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Bharat Ratna Awardees (1947-2020)

The first recipients of the Bharat Ratna were politician C. Rajagopalachari, philosopher Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and scientist C. V. Raman, who were honoured in 1954. The latest recipient of the Bharat Ratna was Former [President of India Pranab Mukherjee](#), who [died on 31st August 2020](#).

The [Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of India](#). The first award was conferred to C. Rajagopalachari, philosopher Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and scientist C. V. Raman in 1954. The award is given in the field of Arts, Literature, Public Services and Science but in December 2011, the government extended one more category which is "Any Field of Human Endeavour".

Name of the Awardees	Birth & Death	Awarded Year	About him
Pranab Mukherjee	1935-2020	2019	He is an Indian politician who served as the 13th President of India from 2012 until 2017.
Nanaji Deshmukh	1916-2010	2019	He was a social activist from India. He worked in the fields of education, health, and rural self-reliance. He was a member of RSS, a leader of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and also a member of the Rajya Sabha. He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. India's first Saraswati Shishu Mandir was established by him at Gorakhpur in 1950.
Bhupen Hazarika	1926-2011	2019	He was an Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, singer, poet and film-maker from Assam, widely known as

			Sudhakantha. Before he got Bharat Ranta (India's highest civilian award), received the National Film Award for Best Music Direction in 1975. Recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987), Padmashri (1977), and Padmabhushan (2001), and also awarded with Dada Saheb Phalke Award (1992).
Madan Mohan Malviya	1861 - 1946	2015	Scholar And Educational Reformer And Served As The Banaras Hindu University Vice-Chancellor From 1919 Till 1938.
Atal Bihari Vajpayee	1924-2018	2015	Served As The Prime Minister Of India For Three Terms; 1996, 1998, 1999-2004.
Prof. C.N.R Rao	1934-	2014	Honorary Doctorates From 63 Universities & Authored Around 1600 Research Papers And 48 Books.
Sachin Tendulkar	1973-	2014	Sachin Tendulkar Had Played 664 International Cricket Matches In A Career & Made 30,000 Runs In Both Odi And Test Cricket
Bhimsen Joshi	1922 - 2011	2008	Hindustani Classical Vocalist
Bismillah Khan	1916 - 2006	2001	Hindustani Classical Shehnai Player
Lata Mangeshkar	1929-	2001	Nightingale Of India
Ravi Shankar	1920 - 2012	1999	Hindustani Classical Music

Gopinath Bordoloi (Posthumous)	1890 - 1950	1999	First Chief Minister Of Assam (1946-50) And
Professor Amartya Sen	1933-	1999	Research On Several Topics Like Social Choice Theory, Ethics And Political Philosophy, Welfare Economics, Decision Theory And More
Jayaprakash Narayan (Posthumous)	1902 - 1979	1999	Total Revolution Movement And Independence Activist, Social Reformer
Shri Chidambaram Subramniam	1910 - 2000	1998	Independence Activist And Former Minister Of Agriculture Of India
Smt. Madurai Sanmukhavadiyu Subbulakshmi	1916 - 2004	1998	Carnatic Classical Vocalist
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	1931-	1997	Aerospace And Defence Scientist
Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali (Posthumous)	1909 - 1996	1997	Quit India Movement In 1942 & Delhi's First Mayor In 1958.
Shri Gulzarilal Nanda	1898 - 1998	1997	2 Times Interim Prime Minister Of India (1964, 1966) And Deputy Chairman Of The Planning Commission.
Shri Satyajit Ray	1922 - 1992	1992	For Bringing World Recognition To Indian Cinema In 1984
Shri Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhai Tata (J. R. D. Tata)	1904 - 1993	1992	Industrialist, Philanthropist, And Aviation Pioneer
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Posthumous)	1888 - 1958	1992	Independence Activist And First Minister Of Education
Shri Morarji Desai	1896 - 1995	1991	Independence Activist And 6th Prime Minister Of India In 1977-79

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	1875 - 1950	1991	Called Iron Man Of India And First Deputy Prime Minister Of India In 1947-50
Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	1944 - 1991	1991	9th Prime Minister Of India
Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela	1918-	1990	President Of South Africa In 1994-99
Dr. Bhim Rao Ramji Ambedkar (Posthumous)	1891 - 1956	1990	Social Reformer And Leader Of The Dalits
Shri Marudu Gopalan Ramachandran (Posthumous)	1917 - 1987	1988	Chief Minister Of Tamil Nadu For 3rd Terms; 1977-80, 1980-84, 1985-87
Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	1890 - 1988	1987	Called Frontier Gandhi And Founded Khudai Khidmatgar (Red Shirt Movement) In 1929
Shri Acharya Vinobha Bhave (Posthumous)	1895 - 1982	1983	Independence Activist, Social Reformer
Mother Teresa	1910 - 1997	1980	"Saint Mother Teresa Of Calcutta" Founder Of The Missionaries Of Charity
Shri Kumaraswami Kamraj (Posthumous)	1903 - 1975	1976	Chief Minister Of Tamil Nadu For 3 Terms - 1954-57, 1957-62, And 1962-63
Shri Varahagiri Venkata Giri	1894 - 1980	1975	4th Prime Minister And Independence Activist
Smt. Indira Gandhi	1917 - 1984	1971	Called As The "Iron Lady Of India" And Was Prime Minister Of India During 1966-77 And 1980-84
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous)	1904 - 1966	1966	For His Slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" And Second Prime Minister Of India In 1964-66

Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane	1880 - 1972	1963	Indologist And Sanskrit Scholar
Dr. Zakir Hussain	1897 - 1969	1963	Independence Activist And Education Philosopher & Vice Chancellor Of Aligarh Muslim University In 1948-56 And 3rd President Of India In 1967-69
Dr. Rajendra Prasad	1884 - 1963	1962	Independence Activist, Lawyer, Statesman, And Scholar & First President of India 1950-62
Shri Purushottam Das Tandon	1882 - 1962	1961	Speaker of The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly In 1937-50 & Involvement Of Official Language Status To Hindi.
Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy	1882 - 1962	1961	Physician, Political Leader, Philanthropist, Educationist, And A Social Worker
Dr. Dhondo Keshave Karve	1858 - 1962	1958	Social Reformer and Educator
Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant	1887 - 1961	1957	1st Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh (1950-54) And Premier of United Provinces in 1937-39, 1946-50
Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru	1889 - 1964	1955	1st Prime Minister of India in 1947-64 & Independence Activist And Author
Dr. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya	1861 - 1962	1955	Civil Engineer, Statesman, And Diwan Of Mysore in 1912-18
Dr. Bhagwan Das	1869 - 1958	1955	Independence Activist, Philosopher, And Educationist
Dr. Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman	1888 - 197	1954	Physicist



Dr. Sarvapali Radhakrishnan	1888 – 1975	1954	1st Vice-President In 1952-62) And Second President In 1962-67
Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari	1878 – 1972	1954	Independence Activist, Statesman, And Lawyer

