

GALLANTRY AWARDS

NEWS: President Droupadi Murmu conferred **Kirti Chakras and Shaurya Chakras** to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police during Phase-I of the Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Gallantry awards

- The Ministry of Defence invites recommendations **twice in a year from the Armed Forces and Union Ministry of Home Affairs** for gallantry awards.
- They were given to the personnel for displaying raw courage, unparalleled bravery and total disregard to personal safety in the line of duty.
- The awardees showed exceptional courage during various operations, including counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations in J&K and the North-East, anti-piracy operations, and fire-fighting operations.

Param Vir Chakra



- It was instituted on January 26, 1950 and is **India's highest military decoration** awarded for the highest degree of valour or self-sacrifice in the **presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air.**
 - Eligible recipients include all ranks of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Reserve Forces, Nursing Services, and civilians serving under the armed forces.
 - The award can be given posthumously.
- Recipients receive a monetary allowance of Rs. 3,000, with the same amount for each additional bar awarded for further acts of bravery.

Mahavir Chakra

- It was instituted on January 26, 1950 and is the **second highest military decoration in India** and is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the **presence of the enemy**, whether on land, at sea or in the air.
 - Literally Maha Veer means extraordinarily brave
- Eligible recipients include all ranks of the armed forces, nursing staff, and civilians serving under military orders.
- The award can be given posthumously.
- Recipients receive a monthly monetary allowance of Rs. 2,400, with the same amount for each additional bar awarded for further acts of bravery.



Vir Chakra

- It was established on January 26, 1950 (effective from August 15, 1947), is the third-highest wartime gallantry award comes after the Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra.
- It is given for acts of bravery in the **presence of the enemy on land, sea, or air**. It can be awarded posthumously.
- Eligible recipients include all ranks of the armed forces and reserve units.
 - The award carries a monthly allowance of Rs. 1,700, with the same amount for each additional bar.

Ashoka Chakra

- It was instituted in 1952 and renamed in 1967 and It is awarded for valor, courageous action or self-sacrifice away from the battlefield.
 - It is the **peace time equivalent** of the **Param Vir Chakra**, and is awarded for the “most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent valour or self-sacrifice” other than in the face of the enemy.
- Eligible recipients include armed forces personnel, nursing staff, civilians, police, and paramilitary forces.
- The award can be given posthumously.

- Recipients receive a monthly allowance of Rs. 2,800, with the same amount for each additional bar awarded for further acts of bravery.

Kirti Chakra

- It was instituted in 1952 as Ashoka Chakra Class-II and renamed in 1967.
- It is awarded for valour, courageous action or selfsacrifice away from the field of battle.
 - It may be awarded to civilians as well as military personnel, including posthumous awards.
 - It is the peacetime equivalent of the Maha Vir Chakra. **It is second in order of precedence of peacetime gallantry awards.**
 - Recipients receive a monthly allowance of Rs. 2,100, with the same amount for each additional bar awarded.

Shaurya Chakra

- It is a gallantry award presented for acts of valor not involving direct combat with the enemy, making it the peacetime equivalent of the Vir Chakra.
- It was initially established as the Ashoka Chakra, Class III on 4 January 1952, effective from 15 August 1947, and renamed on 27 January 1967.
- The award can be given posthumously and is open to personnel from all branches of the Armed Forces, including the Reserves, Territorial Army, and other legally constituted forces.
 - Recipients receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 1500, with an additional Rs. 1500 per bar awarded.

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