



## Civilian and Gallantry Awards

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## CIVILIAN AWARDS

### Bharat Ratna

- India's highest civilian award; instituted in 1954
- Awarded for exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour
- Award includes certificate & medallion (no monetary grant)
- Recommended to President by the PM
- Can be given (max) thrice per year



### Padma Awards

- Instituted in 1954; announced annually on eve of Republic Day
- Recognises achievements in all fields/disciplines involving public service
- Categories: Padma Vibhushan > Padma Bhushan > Padma Shri
- Recommended by Padma Awards Committee (constituted by PM annually)
- Suspended twice - 1978-79 and 1993-97
- Max no. of awards per year - 120



## GALLANTRY AWARDS

- Wartime Gallantry instituted on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950
- Peacetime Gallantry instituted on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1952
- Announced twice a year - Republic Day and Independence Day
- Order of Precedence - Param Vir Chakra > Ashoka Chakra > Mahavir Chakra > Kirti Chakra > Vir Chakra > Shaurya Chakra

- Eligibility -
  - » All officers of all ranks (Army, Navy, IAF), Reserve forces, Territorial army
  - » People providing nursing services under any of the above forces

### Wartime Gallantry Awards



Param Vir Chakra

Maha Vir Chakra

Vir Chakra

### Peacetime Gallantry Awards



Ashoka Chakra

Kirti Chakra

Shaurya Chakra



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