

Some Important Awards in the India

Dada Saheb Phalke Award	Film (From 1969)
Jnanpith Award	Literature (From 1965)
Saraswati Samman	Literature (From 1991)
Vachaspati Samman	Sanskrit Literature (From 1992)
Shankar Award	Indian Philosophy, Culture and Art
Vyasa Samman	Literature
Kabir Samman	Socio – communal Harmony
Dronacharya Award	Sports Coaching/Training (From 1985)
Arjuna Award	Sports (From 1961)
Kalinga Award	Science (From 1952)

Awards List

International Gandhi Peace Prize

- The Government of India launched the International Gandhi Peace Prize in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi.
- This award given to individuals and institutions for their contributions towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods.
- The first awardee of this prize was Julius Nyerere.
- In 2014, this award was given to ISRO i.e. Indian Space Research Organization.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

- The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize or the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is accorded annually by India to individuals or organizations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order; ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity, and enlarging the scope of freedom.
- It was firstly awarded in 1986 to Parliamentarians for Global Action. PGA is a non-profit, non-partisan international network of committed legislators, informs and mobilizes parliamentarians in all regions of the world to advocate for human rights and the rule of law, democracy, human security, non-discrimination, and gender equality.
- The first person to be awarded this award was Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, he was awarded.
- In 2014, Indian Space Research Organisation was awarded with this award.

Civilian Awards

Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri are the various civilian awards.

Bharat Ratna

- It is the premier civilian award, to serve the nation.
- The various fields are scientific achievements literary, scientific accomplishment, as well as the gratitude of community service of the highest category. From 2011, the Prime Minister and the Home Minister of India changed the qualified criterion to permit sportsmen for receiving the award.

- c) This was first given to C. Rajagopalachari, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan & C. V. Raman in 1954.
- d) In 2015, this was given to Madan Mohan Malaviya(posthumous) & Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Padma Vibhushan

- a) Ranking wise the second award is the Padma Vibhushan in the Indian Republic. It awarded people from various fields including government service to distinguish extraordinary service for the country.
- b) It was firstly awarded to Satyendra Nath Bose, Zakir Hussain, Balasaheb Gangadhar Kher, Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, Nand Lal Bose, V. K. Krishna Menon in 1954.
- c) In 2015 it was awarded to, L. K. Advani, Amitabh Bachchan, Parkash Singh Badal, Veerendra Heggade, Dilip Kumar, Rambhadracharya, M.R. Srinivasan, Kottayan Katankot Venugopal & Aga Khan IV.

Padma Bhushan

- a) The Padma Bhushan is the highest civilian award third in rank in the Indian Republic, and comes after the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Vibhushan. The President of India launched this award on 2nd January 1954.
- b) In 1954, 23 were given Padma Bhushan and in 2015, 20 were given Padma Bhushan award.

Padma Shri

- a) Padma Shri or Padmashree is the fourth award high in order in the Indian Republic, after the Bharat Ratna, the Padma Vibhushan and the Padma Bhushan.
- b) It is awarded by the Government of India.
- c) It is awarded to citizens of India for their distinguished contribution in several fields including Education, Literature, Arts, Science, Industry, Social Service, Medicine, Sports and Public Affairs.
- d) In 1954, 18 were given Padma Shri award and in 2015, 75 were selected for Padma Shri award.

Sports Awards

Dronacharya Award

- a) Instituted in 1985, the Dronacharya Award is presented by the Indian Government for brilliance in sports coaching.
- b) This was first given to O.M. Nambiar, Om Prakash Bhardwaj & Bhalchandra Bhaskar Bhagwat. In 2014, this was given to Jose Jacob & N.Lingappa.

Dhyan Chand Award

- a) The Dhyan Chand Award is the highest lifetime achievement award in sports and games in India and is presented by the Indian Government.
- b) It was initiated in 2002.
- c) It was firstly given to Aparna Ghosh, Ashok Diwan & Shahuraj Birajdar. In 2015, this was given to Romeo James, Shiv Prakash Mishra & T.P.P.Nair.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

- a) In India, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is the highest honor given for accomplishment in sports.
- b) The award was initiated in 1991-92 to offer a highest national tribute in the field of sports.
- c) It was first given in 1991-92 to Viswanathan Anand & in 2014-15, it is given to Sania Mirza.

Literary Awards

Jnanpith Award

It is presented by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, a trust founded by the publishers of the The Times of India. The award was instituted in 1961, and its first recipient, in 1965, was the Malayalam writer G. Sankara Kurup. For the year 2014, it was awarded to Bhalchandra Nemade.

Vyas Samman

First awarded in 1991, it is awarded annually by the K.K. Birla Foundation. To be eligible for the award, the literary work must be in the Hindi language and have been published in the past 10 years. In 1991, it was given to Dr. Ram Vilas Sharma & for the year 2014 it was given to Kamal Kishore Goyenka.

Saraswati Samman

For outstanding prose or poetry literary works in any Indian language listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India. Instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation. In 1991, it was given to Harivansh Rai Bachchan & for the year 2014, Veerappa Moily was awarded with this award.

Gallantry Awards

PARAM VIR CHAKRA

It is the highest decoration of valour awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or prominent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy on land, sea or air. The first awardee of this award was Somnath Sharma.

MAHA VIR CHAKRA

It is the second highest decoration. It is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air. The first awardee of this award this was Dewan Ranjit Rai.

VIR CHAKRA

It is the third in the order of awards for acts of gallantry in the face of the enemy on land, sea or air. The first awardee of this award this was Nadikerianda Bheemaiah.

ASHOK CHAKRA

Awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring act of valour or self-sacrifice on land, at sea or in the air. The first awardees of this were Naik Nar Bahadur Thapa, Havildar Bachittar Singh, Flt Lt Suhas Biswas.