



## Gallantry Award for ICG Personnel

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The Defence Minister **conferred gallantry**, distinguished service, and meritorious service medals to **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** personnel for their **exemplary service**.

- **About Gallantry Awards:** They honor bravery in the **Armed Forces, other forces, and civilians** and are announced on **Republic Day** and **Independence Day**.
  - **Order of precedence of the Award:** [Param Vir Chakra](#), [Ashoka Chakra](#), [Mahavir Chakra](#), Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra.
- **About ICG:** ICG is a maritime security force responsible for **enforcing maritime laws** and operates under the **Ministry of Defence**.
  - It was established on **1st February 1977** and became an independent armed force on **18th August 1978** with the enactment of the **Coast Guard Act, 1978**.
    - In **1972**, [UNCLOS](#) granted [EEZs](#) to coastal states. India enacted the **Maritime Zones of India Act, 1976**, claiming **2.01 million sq km** of ocean necessitating policing for which **ICG was required**.
  - It has **jurisdiction** over the **territorial waters (upto 12 nautical miles (nm))** including **contiguous zone (upto 24 nm)** and **EEZ (up to 200 nm)** of India.
  - Also, it is the **4th largest** Coast Guard in the world.

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# 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 **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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