

Gallantry Award Winners 2026

Category-Wise List, Name, Rank, Unit

Read About Gallantry Award Winners 2026 category-wise list with names, ranks and units, honouring Armed Forces personnel for exceptional courage and sacrifice.

Gallantry Awards 2026 honour exceptional courage, bravery, and self-sacrifice displayed by personnel of the Indian Armed Forces, other lawfully constituted forces, and even civilians. Instituted by the Government of India, these awards recognise acts of valour both **in the face of the enemy** and **otherwise than in the face of the enemy** (peacetime operations).

Gallantry Awards are announced twice every year, on the occasions of **Republic Day** (26 January) and **Independence Day** (15 August). Gallantry Award Winners 2026 list has been shared below in this article.

Indian Army Gallantry Awards 2026

The **Indian Army** forms a major share of the Gallantry Awards 2026 list. Officers and soldiers from elite units such as **Para (SF)**, **Assam Rifles**, **Rashtriya Rifles**, and various infantry and artillery regiments were recognised for their courage during high-risk counter-terrorism and operational missions.

Indian Army personnel received honours in categories such as:

- Shaurya Chakra
- Sena Medal (Gallantry)
- Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry)

Gallantry Award Winners 2026 List (Category-wise)

The category-wise Gallantry Award Winners 2026 List has been tabulated below.

Gallantry Award Winners 2026 List (Category-wise)			
Award Category	Name	Rank	Unit / Service
Ashoka Chakra	Shubhanshu Shukla	Group Captain (Flying Pilot)	Indian Air Force
Kirti Chakra	Arshdeep Singh	Major	1 Assam Rifles – Army
Kirti Chakra	Doleshwar Subba	Naib Subedar	2 PARA (SF) – Army
Kirti Chakra	Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair	Group Captain (Flying Pilot)	Indian Air Force

Shaurya Chakra	Ghatage Aditya Shrikumar	Lieutenant Colonel	21 PARA (SF) – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Anshul Baltoo	Major	JAK LI, 32 Assam Rif – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Shivkant Yadav	Major	5 PARA (SF) – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Vivek	Major	MECH INF, 42 RR – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Leishangthem Deepak Singh	Major	11 PARA (SF) – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Yogender Singh Thakur	Captain	6 PARA (SF) – Army
Shaurya Chakra	P H Moses	Subedar	1 Assam Rifles – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Baldev Chand	Lance Dafadar	4 RR – Army (Posthumous)
Shaurya Chakra	Manglem Sang Vaiphei	Rifleman	3 Assam Rifles – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Dhurba Jyoti Dutta	Rifleman	33 Assam Rifles – Army
Shaurya Chakra	Dilna K	Lieutenant Commander	Indian Navy
Shaurya Chakra	Roopa A	Lieutenant Commander	Indian Navy
Shaurya Chakra	Vipin Wilson	Assistant Commandant	MHA
Bar to Sena Medal	Satya Pal Singh	Lance Havildar (SM)	6 Rajput – Army
Sena Medal (Gallantry)	Amit Dadhwal	Colonel	205 Army Aviation Sqn – Army
Sena Medal	Mudigere Rajagopal Suhas	Lieutenant Colonel	1 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Pradeep Shoury Arya	Lieutenant Colonel	SC, VSM – Army
Sena Medal	Kulbir Singh Mohan	Major	PARA, HQ SFF – Army
Sena Medal	Aneesh Chandran C	Major	Kumaon, 1 Assam Rif – Army

Sena Medal	Charanjit Singh	Major	20 RR – Army
Sena Medal	Nagavignesh KA	Major	1831 Med Regt – Army
Sena Medal	Rohit Kumar	Major	12 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Sivaprasad K	Major	Guards, 3 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Akshay Anand	Major	Arty, 36 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	C Sai Vivek	Major	Arty, 33 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Vishwa Prakash Dubey	Major	Armd, 23 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Ravi Kumar Singh	Major	Armd, 46 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Tushar Nagraik	Major	Armd, 21 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Ajinkya Pandit Kanase	Captain	Assam, 42 RR – Army
Sena Medal	Jagdeep Narayan	Captain	1 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Prabhat Kumar Singh	Captain	7 JAT – Army
Sena Medal	Gursharan Singh	Captain	11 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Dharamveer	Subedar	Mahar, HQ 112 Mtn Bde (Posthumous)
Sena Medal	Raj Kumar Manjhi	Subedar	43 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Gopal Singh	Subedar	2 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Kuldeep Chand	Subedar	9 Punjab (Posthumous)
Sena Medal	Shamas Din	Subedar	6 JAK LI – Army

Sena Medal	Mohmad Iqbal Teeli	Naib Subedar	12 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Pawan Kumar	Naib Subedar	7 JAT – Army
Sena Medal	Sariful Mandal	Naib Subedar	41 FD Regt – Army
Sena Medal	Rana Pratap Singh	Naib Ris	President's Bodyguard – Army
Sena Medal	Jhantu Ali Shaikh	Havildar	6 PARA (SF) (Posthumous)
Sena Medal	Anand Suman Rana	Havildar	6 JAK Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Maksood Deen	Havildar	1211 Med Regt – Army
Sena Medal	Puran Singh Kharayat	Havildar	4 Kumaon – Army
Sena Medal	Md Saroj Khan	Havildar	11 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Yang Dorjee Lama	Havildar	12 PARA (SF) – Army
Sena Medal	Bharavad Mehulbhai Mepabhai	Lance Dafadar	24 RR (Posthumous)
Sena Medal	Ranjay Kumar	Naik	8 Bihar – Army
Sena Medal	Ashok Kumar Bhinchar	Lance Naik	Rajput, 44 RR – Army
Sena Medal	Shabir Ahmad	Sepoy	159 Inf BN (TA) – Army
Sena Medal	Gyakar Sandip Pandurang	Sepoy	Maratha LI, 17 RR (Posthumous)
Sena Medal	Kadaohum Bellai	Sepoy	Assam, 42 RR – Army
Sena Medal	Waikhom Mohan Singh	Rifleman	43 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Thanggoulun Singson	Rifleman	1 Assam Rif – Army
Sena Medal	Bringer HK	PTR	5 PARA (SF) – Army

Sena Medal	Deepchand Kargwal	PTR	21 PARA (SF) – Army
Nao Sena Medal	Nardeep Singh	Commander	Indian Navy
Nao Sena Medal	Rishabh Purbia	Lieutenant Commander	Indian Navy
Nao Sena Medal	Rajeshwar Kumar Sharma	Commander	Indian Navy
Nao Sena Medal	Prashant Raj	Lieutenant Commander	Indian Navy
Nao Sena Medal	Harpreet Singh	Commander	Indian Navy
Nao Sena Medal	Piyush Katiyar	Captain	Indian Navy
Vayu Sena Medal	Shobhit Vyas	Wing Commander (Pilot)	Indian Air Force
Vayu Sena Medal	Kirpal Singh Salaria	Junior Warrant Officer	Indian Air Force

Youngest Gallantry Award Winner

Yogendra Singh Yadav, who later rose to the rank of Subedar Major (Honorary Lieutenant), became the youngest recipient of India's highest wartime gallantry award, the **Param Vir Chakra**, at just 19 years of age. He earned this honour for his extraordinary bravery and courage during combat operations, setting a historic record as the youngest Param Vir Chakra awardee in the country.

Importance of Gallantry Awards in India

Gallantry Awards in India recognise extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty shown by armed forces and security personnel in life-threatening situations.

- Recognise acts of exceptional bravery during war and peacetime operations.
- Honour supreme sacrifice, including posthumous recognition of martyrs.
- Boost morale of the Armed Forces and motivate personnel to uphold highest standards of duty.
- Inspire youth with real examples of courage and patriotism.
- Preserve the legacy of national heroes through official records and ceremonies.
- Strengthen citizens' trust in the country's defence and security forces.

Gallantry Awards in India List, Types, Names, Eligibility

Gallantry Awards in India: Government of India established the Gallantry Awards to recognize bravery & sacrifice of military officers. Check Gallantry Awards in India List, Types, Names, Eligibility.

Gallantry Awards in India

The Government of India established the Gallantry Awards to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of military officers, other legally organized forces, and citizens. The announcement of these medals for bravery occurs twice a year, first on Republic Day and later on Independence Day.

The government of India established the first three gallantry awards following independence on January 26, 1950, with the Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, and Vir Chakra being declared to have taken effect on August 15, 1947. Other three bravery medals, the Ashoka Chakra Class-I, Class-II, and Class-III, were subsequently established in 1952 and were believed to be effective as of August 15, 1947. In January 1967, the names of these prizes were changed to Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra, respectively.

These honors are given in the following order of precedence: Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra.



List of Gallantry Awards Approved by President Murmu**Kirti Chakra**

- Nk Devendra Pratap Singh, Armd, 55 Rr
- Sudip Sarkar, Constable/gd, Bsf (Posthumous)
- Paotinsat Guite, Sub-inspector/gd, Bsf (Posthumous)

Shaurya Chakra

- Maj Nitin Dhaania, 2 Para (Sf)
- Maj Amit Dahiya, Sm, 1 Para (Sf)
- Maj Sandeep Kumar, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- Maj Abhishek Singh, Mech Inf, 50 Rr
- Hav Ghanshyam, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- L/nk Raghendra Singh, Mech Inf, 9 Rr
- Sep Karn Veer Singh, Rajput, 44 Rr (Posthumous)
- Gnr Jasbir Singh, Arty, 19 Rr (Posthumous)
- Lt Cdr Mritunjay Kumar
- Amit Kumar, Assistant Commandant, Crpf
- Somay Vinayak Munde, IPS, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Maharashtra Police
- Ravindra Kashinath Naitam, Police Naik, Maharashtra Police
- Tikaram Sampatrao Katenge, Police Naik, Maharashtra Police

Bar to Sena Medal (Gallantry)

- Maj Archit Sharma, Sena Medal, Mech Inf, 42 Rr
- Maj Narendra Singh Waldia, Sena Medal, Engrs, 44 Rr

Sena Medal (Gallantry)

- Lt Col Vivek Kumar Dwivedi, Arty, 663 Army Avn Sqn (R&o)
- Lt Col Sudhanshu Dhyani, 671 Army Avn Sqn (R&o)
- Lt Col Prasoon Singh, 5 Rajput
- Maj Angad Singh Behl, 14 Jat



- Maj Vaibhav Bhatnagar, 3 Rajput
- Maj Sahil Kumar, 4 Para (Sf)
- Maj Parth Chandel, Bihar, 24 Rr
- Maj Vivek Kamboj, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- Maj Mritunjay Katoch, Garh Rif, 14 Rr
- Maj Sudeep Kumar, Sikh, 46 Rr
- Maj Divya Agre, Garh Rif, 14 Rr
- Maj Rishav Jamwal, Garh Rif, 14 Rr
- Maj Anuj Veer Singh, Jat, 34 Rr
- Maj Prabhjot Singh Saini, Raj Rif, 9 Rr
- Maj Mandeep K Narwal, Garh Rif, 48 Rr
- Maj Akash Sen, Sikh Li, 19 Rr
- Maj Arun Kumar, Asc, 1 Rr
- Maj Abhinav Nehra, 2 Para (Sf)
- Maj Rajesh Rawat, Mahar, 1 Rr
- Maj Navneet Singh, 1 Para (Sf)
- Maj Vijay Singh, Armd, 6 Assam Rif
- Maj Aditya Bisht, Assam, 42 Rr
- Maj Sankalp Yadav, Arty, 33 R&o Flt (Posthumous)
- Maj Apraant Raunaq Singh, Raj Rif, 9 Rr
- Maj Soubam Kinobabu Singh, 2 Jak Li
- Maj Jasmeet Singh Bhatia, Engrs, 55 Rr
- Maj Vikas Kumar, Kumaon, 13 Rr
- Maj Dinesh a, Engrs, 44 Rr
- Maj Irengbam Vishal Meetei, 19 Jak Rif
- Capt Anchit Sarpratap Rattani, 9 Para (Sf)
- Capt Nikhil Manchanda, 2 Para (Sf)
- Capt Abid Sohail, Sigs, 13 Rr
- Capt Reshab Dhungana, Sigs, 50 Rr
- Capt Srivathsan K, Gr, 6 Assam Rif
- Capt Mushtaq Ul Islam Khan, 12 Jat
- Sub Ram Singh, Garh Rif, 48 Rr (Posthumous)
- Nb Sub Sandeep Kumar, 9 Para (Sf)
- Nb Sub Kailash Joshi, 2 Para (Sf)
- Nb Sub Daljeet Singh, 9 Para (Sf)
- Nb Sub Gursev Singh, 8 Sikh Li
- Hav Rajendra Singh, 2 Para (Sf)
- Hav Manish Dhuliya, 4 Para (Sf)
- Hav Sonit Kumar Saini, 102 Engr Regt (Posthumous)
- Hav Om Prakash, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- Hav Ashok Kumar, Rajput, 44 Rr
- Hav Bhupendra Chand, Kumaon, 13 Rr



- Hav R Bithungo Lotha, Assam, 2 Arunachal Scouts Bn
- L/hav Major Singh, 4 Sikh
- Nk Jagjit Singh, Mech Inf, 9 Rr
- Nk Norden Lepcha, Mech Inf, 9 Rr
- Nk Akash Sadhotra, Mech Inf, 50 Rr
- Nk Sarabjit Singh, Armd, 55 Rr
- Nk Banwari Lal Rathore, 270 Engr Regt (Posthumous)
- Nk Bhuva Rajubhai Rambhai, Guards, 50 Rr
- Nk Lalit Singh Shekhawat, Raj Rif, 9 Rr
- Nk Bhupinder Singh, 2 Para (Sf)
- Nk Amit Kumar, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- Nk Guddu Kumar, Grenadiers, 55 Rr
- Nk Sanjeev Kumar, 3 Rajput
- Nk Shakti Singh, 3 Rajput
- Nk Mahipal Singh, Rajput, 44 Rr
- Nk Kesar Singh, Rajput, 44 Rr
- Nk Sartaj Ahmad Wagay, Jak Li, 50 Rr
- L/nk Sutinder Singh, Mech Inf, 42 Rr
- L/nk Satish Kumar, Dogra, 62 Rr
- L/nk Parveen Singh, Jat, 34 Rr
- L/nk Pramod Lamba, Jat, 34 Rr
- Sep Vikas Khatri, Mech Inf, 50 Rr
- Sep Dalvinder Singh, Mech Inf, 9 Rr
- Sep Sasankha Sekhar Samal, 233 (I) Fd Wksp Coy (Posthumous)
- Sep Jagpreet Singh, Sikh, 16 Rr
- Sep Adesh Singh, Jat, 34 Rr
- Sep Amarjit, Jat, 34 Rr
- Sep Chaina Ram, Jat, 34 Rr
- Sep Narender Sharma, Kumaon, 50 Rr
- Rfn Lakhon Singh, Raj Rif, 9 Rr
- Rfn Deepak Phogat, Raj Rif, 9 Rr
- Rfn Sheikh Shahbaz Yousuf, 1 Jak Li
- Rfn Ishan Hussain Khan, Jak Li, 19 Rr
- Swr Rajbir Singh Tanwar, Armd, 24 Rr
- Spr Hanamant Dhareppa Ayatti, Engrs, 44 Rr

Types of Gallantry Awards

Awards for bravery are divided into two categories:



- Gallantry in the Face of Enemy
- Gallantry Other than in the Face of Enemy

First Category of Gallantry Awards:

- Param Vir Chakra (PVC)
- Mahavir Chakra (MVC)
- Vir Chakra

Second Category of Gallantry Awards:

- Ashok Chakra
- Kirti Chakra
- Shaurya Chakra

Types of Gallantry Awards

Param Vir Chakra

Medal: Circular, made of bronze, one and three-eighths inches in diameter, and embossed with four copies of "Indra's Vajra" on the obverse and the state emblem in the middle. It will have "PARAM VIR CHAKRA" imprinted on the back in both Hindi and English, with two lotus flowers between the two inscriptions.

Ribbon: Plain purple colored ribbon.

Bar: If any Chakra recipient later commits an act of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra, that subsequent act of bravery will be noted by a Bar that will be attached to the riband that holds



the Chakra. A Bar will be added for each subsequent act of bravery, and any such Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, a miniature version of "Indra's Vajra" will be added to the riband for each Bar received.

Mahavir Chakra

Medal: One and three eighth inches in diameter, standard silver, circular in shape, with a five-pointed heraldic star etched on the obverse that touches the rim just slightly. A domed, gilded state emblem shall be in the centre of the star. The word "MAHA VIR CHAKRA"



will be embossed on the back in both Hindi and English, with two lotus flowers between the two inscriptions.

Ribbon: The ribbon is of a half-white and half-orange color.

Bar: If any Chakra recipient later commits an act of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra, that subsequent act of bravery will be noted by a Bar that will be attached to the riband that holds the Chakra. A Bar will be added for each subsequent act of bravery, and any such Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, the riband will have a small duplicate of the Chakra for each Bar received.

Vir Chakra

Medal: One and three eighths inches in diameter, standard silver, circular in shape, with a five-pointed heraldic star etched on the obverse that touches the rim just slightly. A chakra and a domed centre piece carrying the gilded state emblem will be located



within the star's chakra at its centre. The word "VIR CHAKRA" will be engraved on the back in both Hindi and English, with two lotus blossoms between the two scripts.

Ribbon: The ribbon is coloured in equal parts blue and orange.

Bar: If any Chakra recipient later commits an act of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra, that subsequent act of bravery will be noted by a Bar that will be attached to the ribband that holds the Chakra. A Bar will be added for each subsequent act of bravery, and any such Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, the ribband will have a small duplicate of the Chakra for each Bar received.

Ashoka Chakra

Medal: With rims on all sides, it is a circle with a diameter of one and three fourth inches. The medal must be made of gold leaf. The Ashoka's Chakra replica will be etched on the medal's obverse, and it will be encircled by a lotus wreath. Lotus leaves, flowers, and buds will be arranged in a design



along the rim's inner side. The words "Ashok Chakra" in both Hindi and English, separated by two lotus flowers, will be imprinted on the reverse of the medal.

Ribbon: A green ribbon with two parts of the same size and an orange vertical line separating them.



Bar: A Bar will be attached to the riband that suspends the Chakra in the event that the recipient of the Chakra later performs the same act of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra. For each additional act of bravery, an additional Bar will be added, and any such Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, the riband will have a small duplicate of the Chakra for each Bar received.

Kirti Chakra

Medal: One and three-eighth inches in diameter, round in shape, made of ordinary silver, and having rims on both sides. The Ashoka's Chakra replica will be etched on the medal's obverse, and it will be encircled by a lotus wreath. Lotus leaves, flowers, and buds will be arranged in a design along the rim's inner side. Both the Hindi and English



translations of "KIRTI CHAKRA" will be imprinted on the reverse of the coin, with two lotus flowers separating the two languages.

Ribbon: Two orange vertical lines divide a green ribbon into three equal pieces.

Bar: A Bar will be attached to the riband by which the Chakra is suspended in the event that the recipient of the Chakra again exhibits the kind of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra. For each additional act of bravery, an additional Bar will be added, and the Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, each such Bar will have a small version of the Chakra placed to the riband.

Shaurya Chakra

Medal: One and three-eighth inches in diameter, round in shape, manufactured of bronze, with rims on both sides. The Ashoka's Chakra replica will be etched on the medal's obverse, and it will be encircled by a lotus wreath. Lotus leaves, flowers, and buds will be arranged in a design along the rim's inner side. Both the Hindi and English translations of "SHAURYA CHAKRA" will be imprinted on the reverse of the coin, with two lotus flowers separating the two languages.

Ribbon: Green color ribbon divided into four equal parts by three vertical lines.

Bar: A Bar will be attached to the riband by which the Chakra is suspended in the event that the recipient of the Chakra again exhibits the kind of bravery that would have qualified them for the Chakra. For each additional act of bravery, an additional Bar will be added, and the Bar or Bars may also be given posthumously. When worn alone, each such Bar will have a small version of the Chakra placed to the riband.



Gallantry Awards of India Eligibility

The Param Vir Chakra, the Maha Vir Chakra & the Vir Chakra

In order to qualify for the Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, and Vir Chakra, a person must fall into one of the following categories:

- Officers and members of all ranks of the Territorial Army, Militia, Naval, Military, and Air Forces, as well as any Reserve Forces and other Armed Forces that are duly established.
- Civilians of either sex working regularly or temporarily for any of the aforementioned Forces, including Matrons, Sisters, Nurses, and the Staff of the Nursing Services and Other Services Relating to Hospitals and Nursing.

Conditions of Eligibility:

- Whether on land, at sea, or in the air, the enemy must be present for the Param Vir Chakra to be given out for the most outstanding courage or some daring or noteworthy act of valour or self-sacrifice.
- Whether on land, at sea, or in the air, acts of conspicuous bravery in the presence of the adversary qualify for the Maha Vir Chakra.
- The Vir Chakra is awarded for deeds of gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land or at sea or in the air.

The Ashoka Chakra, The Kirti Chakra & Shaurya Chakra

People who fall into the following categories are eligible for the Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra:

- Officers, members of all ranks of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, members of any Reserve Force, members of the Territorial Army, members of the Militia, and members of any other legally established forces.
- Civilians of either sex from all walks of life, including Central Para-Military Forces and Railway Protection Force members;
- Members of the Nursing Services of the Armed Forces;



Conditions of Eligibility:

- Other than in the face of an enemy, the Ashoka Chakra is given for the most egregious courage, some act of daring, the greatest act of valour, or self-sacrifice.
- The Kirti Chakra is given for eminent bravery that is not displayed in the presence of an opponent.
- The Shaurya Chakra is given for bravery displayed away from an enemy.

Param Vir Chakra: Highest Gallantry Awards in India

The highest military honour, the Param Vir Chakra, is given to individuals who have displayed exceptional bravery during a time of conflict.

The “Wheel of the Ultimate Brave” is another name for the prize. The medal is a bronze disc in a circle. The National Emblem of India is displayed on the front in the centre of a raised circle that is surrounded by four sets of the vajra. Two inscribed legends are separated by lotus flowers on the reverse of the coin. Both Hindi and English versions of the word “Param Vir Chakra” are present.

