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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## PADMA AWARDS

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Padma Awards

### ABOUT PADMA AWARDS

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Significance of Padma Awards

#### **Why in the news?**

Recently the President of India distributed the Padma Awards.

### WHAT ARE PADMA AWARDS?

The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honors in India, awarded annually by the Government of India on the occasion of Republic Day (26th January) to recognize exceptional contributions made by individuals in various fields. The award was instituted in 1954 and has three categories: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri.

'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.

## WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF PADMA AWARDS?



### Types of Padma Awards

It has three categories:

#### Padma Vibhushan

- Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award in India, after the Bharat Ratna.
- It is awarded for **exceptional and distinguished service** in any field, including service rendered by government servants.
- The award was instituted on 2 January 1954, and since then, it has been conferred on many eminent personalities from various fields.
- Some of the notable recipients of the Padma Vibhushan include former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, industrialist Ratan Tata, former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee, scientist CNR Rao, musician Pandit Ravi Shankar, actor Dilip Kumar, and many more.
- The award consists of a medal and a citation, and the President of India presents it at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The nomination process for the award is open to the public, and a committee of experts evaluates the nominations before making their recommendations to the President of India.

#### Padma Bhushan

- Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award in India, after the Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan. It is awarded for **distinguished service of high order in any field**, including service rendered by government servants.

- The award was instituted on 2 January 1954, and since then, it has been conferred on many eminent personalities from various fields.
- Some of the notable recipients of the Padma Bhushan include cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, former Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh, industrialist Ratan Tata, actor Amitabh Bachchan, singer Lata Mangeshkar, and many more.
- The award consists of a medal and a citation, and the President of India presents it at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The nomination process for the award is open to the public, and a committee of experts evaluates the nominations before making their recommendations to the President of India.

### **Padma Shri**

- Padma Shri is the fourth-highest civilian award in India, after the Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, and Padma Bhushan. It is awarded for **distinguished service in any field**, including service rendered by government servants.
- The award was instituted on 2 January 1954, and since then, it has been conferred on many eminent personalities from various fields.
- Some of the notable recipients of the Padma Shri include sportspersons Mary Kom and Saina Nehwal, classical dancer Birju Maharaj, filmmaker Adoor Gopalakrishnan, social activist Arvind Kejriwal, and many more.
- The award consists of a medal and a citation, and the President of India presents it at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The nomination process for the award is open to the public, and a committee of experts evaluates the nominations before making their recommendations to the President of India.

### **LIST OF AWARDEES IN 2023**

#### **Padma Vibhushan (6)**

- Shri Balkrishna Doshi (Posthumous) (Others – Architecture)
- Shri Zakir Hussain (Art)
- Shri S M Krishna (Public Affairs)
- Shri Dilip Mahalanabis (Posthumous) (Medicine)
- Shri Srinivas Varadhan (Science & Engineering)
- Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav (Posthumous) (Public Affairs)

#### **Padma Bhushan(9)**

- Shri S L Bhyrappa (Literature & Education)
- Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla (Trade & Industry)
- Shri Deepak Dhar (Science & Engineering)
- Vani Jairam (Art)
- Swami Chinna Jeeyar (Others – Spiritualism)
- Suman Kalyanpur (Art)
- Shri Kapil Kapoor (Literature & Education)
- Sudha Murty (Social Work)
- Shri Kamlesh D Patel (Others – Spiritualism)

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