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INTRODUCTION: -

- The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India announced annually on the eve of Republic Day. The Awards are given in three categories: Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of higher order) and Padma Shri (distinguished service).
- As per tradition, the **Union Ministry of Home Affairs** announces the names of Padma awardees on eve of Republic Day every year.
- The awards are conferred by the **President of India** at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

HISTORY: -

In 1954, the GoI instituted 02 civilian awards - The Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan.

- Initially, **Padma Vibhushan** had three classes Pahla Varg, Dusra Varg, and Tisra Varg. On 08 Jan 1955, Govt renamed them as **Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri** respectively.
- **Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award** in India, followed by Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.
- Bharat Ratna and Padma awards are annual awards but **suspended in 1978 and 1979 and from 1993 to 1997.**

Category: -

The award is given in three categories, namely,

- Padma Vibhushan for exceptional and distinguished service;
- Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of a high order; and
- Padma Shri for distinguished service.
- Government servants including those working with PSUs, except doctors and scientists, are not eligible for these Awards.

Who decides

All nominations received for Padma Awards are placed before the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year. Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary and includes Home Secretary, Secretary to the President and four to six eminent persons as members. The recommendations of the committee are submitted to the Prime Minister and the President of India for approval.

About 2026

- This year, the President conferred **131 Padma Awards** including 2 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one). It includes 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri Awards.
- **19 of the awardees are women**, 6 persons are from the category of Foreigners/Non-Resident Indians/Persons of Indian Origin/Overseas Citizen of India and **16 are Posthumous awardees**.
 - Normally not more than **120 Padma awards** (excluding posthumous, NRIs, Foreigner and Overseas Citizenship of India) are conferred in a year but exceptions can be made.

➤ Padma Vibhushan (05)

<u>S.N.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)	Maharashtra	Art	Indian actor, producer and politician, Known as the "He-Man" of Indian Cinema
2.	Shri K T Thomas	Kerala	Public Affairs	Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India (1996–2002).
3.	Ms. N Rajam	Uttar Pradesh	Art	A legendary violinist of the Hindustani Classical tradition
4.	Shri P Narayanan	Kerala	Literature and Education	Eminent Journalist
5.	Shri V. S. Achuthanandhan (Posthumous)	Kerala	Public Affairs	Former Chief Minister of Kerala(2006-11)

➤ **Padma Bhushan (13)**

SN	Name	Field	State / Country	Remarks
1	Ms. Alka Yagnik	Art	Maharashtra	Legendary playback singer and 7-time Filmfare winner.
2	Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Public Affairs	Uttarakhand	Former Governor of Maharashtra and 2nd CM of Uttarakhand.
3	Shri Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu	Eminent Gastroenterologist.
4	Shri Mammootty	Art	Kerala	Malayalam cinema legend and 3-times National Film Award winner.
5	Dr. Nori Dattatreya	Medicine	USA	World-renowned Radiation Oncologist (NRI/Foreigner).
6	Shri Piyush Pandey (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra	Known as the "Godfather of Indian Advertising".
7	Shri S KM Maeilanandhan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu	Founder of SKM Group and poultry industry pioneer.
8	Shri Shatavadhani R Ganesh	Art	Karnataka	Master of Avadhana, performing in 8 languages.
9	Shri Shibu Soren (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Jharkhand	Founder of JMM and leader of Jharkhand statehood movement.

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10	Shri Uday Kotak	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra	Founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
11	Shri V K Malhotra (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi	Former BJP leader associated with 1982 Asian Games.
12	Shri Vellappally Natesan	Public Affairs	Kerala	General Secretary of SNDP Yogam.
13	Shri Vijay Amritraj	Sports	USA	Indian tennis legend; only sportsperson in this list.

➤ Notable Padma Shri Awardees

SN	Name	Field	State / Country	Remarks
1.	Shri Madhavan Ranganathan (R. Madhavan)	Art	Maharashtra	Recognized for his massive contribution to Indian cinema and his directorial debut <i>Rocketry</i> .
2.	Shri Rohit Sharma	Sports	Maharashtra	Awarded for his captaincy leading India to the T20 World Cup 2024 and Champions Trophy 2025 titles.
3.	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar	Sports	Punjab	Awarded for leading the Indian women's team to their maiden ODI World Cup title in 2025.

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4.	Ms. Savita Punia	Sports	Haryana	Legendary goalkeeper of the Indian women's hockey team.
5.	Shri Satish Shah (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra	Veteran comic actor who passed away in 2025.
6.	Shri Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Literature & Education	Delhi	Current Chairman of UGC and former VC of JNU.
7.	Shri K. Vijay Kumar	Civil Service	Tamil Nadu	Veteran IPS officer who led the Special Task Force (STF) that caught the forest brigand Veerappan.
8.	Shri Anke Gowda M.	Social Work	Karnataka	Known as " Pustaka Premie " for building a village library with over 10 lakh books.
9.	Dr. Budhri Tati	Social Work	Chhattisgarh	Tribal healer and social worker serving in the remote Bastar region.
10.	Shri Shrirang Devaba Lad	Others - Agriculture	Maharashtra	Pioneer of chemical-free organic farming.
11.	Shri A.E. Muthunayagam	Science and Engineering	Kerala	Architect of ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems.
12.	Shri Veezhinathan Kamakoti	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu	Director of IIT Madras.
13.	Shri Tarun Bhattacharya	Art	West Bengal	Renowned master of the Santoor instrument.

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14.	Ms. Gayatri & Ms. Ranjani (Duo)	Art	Tamil Nadu	Acclaimed duo in Carnatic music.
15.	Shri Vladimer Mestvirishvili (Posthumous)	Sports	Georgia	Famous wrestling coach for Indian Olympians.
16.	Shri Prateek Sharma	Medicine	USA	World-renowned Gastroenterologist.

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