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List of Important Civilian Awards - GK

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The Civilian Awards in India are the most respected. It is the highest honour that can be received by any laudable citizen of India. Learning about the Important Civilian Awards like the Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri is most important when it comes to the preparation of Government Recruitment Exams like SSC MTS, SSC CGL, SSC CPO, IBPS PO, IBPS Clerk, IBPS RRB, IB ACIO, Insurance & more. Numerous questions are asked in the General Awareness section that revolves around the recipients of these awards. Read the article given below carefully & use the shortcut memory tips as well. You can also take [Online GK Mock Tests](#) to check your level of preparation.

List of Important Civilian Awards - An Introduction

“If cricket is a religion, Sachin Tendulkar is the god of cricket”. This is a very popular phrase that most media persons used to describe the craze of cricket in India and the love for Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar. Seeing Sachin’s contribution to the game of cricket and the laurels he brought for the country, the government of India decided to confer the highest civilian award to Sachin Tendulkar – the Bharat Ratna.

Civilian awards are given for the exemplary work done by individuals in their respective fields. Here are the four civilian awards that the government awards to citizens of India:

1. Bharat Ratna





2. Padma Vibhushan
3. Padma Bhushan
4. Padma Shri

Memory Tip:

To remember this hierarchy, think of the word **Ravi Bush**,
where **Ra** stands for **Ratna**,
Vi stands for **Vibhushan**,
B stands for **Bhushan** and
Sh stands for **Shri**.

#1. Bharat Ratna - Important Civilian Awards

This award is the highest civilian award of India and is conferred for achievements in the fields of:

- Science
- Literature
- Arts
- Public services
- Sports

Here are some important facts about Bharat Ratna that you need to be aware of

Receipients	Important Facts
Sachin Tendulkar	Youngest and only sportsperson who was honoured with this award in the year 2013



Lal Bahadur Shastri	First individual to be honoured with this award posthumously
Satyajit Ray	Only filmmaker who has received this award
Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and Nelson Mandela	Two foreign nationals to be given this award. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan received this award in the year 1987 and Nelson Mandela got it in the year 1990.
C. Rajagopalchari	First recipient of this award
Mother Teresa	The first naturalized Indian citizen of Bharat Ratna Award Winner in 1980

#2. Padma Vibhushan - Important Civilian Awards

- This is the second highest civilian award after the Bharat Ratna.
- The Padma Vibhushan is given for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by the government servants.
- A few eminent personalities who received this award are **Zakhir Hussain, V K Menon, Sachin Tendulkar, Shri Sharad Pawar** and more.

#3. Padma Bhushan - Important Civilian Awards

- The Padma Bhushan is the third highest civilian award of India.
- Like the Padma Vibhushan, the Padma Bhushan is also conferred upon individuals for distinguished service of a high order.
- A few well-known people who have received this award are **Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Devi Prasad Dwivedi, Swami Niranjana Nanda Saraswat** and several others.



#4. Padma Shri - Important Civilian Awards

- The Padma Shri is the fourth highest honour after the Bharat Ratna civilian award.
- Some eminent personalities that have been offered this award are **Kailash Kher, Anuradha Paudwal, Sanjeev Kapoor, Virat Kohli** and several others.

The aforementioned awards are presented by the President of India usually in the month of March or April. Every year, the Padma Awards committee is constituted by the Prime Minister of India. The Padma Awards are announced on 26th January every year. In the year 2016, the President approved the conferment of Padma Awards to 112 distinguished Indians.

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