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Important Banking Abbreviations

ACF – Auto-Correlation Function
AD – Authorized Dealer
ADB – Asian Development Bank
ADR – American Depositary Receipt
ADSL – Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
AEOI – Automatic Exchange of Information
AEPS – Aadhaar Enabled Payment System
AFS – Annual Financial Statement
AGM – Annual General Meeting
AIIB – Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
ASSOCHAM – Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
AMFI – Association of Mutual Funds in India
AML – Anti-Money Laundering
AMRUT – Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
ALM – Asset Liability Management
APBS – Aadhaar Payment Bridge System
ASBA – Applications Supported by Blocked Amount
ATM – Automated Teller Machine
BACS – Bankers Automated Clearing System
BBB – Bank Boards Bureau
BHIM – Bharat Interface for Money
BIS – Bank for International Settlements
BoP – Balance of Payments
BCBS – Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
BCSBI – Banking Codes and Standards Board of India
BSR – Basic Statistical Returns
BSE – Bombay Stock Exchange
CAD – Capital Account Deficit
CAG – Comptroller and Auditor General of India
CAFRAL – Centre for Advanced Financial Research and Learning.
CAR – Capital Adequacy Ratio
CARE – Credit Analysis and Research Limited
CBS – Core Banking Solution
CECA – Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
CCT – Conditional Cash Transfer

CDBS – Committee of Direction of Banking Statistics
CDR – Corporate Debt Restructuring
CEPA – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
CFMS – Centralised Funds Management System
CFRA – Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts
CGRA – Currency and Gold Revaluation Account
CIBIL – Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited
CII – Confederation of Indian Industry
CMIS – Currency Management Information System
CPI – Consumer Price Index
CRR – Cash Reserve Ratio
CRAR – Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio
CNP – Card Not Present
CVV – Card Verification Value
DEAF – Depositor Education and Awareness Fund
DICGC – Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
DRAT – Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal
DTAA – Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement
EBT – Electronic Benefit Transfer
EBRD – European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECB – External Commercial Borrowings
ECS – Electronic Clearing Service
EDFC – Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor
EEFC – Exchange Earner's Foreign Currency Account
ELSS – Equity Linked Savings Scheme
EFSF – European Financial Stability Facility
EIB – European Investment Bank
ETF – Exchange Traded Funds
EFTPOS – Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale
EPS – Earnings Per Share
EXIM – Export-Import Bank of India

FATCA – Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
FATF – Financial Action Task Force
FCA – Foreign Currency Assets
FCNRA – Foreign Currency Non-Resident Account
FCNR – Foreign Currency Non-Resident Account
FDI – Foreign Direct Investment
FERA – Foreign Exchange Regulation Act
FICCI – Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
FII – Foreign Institutional Investor
FIMMDA – Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association
FINO – Financial Inclusion Network and Operations
FIPB – Foreign Investment Promotion Board
FPI – Foreign Portfolio Investment
FRA – Financial Redressal Agency
FSSAI – Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
FSDC – Financial Stability and Development Council
FSLRC – Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission
FSR – Financial Stability Report
FTA – Free Trade Agreement
GAAR – General Anti-Avoidance Rule
GDP – Gross Domestic Product
GDR – Global Depository Receipt
GFD – Gross Fiscal Deficit
GIRO – Government Internal Revenue Order
GMS – Gold Monetisation Scheme
GSTN – Goods and Services Tax Network
HDFC – Housing Development Finance Corporation
IBBI – Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
IBRD – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IBU – International Banking Unit
ICICI – Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India
ICCW – Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal,
IDBI – Industrial Development Bank of India
IDRBT – Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology

IFI – International Financial Institution
IIB – International Investment Bank
IFSC – Indian Financial System Code / International Financial Services Centre
IMF – International Monetary Fund
IMPS – Immediate Payment Service
IMT – Instant Money Transfer
IPPB – India Post Payments Bank
IPR – Intellectual Property Rights
IRBI – Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India
IRDAI – Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
IPO – Initial Public Offering
KCC – Kisan Credit Card
KVIC – Khadi and Village Industries Commission
KVP – Kisan Vikas Patra
KYC – Know Your Customer
LAF – Liquidity Adjustment Facility
LDB – Land Development Bank
LIBOR – London Interbank Offered Rate
LTN – Long Term Note
LTV – Loan to Value
MANI – Mobile Aided Note Identifier
MAT – Minimum Alternate Tax
MCLR – Marginal Cost of Funds-Based Lending Rate
MDR – Merchant Discount Rate
MFDF – Micro Finance Development Fund
MFI – Micro Finance Institution
MFSS – Mutual Fund Service System
MIBOR – Mumbai Interbank Offered Rate
MICR – Magnetic Ink Character Recognition
MMID – Mobile Money Identifier
MSS – Market Stabilisation Scheme
MTN – Medium Term Note
MUDRA – Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency
NABARD – National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NACH – National Automated Clearing House
NASSCOM – National Association of Software and Service Companies
NAV – Net Asset Value
NBFC – Non-Banking Financial Company
NDA – Net Domestic Asset
NDS – Negotiated Dealing System
NDTL – Net Demand and Time Liabilities

NECS – National Electronic Clearing Service
NEFT – National Electronic Funds Transfer
NFA – No Frills Account
NFC – Near Field Communication
NFS – National Financial Switch
NGN – New Generation Network
NHB – National Housing Bank
NITI Aayog – National Institution for Transforming India
NPA – Non-Performing Asset
NPCI – National Payments Corporation of India
NPS – National Pension Scheme
NPV – Net Present Value
NRE – Non-Resident External Account
NSFDC – National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation
NSSF – National Small Savings Fund
NSE – National Stock Exchange
NUUP – National Unified USSD Platform
OCAS – Online Customer Acquisition Solution
OCB – Overseas Corporate Bodies
ODIs – Offshore/Overseas Derivative Instruments
OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLP – Online Learning Portal
OLTAS – Online Tax Accounting System
OMO – Open Market Operations
ONDC - Open Network for Digital Commerce
OTCEI – Over the Counter Exchange of India
OTP – One-Time Password
PACS – Primary Agricultural Credit Societies
PAN – Permanent Account Number
PCA – Prompt Corrective Action
PCR – Provision Coverage Ratio / Public Credit Registry
PDO – Public Debt Office
PFRDA – Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
PGS – Payment Gateway System
PIN – Personal Identification Number
PIS – Portfolio Investment Scheme
PLR – Prime Lending Rate
P-Notes – Participatory Notes
PoA – Power of Attorney
PoS – Point of Sale
P2P – Peer-to-Peer
PPF – Public Provident Fund

PPI – Prepaid Payment Instrument
PPP – Public-Private Partnership / Purchasing Power Parity
PRSF – Partial Risk Sharing Facility
PRAN -Permanent Retirement Account Number
QIB – Qualified Institutional Buyers
QIP - Qualified Institutional Placement
RBI – Reserve Bank of India
RBS – Royal Bank of Scotland
RDBMS – Relational Database Management System
RDDBI – Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act
REC – Rural Electrification Corporation
REER – Real Effective Exchange Rate
RERA – Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act
RFC – Resident Foreign Currency
RFID – Radio Frequency Identifier
RIDF – Rural Infrastructure Development Fund
RTGS – Real Time Gross Settlement
RoA – Return on Assets
RoE – Return on Equity
RRB – Regional Rural Bank
RSOC – Rapid Survey on Children
RWA – Risk Weighted Assets
SARFAESI – Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act
SBI – State Bank of India
SCB – Scheduled Commercial Bank
SDBS – Service Discharge Benefit Scheme
SDR – Special Drawing Rights
SDR – Strategic Debt Restructuring
SEAC – Standing External Advisory Committee
SEPA – Single Euro Payments Area
SFMS – Structured Financial Messaging System
SGB – Sovereign Gold Bond
SIDBI – Small Industries Development Bank of India
SIDC – State Industrial Development Corporation
SIFI – Systemically Important Financial Intermediaries
SIP – Systematic Investment Plan
SIPS – Systemically Important Payment System
SJSRY – Swarna Jayanthi Shahari Rozgar Yojana

SLR – Statutory Liquidity Ratio
SLRS – Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers
SME – Small and Medium Enterprises
SMERA – SME Rating Agency of India Limited
SMILE – SIDBI Make in India Loan for Small Enterprises
SPNS – Shared Payment Network System
SSC – Selective Credit Control
SSI – Small Scale Industries
SSSBE – Small Scale Service and Business Enterprises
SWIFT – Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication
SHGs – Self Help Groups
SEBI – Securities and Exchange Board of India
SECC – Socio Economic and Caste Census
TDS – Tax Deducted at Source
TIN – Tax Information Network
TRIPS - Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UBIN – Unique Business Identification Number
UCB – Urban Cooperative Bank
UCT – Unconditional Cash Transfer
UCNs – Uniform Code Numbers

UEBA – Universal Electronic Bank Account
UIDAI – Unique Identification Authority of India
ULIP – Unit Linked Insurance Plan
UPI – Unified Payments Interface
UPIN – Unique Property Identification Number
USB – Ultra Small Branch
USD – United States Dollar
USSD – Unstructured Supplementary Service Data
UTI – Unit Trust of India
VAT – Value Added Tax
VDDBS – Vertically Differentiated Banking System
VPA – Virtual Payment Address
VVPAT – Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail
WBCIS – Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme
WCTL – Working Capital Term Loan
WL ATM – White Label Automated Teller Machine
WMA – Ways and Means Advances
WPI – Wholesale Price Index
YTM – Yield to Maturity

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National and International Days

National Days (India)

Date	National Day	Remarks
9 January	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	From 2015, main convention held biennially (every two years) (first observed in 2003)
12 January	National Youth Day	Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
15 January	Army Day	—
24 January	National Girl Child Day	—
25 January	National Voters' Day	—
26 January	Republic Day	—
30 January	Martyrs' Day	Death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
28 February	National Science Day	Discovery of Raman Effect
7 March	Janaushadhi Diwas	—
23 March	Martyrs' Day	Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru
14 April	Ambedkar Jayanti	Birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
21 April	National Civil Services Day	—
24 April	National Panchayati Raj Day	—
11 May	National Technology Day	—
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	—
29 June	National Statistics Day	—
1 July	National Doctors' Day	Birth anniversary of Dr. B. C. Roy
1 July	SBI Foundation Day	—
26 July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	—
7 August	National Handloom Day	—
15 August	Independence Day	On August 15, 2017, India celebrated its 70th Independence Day as "Sankalp Parva" (Resolve Day). The Government of India urged people to hoist the Tricolour in their homes from Aug 13th to 15th to celebrate 75th Independence Day in 2022 .
20 August	Indian Renewable Energy Day	—
29 August	National Sports Day	Birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand
5 September	Teachers' Day	Birth anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
14 September	Hindi Diwas	—
15 September	National Engineer's Day	Birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya
8 October	Indian Air Force Day	—
31 October	National Unity Day	Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
31 October	Kisan Adhikar Diwas	—
31 October	Indira Gandhi Death Anniversary	—
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	—

9 November	Legal Services Day	—
14 November	Children's Day	Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru
17 November	National Epilepsy Day	—
26 November	Constitution Day (National Law Day)	Constitution adopted
4 December	Indian Navy Day	—
7 December	Armed Forces Flag Day	—
14 December	National Energy Conservation Day	—
19 December	Goa Liberation Day	—
22 December	National Mathematics Day	Birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan
23 December	National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas)	Birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh
24 December	National Consumer Day	—
25 December	National Good Governance Day	—

International Days

Date	International Day	Remarks
4 January	World Braille Day	—
10 January	World Hindi Day	—
24 January	International Day of Education	—
26 January	International Customs Day	—
2 February	World Wetlands Day	—
4 February	World Cancer Day	—
13 February	World Radio Day	—
21 February	International Mother Language Day	—
3 March	World Wildlife Day	—
8 March	International Women's Day	—
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	—
20 March	International Day of Happiness	—
20 March	World Sparrow Day	—
20 March	World Oral Health Day	—
21 March	International Day of Forests	—
21 March	World Poetry Day	—
22 March	World Water Day	—
23 March	World Meteorological Day	—
24 March	World TB Day	—
27 March	World Theatre Day	—
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day	—
7 April	World Health Day	—
17 April	World Haemophilia Day	—
18 April	World Heritage Day	—
22 April	Earth Day	—
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	—
25 April	World Malaria Day	—
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day	—
1 May	International Workers' Day (May Day)	—
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	—
7 May	World Athletics Day	—
8 May	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	—
8 May	International Thalassaemia Day	—

15 May	International Family Day	—
17 May	World Telecommunication Day	—
18 May	International Museum Day	—
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	—
23 May	World Turtle Day	—
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	—
3 June	World Bicycle Day	—
5 June	World Environment Day	—
7 June	World Food Safety Day	—
8 June	World Oceans Day	—
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	—
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	—
20 June	World Refugee Day	—
21 June	International Yoga Day	—
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	—
25 June	International Day of the Seafarer	—
26 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	—
6 July	International Day of Cooperatives	First Saturday of July
11 July	World Population Day	—
17 July	World Day for International Justice	—
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	—
28 July	World Nature Conservation Day	—
29 July	International Tiger Day	—
1–7 August	World Breastfeeding Week	—
10 August	World Lion Day	—
12 August	International Youth Day	—
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	—
5 September	International Day of Charity	—
7 September	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	—
8 September	International Literacy Day	—
15 September	International Day of Democracy	—
16 September	World Ozone Day	—
21 September	International Day of Peace	—
27 September	World Tourism Day	—
1 October	International Day of Older Persons	—
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence	Also celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti
4 October	World Animal Welfare Day	—
First Monday of October	World Habitat Day	—
5 October	International Teachers' Day	—
9 October	World Post Day	—
10 October	World Mental Health Day	—
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	—

13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	—
14 October	World Standards Day	—
16 October	World Food Day	—
24 October	United Nations Day	—
31 October	World Cities Day	—
5 November	World Tsunami Awareness Day	—
14 November	World Diabetes Day	—
19 November	World Toilet Day	—
21 November	World Television Day	—
1 December	World AIDS Day	—
2 December	World Computer Literacy Day	—
2 December	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	—
3 December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	—
5 December	World Soil Day	—
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day	—
10 December	International Human Rights Day	—
11 December	International Mountain Day	—
18 December	International Migrants Day	—
25 December	Christmas	a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ by the Christian. They also celebrated Good Friday.

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Awards and Honours

International Awards

Nobel Prize

- The Nobel Prize was instituted by Alfred Bernhard Nobel, a world-renowned Swedish scientist and inventor of dynamite.
- The prize is funded from the interest of a permanent fund created from Nobel's will.
- **The Nobel Prize was awarded in six fields:** Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace and Economics.
 - ✓ The Nobel Prize in Economics was added in 1968.
- **Nobel Prizes are awarded by several prestigious institutions:** the Norwegian Nobel Committee (Peace Prize), the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Economics), the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute (Physiology or Medicine), and the Swedish Academy (Literature)
- The first Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, and Peace were awarded in 1901.
 - ✓ The first Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded in 1969
- The Nobel Prizes are announced every year in October and awarded on 10 Dec.
- Each Nobel Prize can be shared by up to three persons in a single year.

Posthumous Nobel Prizes

- The Nobel Prize has been awarded posthumously only twice:
 - ✓ Eric Axel Karlfeldt – Literature (1931)
 - ✓ Dag Hammarskjöld – Peace (1961)
- In 1974, a rule was introduced that Nobel Prizes would not be awarded posthumously.

Notable Nobel Prize Facts

- The Red Cross has received the Nobel Peace Prize three times: 1917, 1944, and 1963.
- In 1915, Sir William Henry Bragg and his son William Lawrence Bragg jointly received the Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Dr. Norman Borlaug, a Nobel laureate, is known for his contributions to Agriculture and food production
- Hideki Yukawa received the Nobel Prize in 1949 for the Theory of nuclear forces.
- In 1979, Herbert C Brown shared the Nobel Prize with Georg Wittig for their 'development of the use of boron- and phosphorus-containing compounds, respectively, into important reagents in organic synthesis'
- Wilhelm Röntgen received the very first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for his discovery of X-rays.
- **Youngest Nobel Laureates:**
 - ✓ Lawrence Bragg – 25 years (Physics)
 - ✓ Malala Yousafzai – 17 years (Peace)
- **Oldest Nobel Laureate:**
 - ✓ John Goodenough – 97 years (Chemistry)

Nobel Prize Winners Who Won Twice

Name	Field	Years
Marie Curie	Physics (1903), Chemistry (1911)	Two different sciences
Linus Pauling	Chemistry (1954), Peace (1962)	Only person with two unshared prizes
John Bardeen	Physics (1956, 1972)	Only person to win Physics twice
Frederick Sanger	Chemistry (1958, 1980)	Two Chemistry Nobel Prizes

Indian (Indian Origin) Nobel Prize Winners

S. No.	Name	Year	Nobel Prize Category	Contribution / Reason
1	Rabindranath Tagore	1913	Nobel Prize in Literature	For his book <i>Gitanjali</i> .
2	C. V. Raman	1930	Nobel Prize in Physics	For the discovery of the scattering of light (Raman Effect).

3	Har Gobind Khorana	1968	Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine	For the interpretation of the genetic code and its function in protein synthesis (jointly).
4	Mother Teresa	1979	Nobel Prize for Peace	—
5	Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar	1983	Nobel Prize in Physics	For his theoretical studies of the physical processes important to the structure and evolution of stars (Chandrasekhar Limit).
6	Amartya Sen	1998	Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences	For his contributions to welfare economics.
7	V. S. Naipaul	2001	Nobel Prize in Literature	—
8	Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	2009	Nobel Prize in Chemistry	For studies on the structure and function of the ribosome (jointly).
9	Kailash Satyarthi	2014	Nobel Prize for Peace	—
10	Abhijit Banerjee	2019	Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences	For his experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.

Oscar Awards (Academy Awards)

- The Oscar Awards (Academy Awards) were first held in 1929.
- They are presented annually by the U.S. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to recognize excellence in cinematic achievements.
- George Bernard Shaw and the famous American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan are notable personalities who have received both an Oscar and a Nobel Prize (Shaw – Literature, Dylan – Literature).
- The first Indian film to be nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film category was Mehboob Khan's *Mother India* (1958).
- **Bhanu Athaiya** became the first Indian woman to win an Oscar, receiving the award for costume design in *Gandhi* (1982).
- Satyajit Ray was the first Indian to receive an Honorary Oscar (Lifetime Achievement Award) in 1992, recognizing his outstanding contributions to cinema.
- In 2023, India achieved notable wins at the Oscars:
 - ✓ *The Elephant Whisperers* won the Best Documentary Short Film award.
 - ✓ The song “*Naatu Naatu*” from *RRR* won the Best Original Song award.

Pulitzer Prize

- **Established:** 1917
- **Founder:** Named after American publisher **Joseph Pulitzer**
- **Purpose:** Awarded for outstanding contributions in **newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature, and musical composition**
- **Awarding Body:** Columbia University, USA

Grammy Awards

- **Established:** Annual award
- **Governing Body:** **National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (The Recording Academy), USA**
- **Purpose:** Recognizes excellence in **music recording, composition, and performance**

Booker Prize (formerly Man Booker Prize)

- **Established:** 1969
- **Governing Body:** Originally conferred by the **Man Group**; since 2019, **Crackstart charitable organization** provides financial support
- **Renaming:** The word “Man” has been removed from its name since 2019
- **Purpose:** Awarded to what judges consider the **best novel of the year written in English** and published in the UK and Ireland

- **Notable Winner:** *Kairos* by Jenny Erpenbeck, translated by Michael Hofmann, won the **International Booker Prize 2024**

Ramon Magsaysay Award

- **Established:** 1957
- **First Awarded:** 1958
- **Governing Body:** Government of the Philippines
- **Purpose:** Honors individuals and organizations for **outstanding leadership and service in Asia**; known as “Asia’s Nobel Prize”
- **Notable Recipient:** The **Dalai Lama** received the award in 1959 (presented in April 2023)

Abel Prize

- Field: mathematics
- awarded by the King of Norway on the recommendation of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
- It is named in honour of **Niels Henrik Abel**, a renowned Norwegian mathematician.
- The Abel Prize is often called the “**Nobel Prize of Mathematics.**”
- It was **established in 2003.**
- The award includes a **cash prize of 7.5 million Norwegian kroner** and a **gold medal.**
- The **first recipient** of the Abel Prize was **Jean-Pierre Serre.**

India International Awards

Kalinga Award

- **Established:** 1951
- **First Awarded:** 1952
- **Governing Body:** UNESCO
- **Purpose:** Recognizes **extraordinary efforts in popularizing science** among the general public

Gandhi International Peace Prize

- The **Gandhi International Peace Prize** was instituted by the **Government of India in 1995.**
- It is awarded to individuals or institutions that have played an **outstanding role at the global level.**
- The award carries a **cash prize of ₹1 crore**, a **citation**, and a **memento.**

Indira Gandhi International Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

- This award was **established in 1986.**
- It is awarded **annually** for outstanding contributions in the fields of **peace, disarmament, and development.**
- The prize includes a **cash award of ₹25 lakh** and a **citation.**
- The **first award (1986)** was presented to **Parliamentarians for Global Action.**

National Awards (India)

Bharat Ratna

- **Institution:** 1954
- **Significance:** The highest civilian honour of India
- **Purpose:** Awarded for exceptional service or performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour
- **Medal Description:** Shaped like a peepal leaf with the sun inscribed on it
- **Notable Recipients:**
 - ✓ **Indira Gandhi** – First woman recipient
 - ✓ **Lal Bahadur Shastri** – Posthumous award in 1966
 - ✓ **Abdul Ghaffar Khan** – First foreign recipient
 - ✓ Famous musician **Bhupen Hazarika** was awarded the ‘Bharat Ratna’ in 2019

Padma Awards

- **Categories:**
 - ✓ **Padma Vibhushan** – Exceptional and distinguished service
 - ✓ **Padma Bhushan** – Distinguished service of a higher order
 - ✓ **Padma Shri** – Distinguished service in any field
- **Fields Covered:** Arts, Social Work, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Business & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Sports, Administrative Services, etc.
- **Announcement:** Every year on the eve of Republic Day

Key Note:

- **Narthaki Nataraj** is the first Indian dancer, a transgender, to be honoured with Padma Shri.
- In 2000, **Hema Malini**, a well-known Bharatnatyam dancer and Bollywood actor, received Padma Shri.
- **Yamini Krishnamurthy**, Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dancer, was awarded with Padma Vibhushan in 2016.

Gallantry Awards

- **Purpose:** Awarded to soldiers who make exceptional contributions or supreme sacrifices for the defence of India
- **Order of Precedence of Gallantry Awards**
 1. Param Vir Chakra (PVC)
 2. Ashok Chakra (AC)
 3. Mahavir Chakra (MVC)
 4. Kirti Chakra (KC)
 5. Vir Chakra (VrC)
 6. Shaurya Chakra (SC)
- **Param Vir Chakra**
 - ✓ India's highest military decoration.
 - ✓ Awarded for supreme courage and exceptional bravery in the battlefield.
 - ✓ Conferred equally on personnel from all three-armed forces.
 - ✓ A total of 21 Indians has received this honour.
- **Maha Vir Chakra**
 - ✓ A wartime gallantry medal.
 - ✓ Awarded to military personnel and civilians for exceptional bravery.
 - ✓ Second-highest wartime gallantry award after the Param Vir Chakra.
- **Vir Chakra**
 - ✓ A gallantry medal awarded during wartime.
 - ✓ Given for exceptional bravery or sacrifice.
 - ✓ Holds significant value in the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Ashoka Chakra**
 - ✓ A peacetime gallantry award.
 - ✓ Given to military and non-military personnel for exceptional bravery, fearless action, or sacrifice.
 - ✓ Instituted in 1952.
- **Kirti Chakra**
 - ✓ A peacetime gallantry medal.
 - ✓ Awarded to soldiers and civilians for exceptional bravery, fearless action, or sacrifice.
- **Shaurya Chakra**
 - ✓ A peacetime gallantry medal.
 - ✓ Awarded for notable courage and indomitable bravery.
 - ✓ Given to both military and civilian personnel.

Jnanpith Award

- Any **Indian citizen** writing in **any of the 22 languages** listed in the **Indian Constitution**, including **English** is eligible for this award.
- This prestigious award was instituted in 1961
- The Award is presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, a research and cultural organization related to literature.

Jnanpith Award Overview

Aspect	Details
Eligibility	Indian citizens writing in any of the 22 constitutional languages
Cash Prize	₹11 lakh
Other Honors	Citation and statue of Goddess Saraswati
Most Awarded Languages	Hindi and Kannada (7 times each)
Award Basis (Before 1982)	Single literary work
Award Basis (After 1982)	Lifetime literary contribution

Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Instituted in **1969** on the occasion of the **100th birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke**.
- It is the **highest award in Indian cinema**.
- Awarded by the **Government of India** for **lifetime contribution**.
- Given for **outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema**.
- The **first award (1969)** was conferred on **Devika Rani**.
- All of the following siblings have won the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, EXCEPT Mahesh Bhatt and Vikram Bhatt
- In 2007, Manna Dey was honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- **2018 Award: Amitabh Bachchan** (legendary Hindi film actor).
- **2019 Award: Adoor Gopalakrishnan** (*original text mentions "Achyutan Namboodri – Malayalam cinema"; corrected to the officially recognized recipient for accuracy*).

National Film Awards

- Conferred by the **Directorate of Film Festivals**, under the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.
- Awards have been given since **1954**.
- Presented for both:
 - ✓ **Feature films**
 - ✓ **Non-feature films**
- **Feature Film Section:** Awards in **31 categories**.
- **Non-Feature Film Section:** Awards in **22 categories**.
- The **first National Film Award (1954)** was given to the Marathi film “**Shyamchi Aai**”, which was released in **1953**.

Filmfare Awards

- Instituted by the **Times Group**.
- Awarded **annually** for **excellence in Hindi cinema**.
- Started in **1953**.
- Winners are selected through:
 - ✓ **Public voting**
 - ✓ **Expert jury voting**

Filmfare Awards

- One of India’s **oldest and most prestigious film awards** (started in **1954**).
- Recognise excellence in **Hindi cinema (Bollywood)**.

Recent Edition - Winners

70th Filmfare Awards (2025) – honoured films released in **2024**.

- **Best Film:** *Laapataa Ladies*
- **Best Director:** Kiran Rao (*Laapataa Ladies*)
- **Best Actor (Male):** Kartik Aaryan (*Chandu Champion*) & Abhishek Bachchan (*I Want To Talk*) – *Joint*
- **Best Actress (Female):** Alia Bhatt (*Jigra*)
- **Critics’ Awards:** *Laapataa Ladies*, *Srikanth*, *I Want To Talk*
- **Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Zeenat Aman, Shyam Benegal

Key note:

- In 2016, Pandit Birju Maharaj won the Filmfare Award for Best Choreography for *Bajirao Mastani*.

Saraswati Samman

- An annual award
- **Awarded for:** Outstanding prose or poetry in any of the 22 Constitutionally recognized Indian languages
- **Established:** 1991 by the K.K. Birla Foundation
- **Prize:** ₹15 lakh, citation, and plaque
- **Selection:** Jury of literary experts and past awardees; works published in the last decade considered
- Notable Recipients**
 - **First Awardee:** Harivansh Rai Bachchan (1991) – autobiography
 - **Recent Awardees:** Sivasankari (2022), Prabha Varma (2023), Pushpa Bharati (2023)

Sangeet Natak Academy

- **Established:** 1953
- **Status:** India’s National Academy for Music, Dance & Drama (under Ministry of Culture)
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna):** Highest honor; limited to 40 living fellows; ₹3,00,000, Tamrapatra, Angavastram
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (Akademi Puraskar):** National recognition for artists, gurus, and scholars; ₹1,00,000, Tamrapatra, Angavastram
- **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2006):** For artists below 40 years; ₹25,000
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award (2022):** One-time award for artists above 75 without prior national recognition; ₹1,00,000

Sahitya Akademi Award

- Annual literary honour by **Sahitya Akademi** (India’s National Academy of Letters).
- **Second-highest literary award** in India after the **Jnanpith Award**.
- **Focus:** Literature.
- **Award Details (2026)**
 - ✓ **Prize:** ₹1,00,000 + engraved copper plaque (designed by **Satyajit Ray**) + shawl.
 - ✓ **Languages:** 24 languages (22 from the **Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, plus English and Rajasthani**)
- **Eligibility:**
 - ✓ Indian citizens
 - ✓ Only **living authors** (no posthumous awards)

➤ **Other Major Sahitya Akademi Awards**

- ✓ **Sahitya Akademi Fellowship:** Highest honour by the Akademi; writer elected as Fellow.
- ✓ **Yuva Puraskar:**
 - For authors \leq **35 years** (as on 1 January of award year).
 - **2026 eligibility:** Born on/after **1 January 1991**.
 - **Prize:** ₹50,000.
- ✓ **Bal Sahitya Puraskar:**
 - For children's literature.
 - **Prize:** ₹50,000.
- ✓ **Translation Prize:** For best translation between recognised Indian languages.

➤ **Other Important Points**

- The **Manorama Thakkar Award** in Indian Dance is given in recognition of excellence and achievement in performance or research studies in Indian Dance.
- **Shram Award** recognises workers for their distinguished performance, innovative ability, and outstanding contribution in the field of productivity and exhibition of exceptional courage and presence of mind.
- In 2015, MN Subramaniam Endowment Award - The Music Academy Madras was awarded to Alarmel Valli



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Capital and Currencies of Important Countries

South Asian Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
India	New Delhi	Rupee
Pakistan	Islamabad	Rupee
Nepal	Kathmandu	Rupee
Sri Lanka	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative) and Colombo (executive & judicial)	Rupee
Bangladesh	Dhaka	Taka
Bhutan	Thimphu	Ngultrum
Maldives	Malé	Rufiyaa
Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghani

ASEAN Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
Indonesia	Jakarta (proposed capital – Nusantara)	Rupiah
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Ringgit
Singapore	Singapore	Dollar
Myanmar	Naypyidaw	Kyat
Thailand	Bangkok	Baht
Vietnam	Hanoi	Dong
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Cambodian Riel

- **Note:** 49th Parallel is the boundary line between North and South Vietnam.

North American Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
Canada	Ottawa	Dollar
United States of America (USA)	Washington, D.C.	Dollar
Mexico	Mexico City	Peso
Jamaica	Kingston	Dollar
Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain	Dollar

South American Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
Brazil	Brasília	Real
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Peso

European Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
England	London	Pound
France	Paris	Euro
Germany	Berlin	Euro
Italy	Rome	Euro
Portugal	Lisbon	Euro
Ireland	Dublin	Euro
Iceland	Reykjavik	Icelandic króna
Netherlands	Amsterdam	Euro
Belgium	Brussels	Euro
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	Euro
Finland	Helsinki	Euro
Denmark	Copenhagen	Krone
Norway	Oslo	Krone
Sweden	Stockholm	Krona
Ukraine	Kyiv	Hryvnia
Serbia	Belgrade	Dinar
Russia	Moscow	Ruble

African Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
Nigeria	Abuja	Naira
Kenya	Nairobi	Shilling
Egypt	Cairo	Pound
Seychelles	Victoria	Franc
Zimbabwe	Harare	Pound
Morocco	Rabat	Dirham

Arab Countries

Country	Capital	Currency
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	Riyal
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	Dirham
Qatar	Doha	Riyal
Oman	Muscat	Riyal

Kuwait	Kuwait City	Dinar
Iraq	Baghdad	Dinar
Syria	Damascus	Pound
Jordan	Amman	Dinar

Miscellaneous Countries (East Asia, Central Asia, Others)

Country	Capital	Currency
China	Beijing	Renminbi (basic unit – Yuan)
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Tugrik

Japan	Tokyo	Yen
South Korea	Seoul	Won
Taiwan	Taipei	Dollar
Iran	Tehran	Riyal
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Som
Australia	Canberra	Dollar
New Zealand	Wellington	Dollar
Mauritius	Port Louis	Rupee
Israel	Jerusalem	New Shekel
Yemen	Sanaa	Yemeni Rial



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