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Awards and Prizes

Here will be some text about this topic of general knowledge, let see what happens

What are awards?

An award is something which is given to a person or group of people or an organization for the recognition of their excellence. An award can be recognized by the medals, trophies, ribbons, certificates etc.

Types of awards

There are various types of awards:

8 major types of awards given by the government of India

The government of India provides the award to the valuable citizen with most care and dignity. Following are the names and description about the awards.

#1. Bharat Ratna Award:

- It is the most prestigious award of India as it is awarded to those who do something special for their country and make their country proud worldwide
- This award was started by the former president of India (Rajendra Prasad) on 2nd January 1954.

Facts about Bharat Ratna award:

- Earlier this award is given to only to alive people but now the criteria has changed

- First Indians to receive Bharat Ratna are Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan, sir cv Raman and Chakravarti Rajagopalachari in 1954.
- Mother Teresa was the first naturalized Indian citizen to get the Bharat Ratna award in 1980.

[***Naturalized Indian citizen**: The person who gets the citizenship of India but is not the actual citizen of India]

- Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1987) and Nelson Mandela (1990) were the first non-Indian to receive the Bharat Ratna award.
- Sachin Tendulkar is the first sportsperson to win the Bharat Ratna award, and do you know he is also the youngest sportsperson to win the Bharat Ratna award.
- Subhash Chandra Bose was awarded by Bharat Ratna award posthumously in 1992 which creates controversies for the proof of their death due to which his family hasn't accept that award. This was the only incident in history for the withdrawn of Bharat Ratna award.

[**meaning of posthumously: when the person dies, the family get honored in behalf of him/her*]

List of winners of Bharat Ratna awards:

- Bhagwan Das =1955 who had served his life for protesting against britishers
- Govind Ballabh Pant = 1957 who was famous freedom fighter and also one of the makers of modern India.
- Bheem Rao Ambedkar = 1990 he received Bharat Ratna because he had established campaign against social problems against untouchables and women rights and labour.
- Rajiv Gandhi = 1991 he received Bharat Ratna posthumously as he had a big hand in making the India modern as he has brought computer in India
- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam = 1997 as he has given many missiles to India and satellites too
- Madan Mohan Malaviya = 2014 because he was the one to promote the 'Sanatan dharma'.

#2. Padma Vibhushan award:

- Padma Vibhushan award is the second most prestigious award in India.
- This award was started at 2nd January 1954.
- This award is honoured for distinguish and exceptional service.
- Padma award is distinguishing in three categories which are Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan.
- Padma Shree is awarded for distinguish service
- Padma Bhushan is awarded for distinguish service for high order.
- Padma Vibhushan is awarded for distinguish and exceptional service.
- Padma awards are honoured on republic day

List of Indian Padma Vibhushan winners:

Name	Discipline
Rajnikanth	For popular film personality in India
Jag Mohan	Former of j &k
Shri Ravi Shankar	Founder of art of living foundation
Dhirubhai Ambani	Founder of reliance company
Yamini Krishnamurthy	Bharatnatyam and kucchipudi dancer
Ajim premji	Trade and industry
Dr. Kapil vatsayayan	Art

#3. Param veer chakra

- This award is the highest award for bravery.
- It is such a rare honour that until now this award is rewarded to only 21 people in which two – third are posthumously.
- All the branches of military are eligible for Param veer chakra then also there are 20 people from army and only one from air force.
- It carries cash for awardee which is of 10,000 per month.
- It was established in 26 january in 1950 list of param veer chakra winners.
- Somnath sharma got param veer chakra because he died while serving to the country and he saves life of 100 soldiers and didn't care about himself.
- Jadu nath singh got it because he had the biggest role in the war of taindhar 2nd February 1948.
- Rama raghoba rane got it because being injured he clear the minefield for the Indian tanks to move.
- Piru singh shikhavat got param because alone he had killed enemies in Pakistani trench.

1. When did Bharat Ratna award has been started

- 2nd Jan 1954
- 5th July 1888
- 12th September 1999
- 11th June 1876

Ans. (a) 2ND Jan 1954

Explanation: As it is the most prestigious Award and given by the former president of India and was started in 2nd Jan 1954

2. By whom this Award is Honoured

- President
- Chief Minister
- Prime Minister
- Home Minister

Ans. (a) by President

Explanation: Every year the former President gives the Award on Republic Day

3. First Indian to receive Bharat Ratna Award

- DR. APJ Abdul Kalam
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan
- Jawaharlal Nehru

Ans. (c) Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan

Explanation: As he was our first President of India and he was the great Philosopher

4. Who was the first Naturalized Indian to get Bharat Ratna Award

- Sarojini Naidu
- Ambika Soni
- Madan Mohan Malviya
- Mother Teresa

Ans. (d) Mother Teresa

Explanation: She was not from India but did various charity for Indians and open many charity orphanage for poor and needy people

5. Who is the youngest sports person to win the Bharat Ratna Award

- Milkha Singh
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Saina Nehwal
- Sania Mirza

Ans. (b) Sachin Tendulkar

Explanation: He was the first sports person to win the Bharat Ratna Award

6. Whose Award has been withdrawn from Bharat Ratna

- Subhash Chandra Bose
- Chandra Shekhar Azad
- Bhagat Singh
- Sarojini Naidu

Ans. (a) Subhash Chandra Bose

Explanation: As there was no proof for the death of Subhash Chandra Bose

7. In which year did Bhagwan Das won Bharat Ratna Award

- 1999
- 1876
- 1955
- 1908

Ans. (c) 1955

Explanation: He was Indian Theosophist who work for Indian rights for years.

8. Total how many Param veer Chakra are there in India

- 12
- 23
- 21
- 44

Ans. (c)21

Explanation: As it is the hardest chakra to Achieve

9. Who among the following is the first Asian winner of Nobel Prize:

- Mother Teresa
- Rabindranath Tagore
- C.V. Raman
- None of These

Ans. Rabindranath Tagore

Explanation: Rabindranath Tagore is a great Indian writer as well as post who had won various Prizes

10. Indian youngest women to achieve Ashok Chakra

- Sunita Narayan
- Neerja Bhanot
- Naina Amari
- Anousheh Ansari

Ans. Neerja Bhanot

Explanation: She was shot and killed while saving hundreds of passengers on board Pan Am Flight 73, which was hijacked by terrorists on 5 September 1986

11. To whom the Arjuna Award is given

- Sportsperson
- Fighters
- Politicians
- None of these

Ans. Sportsperson

Explanation: Latest Arjuna Award is Rewarded to Ms. PV Sindhu

12. When did Oscar Award were started

- 31ST August 1987
- 6TH August 1876
- 23RD July 1990
- 16TH may 1929

Ans. 16TH May 1929

Explanation: This Award is Recently given to 'spotlight' for Best movie

13. Which Indian has got the first Oscar

- A.R Rehman
- Bhanu Athaiya
- Amitabh Bacchan
- None of these

Ans. Bhanu Athaiya

Explanation: She is the best costume designers of Bollywood who get Oscar in 1991 for Movie Gandhi

14. Where Nobel Prizes are distributed Annually

- Canada
- Bangalore
- US
- Stockholm

Ans. Stockholm

Explanation: It is the capital of Sweden and was established in 1252

15. Who was called as father of Cinemas

- Devanand
- Raj Kapoor
- Dada Saheb Phalke
- Sunita Narayan

Ans. Dada Saheb Phalke

Explanation: As he had made first movie Harishchandra which was mute movie.