

Bharat Ratna Award Winners List From 1954 to 2024

Year	Recipients	About
1954	C. Rajagopalachari	Activist, statesman, and lawyer
	Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan	India's first Vice-President and second President
	C. V. Raman	Physicists, mathematicians, and scientists
1955	Bhagwan Das	Activist, philosopher, and educationist
	M. Visvesvaraya	Civil engineer, statesman, and Diwan of Mysore
	Jawaharlal Nehru	Activist and author served as the Prime Minister of India
1957	Govind Ballabh Pant	Activist and first Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh
1958	Dhondo Keshav Karve	Social reformer and educator
1961	Bidhan Chandra Roy	Physician, political leader, philanthropist, educationist, and social worker
	Purushottam Das Tandon	Activist and speaker of the United Provinces Legislative Assembly
1962	Rajendra Prasad	Activist, lawyer, statesman, and scholar
1963	Zakir Husain	Activist, economist, and education philosopher served as a Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and the Governor of Bihar
		Indologist and Sanskrit scholar

	Pandurang Vaman Kane	Indologist and Sanskrit scholar, known for his five-volume literary work
1966	Lal Bahadur Shastri	Activist and served as the second Prime Minister of India
1971	Indira Gandhi	First woman Prime Minister of India
1975	V. V. Giri	Trade Unionist
1976	K. Kamaraj	Independence activist and statesman, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
1980	Mother Teresa	Catholic nun and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity.
1983	Vinoba Bhave	Activist, social reformer, and a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi
1987	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	First noncitizen, independence activist
1988	M. G. Ramachandran	Actor turned politician, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
1990	B.R. Ambedkar	Social reformer and leader of the Dalits
	Nelson Mandela	Leader of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa, President of South Africa
1991	Rajiv Gandhi	Gandhi was the ninth Prime Minister of India serving from 1984 to 1989.
	Vallabhbhai Patel	Activist and first Deputy Prime Minister of India
	Morarji Desai	Activist, and Prime Minister of India
	Abul Kalam Azad	Activist and first Minister of education
		Industrialist, philanthropist, and

1992	J. R. D. Tata	aviation pioneer
	Satyajit Ray	Director, filmmaker, writer, novelist
1997	Gulzarilal Nanda	Activist, and interim Prime Minister of India.
	Aruna Asaf Ali	Activist
	A.P.J Abdul Kalam	Aerospace and defense scientist
1998	M. S. Subbulakshmi	Carnatic classical vocalist
	Chidambaram Subramaniam	Activist and former Minister of Agriculture of India
1999	Jayaprakash Narayan	Activist, and social reformer
	Amartya Sen	Economist
	Gopinath Bordoloi	Activist
	Ravi Shankar	Musician, sitar player
2001	Lata Mangeshkar	Singer
	Bismillah Khan	Hindustani classical shehnai player
2009	Bhimsen Joshi	Hindustani classical vocalist
2014	C. N. R. Rao	Chemist and professor, author
	Sachin Tendulkar	Cricketer
2015	Madan Mohan Malaviya	Scholar and educational reformer.
	Atal Bihari Bajpayee	Elected nine times to the Lok Sabha, twice to the Rajya Sabha, and served as the Prime Minister of India for three terms.
	Pranab Mukherjee	Indian politician, and senior leader in the Indian National Congress

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2019	Nanaji Deshmukh	A social activist from India, education, health, and rural self-reliance.
	Bhupen Hazarika	Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, singer, poet, and filmmaker from Assam.
2024 (Posthumously)	Karpoori Thakur	A renowned socialist leader and former Chief Minister of Bihar
2024	Lal Krishna Advani	A Veteran Bhartiya Janta Party Leader
2024	PV Narasimha Rao	Former Prime Minister
2024	Chaudhary Charan Singh	A former Prime Minister who supported the agricultural sector and upheld the rights of the farmers.
2024	MS Swaminathan	Father of Green Revolution