamil Nadu
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S.No	Person	Field	State
1	Guru Shashadhar Acharya	Art	Jharkhand
2	Dr.Yogi Aeron	Medicine	Uttarakhand
3	Jai Prakash Agarwal	Trade and Industry	Delhi
4	Jagdish Lal Ahuja Social Work Punjab	Social Work	Punjab
5	Kazi Masum Akhtar	Literature and Education	West Bengal
6	Gloria Arieira	Literature and Education	Brazil
7	Khan Zaheer Khan Bakhtiyarkhan	Sports	Maharashtra
8	Padmavathy Bandopadhyay	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
9	Dr. Sushovan Banerjee	Medicine	West Bengal
10	Dr. Digambar Behera	Medicine	Chandigarh
11	Dr. Damayanti Beshara	Literature and Education	Odisha
12	Pawar Popatrao Bhaguji	Social Work	Maharashtra
13	Himmata Ram Bhambhu	Social Work	Rajasthan
14	Sanjeev Bikhchandani	Trade and Industry	Uttar Pradesh
15	Gafurbhai M. Bilakhia	Trade and Industry	Gujarat
16	Bob Blackman	Public Affairs	United Kingdom
17	Indira P. P. Bora	Art	Assam
18	Madan Singh Chauhan	Art	Chhattisgarh
19	Ms. Usha Chaumar	Social Work	Rajasthan
20	Shri Lil Bahadur Chettri	Literature and Education	Assam
21	Ms. Lalitha & Ms. Saroja Chidambaram (Duo)*	Art	Tamil Nadu
22	Dr. Vajira Chitrasena	Art	Sri Lanka
23	Dr. Purushottam Dadheech	Art	Madhya Pradesh
24	Shri Utsav Charan Das	Art	Odisha

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25	Prof. Indra Dassanayake (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Sri Lanka
26	Shri H. M. Desai	Literature and Education	Gujarat
27	Shri Manohar Devadoss	Art	Tamil Nadu
28	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Sports	Manipur
29	Ms. Lia Diskin	Social Work	Brazil
30	Shri M. P. Ganesh	Sports	Karnataka
31	Dr. Bangalore Gangadhar	Medicine	Karnataka
32	Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar	Science and Engineering	Maharashtra
33	Shri Barry Gardiner	Public Affairs	United Kingdom
34	Shri Chewang Motup Goba	Trade and Industry	Ladakh
35	Shri Bharat Goenka	Trade and Industry	Karnataka
36	Shri Yadla Gopal Rao	Art	Andhra Pradesh
37	Shri Mitrabhanu Gountia	Art	Odisha
38	Ms. Tulasi Gowda	Social Work	Karnataka
39	Shri Sujoy K. Guha	Science and Engineering	Bihar
40	Shri Harekala Hajabba	Social Work	Karnataka
41	Shri Enamul Haque	Others-Archaeology	Bangladesh
42	Shri Madhu Mansuri Hasmukh	Art	Jharkhand
43	Shri Abdul Jabbar (Posthumous)	Social Work	Madhya Pradesh
44	Shri Bimal Kumar Jain	Social Work	Bihar
45	Ms. Meenakshi Jain	Literature and Education	Delhi
46	Shri Nemnath Jain	Trade and Industry	Madhya Pradesh
47	Ms. Shanti Jain	Art	Bihar
48	Shri Sudhir Jain	Science and Engineering	Gujarat
49	Shri Benichandra Jamatia	Literature and Education	Tripura
50	Shri K. V. Sampath Kumar & Ms. Vidushi Jayalakshmi K.S. (Duo)*	Literature and Education-Journalism	Karnataka
51	Shri Karan Johar	Art	Maharashtra
52	Dr. Leela Joshi	Medicine	Madhya Pradesh

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53	Ms. Sarita Joshi	Art	Maharashtra
54	Shri C. Kamlova	Literature and Education	Mizoram
55	Dr. Ravi Kannan R.	Medicine	Assam
56	Ms. Ekta Kapoor	Art	Maharashtra
57	Shri Yazdi Naoshirwan Karanjia	Art	Gujarat
58	Shri Narayan J. Joshi Karayal	Literature and Education	Gujarat
59	Dr. Narindar Nath Khanna	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
60	Shri Naveen Khanna	Science and Engineering	Delhi
61	Shri S. P. Kothari	Literature and Education	USA
62	Shri V. K. Munusamy Krishnapakthar	Art	Puducherry
63	Shri M. K. Kunjol	Social Work	Kerala
64	Shri Manmohan Mahapatra (Posthumous)	Art	Odisha
65	Ustad Anwar Khan Mangniyar	Art	Rajasthan
66	Shri Kattungal Subramaniam Manilal	Science and Engineering	Kerala
67	Shri Munna Master	Art	Rajasthan
68	Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra	Literature and Education	Himachal Pradesh
69	Ms. Binapani Mohanty	Literature and Education	Odisha
70	Dr. Arunoday Mondal	Medicine	West Bengal
71	Dr. Prithwindra Mukherjee	Literature and Education	France
72	Shri Sathyanarayan Mundayoor	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh
73	Shri Manilal Nag	Art	West Bengal
74	Shri N. Chandrasekharan Nair	Literature and Education	Kerala
75	Dr. Tetsu Nakamura (Posthumous)	Social Work	Afghanistan
76	Shri Shiv Datt Nirmohi	Literature and Education	Jammu and

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			Kashmir
77	Shri Pu Lalbiakthanga Pachuau	Literature and Education-Journalism	Mizoram
78	Ms. Moozhikkal Pankajakshi	Art	Kerala
79	Dr. Prasanta Kumar Pattanaik	Literature and Education	USA
80	Shri Jogendra Nath Phukan	Literature and Education	Assam
81	Ms. Rahibai Soma Popere	Others-Agriculture	Maharashtra
82	Shri Yogesh Praveen	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
83	Shri Jitu Rai	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
84	Shri Tarundeep Rai	Sports	Sikkim
85	Shri S. Ramakrishnan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
86	Ms. Rani Rampal	Sports	Haryana
87	Ms. Kangana Ranaut	Art	Maharashtra
88	Shri Dalavai Chalapathi Rao	Art	Andhra Pradesh
89	Shri Shahbuddin Rathod	Literature and Education	Gujarat
90	Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat	Social Work	Uttarakhand
91	Shri Chintala Venkat Reddy	Others-Agriculture	Telangana
92	Smt. (Dr.) Shanti Roy	Medicine	Bihar
93	Shri Radhammohan & Ms. Sabarmatee (Duo)*	Others-Agriculture	Odisha
94	Shri Batakrushna Sahoo	Others-Animal Husbandry	Odisha
95	Ms. Trinity Saioo	Others-Agriculture	Meghalaya
96	Shri Adnan Sami	Art	Maharashtra
97	Shri Vijay Sankeshwar	Trade and Industry	Karnataka
98	Dr. Kushal Konwar Sarma	Medicine	Assam
99	Shri Sayed Mehboob Shah Qadri alias Sayedbhai	Social Work	Maharashtra
100	Shri Mohammed Sharif	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
101	Shri Shyam Sunder Sharma	Art	Bihar

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102	Dr. Gurdip Singh	Medicine	Gujarat
103	Shri Ramjee Singh	Social Work	Bihar
104	Shri Vashishtha Narayan Singh (Posthumous)	Science and Engineering	Bihar
105	Shri Daya Prakash Sinha	Art	Uttar Pradesh
106	Dr. Sandra Desa Souza	Medicine	Maharashtra
107	Shri Vijayasarithi Sribhashyam	Literature and Education	Telangana
108	Smt. Kalee Shabi Mahaboob & Shri Sheik Mahaboob Subani (Duo)*	Art	Tamil Nadu
109	Shri Javed Ahmad Tak	Social Work	Jammu and Kashmir
110	Shri Pradeep Thalappil	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
111	Shri Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi	Literature and Education	Arunachal Pradesh
112	Shri Robert Thurman	Literature and Education	USA
113	Shri Agus Indra Udayana	Social Work	Indonesia
114	Shri Harish Chandra Verma	Science and Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
115	Shri Sundaram Verma	Social Work	Rajasthan
116	Dr. Romesh Tekchand Wadhvani	Trade and Industry	USA
117	Shri Suresh Wadkar	Art	Maharashtra
118	Shri Prem Watsa	Trade and Industry	Canada

Important Awards In India - National Sports awards

The seven sports awards are incorporated in the National Sports Awards. These are awarded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The current sports minister is Kiren Rijju. They are presented to the sportspersons with outstanding performances in their sports by the President of India. They are usually awarded on the National Sports day i.e. 29th August. Till now, a total of 1259 individuals and organizations have been awarded the national sports awards.

Following are the awards under the national sports awards:

- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:**

It was incorporated in 1956–1957. Awarded to the top performer in the inter-university tournaments. It is speculated over the period of last one year.

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- **Arjuna Award:**

It was instituted in the year 1961. It is awarded to the sports persons for "consistent outstanding performance" speculated over a period of the last four years. A cash prize of ₹15 lakh is awarded.

- **Dronacharya Award:**

It is awarded to the best coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious international events. It was instituted in 1985 with a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.

- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna:**

It started in the year 1991-92. It is given to sports persons for "most outstanding performance by a sports person" over the period of the last four years. Prize money of ₹25 lakhs is awarded along with the medal

- **Dhyan Chand Award:**

It is a lifetime achievement award for the contribution towards sports development. It was instituted in 2002 with a cash prize of ₹10 lakh.

- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar:**

It was instituted in the year 2009. It is given to both private and public organizations and individuals for their visible role in the area of sports development and promotion over the period of the last three years.

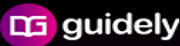
- **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award:**

It is the highest adventure sports honor of the country. Prize money of ₹5 lakhs is awarded. It was first awarded in 1994. A total of 139 candidates have been awarded it to date.

Important Awards In India - Dada saheb phalke award

The award is named after the 'Father of the Indian Cinema'. He made the first Hindi full-length feature film i.e. Raja Harishchandra. It is the highest award of the Indian cinema. It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The candidates are honored for their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema. The winners are awarded a golden lotus medal, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,000,000. The first recipient of the Dada Saheb Phalke award was actress Devika Rani. The latest awardee for the Dada Saheb Phalke award is actor Amitabh Bachchan 2019.



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