

**Mains Exam Practice (MEP): Questions of the Day**

1. Discuss the constitutional role of the Governor in Bihar, highlighting its importance in state administration. Examine the controversies and challenges associated with the Governor's role in the state in the past. Also, analyze recent developments concerning the Governor's position and their implications for the federal structure of India. [BPSC Mains General Studies II Section I: 38 marks].

2. Examine the historical and strategic dimensions of India-Bangladesh relations. Discuss the recent political and economic crises in Bangladesh and critically analyze India's role in fostering stability and maintaining peace as a responsible neighbor. [BPSC GS I Section II: 38 marks]

**Bihar Special**

**Padma Awards 2025**

**Why in the news?**

Seven persons from Bihar have been named for Padma awards, 2025.

Awardees	Associated Facts
1. Smt. Sharda Sinha (Posthumous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Vibhushan</li> <li>❖ Field: Art</li> <li>❖ She was awarded Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honour in 2018.</li> <li>❖ In 1991, she was also awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour and the Sangeet Natak Akademi award.</li> </ul>
2. Shri Sushil Kumar Modi (Posthumous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Bhushan</li> <li>❖ Field: Public Affairs</li> </ul>



3. Shri Bhim Singh Bhavesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Shri</li> <li>❖ Field: Social Work</li> <li>❖ From Bhojpur district of Bihar.</li> <li>❖ Known for social work related to upliftment of the Musahar community through his foundation "Nayee Asha".</li> </ul>
4. Shri Hemant Kumar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Shri</li> <li>❖ Field: Medicine</li> <li>❖ Renowned "Nephrologist" of Bihar.</li> </ul>
5. Shri Kishore Kunal ((Posthumous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Shri</li> <li>❖ Field: Civil Service</li> </ul>
6. Smt. Nirmala Devi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Shri</li> <li>❖ Field: Art</li> <li>❖ Recognized for contribution to Sujni embroidery.</li> <li>❖ She belongs to Muzaffarpur district of Bihar.</li> </ul>
7. Shri Vijay Nityanand Surishwar Ji Maharaj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Award: Padma Shri</li> <li>❖ Field: Others Spiritualism</li> </ul>



### National Affairs

#### Republic Day 2025

Why in the news?

India celebrated its 76th Republic Day with a grand parade along the Kartavya Path in New Delhi on 26th January, 2025.

#### ❖ Chief Guest:

- Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by a 352-member Indonesian marching and band contingent participating in the parade.

- ❖ A total of 31 tableaux, including 16 tableaux from states and Union Territories, and 15 from central ministries and organisations rolled down the Kartavya Path.
  - The theme for the tableaux was 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas'.
- ❖ For the first time, the tri-services had a joint tableau symbolic of the spirit of unity among the country's armed forces.
  - The DRDO's tableau, with the theme 'Raksha Kavach', showcased multi-layered protection against multi-domain threats.
- ❖ Dimple Singh Bhati became the first woman Army officer to present a salute to the President from a motorcycle.

#### Padma Vibhushan (7)

Name	Field	State/Country
Shri Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy	Medicine	Telangana
Justice (Retd.) Shri Jagdish Singh Khehar	Public Affairs	Chandigarh
Smt. Kumudini Rajnikant Lakhia	Art	Gujarat
Shri Lakshminarayana Subramaniam	Art	Karnataka
Shri M. T. Vasudevan Nair (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Kerala
Shri Osamu Suzuki (Posthumous)	Trade and Industry	Japan
Smt. Sharda Sinha (Posthumous)	Art	Bihar



#### Awards and Honors

##### Padma Awards 2025

##### Why in the news?

For the year 2025, the President has approved the conferment of 139 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one).

- ❖ The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri Awards.
- ❖ 23 of the awardees are women and the list includes 10 persons from the Foreigners / NRI / PIO / OCI category and 13 Posthumous awardees.

Padma Bhushan(19)

Name	Field	State/Country
Shri A Surya Prakash	Literature and Education-Journalism	Karnataka
Shri Anant Nag	Art	Karnataka
Shri Bibek Debroy (Posthumous)	Literature and Education NCT	Delhi
Shri Jatin Goswami	Art	Assam
Shri Jose Chacko Periappuram	Medicine	Kerala
Shri Kailash Nath Dikshit	Others-Archaeology	NCT Delhi
Shri Manohar Joshi (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
Shri Nalli Kuppaswami Chetti	Trade and Industry	Tamil Nadu
Shri Nandamuri Balakrishna	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri P R Sreejesh	Sports	Kerala
Shri Pankaj Patel	Trade and Industry	Gujarat
Shri Pankaj Udhas (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
Shri Rambhadrur Rai	Literature and Education-Journalism	Uttar Pradesh
Sadhvi Ritambhara	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
Shri S Ajith Kumar	Art	Tamil Nadu
Shri Shekhar Kapur	Art	Maharashtra
Ms. Shobana Chandrakumar	Art	Tamil Nadu
Shri Sushil Kumar Modi(Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar
Shri Vinod Dham	Science and Engineering	USA

### Padma Awards

- ❖ Padma Awards – one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.
- ❖ The Awards are given in various disciplines / fields of activities, viz. – art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc.
- ❖ '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.
- ❖ The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.
- ❖ These awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March / April every year.

- ❖ He is credited with performing the country's first heart bypass surgery in 1975.
- ❖ He is remembered for performing challenging heart surgeries in newborns and children and for providing access to super-speciality treatment through the hospitals he founded.
- ❖ He was also the founder of Frontier Lifeline hospital, a 100-bed cardiac speciality hospital in Chennai that provides care to paediatric patients from India and 21 other countries.
- ❖ He was the honorary surgeon to the President of India between 1990 and 1993. He was awarded the Padma Shree in 1991.
- ❖ He is one of three Indian surgeons to have their name engraved on one of the stones at Greece's Kos Island – the birthplace of Hippocrates who is considered to be the father of modern medicine.

### Obituary

**Dr. KM Cherian**

**Why in the news?**

Dr. KM Cherian, a pioneer of cardiac surgery, passed away on 25th January, 2025.





### News in Short

- ❖ Odisha Warriors lifted the inaugural edition title of Women's Hockey India League (HIL) after they defeated JSW Soorma Hockey Club in the final match at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Astro Turf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi.



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