

## Republic Day Awards

### Why in News?

President Draupadi Murmu awards 942 service medals, including 95 for gallantry, for personnel of various central and state police forces on the eve of India's 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day.

#### Civilian Service Awards

- The highest honours among the civilian awards are the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Awards – the Padma Vibhushan, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri.

#### Civilian Service Awards

<b>Bharat Ratna</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India's highest and most prestigious civilian honour, awarded for exceptional service in any field art, literature, science, or public service.</li> <li>• The Prime Minister recommends the nominees for this award, and a <b>maximum of 3</b> persons can be conferred the Bharat Ratna in a year.</li> </ul>
<b>Padma Vibhushan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is for distinguished service of higher order.</li> <li>• Winners are selected by the Padma Awards committee.</li> <li>• Any person working in any field with the exception of Government employees, barring doctors and scientists are eligible for the award.</li> <li>• The nomination process is open to the public, and allows people to nominate themselves.</li> </ul>
<b>Padma Shri</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is for distinguished service in any field. The award winners are selected by the Padma Awards committee.</li> <li>• Any person working in any field with the exception of Government employees, barring doctors and scientists are eligible for the award.</li> <li>• The nomination process is open to the public, and allows people to nominate themselves.</li> </ul>

#### Service Medals

- It recognizes distinguished service, dedication, and exceptional contributions by personnel in the Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, and Police.
- They are announced on Republic Day and Independence Day.
- It includes President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM).

#### Service Medals

<b>President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is awarded for a special distinguished record in service.</li> </ul>
<b>The Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is awarded for valuable service characterized by resource and devotion to duty.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Armed Forces, the highest honours are the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vishisht Seva Medal.</li> </ul>	
<b>Gallantry Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medals for gallantry are awarded to members of the armed forces, paramilitary forces, and civilians for bravery and heroic action.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Wartime Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented to armed forces personnel for acts of bravery in the face of the enemy.</li> <li>Highest honours include the Paramvir Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, and the Vir Chakra.</li> </ul>
<b>Peacetime Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highest honours include the Ashoka Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, and the Shaurya Chakra</li> <li>These awards can be awarded to armed forces, paramilitary forces, police, or civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>Police Gallantry Medals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announced <b><i>twice a year</i></b> on Republic Day and Independence Day.</li> <li>The President's Medal for Gallantry is awarded to those who have done a rare conspicuous gallant act of exceptional courage &amp; skill.</li> <li>The Police Medal for Gallantry recognizes acts of bravery and courage in the line of duty.</li> </ul>
<b>Civilian Gallantry Medals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognize civilians for acts of bravery and saving lives.</li> <li>The Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards are given for lifesaving acts of service by people from all walks of life.</li> <li>The National Bravery Awards recognizes children who show exceptional courage.</li> </ul>

## Reference

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