

Bharat Ratna Awards

Sr.No	Year	Winner	Profession
1	2009	Bhimsen Joshi	Hindustani classical singer
2	2001	Bismillah Khan	Hindustani classical shehnai player
3	2001	Lata Mangeshkar	Playback singer
4	1999	Gopinath Bordoloi	Posthumous, independence activist, Chief Minister of Assam
5	1999	Amartya Sen	Economist
6	1999	Ravi Shankar	Sitar player
7	1999	Jayaprakash Narayan	Posthumous, independence activist and politician
8	1998	Chidambaram Subramaniam	Independence activist, Minister of Agriculture
9	1998	M. S. Subbulakshmi	Carnatic classical singer
10	1997	Aruna Asaf Ali	Posthumous, independence activist
11	1997	Gulzarilal Nanda	Independence activist, interim Prime Minister
12	1997	A. P. J. Abdul Kalam	Aeronautical Engineer, 11th President of India
13	1992	Satyajit Ray	Bengali filmmaker
14	1992	J. R. D. Tata	Industrialist and philanthropist
15	1992	Abul Kalam Azad	Posthumous, independence activist, first Minister of Education
16	1991	Morarji Desai	Independence activist, fourth Prime Minister
17	1991	Vallabhbhai Patel	Posthumous, independence activist, first Home Minister
18	1991	Rajiv Gandhi	Posthumous, Sixth Prime Minister
19	1990	Nelson Mandela	Second non-citizen and first non-Indian recipient, Leader of the Anti-Apartheid movement
20	1990	B. R. Ambedkar	Posthumous, chief architect of the Indian Constitution, politician, economist, and scholar
21	1988	M. G. Ramachandran	Posthumous, film actor, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
22	1987	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	First non-citizen, independence activist
23	1983	Vinoba Bhave	Posthumous, social reformer, independence activist
24	1980	Mother Teresa	Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity
25	1976	K. Kamaraj	Posthumous, independence activist, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu State
26	1975	V. V. Giri	Trade unionist and fourth President
27	1971	Indira Gandhi	Third Prime Minister
28	1966	Lal Bahadur Shastri	Posthumous, independence activist, second Prime Minister
29	1963	Pandurang Vaman Kane	Indologist and Sanskrit scholar
30	1963	Zakir Hussain	Scholar, third President
31	1962	Rajendra Prasad	Independence activist, jurist, first President
32	1961	Purushottam Das Tandon	Independence activist, educator
33	1961	Bidhan Chandra Roy	Physician, Chief Minister of West Bengal
34	1958	Dhondo Keshav Karve	Educator, social reformer
35	1957	Govind Ballabh Pant	Independence activist, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Home Minister
36	1955	Jawaharlal Nehru	Independence activist, author, first Prime Minister

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37	1955	Mokshagundam Visvesvarayya	Civil engineer, Diwan of Mysore
38	1955	Bhagwan Das	Independence activist, author
39	1954	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	Philosopher, second President
40	1954	C. V. Raman	Physicist
41	1954	Chakravarti Rajagopalachari	Independence activist, last Governor-General