

List of Bharat Ratna Award Winners

What is Bharata Ratna?

The Bharat Ratna is considered to be the country's **highest and most prestigious civilian award**. The award is given "in recognition of exceptional service or performance of the highest order" in any field of human endeavor. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position, or sex is eligible for this award. Bharat Ratna is given for National service. These services include arts, literature, science, public service, sports and in any field of human endeavor.

When the first Bharat Ratan award was given?

The first Bharat Ratna award was given on 2 January 1954 and since then (till 2017) a total of 45 people have received this award.

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S.No.	Name of the Awardees	Year
1.	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	1954
2.	Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	1954
3.	Dr.C. V. Raman	1954
4.	Dr.Bhagwan Das	1955
5.	Dr.M Visvesvaraya	1955
6.	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru	1955
7.	Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant	1957
8.	Dr.Dhondo Keshav Karve	1958
9.	Dr.Bidhan Chandra Roy	1961
10.	Shri.Purushottam Das Tandon	1961

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11.	Dr.Rajendra Prasad	1962
12.	Dr.Zakir Husain	1962
13.	Dr.Pandurang Vaman Kane	1963
14.	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (posthumous)	1966
15.	Smt.Indira Gandhi	1971
16.	Shri V. V. Giri	1975
17.	Shri K. Kamaraj(posthumous)	1976
18.	Mother Teresa	1980
19.	Shri Acharya Vinoba Bhave	1983
20.	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	1987
21.	Shri M. G. Ramachandran	1988
22.	Dr.B. R. Ambedkar	1990
23.	Nelson Mandela	1990
24.	Shri.Rajiv Gandhi (posthumous)	1991
25.	Sardar Vallabhbai Patel (posthumous)	1991
26.	Shri Morarji Desai	1991
27.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (posthumous)	1992
28.	Shri J. R. D. Tata	1992

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29.	Shri Satyajit Ray	1992
30.	Shri Gulzarilal Nanda	1997
31.	Smt.Aruna Asaf Ali(posthumous)	1997
32.	Dr.A. P. J. Abdul Kalam	1997
33.	Smt.M. S. Subbulakshmi	1998
34.	Shri Chidambaram Subramaniam	1998
35.	Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (posthumous)	1999
36.	Professor Amartya Sen	1999
37.	Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi (posthumous)	1999
38.	Pandit Ravi Shankar	1999
39.	ShushriLata Mangeshkar	2001
40.	Ustad Bismillah Khan	2001
41.	Pandit Bhimsen Joshi	2009
4.	Professor C. N. R. Rao	2014
43.	Shri Sachin Tendulkar	2014
44.	Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumous)	2015
.45.	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	2015