

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Nobel Prize

- The most prestigious award in the world. It was set-up in 1900 under the will of **Alfred Bernhard Nobel**.
- The Nobel Prizes are presented annually on 10th December (The death anniversary of the founder).
- It is given in the fields of Peace, Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine (from 1901) and Economics (from 1969).

#### Winners of Nobel Prize from India

Winner	Field	Year
Abhijit Banerjee	Economics	2019
Kailash Satyarthi	Peace	2014
Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Chemistry	2009
Amartya Sen	Economics	1998
Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar	Physics	1983
Mother Teresa	Peace	1979
Hargobind Khorana	Medicine	1968
CV Raman	Physics	1930
Rabindranath Tagore	Literature	1913

#### Grammy Awards

- It is awarded for outstanding achievements in the music industry by the National Academy for Recording Arts and Sciences, America. It was started in 1959, Indian Origin Pt. Ravi Shankar got this 3 times.

#### Pulitzer Prize

- Instituted in 1917 and named after US publisher Joseph Pulitzer.

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- It is conferred annually in the United States for the accomplishments in journalism, literature and music.

#### **Magsaysay Awards**

- Instituted in 1957. Named after Ramon Magsaysay, the former President of the Philippines.
- The award is given annually on 31st August, the birth anniversary of Magsaysay, for outstanding contributions in Public service, Community Leadership, Journalism, Literature and Creative Arts and International Understanding.

#### **Man Booker Prize**

Instituted in 1968, is the highest literary award of the world, set-up by the Booker Company and the British Publishers Association along the lines of the Pulitzer Prize of USA.

#### **Right Livelihood Award**

- The Right Livelihood Award was established in 1980.
- It is also referred to as '**Alternative Nobel Prize**'.
- It is given to persons to honour those "working on practical and exemplary solutions to the most urgent challenges facing the world today."

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#### **Oscar Awards**

Instituted in 1929, these awards are conferred annually by the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Sciences, USA, in recognition of outstanding contribution in the various fields of film making.

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- The Indian films nominated for Oscars are Mother India (1957), Salaam Bombay (1988), Lagaan (2001)
- Bhanu Athaiya was the first Indian to win an Oscar Award in 1982 for costume design in Gandhi Movie.
- AR Rahman won 2 Oscars in 2009 for his work in Slumdog Millionaire.

### **UN Human Rights Award**

Instituted in 1966, this award is given every 5 years for individual contributions to the establishment of human rights.

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#### **Bharat Ratna**

- Bharat Ratna is India's highest Civilian Award. It was first awarded in 1954
- The actual award is designed in the shape of a peepal leaf with Bharat Ratna inscribed in Devanagari script in the Sun Figure
- The reverse side of the decoration Satyameva Jayate has been written in Hindi with an inscription of state emblem.
- The emblem, the Sun and the rim are of platinum. The inscriptions are in burnished bronze.

#### **Winners of Bharat Ratna**

- Pranab Mukherjee (2019)
- Bhupen Hazarika (2019)
- Nanaji Deshmukh (2019)
- Madan Mohan Malaviya (2015)
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee (2015)
- Sachin Tendulkar (2014)
- CNR Rao (2014)
- Pandit Bhimsen Joshi (2008)
- Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar (2001)
- Ustad Bismillah Khan (2001)
- Prof Amartya Sen (1999)
- Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi (1999)
- Loknayak Jayprakash Narayan (1999)
- Pandit Ravi Shankar (1999)
- Chidambaram Subramaniam (1998)
- Madurai Shanmukhavadiyu Subbulakshmi (1998)
- Dr Abul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam (1997)
- Aruna Asaf Ali (1997)
- Gulzari Lal Nanda (1997)

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- Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata (1992)
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1992)
- Satyajit Ray (1992)
- Morarji Ranchhodji Desai (1991)
- Rajiv Gandhi (1991)
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1991)
- Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (1990)
- Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (1990)
- Marudur Gopalan Ramachandran (1988)
- Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1987)
- Acharya Vinoba Bhave (1983)
- Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) (1980)
- Kumaraswamy Kamraj (1976)
- Varahagiri Venkata Giri (1975)
- Indira Gandhi (1971)
- Lal Bahadur Shastri (1966)
- Dr Pandurang Vaman Kane (1963)
- Dr Zakir Hussain (1963)
- Dr Rajendra Prasad (1962)
- Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy (1961)
- Purushottam Das Tandon (1961)
- Dr Dhonde Keshav Karve (1958)
- Pt Govind Ballabh Pant (1957)
- Dr Bhagwan Das (1955)
- Jawaharlal Nehru (1955)
- Dr Mokshagundam Vivesvaraya (1955)
- Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (1954)
- Dr Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (1954)
- Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan (1954)



**Republic Day Awards**

**Padma Awards**

Padma Awards, which were instituted in 1954, are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day. The award is given in three categories—Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The awards fall in line after the Bharat Ratna. These awards are not given to government employees except doctors and scientists.

*There are three Padma Awards*

- **Padma Vibhushan** is the second highest National Award given for exceptional and distinguished service in any field.
- **Padma Bhushan** is the third highest National Award given for distinguished service in any field.
- **Padma Shri** is the fourth highest award given for distinguished service in any field.



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### Gallantry Awards

- **Param Vir Chakra** is the highest decoration of valour award. It is the most conspicuous act of bravery or some act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air. The medal is made of bronze
- **Mahavir Chakra** is the second highest gallantry award for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy whether on land, at sea or in the air. The medal is made of standard silver.
- **Vir Chakra** is awarded for acts of gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air. The medal is made of standard silver.
- **Ashok Chakra** This is awarded for valour, courageous action or sacrifice, away from the battlefield. It is the highest military award during peacetime.
- **Kirti Chakra** The decoration is awarded for conspicuous gallantry. It is made of standard silver and is circular in shape. The obverse and the reverse are exactly the same as in Ashoka Chakra.
- **Shaurya Chakra** The decoration is awarded for an act of gallantry during peacetime.

### Sports Awards

- **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna** was instituted in 1991-92 with the objective of honouring the most outstanding sports- person to enhance their general status. It is the highest award bestowed to a sports person in India. It has been renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel

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Ratna Award, as per an announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 6th August, 2021.

- **Arjuna Award** instituted in 1961 by the Government of India to recognise outstanding achievement in National Sports. The award carries a cash prize, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll of honour.
- **Dronacharya Award** instituted in 1985 by the Government of India to recognise excellence in sports coaching. The award carries a cash prize, a bronze statue of Dronacharya and a scroll of honour.
- **Dhyan Chand Award** instituted in 2002, carries a cash prize, a plaque and a scroll of honour. This honour is given to those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to promote sports even after their retirement from active sporting careers.

#### Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Dadasaheb Phalke is known as the Father of Indian Cinema. The highest National Film Award is named after him in 1969.
- This award is given to a film personality for his/her outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema. The award comprises a swarna kamal, a cash prize of ` 10,00,000 and a shawl.
- Dhundiraj Govind (Dadasheb) Phalke's silent feature film, **Raja Harishchandra** (1913) was the first indigenous feature film of India.
- Ardeshir Irani in 1931, released first full length talkies film **Alam Ara**. **Mrs Devika Rani Roerich** was the first person to receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1969.

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### **Other National Awards**

#### **Bharatiya Jnanpith Award**

- Instituted on 22nd May, 1961, carries a cash prize of ` 11 lakh, a citation and a bronze replica of Vagdevi (Saraswati).
- This award is given for the best literary writing by an Indian citizen in a language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. G. Sankara Kurup received 1st Bharatiya Jnanpith Award.

#### **Gandhi Peace Prize**

- Established on 2nd October, 1994, on the occasion of the 125th birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, carries a cash prize of ` 1 crore.
- The Indian Government instituted this annual prize to encourage and promote the significance of Gandhian values over the world. Julius Nyerere got first prize.

#### **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development**

- Instituted in 1985, this prestigious award is regarded as 'Nobel' and over the years, it has been awarded to those persons who have done outstanding work for international peace, disarmament and development.

#### **Borlaug Award**

- Instituted in 1973, carries a cash prize of ` 5 lakh. Instituted to honour outstanding agricultural scientists.

#### **Sahitya Akademi Award**

- Awarded for outstanding literary work and carries a cash prize of ` 1 lakh.
- Sahitya Akademi gives 22 awards for literary works in the languages which have recognised works.
- RK Narayana received the first Sahitya Akademi Award.