

Padma Awards 2026, Types, Nomination Process, Eligibility

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) completes the nomination process for the Padma Awards 2026. The awardees have been announced on Republic Day 2026, continuing the tradition of honouring India's exceptional contributors. This year a total of 131 awardees have been selected for the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards.

Padma Awards 2026

The Padma Awards 2026 represent one of the most esteemed civilian honors in India. These accolades are presented to the individuals who have demonstrated exceptional contributions across a range of fields. Announced each year on the eve of Republic Day, the awards are presented by the President of India in a formal ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Established in 1954 by the Government of India, the Padma Awards aim to recognise outstanding service and achievements in diverse sectors such as art, literature, education, science and engineering, sports, social service, public affairs, trade and commerce, healthcare, and civil administration. Padma Awards 2026 not only celebrates

excellence but recognises the contribution of individuals who have contributed to the grassroots work and brought meaningful change to the society.

Padma Awards 2026 Nominations Process

The Padma Awards 2026 Nominations Process has been completed and the winners have been announced on Republic Day, 2026. The Government of India actively encourages citizens to engage in this process, including the submission of self-nominations.

Special emphasis is placed on identifying individuals from underrepresented and marginalized communities, such as women, persons with disabilities (Divyangjan), members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and those engaged in selfless service at the grassroots level. The objective is to ensure broad-based representation and recognition of exceptional talent and dedication across all segments of society.

While submitting nominations, individuals are required to provide detailed information as outlined on the portal. Also, a narrative citation, limited to 800 words must accompany each nomination. This citation should clearly brief the nominee’s accomplishments and their significant contributions to their respective field.

Types of Padma Awards

The Padma Awards 2026 are classified into three categories, each reflecting a particular degree of national recognition for excellence in various fields. Announced annually by the Government of India, these honours are formally presented by the President of India:

Types of Padma Awards		
Award Name	Description	Prestige Level
Padma Vibhushan	awarded for exceptional and distinguished service;	2nd highest civilian award
Padma Bhushan	presented for distinguished service of a high order;	3rd highest civilian award
Padma Shri	granted for distinguished service in any sphere of activity.	4th highest civilian award

Padma Awards 2026 Eligibility

The Padma Awards 2026 are inclusive in nature, open to individuals from all walks of life regardless of gender, profession, religion, or nationality. These honours aim to acknowledge outstanding contributions in a wide array of fields, including art, literature, education, science and engineering, sports, public service, social work, medicine, trade and industry, and civil administration, among others.

Eligibility Criteria for Padma Awards 2025

1. All Indian citizens are eligible for consideration.
2. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), and foreign nationals are also eligible to be nominated.
3. Employees of government bodies and Public Sector Undertakings are generally not considered for these awards. However, an exception is made for professionals such as doctors and scientists whose work demonstrates extraordinary merit.
4. While the awards are typically not conferred posthumously, exceptions may be made in highly deserving and rare cases.
5. The Government of India encourages citizens to nominate individuals who have made impactful contributions at the grassroots level, particularly those whose efforts often go unrecognized. The emphasis remains on highlighting the achievements of unsung heroes engaged in selfless service across the country.

Padma Awards 2026 Fields Cover

The Padma Awards 2026 are introduced to honour individuals who have demonstrated excellence and made distinguished contributions across a diverse range of fields. These awards celebrate those whose work has significantly impacted their respective domains, often contributing to national development and social transformation. The categories considered for recognition under the Padma Awards 2026 include:

Padma Awards 2026 Fields Cover	
Field	Description
Art	Music, painting, sculpture, cinema, theatre, photography, etc.
Social Work	Charitable services, community development, environment, sanitation, etc.
Public Affairs	Law, public life, and political services.
Science & Engineering	Research, space, nuclear science, IT, and related innovations.
Trade & Industry	Business, banking, textiles, technology, tourism, hospitality, etc.
Medicine	Distinctions in Allopathy, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy, medical research.
Literature & Education	Teaching, journalism, literature, poetry, and education reforms.

Civil Service	Excellence in administration and policy implementation.
Sports	Achievements in sports, athletics, mountaineering, and sports promotion.
Others	Spirituality, Yoga, agriculture, culinary arts, wildlife conservation, grassroots innovation, etc.

Padma Awards 2026 Selection Process

All nominations for the Padma Awards 2026 undergo multi-tiered evaluation process to ensure fairness, transparency, and merit-based selection:

1. The nominations are initially examined by the Padma Awards Committee, which is reconstituted annually by the Prime Minister of India. This committee comprises people from various fields along with senior government officials.
2. After thorough deliberation and scrutiny, the committee submits its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the President of India for final approval.
3. The names of the selected awardees were officially announced on January 26, 2026, with the celebration of Republic Day.

Padma Awards 2026 Award

Awardees of the Padma Awards 2026 are formally honoured at a prestigious ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. During this ceremonial event, the President of India personally presents the awards to each recipient. The honour includes:

1. A Sanad (an official certificate of recognition) bearing the signature of the President of India.
2. A medallion symbolising the conferment of the award.
3. A miniature replica of the medal, intended for use on ceremonial and official occasions.

Padma Awards 2026 Winners List

The Padma Awards 2026 celebrated the exceptional contributions of individuals from a wide range of fields, acknowledging their commitment to national development and the betterment of humanity. A total of 131 recipient was honoured, reflecting the inclusivity and diversity of the awards. The Padma Awards 2026 Winners List includes notable women achievers, posthumous recognitions, and international awardees whose efforts have made a significant impact both within India and globally. The detailed list has been shared below.

Padma Vibhushan Winners 2026

The Padma Vibhushan 2026 was awarded to five individuals for their exceptional and distinguished service in fields like art and public affairs. The Padma Vibhushan Winners 2026 List has been tabulated below.

Padma Vibhushan Winners 2026			
SN	Name	Field	State
1	Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri K T Thomas	Public Affairs	Kerala
3	Ms. N. Rajam	Art	Uttar Pradesh
4	Shri P. Narayanan	Literature & Education	Kerala
5	Shri V. S. Achuthanandhan (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala

Padma Bhushan Winners 2026

The Padma Bhushan 2026 was conferred on 13 individuals for distinguished service of a high order in fields such as art, public affairs, medicine, social work, sports, and trade & industry. The Padma Bhushan Winners 2026 List has been shared below.

Padma Bhushan Winners 2026			
SN	Name	Field	State / Country
1	Ms. Alka Yagnik	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Public Affairs	Uttarakhand
3	Shri K. R. Palaniswamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
4	Shri Mammooty	Art	Kerala
5	Dr. Nori Dattatreyaudu	Medicine	United States of America
6	Shri Piyush Pandey (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra

7	Shri S. K. M. Maeilanandhan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
8	Shri Shatavadhani R. Ganesh	Art	Karnataka
9	Shri Shibu Soren (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Jharkhand
10	Shri Uday Kotak	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
11	Shri V. K. Malhotra (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
12	Shri Vellappally Natesan	Public Affairs	Kerala
13	Shri Vijay Amritraj	Sports	United States of America

Padma Shri Winners 2026

The Padma Shri 2026 was awarded to 113 individuals for their distinguished contributions in diverse fields including art, literature and education, medicine, science and engineering, social work, sports, and others. **Padma Shri Winners 2026 List** is given below.

Padma Shri Winners 2026			
SN	Name	Field	State / Country
1	Shri A E Muthunayagam	Science and Engineering	Kerala
2	Shri Anil Kumar Rastogi	Art	Uttar Pradesh
3	Shri Anke Gowda M.	Social Work	Karnataka
4	Ms. Armida Fernandez	Medicine	Maharashtra
5	Shri Arvind Vaidya	Art	Gujarat
6	Shri Ashok Khade	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra

7	Shri Ashok Kumar Singh	Science and Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
8	Shri Asok Kumar Haldar	Literature and Education	West Bengal
9	Shri Baldev Singh	Sports	Punjab
10	Shri Bhagwandas Raikwar	Sports	Madhya Pradesh
11	Shri Bharat Singh Bharti	Art	Bihar
12	Shri Bhiklya Ladakya Dhinda	Art	Maharashtra
13	Shri Bishwa Bandhu (Posthumous)	Art	Bihar
14	Shri Brij Lal Bhat	Social Work	Jammu and Kashmir
15	Shri Buddha Rashmi Mani	Others – Archaeology	Uttar Pradesh
16	Dr. Budhri Tati	Social Work	Chhattisgarh
17	Shri Chandramouli Gaddamanugu	Science and Engineering	Telangana
18	Shri Charan Hembram	Literature and Education	Odisha
19	Shri Chiranjil Lal Yadav	Art	Uttar Pradesh
20	Ms. Deepika Reddy	Art	Telangana
21	Shri Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya	Art	Gujarat
22	Shri Gadde Babu Rajendra Prasad	Art	Andhra Pradesh
23	Shri Gafruddin Mewati Jogi	Art	Rajasthan
24	Shri Gambir Singh Yonzone	Literature and Education	West Bengal

25	Shri Garimella Balakrishna Prasad (Posthumous)	Art	Andhra Pradesh
26	Ms. Gayatri Balasubramanian & Ms. Ranjani Balasubramanian (Duo)	Art	Tamil Nadu
27	Shri Gopal Ji Trivedi	Science and Engineering	Bihar
28	Shri Guduru Venkat Rao	Medicine	Telangana
29	Shri H V Hande	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
30	Shri Hally War	Social Work	Meghalaya
31	Shri Hari Madhab Mukhopadhyay (Posthumous)	Art	West Bengal
32	Shri Haricharan Saikia	Art	Assam
33	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar	Sports	Punjab
34	Shri Inderjit Singh Sidhu	Social Work	Chandigarh
35	Shri Janardan Bapurao Bothe	Social Work	Maharashtra
36	Shri Jogesh Deuri	Others – Agriculture	Assam
37	Shri Juzer Vasi	Science and Engineering	Maharashtra
38	Shri Jyotish Debnath	Art	West Bengal
39	Shri K Pajanivel	Sports	Puducherry
40	Shri K Ramasamy	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
41	Shri K Vijay Kumar	Civil Service	Tamil Nadu
42	Shri Kabindra Purkayastha (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Assam

43	Shri Kailash Chandra Pant	Literature and Education	Madhya Pradesh
44	Ms. Kalamandalam Vimala Menon	Art	Kerala
45	Shri Kewal Krishan Thakral	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
46	Shri Khem Raj Sundriyal	Art	Haryana
47	Ms. Kollakal Devaki Amma G	Social Work	Kerala
48	Shri Krishnamurthy Balasubramanian	Science and Engineering	Telangana
49	Shri Kumar Bose	Art	West Bengal
50	Shri Kumarasamy Thangaraj	Science and Engineering	Telangana
51	Prof. (Dr.) Lars-Christian Koch	Art	Germany
52	Ms. Liudmila Viktorovna Khokhlova	Literature and Education	Russia
53	Shri Madhavan Ranganathan	Art	Maharashtra
54	Shri Maganti Murali Mohan	Art	Andhra Pradesh
55	Shri Mahendra Kumar Mishra	Literature and Education	Odisha
56	Shri Mahendra Nath Roy	Literature and Education	West Bengal
57	Shri Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Literature and Education	Delhi
58	Ms. Mangala Kapoor	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
59	Shri Mir Hajibhai Kasambhai	Art	Gujarat
60	Shri Mohan Nagar	Social Work	Madhya Pradesh

61	Shri Narayan Vyas	Others – Archaeology	Madhya Pradesh
62	Shri Naresh Chandra Dev Varma	Literature and Education	Tripura
63	Shri Nilesh Vinodchandra Mandlewala	Social Work	Gujarat
64	Shri Nuruddin Ahmed	Art	Assam
65	Shri Othuvaar Thiruthani Swaminathan	Art	Tamil Nadu
66	Dr. Padma Gurmet	Medicine	Ladakh
67	Shri Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy	Medicine	Telangana
68	Ms. Pokhila Lekthepe	Art	Assam
69	Dr. Prabhakar Basavprabhu Kore	Literature and Education	Karnataka
70	Shri Prateek Sharma	Medicine	USA
71	Shri Praveen Kumar	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
72	Shri Prem Lal Gautam	Science and Engineering	Himachal Pradesh
73	Shri Prosenjit Chatterjee	Art	West Bengal
74	Dr. Punniarumthy Natesan	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
75	Shri R Krishnan (Posthumous)	Art	Tamil Nadu
76	Shri R V S Mani	Civil Service	Delhi
77	Shri Rabilal Tudu	Literature and Education	West Bengal
78	Shri Raghupat Singh (Posthumous)	Others – Agriculture	Uttar Pradesh

79	Shri Raghuveer Tukaram Khedkar	Art	Maharashtra
80	Shri Rajastapathi Kaliappa Goundar	Art	Tamil Nadu
81	Shri Rajendra Prasad	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
82	Shri Rama Reddy Mamidi (Posthumous)	Others – Animal Husbandry	Telangana
83	Shri Ramamurthy Sreedher	Others – Radio Broadcasting	Delhi
84	Shri Ramchandra Godbole & Ms. Suneeta Godbole (Duo)	Medicine	Chhattisgarh
85	Shri Ratilal Borisagar	Literature and Education	Gujarat
86	Shri Rohit Sharma	Sports	Maharashtra
87	Ms. S G Susheelamma	Social Work	Karnataka
88	Shri Sangyusang S Pongener	Art	Nagaland
89	Sant Niranjan Dass	Others – Spiritualism	Punjab
90	Shri Sarat Kumar Patra	Art	Odisha
91	Shri Saroj Mandal	Medicine	West Bengal
92	Shri Satish Shah (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
93	Shri Satyanarayan Nuwal	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
94	Ms. Savita Punia	Sports	Haryana
95	Prof. Shafi Shauq	Literature and Education	Jammu and Kashmir

96	Shri Shashi Shekhar Vempati	Literature and Education	Karnataka
97	Shri Shrirang Devaba Lad	Others – Agriculture	Maharashtra
98	Ms. Shubha Venkatesha Iyengar	Science and Engineering	Karnataka
99	Shri Shyam Sundar	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
100	Shri Simanchal Patro	Art	Odisha
101	Ms. Sivasankari	Literature and Education	Tamil Nadu
102	Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi	Medicine	Karnataka
103	Swami Brahmdev Ji Maharaj	Social Work	Rajasthan
104	Shri T T Jagannathan (Posthumous)	Trade and Industry	Karnataka
105	Shri Taga Ram Bheel	Art	Rajasthan
106	Shri Tarun Bhattacharya	Art	West Bengal
107	Shri Techu Gubin	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh
108	Shri Thiruvaarur Bakthavathsalam	Art	Tamil Nadu
109	Ms. Tripti Mukherjee	Art	West Bengal
110	Shri Veezhinathan Kamakoti	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
111	Shri Vempaty Kutumba Sastry	Literature and Education	Andhra Pradesh
112	Shri Vladimer Mestvirishvili (Posthumous)	Sports	Georgia
113	Shri Yumnam Jatra Singh (Posthumous)	Art	Manipur

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