



**Padma Awards 2025 announced:
139 distinguished personalities
selected for this year's 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.
- ❖ '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.

- ❖ For the year 2025, the President has approved conferment of 139 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one) as per list below.
- ❖ The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri Awards.
- ❖ 23 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 10 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/ OCI and 13 Posthumous awardees.
- ❖ Indian writer MT Vasudevan Nair, former chairman of Suzuki Motor Corporation, Osamu Suzuki, and singer Sharda Sinha have been awarded the Padma Vibhushan posthumously.
- ❖ Singer Pankaj Udhas and economist Bibek Debroy have been given the Padma Bhushan posthumously. Hockey player PR Sreejesh has also been conferred with Padma Bhushan.
- ❖ Cricketer R Ashwin and football player IM Vijayan have been awarded with the Padma Shree.

Padma Vibhushan (7)

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

Padma Bhushan (19)

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

Nine remarkable individuals from West Bengal were honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri this year.

Arijit Singh, Gokul Chandra Das (Dhak maestro), Mamata Shankar, Tejendra Narayan Majumdar (Sarod virtuoso), Swami Pradiptananda, Pawan Goenka (Industrialist), Sajjan Bhajanka (chairman of Century Plyboards), Nagendra Nath Roy (Educationist), Vinayak Lohani (Social worker)

India's 76th Republic Day: 2025

India celebrated its 76th Republic Day on January 26, 2025. The theme for this year's celebrations was "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas" (Golden India: Heritage and Development).

- ❖ Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto was the chief guest for the event.

Australian Open: 2025

The Australian Open started in 1905. The 2025 Australian Open was the 113th edition of the tournament

Men's Singles: Jannik Sinner (Italy) defeated Alexander Zverev (Germany).

Women's Singles: Madison Keys (USA) defeated Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus).

Men's Doubles: Finland's Harri Heliovaara and partner Henry Patten of Great Britain.

Women's Doubles: Taylor Townsend of America and Czech player Kateřina Siniaková.

Mixed Doubles: Olivia Gadecki and John Peers.

Odisha Warriors crowned inaugural champions of Women's Hockey India League

In the Women's Hockey India League (HIL), Odisha Warriors lifted the inaugural edition title after they registered a hard-fought 2-1 victory over JSW Soorma Hockey Club in the Final at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Astro Turf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi on 26 January 2025.

In the award ceremony, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren presented the trophy to Odisha Warrior's skipper Neha Goyal.

*Famous cardiologist Dr Cherian
passes away,*

Dr. KM Cherian, a world-renowned cardiologist for over 50 years passed away at Bengaluru.

Dr. K.M. Cherian is credited with being the first Indian surgeon to perform a successful coronary artery bypass surgery in India.



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