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 76th 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	
Bharat Ratna	• India's highest and most prestigious civilian honour, awarded for exceptional service in any field art, literature, science, or public service. • The Prime Minister recommends the nominees for this award, and a ***maximum of 3*** persons can be conferred the Bharat Ratna in a year.
Padma Vibhushan	• It is for distinguished service of higher order. • Winners are selected by the Padma Awards committee. • Any person working in any field with the exception of Government employees, barring doctors and scientists are eligible for the award. • The nomination process is open to the public, and allows people to nominate themselves.
Padma Shri	• It is for distinguished service in any field. The award winners are selected by the Padma Awards committee. • Any person working in any field with the exception of Government employees, barring doctors and scientists are eligible for the award. • The nomination process is open to the public, and allows people to nominate themselves.
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	
President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM)	• It is awarded for a special distinguished record in service.
The Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM)	• It is awarded for valuable service characterized by resource and devotion to duty.

• For the Armed Forces, the highest honours are the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vishisht Seva Medal.	
Gallantry Awards • Medals for gallantry are awarded to members of the armed forces, paramilitary forces, and civilians for bravery and heroic action.	
Gallantry Awards	
Wartime Awards	• Presented to armed forces personnel for acts of bravery in the face of the enemy. • Highest honours include the Paramvir Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, and the Vir Chakra.
Peacetime Awards	• Highest honours include the Ashoka Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, and the Shaurya Chakra • These awards can be awarded to armed forces, paramilitary forces, police, or civilians.
Police Gallantry Medals	• Announced ***twice a year*** on Republic Day and Independence Day. • The President's Medal for Gallantry is awarded to those who have done a rare conspicuous gallant act of exceptional courage & skill. • The Police Medal for Gallantry recognizes acts of bravery and courage in the line of duty.
Civilian Gallantry Medals	• Recognize civilians for acts of bravery and saving lives. • The Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards are given for lifesaving acts of service by people from all walks of life. • The National Bravery Awards recognizes children who show exceptional courage.

Reference

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