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# Gallantry awards

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**Why is in news?** President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, has approved following Gallantry awards to Indian Navy personnel on the eve of Independence Day 2023.

Post-independence, first three gallantry awards namely **Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra** were **instituted** by the Government of India on **26th January, 1950** which were deemed to have effect from the 15th August, 1947.

Thereafter, other three gallantry awards i.e. Ashoka Chakra Class-I, Ashoka Chakra Class-II and Ashoka Chakra Class-III were instituted by the Government of India on **4th January, 1952**, which were deemed to have effect from the 15th August, 1947. These awards were renamed as **Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra** respectively in January, 1967.

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**.

**Order of precedence** of these awards is the Param Vir Chakra, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, the Vir Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra.

All the gallantry awards **may be awarded posthumously**.

Persons recommended for the award shall **not be involved in any adverse report** or **should not have been conveyed any displeasure or censure** or **given any punishment in a court martial proceedings** or through administrative action.

## Eligibility criteria:

### **The Param Vir Chakra, The Maha Vir Chakra & The Vir Chakra:**

**Officers and men and women of all ranks** of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, of any of the Reserve Forces, of the Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted Armed Forces.

### **Conditions of Eligibility:**

The Param Vir Chakra is awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air.

The Maha Vir Chakra is awarded for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the presence of the enemy whether on land, at sea or in the air.

The Vir Chakra is awarded for acts 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**

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**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** of either sex in all walks of life and members of Police Forces including Central Para-Military Forces and Railway Protection Force.

#### **Conditions of Eligibility:**

The Ashoka Chakra is awarded for most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice otherwise than in the face of the enemy.

The Kirti Chakra is awarded for conspicuous gallantry other than in the face of the enemy.

The Shaurya Chakra is awarded for gallantry other than in the face of the enemy.

