



Padma awards 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

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



GALLANTRY AWARDS

- Wartime Gallantry instituted on 26th January 1950
- Peacetime Gallantry instituted on 4th 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 > Shourya 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

Shourya Chakra



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