

# GALLANTRY AWARDS

Gallantry Award is one of the most important Military award which is given on Republic Day every year. It is given to the Defence personnels who have shown their valour and bravery during or after wartime, also it is awarded to the officers or enlisted personnel from all branches of the Indian Military. There are total six Gallantry awards given in India which is also divided into two wartime valour awards and Peace-time Gallantry Awards.

## Wartime Valour Awards :

Total number of wartime valour award is three, which is given during war. All the three awards are also given posthumously.

1) Paramvir Chakra :- Paramvir Chakra is the highest award in this field. Established on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950 & is awarded by the Government of India. It is awarded for bravery or some daring or pre eminent - Subedar Major Bana Singh of the 8<sup>th</sup> Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry was the only serving personnel of Indian Defence establishment with Paramvir Chakra till Kargil operation.

11) Mahavir Chakra :- It is second highest award established on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950 & awarded by Government of India. It is awarded for acts of gallantry in the presence of enemy on land, at sea or in the air.





iii.) Vir Chakra :- Third highest award. Established on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950. It is awarded by Government of India and is given for acts of bravery in the battle field.

## II: Peace time Gallantry Awards:

Consist of three and can be given after war or at any time. Peace time Gallantry award can also be given to civilian Personnels. Also, it can be given posthumously. ●

i.) Ashoka Chakra :- It is the highest Gallantry award. The year of institution of award is 4<sup>th</sup> January 1952 with effect from 15 August 1947. It is given by Government of India & is given for Bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self sacrifice otherwise than in the face of the enemy.

ii.) Kirti Chakra :- It is second highest award given by government of India. It is awarded for conspicuous gallantry otherwise than in face of the enemy. ●  
(I. Gen Shankarao P. P. Thorat won this award.

iii.) Shourya Chakra :- Third highest award in this field. Year of institution is 1952 with effect from 15 August 1947. It is awarded by Government of India & is given for National bravery generally for counter insurgency operations & action against the enemy during peace time.

Ashoka Chakra is country's highest peacetime gallantry award equivalent to Paramvir Chakra. Many of personnel won these awards which is very respectful moment for everyone.