

Padma Awards-2024

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About Padma Awards:

- The Padma Awards namely, **Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri**, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country.
- These Awards were **instituted in 1954** and they are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day.
- The award seeks to **recognize 'work of distinction'** and is given for distinguished and **exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines**, such as- Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work etc.
- **Eligibility for the nomination-**
 - **All persons without distinction** of race, occupation, position, or sex are eligible for these Awards.
 - **Government servants** including those working with PSUs, **except Doctors and Scientists**, are **not eligible** for Padma Awards.
 - Awardees receive a **Sanad (Certificate) and Medallion**, a small size replica (miniature) of the main medal is separately handed over to the recipient **but no monetary grant** is attached to these Awards.
- **Who decides the winner?**

- All nominations received for Padma Awards are placed before the **Padma Awards Committee**, which is **constituted by the Prime Minister every year**.
 - The Padma Awards Committee is **headed by the Cabinet Secretary** and includes Home Secretary, Secretary to the President and four to six eminent persons as members.
 - The Prime Minister and the President of India **finally review and approve** the recommendations.
 - **Result announcement**
 - The result will be announced on the occasion of Republic Day to recognize the 'work of distinction' of the people for their distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines.
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Q1) When did India become a republic?

Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950.

Source: [Nominations for Padma Awards-2024 open till 15th September, 2023](#)

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