



## Bihar Tableau at Republic Day | Bihar | 28 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Bihar's tableau at [the Republic Day](#) parade showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region, symbolically representing [the revered Bodhi Tree](#) and the legendary [Nalanda University](#).

- The display highlighted **Bihar's historical identity as the 'land of Buddha'** and a **center of ancient wisdom**.



### Key Points

- **Bihar's Tableau:**
  - Bihar's tableau **made its presence at the 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day** Parade on **Kartavya Path after a gap of eight years**.
  - The tableau was aligned with **the central theme 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas'** and stood out with the ruins of **the ancient Nalanda University** as the dominant element.
  - The tableau featured an installation of a **Lord Buddha statue in a meditative Dharmachakra Mudra**, symbolising peace and harmony. The statue's original location is at **the Ghora Katora reservoir in Rajgir**.
  - Bihar's tableau **highlighted the state's tradition of knowledge and peace**, emphasizing its historical identity as a **land of knowledge, salvation, and peace**.
- **Depictions of Historical and Cultural Landmarks:**
  - The tableau included representations of the **sacred Bodhi Tree from Bodh Gaya**, where **Lord Buddha attained enlightenment**, and the **ancient ruins of Nalanda University, established in 427 CE by Emperor Kumaragupta**.
  - The tableau emphasized Nalanda University's role as the **world's first residential university**, which was a **global hub for knowledge, attracting scholars from China, Korea, Japan, Tibet, and beyond**.
- **Murals and Modern Innovations:**

- Murals on the tableau's side panels depicted the **contributions of Chanakya**, who mentored **Chandragupta Maurya**, and scenes from ancient Vedic assemblies, showcasing democratic governance and judicial systems.
- Another mural **highlighted the 'Guru-Shishya' tradition and Aryabhata's contributions to mathematics.**
- An LED screen displayed the **newly constructed Nalanda International University campus**, designed with carbon-neutral and net-zero sustainability goals, reflecting modern educational progress.

**GAUTAM BUDDHA**

Believed to be 9<sup>th</sup> of the 10 incarnations of Lord Vishnu (Dashavatar)

**BIRTH**

- Born as Siddhartha (563 BC)
- Birthplace - **Lumbini** (Nepal) near **Kapilavastu**

**PARENTS**

- Father - elected ruler of Kapilvastu; headed **Shakya republican clan**
- Mother - princess from **Koshalan dynasty**

**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

- Buddha's Birth
- The Great Departure (Mahabhinishikramana)
- Enlightenment (Nirvana)
- First Sermon (Dhammachakraparivartan)
- Death (Mahaparinirvana)

Buddha referred to himself as **Tathagata** (one who has thus come/gone) and has been addressed as **Bhagavat** (in Buddhist texts)

**CONTEMPORARIES**

- Vardhaman Mahavira
- Bimbisara
- Ajatshatru

**OTHER IMPORTANT PLACES ASSOCIATED WITH BUDDHA**

- **Bodh Gaya** (Enlightenment) (named Buddha after attaining enlightenment)
- **Sarnath** (first sermon)
- **Vaishali** (last sermon)
- **Kushinagara** (death place (483 BC))

## Padma awards 2025 | Bihar | 28 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Seven people from Bihar were selected for the prestigious **Padma awards**, including noted **singer Sharda Sinha**, former Deputy CM **Sushil Kumar Modi**, and eminent **social worker Acharya Kishore Kunal**.

### Key Points

- **Announcement of Winners:**
  - The Union government announced the names of the Padma award winners on the eve of **Republic Day**.



- A **total of 139 people from across the country were selected** for the highest civilian awards in various categories.
- **Padma Vibhushan Award:**
  - **Sharda Sinha**, the renowned singer known as '**Bihar Kokila**,' will be posthumously honoured with **the Padma Vibhushan**, the highest civilian award, for **her exceptional and distinguished service**.
- **Padma Bhushan Award:**
  - **Sushil Kumar Modi**, the former deputy CM of Bihar, has been selected **posthumously for the Padma Bhushan in the field of public affairs**.
  - He is the sole recipient from Bihar among the 19 recipients of the Padma Bhushan nationwide.
- **Padma Shri Award:**
  - **Kishore Kunal**, a noted social worker and **founder of Mahavir Sansthan**, will receive **the Padma Shri**.
- **Other recipients of the Padma Shri from Bihar include:**
  - **Bhim Singh Bhavesh** in social work,
  - **Hemant Kumar** for his work in medicine,
  - **Nirmala Devi** for her contributions in the art field,
  - **Vijay Nityanand Surishwer Ji Maharaj** in spiritualism.

# CIVILIAN AND GALLANTRY AWARDS

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## CIVILIAN AWARDS

### Bharat Ratna

- India's **highest civilian award**; instituted in **1954**
- Awarded for exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour
- Award includes certificate & medallion (no monetary grant)
- Recommended to **President by the PM**
- Can be given (max) **thrice per year**



### Padma Awards

- Instituted in **1954**; announced annually on **eve of Republic Day**
- Recognises achievements in all fields/disciplines involving **public service**
- Categories: Padma **Vibhushan** > Padma **Bhushan** > Padma **Shri**
- Recommended by **Padma Awards Committee** (constituted by PM annually)
- **Suspended twice** - 1978-79 and 1993-97
- Max no. of awards per year - **120**



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## GALLANTRY AWARDS

- **Wartime Gallantry** instituted on **26<sup>th</sup> January 1950**
- **Peacetime Gallantry** instituted on **4<sup>th</sup> January 1952**
- **Announced twice** a year - Republic Day and Independence Day
- Order of Precedence - **Param Vir Chakra** > **Ashoka Chakra** > **Mahavir Chakra** > **Kirti Chakra** > **Vir Chakra** > **Shaurya Chakra**

- Eligibility -
  - » All officers of all ranks (**Army, Navy, IAF**), Reserve forces, **Territorial army**
  - » **People providing nursing services** under any of the above forces

### Wartime Gallantry Awards



Param Vir Chakra



Maha Vir Chakra



Vir Chakra

### Peacetime Gallantry Awards



Ashoka Chakra



Kirti Chakra



Shaurya Chakra




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