



GALLANTRY AWARDS – POLITY

News: Recently, the **President of India**, presented **Gallantry Awards** at the **Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024** held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

What's in the News>

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- **Gallantry Awards** have been instituted to honour the **acts of bravery** and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the **Armed Forces**, other **lawfully constituted Forces and civilians**.
- These gallantry awards are **announced twice in a year**, first on the occasion of the **Republic Day** and then on the occasion of the **Independence Day**.

Gallantry Award in the Face of Enemy:

- **Param Vir Chakra (PVC)**: It shall have embossed on the obverse four replicas of "Indra's Vajra" with the State Emblem embossed in the centre.
- **Mahavir Chakra (MVC)**: It shall have embossed on the obverse a **five-pointed heraldic star** with the points of the star just touching the rim. The star shall have in the centre a domed gilded State Emblem.
- **Vir Chakra**: The star will feature a Chakra at its centre, with a domed centerpiece inside the Chakra bearing the gilded State Emblem. **Types:**
- **Gallantry Award Other than in the Face of Enemy:**
- In case of Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra the obverse of the medal shall be embossed a replica of respective chakra in the centre, surrounded by a lotus wreath. Along the rim, on the inner side, shall be a pattern of lotus leaves, flowers and buds.
- On its reverse shall be embossed the respective words both in Hindi and English the two versions being separated by two lotus flowers.



- **Order of precedence of the Award:**
 - Param Vir Chakra



- Ashoka Chakra
- Mahavir Chakra
- Kirti Chakra
- Vir Chakra
- Shaurya Chakra

Eligibility and Selection Criteria to be Awarded the Gallantry Awards

- **Param Vir Chakra, the Maha Vir Chakra and the Vir Chakra:**
 - Personnel of **all ranks** of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted Armed Forces.
 - Matrons, Sisters, Nurses and the Staff of the Nursing Services and other Services pertaining to Hospitals and Nursing, and Civilians serving under the directions of any of the above-mentioned Forces.
 - **Conditions of Eligibility:** These awards are given for action against the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air.
 - **Param Vir Chakra:** For **most conspicuous bravery** or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice.
 - **Maha Vir Chakra:** For **acts of conspicuous gallantry**
 - **Vir Chakra:** For **acts of gallantry**
- **Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra & Shaurya Chakra:**
 - Officers and men and women of all ranks of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, of any of the Reserve Forces, of the Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted forces.
 - Members of the Nursing Services of the Armed Forces.
 - Civilian citizens and members of Police Forces including Central Para-Military Forces and Railway Protection Force.
 - **Conditions of Eligibility:** These awards are given for acts in the face of the enemy.
 - **Ashoka Chakra:** For **most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring** or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice
 - **Kirti Chakra:** For **conspicuous gallantry**
 - **Shaurya Chakra:** For **gallantry**

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