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The Author

Praful K. Thakkar is the collector of autographs, stamps, FDCs, coins, medals, tokens, badges, badge plates etc. since last more than 70 years. He got a legacy of creative understanding of art, antiques and numismatics from his father. Subsequently he developed the hobby of collecting Art, Autographs and Numismatic objects in his own way.

'Share the Knowledge & Spread the Knowledge' is the motto of his life. And in true spirit of his life's motto, besides authoring several learned publications on Indian culture in Gujarati, he has authored 'Collector's Guide to Indian Canteen Tokens', 'Collector's Guide to Membership Badges of Turf & Race Clubs of India', 'Collector's Guide to Chronologies of Sultans, Rulers & Colonial Heads of India' and 'Chapras : Collector's Guide to Belt Buckles, Badges and Badge Plates of India', 'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private', 'Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders with Set of Stamps, Se-tenant Stamps & Miniature Sheets', 'Collector's Guide to British India Bazar Postcards - Edwardian & Georgian Period' and 'Glimpses of Indian Autographs'. His philately book has received awards in International Philatelic Exhibitions at Portugal, South Africa, Washington-USA, Chicago-USA, Tokyo-Japan and Jakarta-Indonesia.

As I.A.S. officer he has served the Government of Gujarat for more than 31 years on various posts as Collector Valsad, Commissioner Rural Development, Secretary Revenue Department and on many such challenging jobs. Even after retirement at the age of 86 years, he has still continued this hobby of Autograph collection as he firmly believes that 'Hobby is for Health & Hobby is for Happiness'.

The hobbies of Autograph, Philatelic and Numismatic collection have given him new energy and enthusiasm. For him any such hobby is a worship that keeps him pure, fit and healthy. People have hobbies for happiness and harvesting profit in future. For him it is for keeping good health too.

As a collector of various collectibles, he has faced many a difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. The same may be happening to new collectors and they might be facing similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage various hobbies and to preserve such a classic collection of Indian heritage, he is tirelessly working hard. Apart from writing books on various hobbies, he has also made attempts to create awareness through his websites.

His three websites: www.indianphilatelics.com, www.indiannumismatics.com, www.indianautographs.com have made landmarks in their respective hobby-fields of Philatelics, Numismatics and Autograph collection respectively.

In 2008, The Numismatic Society of India Varanasi, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur and Indian National Trust for Art Culture and Heritage, Gwalior have awarded him the 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his innumerable and invaluable contribution to Indian Numismatics and Para-numismatics in all its aspects.

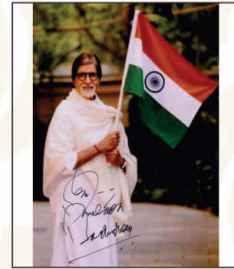
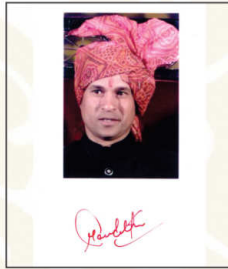
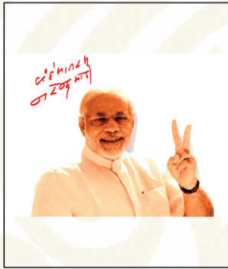
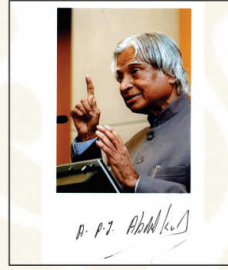
In 2009, he has been considered as National record holder by Limca Book of Records and has been placed as record holder for his collections of Autographs and Indian Canteen Tokens.

In the same year 2009, Gujarat Coin Society took cognisance of his excellent works and achievements and has also given him 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his outstanding service to numismatic fraternity. He has rendered his services as Chairman in Coinex-2006 and Coinex-2010, which were National Level Numismatic Exhibitions organised by Gujarat Coin Society, Ahmedabad. And he has successfully accomplished his mission.

In 2011, Lohana Maha Parishad, Ahmedabad has awarded him an International level 'Vishisht Raghuvanshi Pratibha Award' recognising and appreciating his vivid activities and hobbies.

In 2015, Autograph Collectors Club of India has also given him the 'Life Time Achievement Award' for his inspiring contribution through his book and website to the hobby of Autograph collection. Print media and TV media have, time and again, covered his various themes of collection.

Through this book 'Autographs...Memories Forever', he has made a painstaking effort to give a direction and dimension to organize very important and interesting themes of Indian Autographs in their entirety

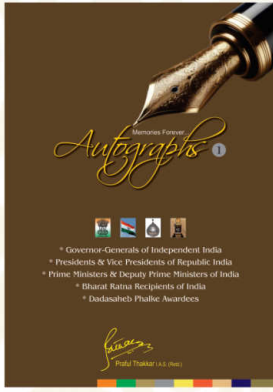


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(Thematic Highlights of Autographs of Indian Celebrities)

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My Parents, 'Ba & Bapuji'

(Late Smt. Kantaben & Shri Karsandas),

Who always appreciated, encouraged and blessed me in

all my elevating efforts & enlightening endeavours.

With all my love, respect and gratitude..

Praful

Preface

I am now 86 years of age and am quiet enthusiastic about my various Hobbies including Autograph collection in which I am engrossed since more than 70 years. As a collector of many collectible subjects which include Autographs too, I have always felt that for a hobby of any kind, systematic and thematic arrangement of collectibles gives creative design and dimension to the hobby.

I have always felt that a collector does need a reference book, which can help him to organise his collectibles in such an artistic and attractive manner, that can create an exquisite exhibit giving pleasure to him in particular and all others in general.

Keeping this requirement of Autograph collector in my mind, over the years, I did experience that for such a nice hobby of Autograph collection, which is loved and liked by all, there are very few reference sources. Hence I had decided to make my humble contribution in this field.

My journey began with launching an Autograph website www.indianautographs.com in 2005/2006, which I am maintaining since last 20 years. In 2011, I published "Glimpses of Indian Autographs," featuring over 600 autographs of Indian celebrities in 42 thematic categories.

Building upon that effort, now I'm delighted to present this book "Autographs... Memories Forever," as a reference book, covering specific Indian themes in their entirety.

This book is the result of my great and happy journey of 70 years with my friends.. AUTOGRAPHS. This travel of collecting book's subject matter of '5 Themes of Autographs' and arranging them chronologically in 'One Page' of well designed 4 pages, consumed lot of time and energy...but the travel, though difficult, was thrilling and exciting. I made these pages for my satisfaction and happiness. Just as 'Share the Knowledge - Spread the Knowledge' is the motto of my life, 'Share the Happiness - Spread the Happiness' is another understanding of my life. And this 'Sharing of Happiness' is the root cause of making this book.

I have tried here to put, wherever possible, autographs of celebrities in different languages or styles too. I do agree and accept that in some of the above themes, a few are missing as I do not have Autographs of those celebrities. In such cases, I have made their pages for the purpose of completeness and put a '?' in the box of Autograph.

However, on my request, some senior and renowned autograph collectors like G D Agrawal of Kolkata, Moloy Sarkar of Kolkata, Shursendu Mukherjee of Kolkata, Dr Dhimant Purohit of Ahmedabad, Chinmoy Roy of New Delhi, Sudhir Tandon of Lucknow and Yogiraj Dr Sarvesh Soni of Nashik, have helped me in providing scans of some Autographs from their collection. I acknowledge their help with respects, regards and gratitude. I also gratefully acknowledge the Government of India's publications and Google Internet Services from which Sources I could get some scans and details. In addition, I would like to thank the authorities of Bhalji Pendharkar Cultural Center, Kolhapur as they have provided the scan of Shri Bhalji Pendharkar's autograph from their Archives to fill up the missing gap to complete the subject of Dadasaheb Phalke Awardees.

In short, while preparing this book, I have kept no stone unturned to present the respective theme in its completeness. But still it is quite possible that some errors might have taken place. The readers may kindly excuse me for the same.

I owe a great debt of respect and gratitude to the very renowned Autograph Collector & Indian Army Veteran Colonel Vembu Shankar, Shaurya Chakra Vijeta, who even in his busy schedule took time to bless the book with his encouraging FOREWORD.

I appreciate and acknowledge the help, support and guidance given by the following other Autograph collectors in preparing this book viz. Milind Wagle of Thane (Maharashtra), Santoshkumar Lahoti of Kolkata, Debapriyo Goswami of Kolkata, Amarjeet Singh of New Delhi, Rakshit Pambhar of Rajkot, Shreya Mehta of Rajkot, Nilesh Parmar of Ahmedabad and many others.

I would also like to be grateful to my life-journey's partner-my wife, REKHA who has always supported, inspired and encouraged me in this and all other projects.

I also acknowledge with gratitude the tireless efforts of Dipen Oza who made the design and layout of this book.

I hope this book will be of great use to the beginners and serious collectors of Autographs. By God's grace and my Parent's blessings, it would be my pleasure to present such more books with different themes of Autographs of Indian celebrities in future.

Praful Thakkar

10th July, 2025

Guru Purnima

Ahmedabad

Foreword

Autographs are far more than signatures. They are personal imprints left across the pages of history — intimate, tangible traces that connect us directly to the individuals who have shaped our world. Each stroke of the pen carries with it not just ink, but a story, a moment, and a legacy.

In *Autographs...Memories Forever*, Mr. Praful Thakkar offers us a deeply personal and meticulously curated journey through the modern history of India. Over the span of more than seventy years, he has devoted himself to the quiet yet profound art of autograph collecting — preserving not only the signatures of leaders and luminaries, but the human stories they represent. Presidents, Prime Ministers, Governors-General, Bharat Ratna awardees, legendary artists, and cultural icons — they all find a place in these pages, their imprints forming a living tapestry of India's political, cultural, and artistic evolution.

What makes this collection especially valuable is not simply its scale, but its depth and rarity. Many of the autographs included here are exceptionally rare, difficult to obtain, or perhaps no longer even available to future generations. Some personalities, long departed, are represented here through signatures that serve as among the few remaining personal artifacts of their lives. In a world where much of history now resides in digital archives, this physical collection stands as a powerful reminder of the enduring value of tangible memory.

Mr. Thakkar's work is not just a private hobby — it is an act of historical stewardship. Every autograph is a bridge across time: from the hand of the person who signed it, to the hands of future generations who can glimpse, through that simple act, a fragment of the past made present. His passion has transformed into an archive that preserves cultural memory in one of its most personal forms.

To the younger generation, this book carries an equally important message. In an era of instant gratification, where much is consumed and forgotten in moments, Mr. Thakkar's journey is a testament to the power of patience, discipline, and quiet perseverance. A lifelong passion, when pursued with integrity and care, can evolve into a meaningful legacy — one that educates, inspires, and contributes to the cultural wealth of society. Even the simplest of hobbies, when nourished over time, can leave imprints far beyond their original intent.

As a fellow collector, and as someone who deeply admires Mr. Thakkar's lifelong commitment, I view this book not only as a reference for fellow enthusiasts, but as a heartfelt tribute to the importance of preserving history in all its varied forms. *Autographs...Memories Forever* is a work of passion, devotion, and national pride — and at the same time, a gift to the global community of collectors, historians, and admirers of living history.

May this book inspire readers across borders and generations to rediscover the joy of collecting, the significance of recording personal histories, and the enduring magic of a single autograph — an imprint of a life, captured for all time.

Colonel Vembu Shankar, SC
Indian Army Veteran
Autograph Collector

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Autographs of Governor-Generals of Independent India & Presidents & Vice Presidents of Republic India


Lord Mountbatten of Burma


C. Rajagopalachari


Dr. Rajendra Prasad


Dr. S. Radhakrishnan


Dr. Zakir Husain


Giani Zail Singh


K.R. Narayanan


R. Venkataraman


Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam


Varahagiri V. Giri


Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed


Neelam S. Reddy


Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma


Pratibha Patil



GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF REPUBLIC INDIA



Governor-General of Independent India

Upon independence in August 1947, the title of Viceroy & Governor-General was abolished. India became Republic in 1950 after accepting the Constitution. Hence, between 1947 and 1950, the representative of India's Sovereign, King George VI, was known as the Governor-General.

Lord Mountbatten was the 1st Governor-General of India between 1947-1948. However, on 21 June 1948, after Mountbatten, C. Rajagopalachari became the 2nd and only Indian Governor-General. The Governor-General's role was almost entirely ceremonial, with power being exercised on a day-to-day basis by the Indian Cabinet. After the India became Republic in 1950 the post of Governor-General was abolished and then the President of India continued to perform the same functions in Republic India.

President of Republic India

The President of India is the Head of State of the Republic of India. The President is the nominal Head of the executive, the first citizen of the country, as well as the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces.

The office of President was created when India became a Republic on 26th January, 1950 when it's Constitution came into force. The President is indirectly elected by an electoral college comprising of both houses of the Parliament of India and the Legislative Assemblies of each of India's States and Territories, who themselves are all directly elected by the citizens.

Article 53 of the Constitution of India states that the President can exercise his/her powers directly or by subordinate authority, though all of the executive powers vested in the President are, in practice, exercised by the Prime Minister heading the Council of Ministers. The President is bound by the Constitution to act on the advice of the council and to enforce the decrees passed by the Supreme Court under article 142.

Vice President of Republic India

The Vice-President of India is the Deputy to the Head of State of the Republic of India, i.e. the President of India. The office of Vice-President is the second-highest constitutional office after the President and ranks second in the order of precedence and first in the line of succession to the Presidency. The Vice-President is also the ex officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

Article 66 of the Constitution of India states the manner of election of the Vice-President. The Vice-President is elected indirectly by members of an Electoral College consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament and not the members of State Legislative Assemblies. It is done by the system of proportional representation using single transferable votes and the voting is conducted by Election Commission of India via secret ballot.



GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF REPUBLIC INDIA



List of Governor-Generals of Independent India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office
1	Lord Mountbatten	15-08-1947	21-06-1948
2	C. Rajagopalachari	21-06-1948	26-01-1950

List of Presidents of Republic India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office
1	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	26-01-1950	13-05-1962
2	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	13-05-1962	13-05-1967
3	Dr. Zakir Husain	13-05-1967	03-05-1969
*	V.V. Giri (Acting)	03-05-1969	20-07-1969
*	Mohammad Hidayatullah (Acting)	20-07-1969	24-08-1969
		06-10-1982	31-10-1982
4	V.V. Giri	24-08-1969	24-08-1974
5	Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed	24-08-1974	11-02-1977
*	B.D. Jatti (Acting)	11-02-1977	25-07-1977
6	Neelam Sanjiva Reddy	25-07-1977	25-07-1982
7	Zail Singh	25-07-1982	25-07-1987
8	R. Venkataraman	25-07-1987	25-07-1992
9	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma	25-07-1992	25-07-1997
10	K.R. Narayanan	25-07-1997	25-07-2002
11	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	25-07-2002	25-07-2007
12	Pratibha Patil	25-07-2007	25-07-2012
13	Pranab Mukherjee	25-07-2012	25-07-2017
14	Ram Nath Kovind	25-07-2017	25-07-2022
15	Droupadi Murmu	25-07-2022	till date



GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF REPUBLIC INDIA



List of Vice Presidents of Republic India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office
1	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	13-05-1952	12-05-1962
2	Dr. Zakir Husain	13-05-1962	12-05-1967
3	V.V. Giri	13-05-1967	03-05-1969
4	Gopal Swarup Pathak	31-08-1969	30-08-1974
5	B.D. Jatti	31-08-1974	30-08-1979
6	Mohammad Hidayatullah	31-08-1979	30-08-1984
7	R. Venkataraman	31-08-1984	24-07-1987
8	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma	03-09-1987	24-07-1992
9	K.R. Narayanan	21-08-1992	24-07-1997
10	Krishan Kant	21-08-1997	27-07-2002
11	Bhairon Singh Shekhawat	19-08-2002	21-07-2007
12	Mohammad Hamid Ansari	11-08-2007	10-08-2017
13	Venkaiah Naidu	11-08-2017	10-08-2022
14	Jagdeep Dhankhar	11-08-2022	till date

1st Governor-General



**GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF
INDEPENDENT INDIA**

Lord Mountbatten
(1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma)
(Born : Prince Louis of Battenberg)
1st Governor-General of India
15-08-1947 to 21-06-1948

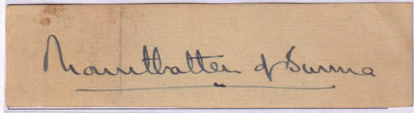


Profile: Louis Francis Albert Victor Nicholas Mountbatten, commonly known as Lord Mountbatten, was a British statesman, Royal Navy officer and close relative of the British royal family. * He was born in the United Kingdom to the prominent Battenberg family. * He was a maternal uncle of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and a second cousin of King George VI. * He joined the Royal Navy during the First World War and was appointed Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia Command, in the Second World War. * In February 1947, Mountbatten was appointed Viceroy and Governor-General of India and oversaw the Partition of India into India and Pakistan. * He then served as the first Governor-General of the Union of India until June 1948 and played a significant role in persuading princely states to accede to India. * In 1952, Mountbatten was appointed commander-in-chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet and NATO Commander Allied Forces Mediterranean. * From 1955 to 1959, he was First Sea Lord, a position that had been held by his father, Prince Louis of Battenberg, some forty years earlier. * Thereafter he served as chief of the Defence Staff until 1965, making him the longest-serving professional head of the British Armed Forces to date. * During this period Mountbatten also served as chairman of the NATO Military Committee for a year.

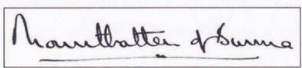
Awards: King George V Coronation Medal (1911-UK). * British War Medal (1918-UK). * Victory Medal (1918-UK).

Note: To honour him, India Post has issued, a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image, in 1980.

Born : 25-06-1900 * **Died :** 27-08-1979
Birth Place : Frogmore House, Windsor, Berkshire, England







2nd Governor-General



**GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF
INDEPENDENT INDIA**

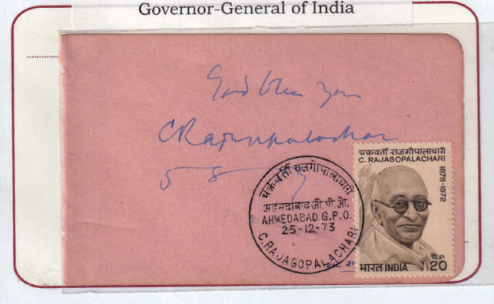
C. Rajagopalachari
(Born : Chakravarti Rajagopalachari)
2nd Governor-General of India
21-06-1948 to 26-01-1950



Profile: Popularly known as Rajaji or C.R., also known as Mootharignar Rajaji (Rajaji, the Scholar Emeritus), was an Indian statesman, writer, lawyer, and Indian independence activist. * Rajagopalachari was the last Governor-General of India, as when India became a republic in 1950 the office was abolished. * He was also the only Indian-born Governor-General, as all previous holders of the post were British nationals. * He also served as leader of the Indian National Congress, Premier of the Madras Presidency, Governor of West Bengal, Minister for Home Affairs of the Indian Union and Chief Minister of Madras state. * Rajagopalachari founded the Swatantra Party and was one of the first recipients of India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.

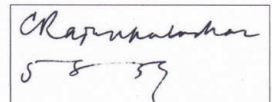
Awards: Was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1954.

Note: To honour him, India Post has issued, Commemorative Postage Stamps with his image, in 1973 and 1978.




C. Rajagopalachari
Governor-General of India

Born : 10-12-1878
Died : 25-12-1972
Birth Place : Thorapalli, Madras Presidency, British Raj

**President of India Gyani Zail Singh received by
Shri Prafulkumar Thakkar, Collector, Valsad
at Daman Airport on 19th October, 1986**



President of India Gyani Zail Singh Received by Shri Prafulkumar Thakkar,

**President of India R. Venkataraman received by
Shri Prafulkumar Thakkar, Collector, Valsad
at Navsari on 5th April, 1988 during Dandi Yatra**



1st President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Rajendra Prasad

1st President of India

26-01-1950 to 13-05-1962

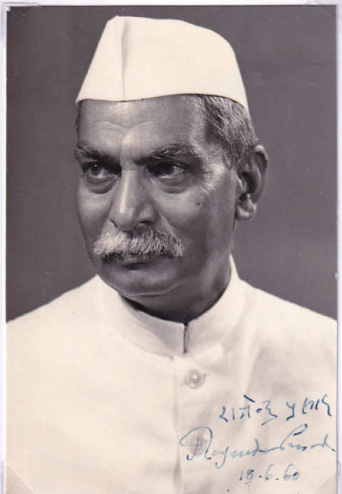


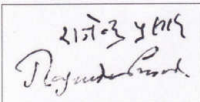
Profile: Was a great freedom fighter. * Was a crucial leader of the Indian Independence Movement and was the architect of the Indian Constitution. * Was the President (from 1946 to 1950) of the Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution of the Republic of India. * Was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi and was actively involved in the 'Swadeshi' movement of 1905, 'Salt Satyagraha' of 1930 and 'Quit India' movement of 1942. * He was the only President who was elected as President for two consecutive full terms. * He acted independently following the expected role of the President as required by the Constitution. * The Mughal Gardens at the Rashtrapati Bhavan were made open for public for 1 month during his tenure and since then the tradition is continued. * Had also joined the 'Dawn Society' run by Satishchandra Mukherjee and Sister Nivedita. * Founded and edited the Hindi weekly, 'Desh' and started his lifelong campaign to establish Hindi as the national language. * Had also served as a Cabinet Minister for some time, in the first Government of Independent India in 1946.

Awards: Was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1952.

Note: 'Babu Rajendra Prasad' - 1980 is a documentary film made by the Films Division of India covering his life.

Born : 03-12-1884 * **Died :** 28-02-1963 * **Birth Place :** Siwan, Bihar, India



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Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

2nd President of India

14-05-1962 to 13-05-1967



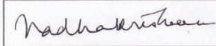
Profile: Mastered the classics of Indian Philosophy and specialized in Western Philosophy. * Worked as Professor of Philosophy in University of Mysore (1918) and University of Calcutta (1921). * Brought out a philosophic classic and a literary masterpiece 'Indian Philosophy' book in 1923. * Invited to the Oxford University in England to be part of the special 'Upton Lectures'. * Was also invited by other Universities like Yale, Howard and Princeton. * Was Vice Chancellor of Andhra University and Benares Hindu University. * Was the first envoy of India to Soviet Union. * Was the Vice President of India from 1952 to 1962.

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Born : 05-09-1888
Died : 17-04-1975
Birth Place : Thiruttani, Tamilnadu, India



2nd President - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

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2nd President of India

14-05-1962 to 13-05-1967

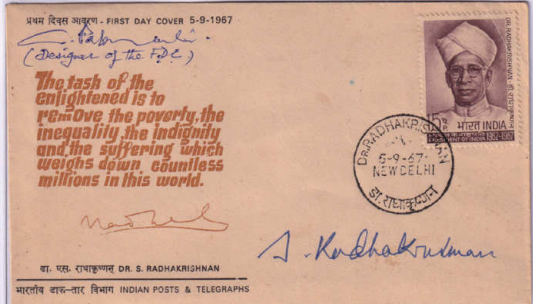
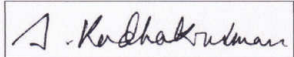


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(The autograph of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan is on the official First Day Cover of the stamp issued by the India Post on 5-9-1967 to honour him during his lifetime. The FDC also bears the autograph of C. Parkashli, the designer of the FDC on the upper left corner of the cover)

Born : 05-09-1888 * **Died :** 17-04-1975
Birth Place : Thiruttani, Tamilnadu, India

3rd President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Zakir Husain

(Born : Zakir Husain Khan)

3rd President of India

13-05-1967 to 03-05-1969



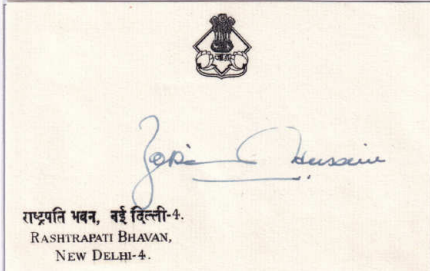
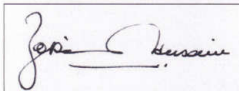
Profile: Was an Indian politician and educationist. * Got Ph. D. Degree in Economics from Berlin in Germany. * As a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, Husain was a founding member of the Jamia Millia Islamia which was established as an independent national university in response to the Non-cooperation movement. He served as its Vice-Chancellor for 22 years from 1926 to 1948. * In 1948 he was appointed as Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University which he helped to retain as a national institution of higher learning. * He was made a nominated member of the Indian Parliament during 1952 to 1957. * He also served as Governor of Bihar from 1957 to 1962. * He was elected the Vice President of India in 1962. * Had a keen interest in literary and academic work. * Translated in Urdu, Plato's 'The Republic' and Cannon's 'Elementary Political Economy'. * He was the first President to die in office and one who has served the shortest tenure in office.

Awards: Was awarded with Padma Vibhushan in 1954 and Bharat Ratna in 1963.

Note: (1) 'A Rose Called Zakir Husain - A Life of Dedication' is a 1969 documentary film on his life produced by the Films Division of India. (2) India Post issued two commemorative postage stamps on Dr. Zakir Husain in 1969 and 1998.

Born : 08-02-1897 * **Died :** 03-05-1969 * **Birth Place :** Hyderabad, Telangana, India





4th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

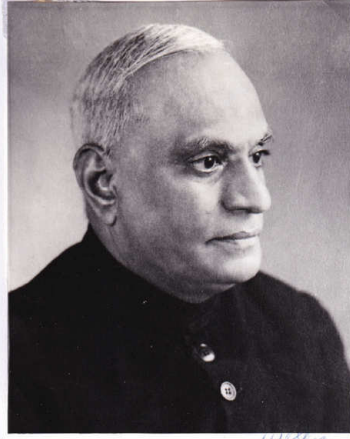
V. V. Giri
(Born : Varahagiri Venkata Giri)
4th President of India
03-05-1969 to 20-07-1969 * 24-08-1969 to 24-08-1974



Profile: Was an Indian politician and activist. * Joined Labour Movement and became President of All India Trade Union Congress. * Attended International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1927. * Attended Second Round Table Conference at London as workers' representative in 1931-32. * Took an active part in 'Quit India' Movement in 1942. * Worked as India's High Commissioner at Ceylon in 1952. * Appointed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka. * Elected as Vice President in 1967 and he was the first Vice President who could not complete his full term in office. * He was also the first President to be elected as an independent candidate after the demise of President Zakir Husain. * He was the only President to have also been an acting President and the only person to be elected as President as an independent candidate. * He made 14 state visits to 22 countries in south and southeast Asia, Europe and Africa. * As President, he had suo motu conferred the Bharat Ratna on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1971. * He was in turn conferred the Bharat Ratna in 1975 on the recommendation of Prime Minister Gandhi, in an act seen as a quid pro quo measure.

Awards: He was awarded 'Bharat Ratna' in 1975.

Note: To honour him, India Post has issued, a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image, in 1974.



Born : 10-08-1894
Died : 24-06-1980
Birth Place :
Berhampur, Odisha, India






5th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
5th President of India
24-08-1974 to 11-02-1977

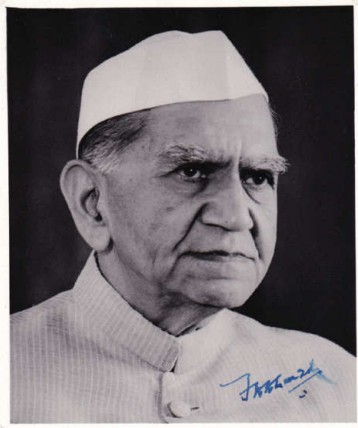


Profile: Was an Indian politician and lawyer. * Was a barrister (1928) from England. Played tennis, hockey and golf. * Took active part in 'Quit India' Movement (1942). * Held various ministerial portfolios like Power, Irrigation, Industries and Agriculture in Government of India, in the cabinet of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. * As President he imposed 'EMERGENCY' in August 1975 and supported the 'Emergency' in public speeches. * During the period of 'Emergency' he gave his assent to numerous Ordinances and Constitutional Amendments that severely restricted civil liberties and allowed PM Indira Gandhi to rule by decree. * His image was tarnished by his support for the 'Emergency'. * He was the second President to die in office. * Was a keen sportsman and was an active golfer during his presidency.

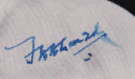
Awards: He was posthumously conferred the 'Bangladesh Liberation War Honour' in 2013 by Government of Bangladesh in recognition of his role in helping Bangladesh win its Independence.

Note: (1) In 1977, Films Division of India produced a documentary film 'Salute to the President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed'. (2) To honour him, India Post has issued, a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image, in 1977.

Born : 13-05-1905 * Died : 11-02-1977 * Birth Place : Delhi, India







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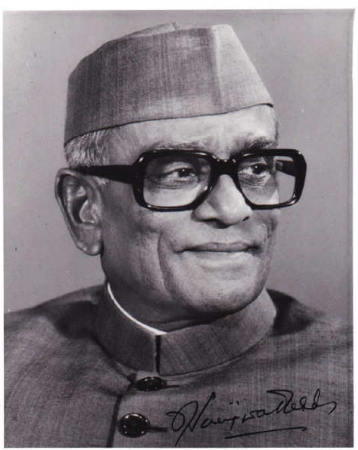
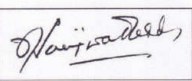
Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
6th President of India
25-07-1977 to 25-07-1982

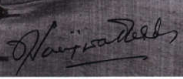
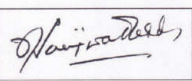


Profile: Was profoundly impressed and influenced by Mahatma Gandhi. * Was active in freedom movement and was a great freedom fighter. * Was jailed for participating in the Quit India Movement. * Was elected as a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, which was to shape the destiny of the nation. * Was the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1956. * Served thrice as President of the Indian National Congress at its Bangalore, Bhavnagar and Patna Sessions during 1960 to 1962. * Was the Central Minister with different portfolios in the cabinet of Lal Bahadur Shastri & Indira Gandhi between 1964 to 1967. * Was elected as Speaker of the 4th Lok Sabha (Parliament) in 1967 and he resigned from the political party of Congress to maintain independence and impartiality of the august office of Speaker. * He described his role as being the 'Watchman of the Parliament'. * Became the first person to be elected President of India without a contest and remains the only President to have been elected unopposed.

Note: 'Neelam Sanjiva Reddy' - President of India is a 1982 short documentary film produced by the Films Division of India, covering his term of presidency.

Born : 19-05-1913 * Died : 01-06-1996 * Birth Place : Illur, Andhra Pradesh, India

6th President - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



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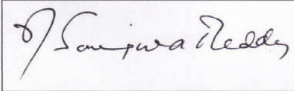
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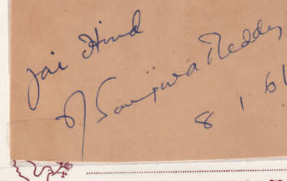
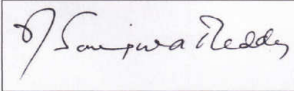


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7th President - Page-2 - Type 1 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Zail Singh
(Born : Jarnail Singh)
7th President of India
25-07-1982 to 25-07-1987



Profile: Took active part in Freedom Movement. * Became an ardent champion of India's fight for emancipation from the feudal and the foreign yokes. * Became the Chief Minister of Punjab in 1972. * Worked as Home Minister in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. * Was a champion of national unity and stood steadfastly on the principle of secularism. * His origins were humble, but his achievements were high. * Was described as the 'President of the People'. * His stints in jail during peasant agitations inspired him to change his name from Jarnail Singh to Zail Singh.

Note: (1) A commemorative stamp was issued by India Post in 1995. (2) A documentary film and a book were released on his birth centenary in 2016.



Born : 05-05-1916
Died : 25-12-1994
Birth Place :
Sandhwan, Faridkot, India




7th President - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Zail Singh
(Born : Jarnail Singh)
7th President of India
25-07-1982 to 25-07-1987

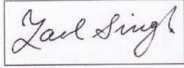


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8th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

R. Venkataraman
(Born : Ramaswamy Venkataraman)
8th President of India
25-07-1987 to 25-07-1992



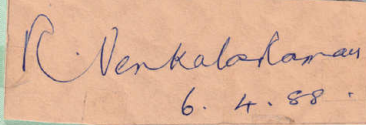
Profile: Was a great freedom fighter. * Took active part in 'Quit India' Movement of 1942 and was jailed for 2 years. * Was a well known labour leader. * Was a member of Planning Commission from 1967 to 1971. * Worked as Minister for Finance, Defence etc. in the Union Cabinet of Government of India. * Was appointed as the Member of the Constituent Assembly and the provisional cabinet. * Was elected to the parliament for 4 times. * His law and trade activity led him to associate with politics. * During his tenure as President of India, he worked with four Prime Ministers and appointed three of them viz. V.P. Singh, Chandra Shekhar and P.V. Narasimha Rao. * Worked as the Vice President of India from 1984 to 1987.

Honours: Venkataraman received the Doctorate of Law (Honoris Causa) from the University of Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India. * He is an Honorary Fellow, Madras Medical College, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India; a Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Roorkee, Uttarakhand, India; Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa) from the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India. * He was awarded the Tamra Patra for participation in the freedom struggle, the Soviet Land Prize for his travelogue on K. Kamaraj's visit to the Socialist countries. * He was the recipient of a Souvenir from the Secretary-General of the United Nations for distinguished service as President of the U.N. Administrative Tribunal. * The title of 'Sat Seva Ratna' was conferred on him by the Sankaracharya of Kanchi.

Born : 04-12-1910 * Died : 27-01-2009 * Birth Place : Rajamadam, Tamilnadu, India

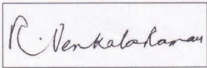


R. Venkataraman
President of India



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PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma
9th President of India
25-07-1992 to 25-07-1997



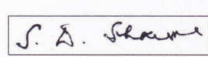
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Honours: Sharma was made an honorary Bencher and Master of Lincoln's Inn, London in 1993. * He was conferred an honorary degree of doctor of law by the University of Cambridge, UK. * He was also conferred with honorary doctorates from the Sofia University, Bulgaria, University of Bucharest, Germany, the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine and several Indian universities.

Note: (1) Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma, a short documentary film covering his life and presidency was produced by the Films Division of India. (2) In 2000, a commemorative postage stamp was issued in his honour by India Post.

Born : 19-08-1918 * Died : 26-12-1999 * Birth Place : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India



9th President - Page-2 - Hindi Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma

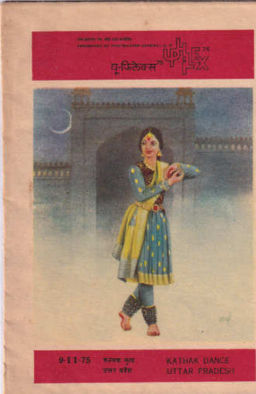
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10th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

K.R. Narayanan

(Born : Kocheril Raman Narayanan)

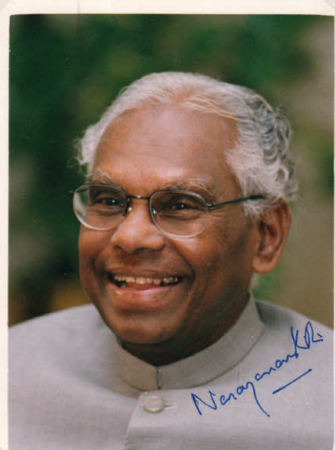
10th President of India
25-07-1997 to 25-07-2002



Profile: Was an Indian statesman, diplomat, academican and politician. * Had a brilliant academic career and graduated from London School of Economics specialising in Political Science. * Joined Indian Foreign Service. * Has served as Ambassador in China, Thailand, USA and many other countries. * Has worked as Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. * Has served as Union Cabinet Minister holding portfolios of Planning, External Affairs and many other departments. * Has worked as Vice President of India from 1992 to 1997. * Was regarded as an independent and assertive President who set several precedents and enlarged the scope of India's highest constitutional office. * He used his discretionary powers as a President and deviated from convention and precedent in many situations. * In general election of 1996, he became the first Indian President to vote when in office. * As of 2023, he remains the last Indian to have been elected President, while serving as Vice President.

Honours: Narayanan received honorary degrees from several universities, including the University of Toledo, Ohio, USA and National University of San Marcos, California, USA.

Note: Has authored books viz. (1) India and America (2) Images and Insights and (3) Non-alignment in Contemporary International Relations. * The K.R. Narayanan Foundation was founded in 2005 which aims at propagating the ideals of K.R. Narayanan. * The foundation has produced documentary film on the life of K.R. Narayanan.



Born : 27-10-1920
Died : 09-11-2005
Birth Place : Uzhavoor, Travancore, Kerala, India

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PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

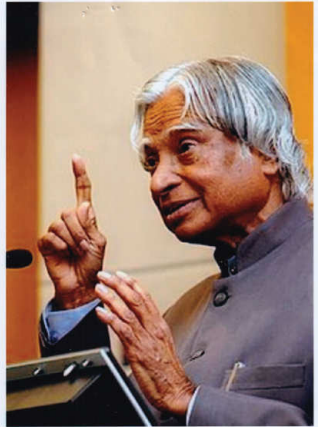
(Born : Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam)

11th President of India
25-07-2002 to 24-07-2007



Profile: Was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesman. * Spent four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). * Was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military missile development efforts. * Thus came to be known as 'Missile Man of India' for his work on the development of Ballistic Missile and Launch Vehicle technology. * He played a pivotal, organisational, technical and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998. * He was popularly known as 'People's President'. * In 1998, along with Cardiologist Soma Raju, he developed a low cost coronary stent which was named the 'Kalam-Raju Stent'. * In 2012, the duo designed a rugged tablet computer for healthcare in rural areas which was named the 'Kalam-Raju Tablet'. * He considered Pramukh Swami Maharaj of BAPS Swaminarayan Sampradaya as his ultimate spiritual teacher and Guru.

Awards: Padma Bhushan-1981 * Padma Vibhushan-1990 * Bharat Ratna-1997 * Hoover Medal-2008 * Von Braun Award from the National Space Society-2013




Born : 15-10-1931
Died : 27-07-2015
Birth Place : Rameswaram, Chennai, India

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

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PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

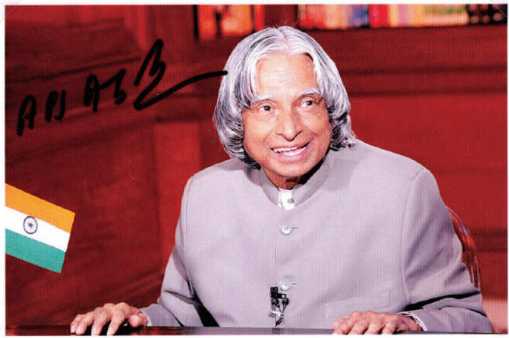
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11th President of India
25-07-2002 to 24-07-2007



Profile: Was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesman. * Spent four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). * Was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military missile development efforts. * Thus came to be known as 'Missile Man of India' for his work on the development of Ballistic Missile and Launch Vehicle technology. * He played a pivotal, organisational, technical and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998. * He was popularly known as 'People's President'. * In 1998, along with Cardiologist Soma Raju, he developed a low cost coronary stent which was named the 'Kalam-Raju Stent'. * In 2012, the duo designed a rugged tablet computer for healthcare in rural areas which was named the 'Kalam-Raju Tablet'. * He considered Pramukh Swami Maharaj of BAPS Swaminarayan Sampradaya as his ultimate spiritual teacher and Guru.

Awards: Padma Bhushan-1981 * Padma Vibhushan-1990 * Bharat Ratna-1997 * Hoover Medal-2008 * Von Braun Award from the National Space Society-2013




Born : 15-10-1931
Died : 27-07-2015
Birth Place : Rameswaram, Chennai, India

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

12th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Pratibha Patil

(Born : Pratibha Narayan Rao Patil)

12th President of India

25-07-2007 to 25-7-2012



Profile: Is an Indian politician and lawyer. * She was the first woman to become the President of India. * She served as the Governor of Rajasthan from 2004 to 2007 and was a member of the Parliament from 1991 to 1996. * Her term as the President saw various controversies and is widely considered as lacklustre. * She commuted death sentences of 35 petitioners to life imprisonment which is itself a record. * She set up 'Vidya Bharati Shikshan Prasarak Mandal' an educational institute which runs a chain of schools and colleges in Amravati, Jalgaon, Pune and Mumbai. * She also set up 'Sharm Sashana Trust' which runs hostels for working women in New Delhi, Mumbai and Pune. * She also co-founded a co-operative sugar factory known as 'Sant Muktabai Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana' at Muktinagar, Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

Awards: Order of the Aztec Eagle-2018 (Mexico) - Sash of Special Category, the highest civilian honour of Mexico.



Born : 19-12-1954

Birth Place :
Nadgaon, Maharashtra, India

Pratibha Patil

16/12/2013

Pratibha Patil

13th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Pranab Mukherjee

13th President of India

25-07-2012 to 25-07-2017



Profile: Was an Indian politician and statesman. * In a political career spanning five decades, he occupied several ministerial portfolios in the Government of India. * He had the distinction of being the minister for various high-profile ministries like Defense, Finance and External Affairs. * He was very well respected within the party social circles. * His political skills and long experience in Government have led him to head a large number of committees of ministers in the Government.

Awards: Awarded Padma Vibhushan-2008 • Bharat Ratna-2019.

Honours: Bangladesh Liberation War Honour (Bangladesh) in 2013-The second-highest honour of Bangladesh awarded to foreign dignitaries. • National Order of the Ivory Coast (Ivory Coast) in 2016-Grand Cross, the highest civilian honour of Ivory Coast. • Order of Makarios III (Cyprus) in 2017-Grand Collar, the highest civilian honour of Cyprus.

Born : 11-12-1935 * Died : 31-08-2020 * Birth Place : Mirity, West Bengal, India



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14th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Ram Nath Kovind

14th President of India

25-07-2017 to 25-07-2022



Profile: Is an Indian politician and lawyer for 16 years in High Court and Supreme Court prior to his entering into politics. * As an advocate, he provided pro-bono aid to weaker sections of Society, Women and the poor under the Free Legal Aid Society of New Delhi. * Was Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh for 12 years. * He served as the Governor of Bihar from 2015 to 2017. * He has also represented India at the UN and addressed the United Nations General Assembly in October 2002. * In his tenure as President of India, he addressed Parliament of India five times; he administered oath of office to three Chief Justices of India and 29 other Justices of Supreme Court of India.

Honours: National Order of Madagascar (Madagascar) in 2018-Grand Cross 2nd Class, the highest civilian honour of Madagascar. • Order of Independence (Equatorial Guinea) in 2018-Grand Collar, the highest civilian honour of Equatorial Guinea. • Order of the Lion (Eswatini) in 2018-Collar, the highest civilian honour of Eswatini. • Grand Order of King Tomislav (Croatia) in 2019-The highest civilian honour of Croatia. • Order of the Condor of the Andes (Bolivia) in 2019-Grand Collar, the highest civilian honour of Bolivia. • National Order of Merit (Guinea) in 2019-Grand Cross, the highest civilian honour of Guinea.

Born : 01-10-1945 * Birth Place : Paraunkh, Uttar Pradesh, India



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15th President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Droupadi Murmu

(Born : Durgu Biranchi Tudu)

15th President of India

25-07-2022 till date



Profile: Is an Indian politician who has served as the 15th president of India since 2022. * She won the 2022 presidential election as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate. * She is the first person belonging to a tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the office. * She is also the youngest person to occupy the post (at 64) and the first president born in independent India. * Previously, she served as the eighth Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021, being the longest-serving governor for that state, as a member of the Odisha Legislative Assembly from Raipur constituency from 2000 to 2009, and as minister of State (Independent Charge), Government of Odisha from 2000 to 2004. * Before entering politics, she worked as a clerk in the State Irrigation and Power Department from 1979 to 1983, and then as a teacher in Raipur from 1984 until 1987.

Honours: Suriname: Honorary Order of the Yellow Star, Grand Order Chain (5 June, 2023). • Fiji: Order of Fiji, Companion (6 August 2024). • East Timor: Order of Timor-Leste, Grand Collar (10 August 2024).

Born : 20-06-1958
Birth Place : Uparbeda, Mayurbhanj, Odisha, India




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GOVERNOR-GENERALS OF INDEPENDENT INDIA PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF REPUBLIC INDIA



List of Vice Presidents of Republic India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office
1	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	13-05-1952	12-05-1962
2	Dr. Zakir Husain	13-05-1962	12-05-1967
3	V.V. Giri	13-05-1967	03-05-1969
4	Gopal Swarup Pathak	31-08-1969	30-08-1974
5	B.D. Jatti	31-08-1974	30-08-1979
6	Mohammad Hidayatullah	31-08-1979	30-08-1984
7	R. Venkataraman	31-08-1984	24-07-1987
8	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma	03-09-1987	24-07-1992
9	K.R. Narayanan	21-08-1992	24-07-1997
10	Krishan Kant	21-08-1997	27-07-2002
11	Bhairon Singh Shekhawat	19-08-2002	21-07-2007
12	Mohammad Hamid Ansari	11-08-2007	10-08-2017
13	Venkaiah Naidu	11-08-2017	10-08-2022
14	Jagdeep Dhankhar	11-08-2022	till date

1st Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

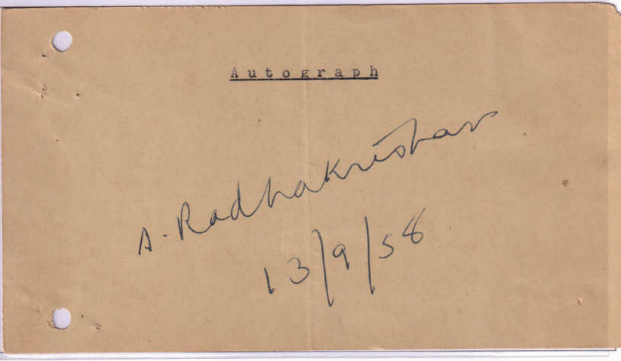
1st Vice President of India
13-05-1952 to 12-05-1962

Profile: Mastered the classics of Indian Philosophy and specialized in Western Philosophy. * Worked as Professor of Philosophy in University of Mysore (1918) and University of Calcutta (1921). * Brought out a philosophic classic and a literary masterpiece 'Indian Philosophy' book in 1923. * Invited to the Oxford University in England to be part of the special 'Upton Lectures'. * Was also invited by other Universities like Yale, Howard and Princeton. * Was Vice Chancellor of Andhra University and Benares Hindu University. * Was the first envoy of India to Soviet Union.

Awards: Awarded several high awards during his life, including a knighthood in 1931 and the Bharat Ratna in 1954. * Order of the Aztec Eagle-Mexico-Sash First Class, the highest civilian honour of Mexico-1954. * Pour le Mérite-Germany-For Sciences and Arts-1954. * Goethe Plaque of the City of Frankfurt-1959. * The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade-1961 etc.

Note: He believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". Hence, since 1962, his birthday has been celebrated in India as 'Teachers' Day' on 5 September every year.

Born : 05-09-1888 * **Died :** 17-04-1975 * **Birth Place :** Thiruttani, Tamilnadu, India



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A. Radhakrishnan

2nd Vice President



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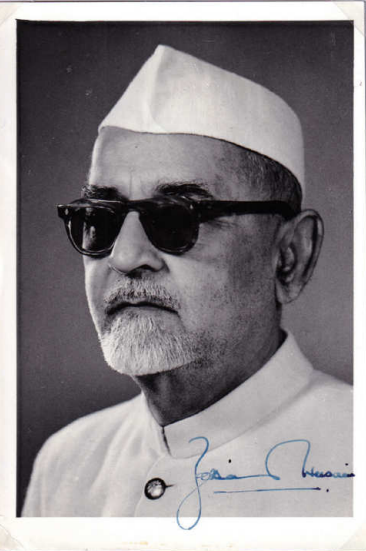
Dr. Zakir Husain

2nd Vice President of India
13-05-1962 to 13-05-1967

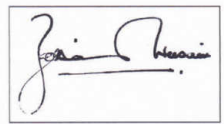
Profile: Was an Indian politician and educationist. * Got Ph. D. Degree in Economics from Berlin in Germany. * As a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, Husain was a founding member of the Jamia Millia Islamia which was established as an independent national university in response to the Non-cooperation movement. He served as its Vice-chancellor for 22 years from 1926 to 1948. * In 1948 he was appointed as Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University which he helped to retain as a national institution of higher learning. * He was made a nominated member of the Indian Parliament during 1952 to 1957. * He also served as Governor of Bihar from 1957 to 1962. * Had a keen interest in literary and academic work. * Translated in Urdu, Plato's 'The Republic' and Cannon's 'Elementary Political Economy'.

Awards: He was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 1954 and Bharat Ratna in 1963.

Note: (1) 'A Rose Called Zakir Husain - A Life of Dedication' is a 1969 documentary film on his life produced by the Films Division of India. (2) To honour him, India Post has issued, two Commemorative Postage Stamps with his image, in 1969 and 1988.



Born : 08-02-1897
Died : 03-05-1969
Birth Place : Hyderabad, Telangana, India






3rd Vice President - Page-1 - Type 1 Autograph



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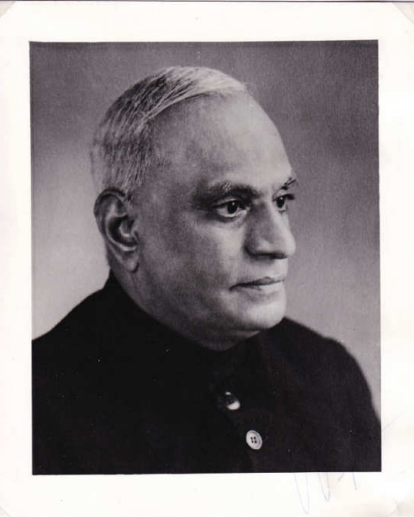
V. V. Giri
(Born : Varahagiri Venkata Giri)

3rd Vice President of India
13-05-1967 to 03-05-1969

Profile: Was an Indian politician and activist. * Joined Labour Movement and became President of All India Trade Union Congress. * Attended International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1927. * Attended Second Round Table Conference at London as workers' representative in 1931-32. * Took an active part in 'Quit India' Movement in 1942. * Worked as India's High Commissioner at Ceylon in 1952. * Appointed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka. * Elected as Vice President in 1967 and he was the first Vice President who could not complete his full term in office because following the death of President Zakir Husain on 3-5-1969, he was sworn in as an acting President on the same day i.e. 3-5-1969. * Subsequently, he contested the presidential elections as an independent candidate and was elected as President.

Awards: He was awarded 'Bharat Ratna' in 1975.

Note: To honour him, India Post has issued, a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image, in 1974.





Born : 10-08-1894
Died : 24-06-1980
Birth Place : Berhampur, Odisha, India



3rd Vice President - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

V. V. Giri
(Born : Varahagiri Venkata Giri)

3rd Vice President of India
13-05-1967 to 03-05-1969

Profile: Was an Indian politician and activist. * Joined Labour Movement and became President of All India Trade Union Congress. * Attended International Labour Conference at Geneva in 1927. * Attended Second Round Table Conference at London as workers' representative in 1931-32. * Took an active part in 'Quit India' Movement in 1942. * Worked as India's High Commissioner at Ceylon in 1952. * Appointed as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka. * Elected as Vice President in 1967 and he was the first Vice President who could not complete his full term in office because following the death of President Zakir Husain on 3-5-1969, he was sworn in as an acting President on the same day i.e. 3-5-1969. * Subsequently, he contested the presidential elections as an independent candidate and was elected as President.

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4th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Gopal Swarup Pathak
4th Vice President of India
31-08-1969 to 30-08-1974



Profile: Was the judge in Allahabad High Court in 1945-1946. * Was the member of Rajya Sabha from 1960 to 1966. * Became Union Minister of Law in 1966-1967. * Worked as Governor of Mysore from 1967 to 1969. * Also worked as Chancellor in various universities. * He was honoured with 'Proud Past Alumni' in the list of 42 members from 'Allahabad University Alumni Association', NCR, Ghaziabad.

Born : 26-02-1896 * **Died :** 04-10-1982 * **Birth Place :** Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, India





5th Vice President



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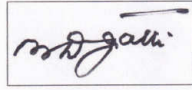
B.D. Jatti
(Born : Basappa Danappa Jatti)
5th Vice President of India
31 August 1974 – 30 August 1979



Profile: He was an active politician. * He served as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. * He also served as Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry from 1969 to 1972. * He served as the Governor of Orissa from 1972 to 1974. * He has worked as acting President from 11-2-1977 to 25-7-1977 because of the death of the President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. * He was hailed as a man who set an example of selfless service and stood for value-based politics. * He was once called an ordinary man with extraordinary thought. * He wrote his autobiography viz. 'I'm My Own Model'.

Born : 10-09-1912 * **Died :** 07-06-2002
Birth Place : Savalagi, Jamakhandi, Karnataka, India





6th Vice President - Page-1 - Type 1 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Mohammad Hidayatullah
6th Vice President of India
31-08-1979 to 30-08-1984

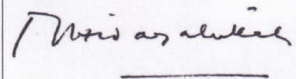


Profile: Was appointed as 11th Chief Justice of India in 1968. * Was the Chancellor of Universities of Delhi & Punjab and Jamia Millia Islamia between 1969 to 1985. * Was President of International Law Association (Indian Branch), President of Indian Red Cross Society and President of Bombay Natural History Society. * Was a Champion and Crusader of Human Rights. * Was a Gandhian in ideology, essentially cosmopolitan in outlook, truly Indian in culture, a poet at heart and an activist in thoughts. * He is regarded as an eminent jurist, scholar, educationist, author and linguist. * He had also served as the acting President of India from 20-7-1969 to 24-8-1969 and from 6-10-1982 to 31-10-1982. * He became the only person to have served in all three high offices viz. Chief Justice of India, Acting President of India and Vice President of India. * During his tenure as the Vice President, he won the respect of all concerned for his impartiality and independence.

Awards: Was awarded order of the British Empire in 1946. * Order of the Yugoslav Flag with Sash-1970. * Medallion & Plaque of Merit Philconsa Manila-1970. * Knight of Mark Twain-1971. * Shiromani Award-1986. * Architects of India Award-1987 etc.

Born : 17-12-1905 * **Died :** 18-09-1992 * **Birth Place :** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India





6th Vice President - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Mohammad Hidayatullah
6th Vice President of India
31-08-1979 to 30-08-1984

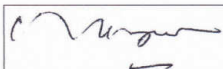


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Born : 17-12-1905 * **Died :** 18-09-1992 * **Birth Place :** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India





7th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

R. Venkataraman
(Born : Ramaswamy Venkataraman)

7th Vice President of India
31-08-1984 to 24-07-1987

Profile: Was a great freedom fighter. * Took active part in 'Quit India' Movement of 1942 and was jailed for 2 years. * Was a well known labour leader. * Was a member of Planning Commission from 1967 to 1971. * Worked as Minister for Finance, Defence etc. in the Union Cabinet of Government of India. * Was appointed as the Member of the Constituent Assembly and the provisional cabinet. * Was elected to the parliament for 4 times. * His law and trade activity led him to associate with politics.

Honours: Venkataraman received the Doctorate of Law (Honoris Causa) from the University of Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India. * He is an Honorary Fellow, Madras Medical College, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India; a Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Roorkee, Uttarakhand, India; Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa) from the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India. * He was awarded the Tamra Patra for participation in the freedom struggle and the Soviet Land Prize for his travelogue on K. Kamaraj's visit to the Socialist countries. * The title of 'Sat Seva Ratna' was conferred on him by the Sankaracharya of Kanchi.

Born : 04-12-1910
Died : 27-01-2009
Birth Place : Rajamadam,
Tamilnadu, India




R. Venkataraman

R. Venkataraman

8th Vice President



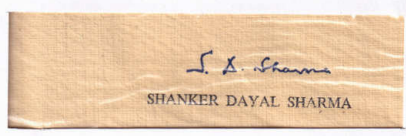
PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma
8th Vice President of India
03-09-1987 to 25-07-1992

Profile: Was the great freedom fighter and a true Gandhian. * Was the Chief Minister of Bhopal - Madhya Pradesh from 1952 to 1956. * Served as Governor of Andhra Pradesh (1984-85), of Punjab (1985) and of Maharashtra (1986-87).

Born : 19-08-1918 * Died : 26-12-1999 * Birth Place : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India







Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma

9th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

K.R. Narayanan
(Born : Kocheril Raman Narayanan)

9th Vice President of India
27-10-1992 to 24-07-1997

Profile: Was an Indian statesman, diplomat, academician and politician. * Had a brilliant academic career and graduated from London School of Economics specialising in Political Science. * Joined Indian Foreign Service. * Has served as Ambassador in China, Thailand, USA and many other countries. * Has worked as Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. * Has served as Union Cabinet Minister holding portfolios of Planning, External Affairs and many other departments. * He was renowned for his intellectual pursuits. He was a deep thinker and erudite speaker, known for his extensive knowledge of both Indian and world affairs.



Born : 27-10-1920
Died : 09-11-2005
Birth Place : Uzhavoor,
Travancore, Kerala, India

Narayanan K.R.
14-3-2005

Narayanan K.R.
14-3-2005

10th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Krishan Kant
10th Vice President of India
21-08-1997 to 27-07-2002

Profile: Was an Indian politician and was a Member of Lok Sabha from Chandigarh (1977-1980) and Member of Rajya Sabha from Haryana (1966-1972, 1972-1977). * Was the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 1990 to 1997. * He was a freedom fighter and he took part in Quit India Movement. * He also took part in the Indian Independence Movement. * He continued to be in politics and eventually he was elected to Parliament of India. * He was part of the 'Young Turk' brigade of Indian National Congress during the time of Indira Gandhi. * He was expelled from the congress as he opposed 'Emergency'. * During his time, a terrorist attack on Parliament in 2001 took place. * He is the only Indian Vice President who died in office.

Note: A commemorative postal stamp was issued in his name in 2005. * A park in the Hyderabad is named after him to commemorate his services to Andhra Pradesh.

Born : 28-02-1927 * Died : 27-07-2002
Birth Place : Kot Mohammad Khan, Punjab, India



Yours sincerely,

Krishan Kant

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11th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

11th Vice President of India

19-08-2002 to 21-07-2007



Profile: Was an Indian politician. * He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan three times from 1977 to 1980, 1990 to 1992 and 1993 to 1998. * He was referred to as 'Rajasthan Ka Ek Hi Singh' (The only lion of Rajasthan) or 'Babosa' (Head of the family of Rajasthan) or affectionately as 'Bhairon Baba'. * He played the most crucial role in removing 'Sati' practice from Rajasthan which was a part of Rajput culture. * He started the 'Antyodaya Yojna' which was intended to uplift the poor. * The Chairman of the World Bank referred to him as the 'Rockefeller of India'.

Awards: Awarded Padma Bhushan in 2003.

Born : 23-10-1925 * Died : 15-05-2010
Birth Place : Khachariyawas, Rajasthan, India



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Mohammad Hamid Ansari

12th Vice President of India

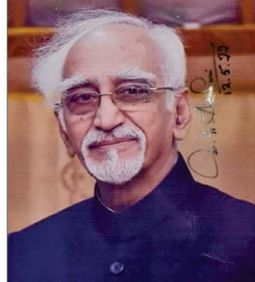
11-08-2007 to 11-08-2017



Profile: Is an Indian politician and retired Indian Foreign Service Officer. * Served as the Indian ambassador to Australia, Iran, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. * He also served as the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations between 1993 to 1995. * Was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University from 2000 to 2002. * He was Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities from 2006 to 2007. * He is the first Indian Vice President to serve during the terms of three Presidents viz. Pratibha Patil, Pranab Mukherjee and Ram Nath Kovind. * He is also the longest serving Vice President of India.

Awards: Awarded Padma Shri in 1984.

Born : 01-04-1937 * Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India



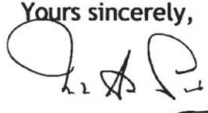
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13th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Venkaiah Naidu

(Born : Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu)

13th Vice President of India

11-08-2017 to 11-08-2022



Profile: Is an Indian politician and is the first Indian Vice President who is born in independent India. * He has held various portfolios like Housing, Urban Development and Information & Broadcasting in Government of India in Modi's cabinet. * He has also served as the national president of Bharatiya Janata Party from 2002 to 2004. * As a political leader, he gained prominence as an orator who championed the cause of the farmers and the development of backward areas. * He is also involved with the 'Swarna Bharat Trust', a social service organisation founded by him in Nellore. * The trust runs school for poor and orphaned children.

Awards: Commander of the Order of the Green Crescent of the Comoros-2019
Honours: University for Peace: Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa), San Jose, Costa Rica-2019

Born : 01-07-1949 * Birth Place : Chavatapalem, Andhra Pradesh, India



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Be blessed.

Jagdeep Dhankhar

2020

14th Vice President



PRESIDENTS & VICE PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

Jagdeep Dhankhar

14th Vice President of India

11-08-2022 till date



Profile: Is an Indian politician and lawyer. * He served as the Governor of West Bengal from 2019 to 2022. * He also served as Minister of Parliamentary Affairs from 1990 to 1991 in Chandra Shekhar Ministry. * He was a Member of Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991. * He has also been affiliated with multiple political parties in India, including Janata Dal, Indian National Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party. * He had been practicing primarily in the field of Constitutional Law in the Supreme Court of India.

Born : 18-05-1951
Birth Place : Kithana, Rajasthan, India



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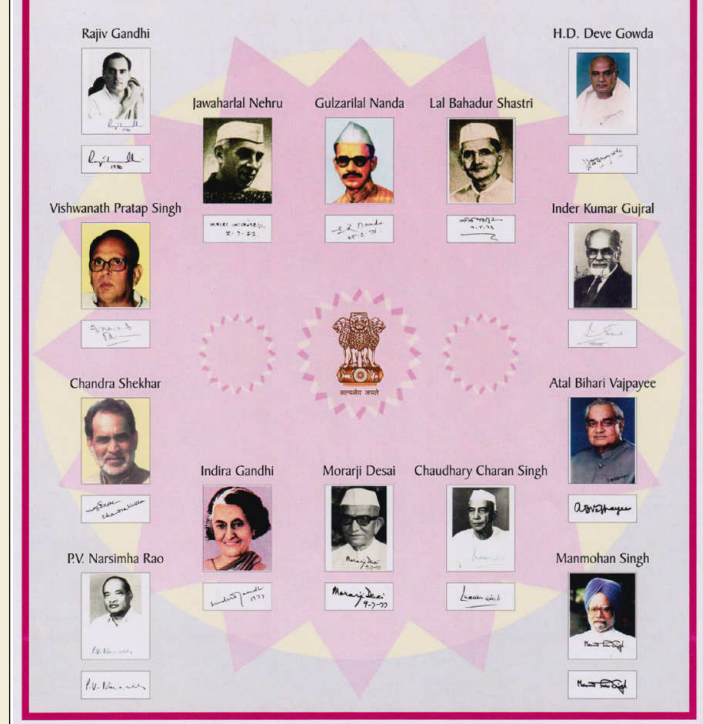
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* Prime Ministers & Deputy Prime Ministers of India



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PRIME MINISTERS & DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA



Prime Minister of India

The Prime Minister of India is the Head of Government of the Republic of India. The Executive Authority is vested in the Prime Minister and his chosen Council of Ministers, despite the President of India being the nominal head of the executive.

The Prime Minister is appointed by the President of India; however, the Prime Minister has to enjoy the confidence of the majority of Lok Sabha members, who are directly elected every five years, lest the Prime Minister shall resign.

The Prime Minister has to be a member of one of the houses of bicameral Parliament of India, alongside heading the respective house. The Prime Minister controls the selection and dismissal of members of the Union Council of Ministers; and allocation of posts to members within the government. The Prime Minister and his cabinet are at all times responsible to the Lok Sabha.

The Prime Minister represents the country in various delegations, high level meetings and international organisations that require the attendance of the highest government office, and also addresses to the nation on various issues of national or other importance.

Deputy Prime Minister of India

The Deputy Prime Minister of India, although not a Constitutional post, is the second-highest ranking minister of the Union in the executive branch of the Government of India and is a senior member of the Union Council of Ministers. The office holder also deputises for the Prime Minister in his absence.

The office has since been only intermittently occupied, having been occupied for a little more than 10 years out of the 75 years since its inception. Since 1947 India has had 7 deputy prime ministers, of which none having at least one full term.

The first was Vallabhbhai Patel of the Indian National Congress party, who was sworn in on 15 August 1947. Serving until his death in December 1950, Patel remains India's longest-serving Deputy Prime Minister. Lal Krishna Advani was the seventh and last person to serve as the Deputy Prime Minister of India until the post became vacant.

PRIME MINISTERS & DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA



List of Prime Ministers of India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office	Party
1	Jawaharlal Nehru	15-08-1947	27-05-1964	Indian National Congress
*	Gulzarilal Nanda	27-05-1964	09-06-1964	Indian National Congress
2	Lal Bahadur Shastri	09-06-1964	11-01-1966	Indian National Congress
*	Gulzarilal Nanda	11-01-1966	24-01-1966	Indian National Congress
3	Indira Gandhi	24-01-1966	24-03-1977	Indian National Congress
4	Morarji Desai	24-03-1977	28-07-1979	Janta Party
5	Charan Singh	28-07-1979	14-01-1980	Janta Party
**	Indira Gandhi	14-01-1980	31-10-1984	Indian National Congress
6	Rajiv Gandhi	31-10-1984	02-12-1989	Congress I ***
7	V.P. Singh	02-12-1989	10-11-1990	Janta Party
8	Chandra Shekhar	10-11-1990	21-06-1991	Janta Party
9	P.V. Narasimha Rao	21-06-1991	16-05-1996	Congress I
10	Atal Bihari Vajpayee	16-05-1996	01-06-1996	Bharatiya Janata Party
11	H. D. Deve Gowda	01-06-1996	21-04-1997	Janta Dal
12	Inder Kumar Gujral	21-04-1997	19-03-1998	Janta Dal
**	Atal Bihari Vajpayee	19-03-1998	22-05-2004	Bharatiya Janata Party
13	Dr. Manmohan Singh	22-05-2004	26-05-2014	Congress I
14	Narendra Modi	26-05-2014	till date	Bharatiya Janata Party

* Acting | ** Resumed Office | *** Indian National Congress became Congress I (I for Indira)

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List of Deputy Prime Ministers of India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office	Party
1	Vallabhbhai Patel	15-08-1947	15-12-1950	Indian National Congress
2	Morarji Desai	13-03-1967	16-07-1969	Indian National Congress
3a	Charan Singh (Jointly with Jagjivan Ram)	24-01-1979	16-07-1979	Janta Party
3b	Jagjivan Ram (Jointly with Charan Singh)	24-01-1979	28-07-1979	Janta Party
4	Yashwantrao Chavan	28-07-1979	14-01-1980	Indian National Congress (Urs)
5	Devi Lal	02-12-1989	01-08-1990	Janata Dal
**	Devi Lal	10-11-1990	21-06-1991	Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)
6	L.K. Advani	29-06-2002	22-05-2004	Bharatiya Janata Party

** Resumed Office

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PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Jawaharlal Nehru

1st Prime Minister of India
15-08-1947 to 27-05-1964



Profile: Was an active freedom fighter and close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. * Was jailed nine times between 1921 and 1945 for his political activities. * Was equally at home with the cultures of India and the West. * Aimed to make India a democratic socialist state, tolerant of all religions. * Was India's first Prime Minister for 16 years from 1947 to 1964. * Was an advocate of scientific methods and modern technology. * Loved children so much, that his birthday in India is celebrated as 'Children's Day'. * The honorific 'Pandit' has been commonly applied before his name.

Honours: Was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1955, India's highest civilian honour. President Rajendra Prasad awarded him this honour without taking advice from the Prime Minister and added that 'I am taking this step on my own initiative'.

Note: (1) India Post has issued Commemorative Stamps and Reserve Bank of India issued Commemorative Coins with his image on various occasions to pay tribute to him. (2) The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding is an International Award presented by Government of India every year in his honour.



Born : 14-11-1889
Died : 27-05-1964
Birth Place : Allahabad,
Uttar Pradesh, India



Jawaharlal Nehru
May 1964

1st Prime Minister - Page-2 - Hindi Autograph



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

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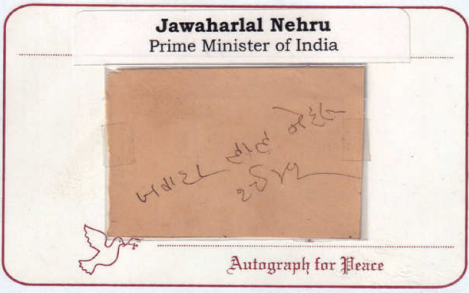
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Jawaharlal Nehru
Prime Minister of India



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2nd Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Lal Bahadur Shastri
(Born : Lal Bahadur Srivastava)

2nd Prime Minister of India
09-06-1964 to 11-01-1966



Profile: Was an Indian politician and statesman. * Took part in Gandhi's Non-co-operation Movement in 1921. * Studied in the Kashi Vidyapeeth and graduated with the title of 'Shastri'. * Joined servants of the People Society of Lala Lajpat Rai in 1926. * Held various portfolios like Railways, Transport, Commerce and Industry, Home Affairs etc. in the cabinet of Government of India. * Promoted the White Revolution by supporting AMUL and creating the National Dairy Development Board. * Also promoted the Green Revolution in India in 1965 to boost India's food production. * Indo-Pak War of 1965 took place during his tenure. Signed 'No-war' agreement at Tashkent where he died because of heart attack. * Gave the country the slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kishan'.

Honours: Was posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 1966.

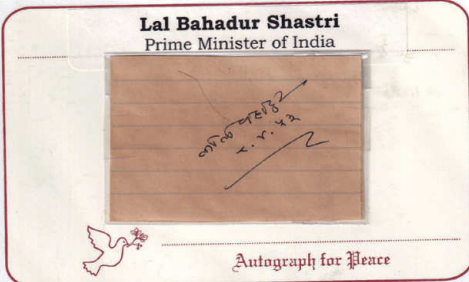


Born : 02-10-1904
Died : 11-01-1966
Birth Place : Mughalsarai,
Uttar Pradesh, India



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Lal Bahadur Shastri
Prime Minister of India



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3rd Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Indira Gandhi

3rd Prime Minister of India
24-01-1966 to 24-03-1977 * 14-01-1980 to 31-10-1984



Profile: Was an Indian politician and stateswoman. * Married to Feroze Gandhi in 1942 and both took active part in 'Quit India Movement' and were arrested and jailed in 1942. * Served as President of Indian National Congress in 1959-1960. * Became the first woman Prime Minister of India in 1966 and remained in power till 1977. * In 1971, led India in a successful war against Pakistan, to separate East & West Pakistan and establish the nation of 'Bangla Desh'. * She declared state of 'Emergency' and assumed emergency powers in 1975. * Was defeated in 1977 elections but became victorious in 1980 general elections. * In 1984, she ordered 'Operation Blue Star' to storm the Golden Temple of Amritsar which was converted into an armory. * Was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards on October 31, 1984.

Awards: Was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1971. * Lenin Peace Prize (Soviet Union) in 1985. * Bangladesh Freedom Honour (Bangladesh) in 2011-The highest honour of Bangladesh awarded to foreign dignitaries.

Note: (1) India Post issued many Commemorative and Definitive Stamps to give her befitting tribute. (2) Reserve Bank of India issued Commemorative Coins of various denominations in her honour. (3) The Films Division of India produced a documentary film 'Our Indira' in 1973 which show her speeches and various facets of her life.

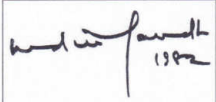


Born : 19-11-1917
Died : 31-10-1984
Birth Place : Allahabad,
Uttar Pradesh, India



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1982

Indira Gandhi



Interim Prime Minister



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Gulzarilal Nanda
Interim Prime Minister of India
27-05-1964 to 09-06-1964 * 11-01-1966 to 24-01-1966

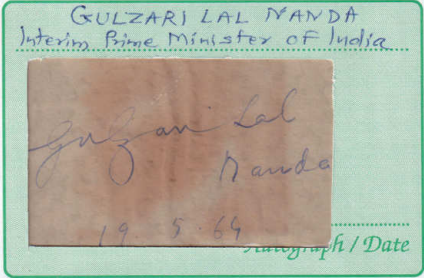
Profile: Was a great freedom fighter. * Was imprisoned for 'Satyagrah' in 1932 and again from 1942 to 1944. * Was the Trustee of Kasturba Memorial Trust and Secretary of Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh. * Organised Indian National Trade Union Congress and later became its President. * Held various ministerial portfolios in Central Cabinet from 1952 to 1966. * Was the Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. * Worked as the interim Prime Minister in 1964 and 1966. Both times, his role, though uneventful, was critical in importance owing to the proximity of national dangers (Nehru's death had just come after a war with China in 1962 and Lal Bahadur Shastri died, after the 1965 war with Pakistan). * He lived a very simple life with no personal property at the time of his death.

Awards: Received Padma Vibhushan in 1991. * Was awarded 'Bharat Ratna' in 1997.

Note: (1) 'A Dedicated Worker - Shri Gulzarilal Nanda' is a 1999 short documentary film produced by Films Division of India. (2) A Commemorative Stamp was issued by India Post in his honour in 1999.

Born : 03-12-1884 * **Died :** 28-02-1963 * **Birth Place :** Siwan, Bihar, India





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4th Prime Minister - Page-1 - English Autograph



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**



Morarji Desai
4th Prime Minister of India
24-03-1977 to 28-07-1979

Profile: Was an Indian Independence activist and politician. * He took active part in Civil Disobedience Movement and was a freedom fighter. * Was a believer in 'Swadeshi' and was a social reformer. * Was the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad. * He became the Chief Minister of Bombay State in 1952. * He held portfolios like Commerce & Industry, Finance etc. in the Union Cabinet in 1956. * He played a crucial role in the Indian Nuclear Programme. * He is the oldest person to hold the office of Prime Minister, at the age of 81, in the history of Indian Politics. * He was the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India from 1967 to 1969. * Was a self-disciplined man and lived almost 100 years due to practice of naturopathy.

Awards: Was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1991 the highest civilian honour of India. (2) Nishan-e-Pakistan (Pakistan) in 1990 the highest civilian honour of Pakistan.

Note: (1) 'Morarji', a TV series was aired on Doordarshan DD National Channel. (2) The Films Division of India made 'For Peace and Friendship', a 1978 short documentary film about his campaign for nuclear disarmament. (3) India Post issued two Commemorative Stamps in 1996 and 1997 to pay befitting tribute to him.

Born : 29-02-1896 * **Died :** 10-04-1995 * **Birth Place :** Bhadeli, Valsad, Gujarat, India





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4th Prime Minister - Page-2 - Gujarati Autograph



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**



Morarji Desai
4th Prime Minister of India
24-03-1977 to 28-07-1979

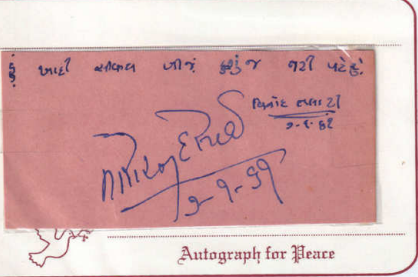
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Died : 10-04-1995
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5th Prime Minister



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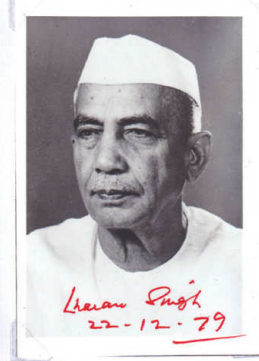


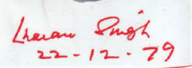
Chaudhary Charan Singh
5th Prime Minister of India
28-07-1979 to 14-01-1980

Profile: Was an Indian politician, statesman and activist. * Was a great Freedom Fighter. * Took active part in 'Salt Satyagrah' (1930) and 'Quit India' Movement (1942). * He followed Mahatma Gandhi in non-violent struggle for independence and was imprisoned several times. * He opposed Nehru on his Soviet-style economic reforms. * He left Congress Party in 1957 and formed his own political party 'Bharatiya Kranti Dal'. * In later years in 1979, he formed 'Lok Dal' another political party. * His association, with causes dear to farmers in India, caused his Memorial in New Delhi to be named as 'Kishan Ghat'. * His birthday 23rd December is celebrated as 'Kishan Diwas' in India. * Prepared a Zamindari Abolition Bill in U.P. * It was a revolutionary step in the interest of landless farmers, backward classes and Harijans. * Was Chief Minister of U.P. Government for some years. * Became Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister in 1979. * Was a Messiah of farmers and constantly fought against social evils like casteism. * Historians and people alike frequently refer him as the 'Champion of Peasants'.

Note: (1) To give him befitting tribute - India Post issued in 1990 a Commemorative Stamp on his third death anniversary. (2) The Amausi Airport in Lucknow, UP was renamed as 'Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport' by Government of India. (3) The University of Meerut, UP was named as 'Chaudhary Charan Singh University'.

Born : 23-12-1902
Died : 29-05-1987
Birth Place : Noorpur, Uttar Pradesh, India





Autograph / Date



6th Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Rajiv Gandhi

6th Prime Minister of India
31-10-1984 to 02-12-1989



Profile: Preferred his career as airline pilot and was reluctant to enter politics. * Was persuaded by his mother Indira Gandhi to join politics, after the death of his younger brother Sanjay Gandhi. * Became the Prime Minister in 1984 after the assassination of his mother Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister. * Put the country on the Third World Communication Network through his efforts to speedup the progress of science with sophisticated computer technology. * Took steps to bring peace to the disturbed states of Punjab, Assam and Mizoram. * Became a centre of controversy in Defence purchase of Bofors tanks. * Was assassinated in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu in 1991. * A magnificent memorial named 'Veer Bhumi' was constructed at his cremation spot.

Awards: He was awarded Bharat Ratna (Posthumously) in 1991.



Rajiv Gandhi
1986

Note: (1) To honour him, India Post has issued, Commemorative Postage Stamps with his image in 1991 and Definitive Stamp with his image in 2008. (2) The Reserve Bank of India has issued various denomination Commemorative Coins with his image in 1991 to give him befitting tribute.

Born : 20-08-1944
Died : 21-05-1991
Birth Place : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



7th Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

V.P. Singh

(Born : Vishwanath Pratap Singh)

7th Prime Minister of India
02-12-1989 to 10-11-1990



Profile: Was an Indian politician. * He is India's only Prime Minister to have been from former royalty. * He held many portfolios in Central Cabinet during Rajiv Gandhi Ministry. * Was also the leader of the Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1987. * During his tenure as Minister of Defence, the Bofors Scandal came to light. * He resigned from the Cabinet and in 1988 formed the Janata Dal Party and subsequently became the Prime Minister from that party. * He implemented Mandal Commission report for India's backward castes which led to major protests. * The infamous exodus of Kashmiri Hindus happened from the valley in 1990 during his tenure.

Born : 03-12-1884 * **Died :** 28-02-1963 * **Birth Place :** Siwan, Bihar, India




V.P. Singh

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Chandra Shekhar *Chandra Shekhar*

8th Prime Minister of India



चन्द्रशेखर
CHANDRA SHEKHAR

April 13, 1998

Dear Mr. Hans Konanz,

I could lay my hands on your letter dated 27th March, 1998 only today. I do not know how your earlier letters could not reach me.

I thank you very much for your kind gesture. I am happy to know that you have keen interest in our country's past and present affairs as editor of a distinguished daily newspaper in Frankfurt, Germany.

As desired by you I am sending my autograph and shall be happy to meet you as and when you happen to visit India.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
Chandra Shekhar
(CHANDRA SHEKHAR)



Shri Hans Konanz,
Friedrichstr 13,
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Chandra Shekhar

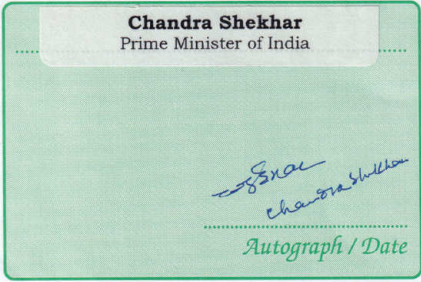
8th Prime Minister of India
10-11-1990 to 21-06-1991



Profile: He was an Indian politician. * He headed a minority government of a breakdown faction of the Janata Dal with outside support from the Indian National Congress. * He was the first Indian Prime Minister who had never held any prior government office. * His government could not pass the budget and its world ranking was downgraded by credit-rating agencies. * He had to authorise mortgaging of reserve gold to avoid default payment. * He had done nationwide padayatra in 1983 to know the country better. * Subsequently, he established Bharat Yatra Centres in various parts of the country and set up a Bharat Yatra Trust in Bhondsi Village in Haryana.

Note: India Post has issued a Commemorative Stamp in 2010 to give him befitting tribute.

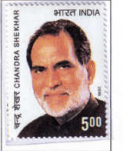
Born : 17-04-1927 * **Died :** 08-07-2007
Birth Place : Ibrahimpatni, Uttar Pradesh, India



Chandra Shekhar
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9th Prime Minister



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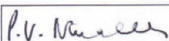
P.V. Narasimha Rao
(Born : Pamulaparathi Venkata Narasimha Rao)
9th Prime Minister of India
21-06-1991 to 16-05-1996



Profile: Was an Indian politician, statesman and lawyer. * Is known for introducing various liberal reforms to India's economy. * His ascendancy to the Prime Ministership was politically significant because he was the second holder of this office from a non-Hindi-speaking region (Telugu) and the first from South India. * He led an important administration, overseeing a major economic transformation and several home incidents affecting national security of India. * He himself held the Industries portfolio and was personally responsible for the dismantling of the 'Licence Raj'. * Could speak 17 languages. * Studied in Osmania, Mumbai and Nagpur Universities. * Was an active Freedom Fighter. * Was the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh from 1971 to 1973. * Was the first Prime Minister to lead a Minority Government for full term. * Was the man of many interests like music, cinema, theatre, Indian philosophy and culture etc. * Wrote poems and translated many famous works. * Babri Mosque crisis took place during his time. * He was the 'True Father' of India's nuclear programme.

Born : 28-06-1921 * Died : 23-12-2004
Birth Place : Laknepalli, Telangana, India








10th Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Atal Bihari Vajpayee
10th Prime Minister of India
16-05-1996 to 01-06-1996 * 19-03-1998 to 22-05-2004

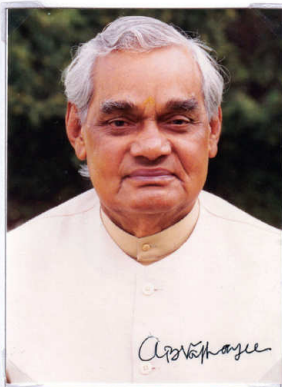


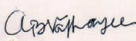
Profile: Was an Indian politician, statesman, poet and writer. * Participated in freedom struggle and went to jail in 1942. * Has the Parliamentary experience of four decades. * Has many literary, artistic and scientific accomplishments to his credit. * Has been a Member of the National Integration Council since 1961. * During his tenure, a series of successful nuclear tests at Pokhran in May 1998 took place. * Kargil war with Pakistan took place in his time and he successfully handled the situation in repulsing back the intruders from the Indian Soil. * Became the Prime Minister of India from May 16 to June 1, 1996 and March 19, 1998 to May 22, 2004. * Was a Member of Indian Parliament for over five decades and was elected ten times as to the Lok Sabha and twice to the Rajya Sabha. * His oratorical skills won him the reputation of being the most eloquent defender of his party's policies.

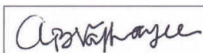
Honours & Awards: Was awarded Padma Vibhushan-1992 • D. Lit. from Kanpur University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh-1993. • Lokmanya Tilak Award-1994. • Outstanding Parliamentarian Award-1994. • Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award-1994 • Bharat Ratna-2015.

Note: (1) The Films Division of India has produced the short documentary films 'Pride of India - Atal Bihari Vajpayee' (1998) and 'Know Your Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee' (2003) which explore different facets of his life. (2) India Post has issued a Definitive Stamp in honour of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. (3) Reserve Bank of India has issued Commemorative Coin of 100 Rupees honouring Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Born : 25-12-1924
Died : 16-08-2018
Birth Place :
Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, India







11th Prime Minister



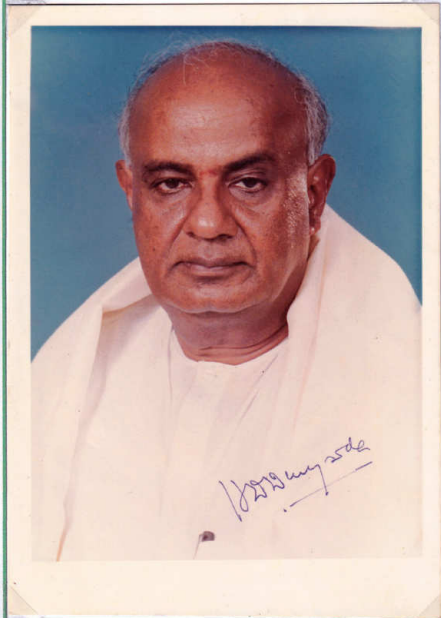
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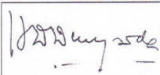
H.D. Deve Gowda
(Born : Haradanahalli Doddegowda Deve Gowda)
11th Prime Minister of India
01-06-1996 to 21-04-1997

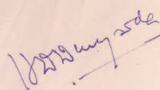
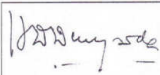


Profile: Is an Indian politician who previously served as the Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996. * Is the National President of Janata Dal (Secular) Party. * When the United Front formed the Central Government, he was elected as Prime Minister in 1996. * His Prime Ministerial tenure lasted for less than a year. * After his tenure, he was elected to the 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th Lok Sabha as Member of Parliament from Hassan Lok Sabha Constituency.

Born : 18-05-1933
Birth Place :
Haradanahalli,
Karnataka, India





12th Prime Minister



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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA

Inder Kumar Gujral
12th Prime Minister of India
21-04-1997 to 19-03-1998

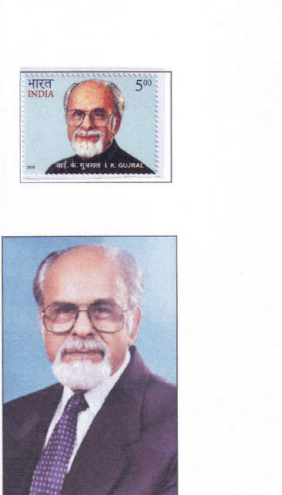


Profile: Was an Indian diplomat, politician and freedom activist. * He was imprisoned for taking part in the 'Quit India' Movement. * He became the Member of Rajya Sabha and held the portfolio of Information and Broadcasting during 'Emergency'. * Has worked as Ambassador of India to Soviet Union. * He was the 3rd Prime Minister who was elected from Rajya Sabha. * He had a practice of reserving Friday mornings for meeting the general public. * He had introduced 'The Gujral Doctrine', which was the set of five principles to guide the conduct of foreign relations with India's immediate neighbours.

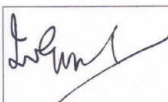
Honours: Bangladesh Liberation War Honour (Bangladesh) in 2012-The second-highest honour of Bangladesh awarded to foreign dignitaries.

Note: India Post has issued a Commemorative Stamp in 2020 to give him a befitting tribute.

Born : 04-12-1919 * Died : 30-11-2012
Birth Place : Pari Darveza, Punjab, Pakistan







13th Prime Minister



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Manmohan Singh

13th Prime Minister of India
22-05-2004 to 26-05-2014

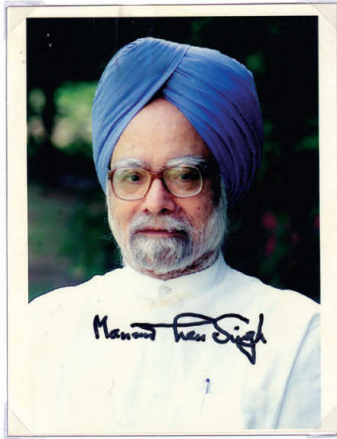


Profile: Is an Indian politician, economist, academician & bureaucrat. * Has got the doctorate in Economics from Oxford University. * Is an economist by training and has formerly served in the International Monetary Fund. * Is a low-key politician, enjoying an image as 'squeaky clean'. * Has worked as a finance minister under Prime Minister Narasimha Rao from 1991 to 1996. * Was awarded the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award in 2002. * Has worked as the leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha from 1998 to 2004. * Has also worked as the Governor of Reserve Bank of India from 1982 to 1985. * He was the first Sikh to be the Prime Minister of India. * As a Finance Minister in P. Narasimha Rao, Cabinet, he carried out reforms that liberalised India's economy. * Under the UPA regime, he was elected as Prime Minister in 2004. * India's economy grew rapidly under his reign. * He liberalised the Indian economy which became the second fastest growing major economy in the world in 2007. * He remained as Prime Minister for two terms from 2004 to 2014.

Awards: Was awarded Adam Smith Prize in 1956. * Padma Vibhushan in 1987.

Note: A Bollywood film 'The Accidental Prime Minister' was made in 2019 which was based on his life.

Born : 26-09-1932 * **Birth Place :** Gah, Punjab, Pakistan

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PRIME MINISTERS &
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Narendra Modi

14th Prime Minister of India
26-05-2014 till date

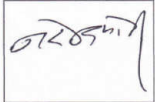


Profile: Is an Indian politician who has worked as chief Minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014. * As the Prime Minister, he initiated Sanitation Campaign & demonetisation of high denomination Notes. * Introduced Goods & Service Tax * He revoked the special status of J & K. * Handled successfully the COVID-19 pandemic in India. * His administration launched 2019 Balakot surgical air strike against terrorists. * He is a vegetarian and teetotaler and has a frugal lifestyle. * He has received consistently high approval ratings. * He hosts 'Mann Ki Baat' a monthly radio programme on All India Radio discussing various developmental and social issues while interacting with people of India. * He has written various books and many documentary films have been made narrating his life's various facets.

Awards: Order of King Abdulaziz Al Saud (Saudi Arabia)-2016-Special Class, the highest honour of Saudi Arabia awarded to non-Muslim dignitaries. * State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan (Afghanistan)-2016-The highest civilian honour of Afghanistan. * Grand Collar of the State of Palestine (Palestine)-2018-The highest civilian honour of Palestine. * Order of Zayed (United Arab Emirates)-2019-Collar, the highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates. * Order of St. Andrew (Russia)-2019-Grand Cross with Collar, the highest civilian honour of Russia. * Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin (Maldives)-2019-Collar, the highest honour of the Maldives awarded to foreign dignitaries. * King Hamad Order of the Renaissance (Bahrain)-2019-First Class, the third-highest civilian honour of Bahrain. * Legion of Merit (United States)-2020-Chief Commander, the highest degree of the Legion of Merit. * Order of the Dragon King (Bhutan)-2021-First Class, The highest civilian honour of Bhutan. * Order of Fiji (Fiji)-2023-Companion, the highest civilian honour of Fiji. * Order of Logohu (Papua New Guinea)-2023-Grand Companion, the highest civilian honour of Papua New Guinea. * Order of the Nile (Egypt)-2023-Collar, the highest civilian honour of Egypt. * Legion of Honour (France)-2023-Grand Cross, the highest civilian honour of France. * Order of Honour (Greece)-2023-Grand Cross, the second-highest civilian honour of Greece. * CNN-IBN Indian of the Year (CNN-IBN)-2014-An award presented annually to various Indians for their work in their respective fields by the Indian media house CNN-News18. * Champions of the Earth Award (United Nations)-2018-The highest environmental award given by the United Nations. Awarded, for his policy leadership by pioneering work in championing the International Solar Alliance and new areas of levels of cooperation on environmental action. * Seoul Peace Prize (South Korea)-2018-The award committee credited, for his contribution towards regional and global peace through a proactive foreign policy with countries around the world under the Modi Doctrine and the Act East Policy. * Global Goalkeepers Award (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)-2019-Awarded, in recognition of the Swachh Bharat Mission and the progress India has made in providing safe sanitation under his leadership. * Key to the City (Houston, Texas, United States)-2019-At an event hosted by the Texas India Forum, Modi was presented with the Key to the City of Houston by Mayor Sylvester Turner. * Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award (Cambridge Energy Research Associates)-2021-The award recognizes the commitment of leadership towards the future of global energy and environment, and for offering solutions and policies for energy access, affordability and environmental stewardship. * Ebaki Award (Palau)-2023-Ebaki is a ceremonial woodworking tool from Palau that symbolises the leadership and wisdom.

Born : 17-09-1950
Birth Place : Vadnagar, Gujarat, India





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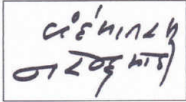


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14th Prime Minister of India
26-05-2014 till date



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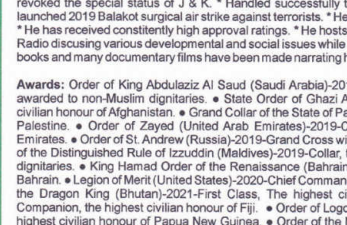
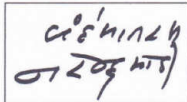
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PRIME MINISTERS & DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA



List of Deputy Prime Ministers of India

No.	Name	Took Office	Left Office	Party
1	Vallabhbhai Patel	15-08-1947	15-12-1950	Indian National Congress
2	Morarji Desai	13-03-1967	16-07-1969	Indian National Congress
3a	Charan Singh (Jointly with Jagjivan Ram)	24-01-1979	16-07-1979	Janta Party
3b	Jagjivan Ram (Jointly with Charan Singh)	24-01-1979	28-07-1979	Janta Party
4	Yashwantrao Chavan	28-07-1979	14-01-1980	Indian National Congress (Urs)
5	Devi Lal	02-12-1989	01-08-1990	Janata Dal
**	Devi Lal	10-11-1990	21-06-1991	Samajwadi Janata Party (Rashtriya)
6	L.K. Advani	29-06-2002	22-05-2004	Bharatiya Janata Party

** Resumed Office

1st Deputy Prime Minister



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(Born : Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel)
1st Deputy Prime Minister of India
15-08-1947 to 15-12-1950

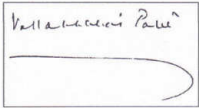


Profile: Was an Indian Independence nationalist and barrister. * Was a senior leader of Indian National Congress and played significant role in the country's struggle for independence and its political integration. * Persuaded almost every Princely State to accede to India. * His strong commitment to national integration earned him the sobriquet 'Iron Man of India'. * He is also remembered as the 'Patron Saint of India's Civil Servants' for playing role in establishing the Modern All India Services System. * In India and elsewhere, he was often called 'Sardar'. * He acted as the Home Minister during political integration of India. * His Birthday is celebrated as 'Rashtriyata Ekta Diwas'.

Awards: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was officially awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour posthumously in 1991.

Note: (1) India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps on various occasions to give him befitting tribute. (2) Reserve Bank of India has also issued Commemorative Coins in various denominations to honour him.

Born : 31-10-1875 * **Died :** 15-12-1950 * **Birth Place :** Nadiad, Gujarat, India









2nd Deputy Prime Minister - Page-1 - English Autograph



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**

Morarji Desai
2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India
13-03-1967 to 16-07-1969

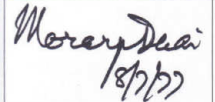


Profile: Was an Indian Independence activist and politician. * He took active part in Civil Disobedience Movement and was a freedom fighter. * Was a believer in 'Swadeshi' and was a social reformer. * Was the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad. * He became the Chief Minister of Bombay State in 1952. * He held portfolios like Commerce & Industry, Finance etc. in the Union Cabinet in 1956. * He played a crucial role in the Indian Nuclear Programme. * He is the oldest person to hold the office of Prime Minister, at the age of 81, in the history of Indian Politics. * Was a self-disciplined man and lived almost 100 years due to practice of naturopathy.

Awards: Was awarded Bharat Ratna in 1991 the highest civilian honour of India. (2) Nishan-e-Pakistan (Pakistan) in 1990 the highest civilian honour of Pakistan.

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2nd Deputy Prime Minister - Page-2 - Gujarati Autograph



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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**

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2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India
13-03-1967 to 16-07-1969



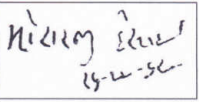
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Born : 29-02-1896
Died : 10-04-1995
Birth Place : Bhadell, Valsad,
Gujarat, India



3rd (a) Deputy Prime Minister



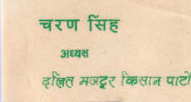
**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**

Charan Singh
(Born : Chaudhary Charan Singh)
3rd (a) Deputy Prime Minister of India
(Jointly with Jagjivan Ram)
24-01-1979 to 16-07-1979



Profile: Was an Indian politician, statesman and activist. * Was a great Freedom Fighter. * Took active part in 'Salt Satyagrah' (1930) and 'Quit India' Movement (1942). * He followed Mahatma Gandhi in non-violent struggle for independence and was imprisoned several times. * His birthday 23rd December is celebrated as 'Kishan Diwas' in India. * Was a Messiah of farmers and constantly fought against social evils like casteism. * Historians and people alike frequently refer him as the 'Champion of Peasants'.

Note: (1) To give him befitting tribute - India Post issued in 1990 a Commemorative Stamp on his third death anniversary. (2) The Lucknow Airport, UP was renamed as 'Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport'.

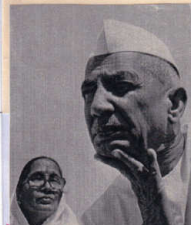
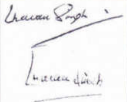



Dear Mr. Warnstede,

Thanks for your letter dated March 19, 1985. As desired by you, I am sending herewith my autographed photograph.

With good wishes,

I am
Yours sincerely
Charan Singh
(Charan Singh)

Born : 23-12-1902
Died : 29-05-1987
Birth Place :
Noorpur, Uttar
Pradesh, India

3rd (b) Deputy Prime Minister



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**



Jagjivan Ram
3rd (b) Deputy Prime Minister of India
(Jointly with Chaudhary Charan Singh)
24-01-1979 to 28-07-1979

Profile: Was an Indian Independence activist, a politician from Bihar and a great Freedom Fighter, Orator, a distinguished Parliamentarian and an able political administrator. * His life is a saga of a rise from abysmal depths to great heights. * Took active part in Civil Disobedience Movement (1940) and 'Quit India' Movement (1942). * Was instrumental in the foundation of the 'All India Depressed Classes League', which was an organisation dedicated to attaining equality for untouchables in 1935. * In 1937 he organised the rural labour movement. * He was a member of the Constituent Assembly of India where he ensured that social justice was enshrined in the constitution. * Nationalised the private airlines and founded Indian Airlines and Air India. * Established a world record of uninterrupted representation in the Parliament from 1936 to 1986. * He was popularly known as 'Babuji'. * His birth anniversary is celebrated as 'Equality Day' in India.

Honours: The place of his cremation, named as Samta Sthal (Place of Equality), has been turned into a memorial. * To propagate his ideologies, the 'Babu Jagjivan Ram National Foundation' has been set up by Ministry of Social Justice, Govt. of India in Delhi. * The training academy for Railway Protection Force officers is also named after Jagjivan Ram.

Note: India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp on 5-4-1991 to give him a befitting tribute.




Born : 05-12-1884
Died : 28-02-1963
Birth Place :
Siwan, Bihar, India




4th Deputy Prime Minister



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**



Yashwantrao Chavan
(Born : Yashwantrao Balwantrao Chavan)
4th Deputy Prime Minister of India
28-07-1979 to 14-01-1980

Profile: Was a great Freedom Fighter. * Took active part in Non-co-operation Movement (1930) of Mahatma Gandhi. * Took part in 'Quit India' Movement (1942). * Was the Chief Minister of bilingual Bombay State in 1956 and Maharashtra State in 1960. * Worked as Minister with various portfolios of Defence, Home, Finance and Foreign Affairs in Central Government. * He holds the record of being the only Maharashtra leader who held 4 most important folios viz. Home, Defence, Finance & External Affairs in Union Government. * He established the Marathi Sahitya Mandal. * After his death, Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan (Foundation) was established.

Note: India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2010 to give him a befitting tribute.

Born : 12-03-1913 * Died : 25-11-1984 * Birth Place : Deorashtra, Maharashtra, India






5th Deputy Prime Minister



**PRIME MINISTERS &
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS OF INDIA**



Chaudhary Devi Lal
(Born : Chaudhary Devi Dayal)
5th Deputy Prime Minister of India
02-12-1989 to 01-08-1990 * 10-11-1990 to 21-06-1991

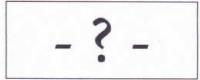
Profile: Was an Indian politician and statesman. * He emerged as the farmer leader from Haryana. * He served as the Chief Minister of Haryana from 1977 to 1979 and then from 1987 to 1989. * He was the founder of Indian National Lok Dal. * He was popularly known as 'Tau' meaning 'Uncle'. * He was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and was involved in the struggle for India's Independence from the British Raj. * He and his brother Sahib Ram, both left their studies unfinished to take part in the 'Freedom Movement'. * He played an active and decisive role in the formation of Haryana as a separate state.

Note: India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2001 to give him a befitting tribute.

Born : 25-09-1914 * Died : 06-04-2001 * Birth Place : Teja Khara, Punjab, India




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6th Deputy Prime Minister



**PRIME MINISTERS &
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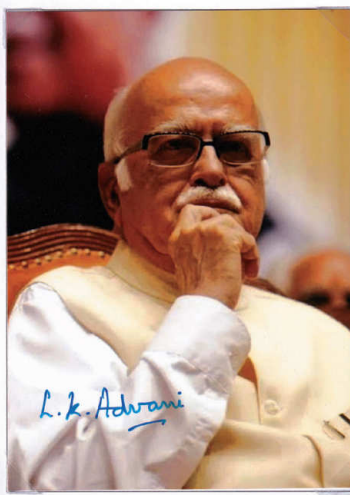


L.K. Advani
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6th Deputy Prime Minister of India
29-06-2002 to 22-05-2004

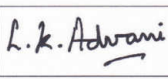
Profile: Is an Indian politician who is one of the co-founders of Bharatiya Janata Party. * He is a long time member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. * Under him, BJP became the political face of the Ayodhya dispute over the Ram Janmabhoomi. * He embarked on a 'Rath Yatra' to further the cause of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. * In a bid to boost the popularity of the BJP and unify the Hindutva ideology, he organised 6 long distance Rath Yatras or processions across the country viz. (1) Ram Rath Yatra (1990) (2) Janadesh Yatra (1993) (3) Swarna Jayanti Rath Yatra (1997) (4) Bharat Uday Yatra (2004) (5) Bharat Suraksha Yatra (2006) (6) Jan Chetna Yatra (2011). * In 2014, Advani joined the 'The Marg Darshak Mandal' (Vision Committee) of the BJP along with Muri Manohar Joshi and Atai Bihari Vajpayee.

Awards: Is awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2015 and Bharat Ratna in 2024.

Note: 'My Country My Life' is an autobiographical book by L.K. Advani released in 2008.




Born : 08-11-1927
Birth Place : Karachi,
Sindh, Pakistan



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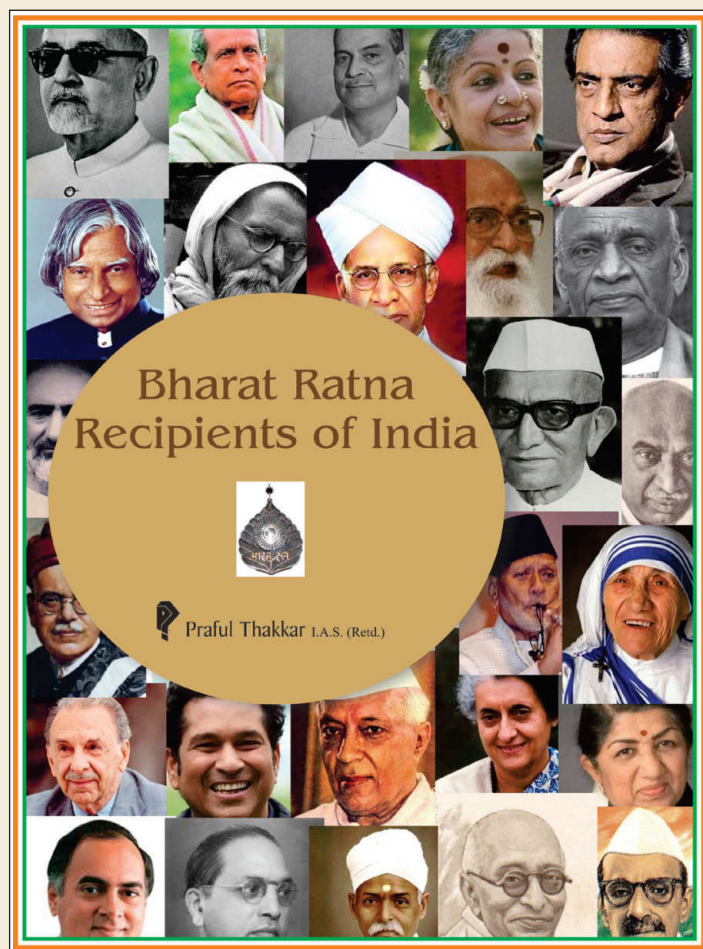
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Bharat Ratna Recipients of India



Praful Thakkar I.A.S. (Retd.)





BHARAT RATNA AWARDS



- * The Bharat Ratna is the highest Civilian Award of the Republic of India.
- * It was instituted on 2 January 1954 and is conferred in recognition of "exceptional service/performance of the highest order", without distinction of race, occupation, position or gender.
- * The award was originally limited to achievements in the arts, literature, science, and public services, but the Government of India expanded the criteria to include "any field of human endeavor" in December 2011.
- * The recommendations for the award are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India.
- * The recipients receive a Sanad (Certificate) signed by the President and a Peepal Leaf-Shaped medallion with no monetary grant associated with the award.
- * Bharat Ratna recipients rank seventh in the Indian Order of Precedence.
- * There is no formal provision that recipients of the Bharat Ratna should be Indian citizens. It has been awarded to a Naturalised Indian citizen, Mother Teresa in 1980 and to two non-Indians, Abdul Ghaffar Khan of Pakistan in 1987 & the former South African president Nelson Mandela in 1990.
- * Sachin Tendulkar, at the age of 40, became the youngest person and first sportsman to receive the honour and Dhondo Keshav Karve was the oldest living recipient when he was awarded on his 100th birthday on 18 April 1958.
- * As of 2024, the award has been conferred upon 53 people with 15 Posthumous Recipients, 1 Naturalised Citizen and 2 Non-Resident Indians.



BHARAT RATNA AWARD WINNERS				
Sr. No.	Year	Name	Description	Remarks
1	1954	C. Rajagopalachari	Activist, statesman, and lawyer	
2		Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan	India's first Vice-President and second President	
3		C. V. Raman	Physicists, mathematicians, and scientists	
4	1955	Bhagwan Das	Activist, philosopher, and educationist	
5		M. Visvesvaraya	Civil engineer, statesman, and Diwan of Mysore	
6		Jawaharlal Nehru	Activist and author served as the Prime Minister of India	
7	1957	Govind Ballabh Pant	Activist and first Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh	
8	1958	Dhondo Keshav Karve	Social reformer and educator	
9	1961	Bidhan Chandra Roy	Physician, political leader, philanthropist, educationist, and social worker	
10		Purushottam Das Tandon	Activist and speaker of the United Provinces Legislative Assembly	
11	1962	Rajendra Prasad	Activist, lawyer, statesman, and scholar	
12	1963	Zakir Husain	Activist, economist, and education philosopher served as a Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and the Governor of Bihar	
13		Pandurang Vaman Kane	Indologist and Sanskrit scholar, known for his five-volume literary work	
14	1966	Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous)	Activist and served as the second Prime Minister of India	
15	1971	Indira Gandhi	First women Prime Minister of India	
16	1975	V. V. Giri	Trade Unionist	
17	1976	K. Kamaraj (Posthumous)	Independence activist and statesman, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu	
18	1980	Mother Teresa (Naturalised Citizen)	Catholic nun and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity.	
19	1983	Vinoba Bhave (Posthumous)	Activist, social reformer, and a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi	
20	1987	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (Non Citizen)	First noncitizen, independence activist	
21	1988	M. G. Ramachandran (Posthumous)	Actor turned politician, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu	
22	1990	B.R. Ambedkar (Posthumous)	Social reformer and leader of the Dalits	
23		Nelson Mandela (Non Citizen)	Leader of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa, President of South Africa	
24	1991	Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	Gandhi was the ninth Prime Minister of India serving from 1984 to 1989.	
25		Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	Activist and first Deputy Prime Minister of India	
26		Morarji Desai	Activist, and Prime Minister of India	

BHARAT RATNA AWARD WINNERS				
Sr. No.	Year	Name	Description	Remarks
27	1992	Abul Kalam Azad	Activist and first Minister of education	
28		J. R. D. Tata	Industrialist, philanthropist, and aviation pioneer	
29		Satyajit Ray	Director, filmmaker, writer, novelist	
30	1997	Gulzarilal Nanda	Activist, and interim Prime Minister of India.	
31		Aruna Asaf Ali (Posthumous)	Activist	
32		A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Aerospace and defense scientist	
33	1998	M. S. Subbulakshmi	Carnatic classical vocalist	
34		Chidambaram Subramaniam	Activist and former Minister of Agriculture of India	
35	1999	Jayaprakash Narayan (Posthumous)	Activist, and social reformer	
36		Amaritya Sen	Economist	
37		Gopineth Bordoloi	Activist	
38		Rev. Shankar	Musician, sitar player	
39	2001	Lata Mangeskar	Singer	
40		Bismillah Khan	Hindustani classical shehnai player	
41	2009	Bhimsen Joshi	Hindustani classical vocalist	
42	2014	C. N. R. Rao	Chemist and professor, author	
43		Sachin Tendulkar	Cricketer	
44	2015	Madan Mohan Malaviya (Posthumous)	Scholar and educational reformer.	
45		Atal Bihari Bajpayee	Elected nine times to the Lok Sabha, twice to the Rajya Sabha, and served as the Prime Minister of India for three terms.	
46	2019	Pranab Mukherjee	Indian politician, and senior leader in the Indian National Congress.	
47		Nanaji Deshmukh	A social activist from India, education, health, and rural self-reliance.	
48		Bhupen Hazarika (Posthumous)	Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, singer, poet, and filmmaker	
49	2024	Lal Krishna Advani	Deputy Prime Minister	
50		Karpoori Thakur (Posthumous)	Indian politician	
51		M.S. Swaminathan	Indian agronomist, agricultural scientist	
52		Chaudhary Charan Singh (Posthumous)	Prime Minister	
53		P.V. Narasimha Rao (Posthumous)	Prime Minister	

1st Bharat Ratna-1954

BHARAT RATNA-1954

Chakravarti Rajagopalachari

- * Was an Indian statesman, lawyer, writer & Independence activist.
- * Was the last Governor-General of India from 21-06-1948 to 26-01-1950.
- * Was one of Gandhiji's earliest political lieutenants and participated in Non-cooperation and Civil Disobedience Movement. * He pioneered 'Temperance' and 'Temple Entry' movements in India and advocated Dalit Upliftment.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1973 and 1978.

C. Rajagopalachari

Good Luck in all your works.
C. Rajagopalachari
7/12/37

Born : 10-12-1878
Died : 25-12-1975
Birth Place : Thorapalli, Salem, Tamilnadu, India

C. Rajagopalachari
7/12/37

2nd Bharat Ratna-1954

BHARAT RATNA-1954

Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman

- * An Indian physicist known for his work in the field of light scattering which was subsequently termed as 'Raman effect of light'.
- * Received the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physics as the first Asian to receive a Nobel Prize in any branch of Science.
- * He established the Raman Research Institute in 1948. * The Raman Effect was discovered on 28th February 1928. Hence this day is celebrated as the National Science Day every year.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1971 and 2009.

Born : 07-11-1888 * Died : 21-11-1970 * Birth Place : Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu, India

With all good wishes
C.V. Raman
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3rd Bharat Ratna-1954 - Page-1

BHARAT RATNA-1954

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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3rd Bharat Ratna-1954 - Page-2

BHARAT RATNA-1954

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- * An Indian politician, philosopher & statesman.
- * Served as Vice-President of India from 1952 to 1962 & 2nd President of India from 1962 to 1967.
- * He was the Indian ambassador to Soviet Union from 1949 to 1952.
- * He is considered one of the most influential and distinguished 20th century scholars of comparative religion and philosophy.
- * He defended Hinduism against what he called 'uninformed western criticism, contributing to the formation of contemporary Hindu identity'.
- * He has been influential in both India & west and earned a reputation as a bridge-builder between India & the west.
- * He was awarded several high awards including Knighthood in 1931.
- * He was one of the founders of Helpage India, a non-profit organisation for under privileged in India.
- * Since 1962, his birthday i.e. 5th September has been celebrated in India as 'Teachers' Day' every year.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1967 and 1989.

Born : 05-09-1888 * Died : 17-04-1975 * Birth Place : Thiruttani, Tamilnadu, India

Radhakrishnan

4th Bharat Ratna-1955

BHARAT RATNA-1955

Dr. Bhagwan Das

* An Indian Theosophist & Public Figure.

* Allied with the Hindustani Culture Society and was active in opposing rioting as a form of protest.

* Was an advocate for national freedom from the British rule.

* Was a Sanskrit scholar and wrote approximately 30 books in Sanskrit and Hindi.

* A prominent road in New Delhi, on which the Supreme Court of India, Indian Law Institute, Office of Bar Council of India are situated is named after him.

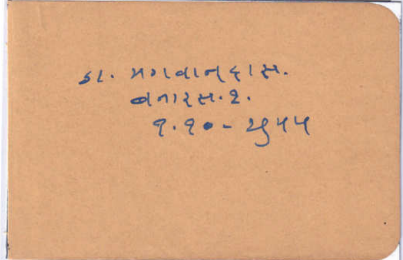
* In Banaras Hindu University, Law Hostel is also named after him.

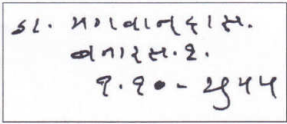
* He joined the Indian National Congress during the Non-co-operation Movement.

* With Annie Besant he formed a professional collaboration which led to the founding of the Central Hindu College.

* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1969.

Born : 12-01-1869 * Died : 18-09-1958 * Birth Place : Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India



5th Bharat Ratna-1955

BHARAT RATNA-1955

M. Visvesvaraya
(Born : Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya)

* Was an Indian civil engineer, administrator and statesman. * Has served as the 19th Dewan of Mysore from 1912 to 1918. * Is also often regarded as the 'Maker of Modern Mysore'.

* Was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire (CIE) in 1911 and Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire (KCIE) in 1915 by British Empire.

* The College of Engineering, Pune has erected a statue in his honour.

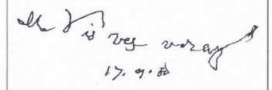
* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1960.




(The autograph of Dr. M. Visvesvaraya is on the official First Day Cover of the stamp issued on him by the India Post on 15-9-1960 to honour him during his lifetime.)




Born : 15-09-1861
Died : 14-04-1962
Birth Place : Muddenahalli, Karnataka, India



6th Bharat Ratna-1955 - Page-1 - English Autograph

BHARAT RATNA-1955

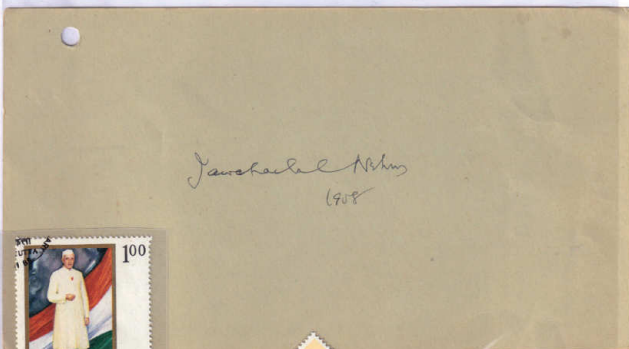
Jawaharlal Nehru

* Was a principal leader of Indian Nationalist Movement and promoter of Parliamentary Democracy along with Science & Technology to shape India.

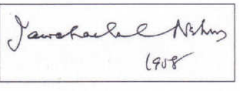
* Became the First Prime Minister of India and served for more than 16 years as Prime Minister.

* In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1964, 1988, 1989 and in many more years.

Born : 14-11-1889 * Died : 27-05-1964 * Birth Place : Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India





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BHARAT RATNA-1955

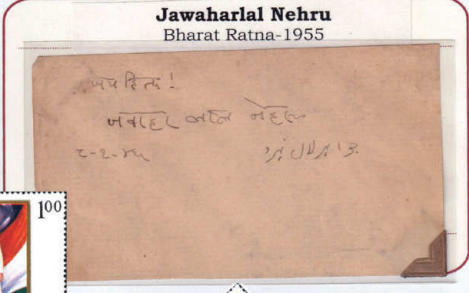
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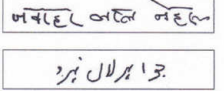
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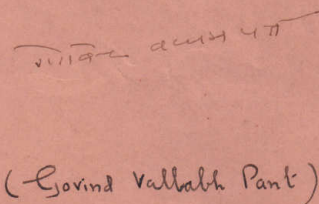
BHARAT RATNA-1957

Govind Ballabh Pant



- * An Indian Freedom Fighter who participated in Salt Satyagraha, protests against Simon Commission and Quit India Movement.
- * Was a key figure in the Indian Independence Movement and later a pivotal figure in the Indian Government.
- * Was a key player in the successful movement to establish Hindi as the official language of Indian Union.
- * As a mark of respect, his statue is erected near Sansad Bhavan, New Delhi.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1965 and 1988.

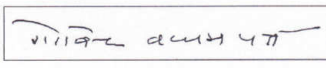
Born : 10-09-1887 * Died : 07-03-1961 * Birth Place : Khoont, Uttarakhand, India



(Govind Vallabh Pant)

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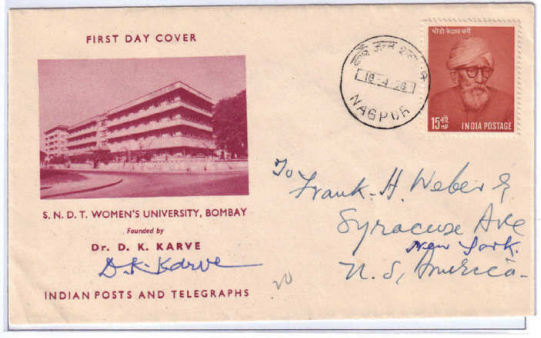
BHARAT RATNA-1958

Dhondo Keshav Karve



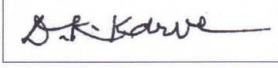
- * A social reformer in India in the field of women's welfare.
- * Advocated widow remarriage, himself married a widow and promoted widow's education.
- * Founded the first women's University in 1916 viz. SNDT Women's University.
- * Was a Centenarian who lived for more than 100 years and dedicated his life for women's education.
- * Was popularly known as 'Maharshi Karve'.

Born : 18-04-1858 * Died : 09-11-1962 * Birth Place : Sheravali, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra



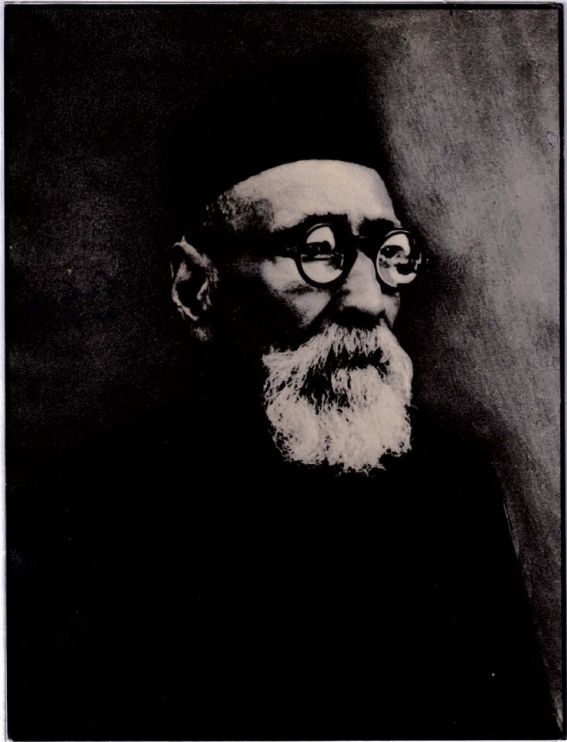
(The autograph of Dr. D.K. Karve is on the official First Day Cover of the stamp issued on him by the India Post on 18-4-1956 to honour him during his lifetime.)




8th Bharat Ratna-1958 - Page-2 - Hindi Autograph

BHARAT RATNA-1958

Dhondo Keshav Karve

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BHARAT RATNA-1958

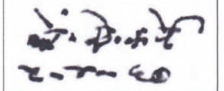
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- * He started 'Anath Balikashram' an orphanage for Girls.
- * He organised a conference against practice of 'Devdasi'.
- * Was popularly known as 'Maharshi Karve'.
- * Received Padma Vibhushan (1955).
- * Was awarded Doctor of Letter (D Litt) by Banaras Hindu University (1942), Pune University (1951), S.N.D.T. University (1954) and LL.D. by Mumbai University.
- * In 1958 a documentary film 'The Story of Dr. Karve' was produced by Government of India.
- * As a mark of respect to him, 'Karvenagar' in Pune was named after him & Queen's Road in Mumbai was renamed as 'Maharshi Karve Road'.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1958.

Born : 18-04-1858 * Died : 09-11-1962
Birth Place : Sheravali, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, India





9th Bharat Ratna-1961 - Page-1 - Short Autograph



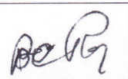
BHARAT RATNA-1961

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy



- * An Indian physician, educationist and statesman.
- * Served as Chief Minister of West Bengal for 14 years from 1948 to 1962.
- * In India, the National Doctor's Day is celebrated in his memory every year on 1st July which is co-incidentally his Birth & Death Anniversary Day.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1982.

Born : 01-07-1882
Died : 01-07-1962
Birth Place : Bankipore, Patna, Bihar, India

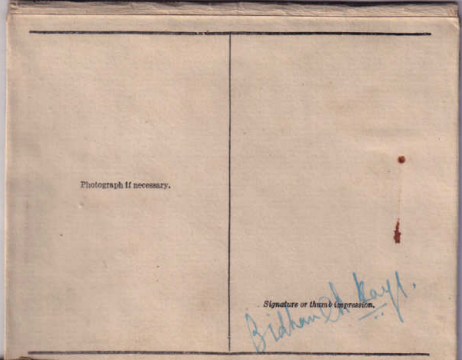
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BHARAT RATNA-1961

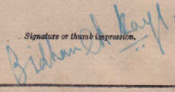
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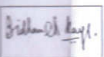
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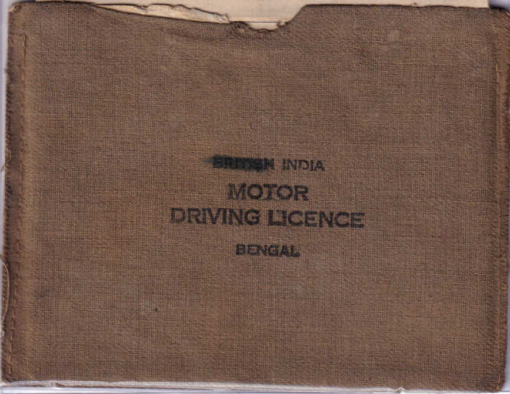
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10th Bharat Ratna-1961



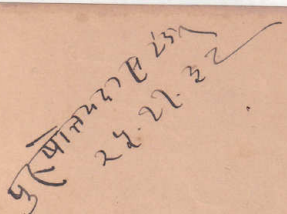
BHARAT RATNA-1961

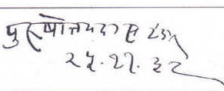
Purushottam Das Tandon



- * Was a freedom fighter from Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- * Is widely remembered for his opposition to the partition of India as well as efforts in achieving Official Language of India status for Hindi.
- * Was customarily given the title of 'Rajarshi' and was popularly known as 'UP Gandhi'.
- * Was arrested for participating in the Non-cooperation Movement and Salt Satyagraha in 1920s and 1930s respectively.
- * Remained President of the Servants of the People Society, a social service organisation founded by Lala Lajpat Rai in 1921. * Worked as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of present day Uttar Pradesh for 13 years from 1937 to 1950.
- * Was elected to the Constituent Assembly of India in 1946.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1982.

Born : 01-08-1882 * Died : 01-07-1962 * Birth Place : Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India







11th Bharat Ratna-1962



BHARAT RATNA-1962

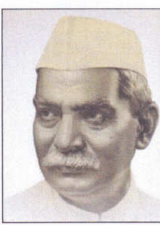
Dr. Rajendra Prasad
(Born : Rajendra Prasad Srivastava)

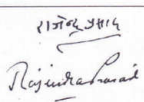


- * Was an Indian politician, lawyer, journalist & scholar.
- * Participated in the Salt Satyagraha of 1930 and Quit India Movement of 1942.
- * Was the President of the Constituent Assembly of India which prepared Constitution of India.
- * Served India as President of India for about 12 years from 1950 to 1962.
- * He is the only President to serve two full terms. * A short documentary film 'Babu Rajendra Prasad' is produced by Films Division of India which covers his life.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1962 and 1984.

Born : 03-12-1884 * Died : 28-02-1963 * Birth Place : Ziradei, Bihar, India





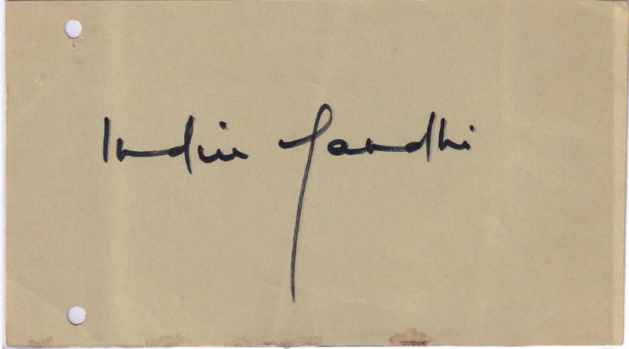
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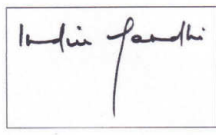
BHARAT RATNA-1971

Indira Gandhi

- * Was an Indian politician and states woman.
- * She was the daughter of India's First Prime Minister - Jawaharlal Nehru.
- * She was India's first and, to date, only female Prime Minister and a Central Figure in Indian Politics as the leader of the Indian National Congress.
- * Served as third Prime Minister of India from 1966 to 1977 & again from 1980 until her assassination in 1984 i.e. her cumulative tenure was of 15 years & 350 days.
- * Known for her leadership during victories over geopolitical rivals China & Pakistan, the Green Revolution, a growing economy in the early 1980s and her anti-poverty campaign viz. 'Garibi Hatao'.
- * Also known for her authoritarian rule, imposing Emergency and major atrocities carried out during Operation Blue Star and the Punjab Insurgency.
- * In her honour, India Post has issued many Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1984, 1985 and in many more years.

Born : 19-11-1917 * Died : 31-10-1984 * Birth Place : Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India



16th Bharat Ratna-1975

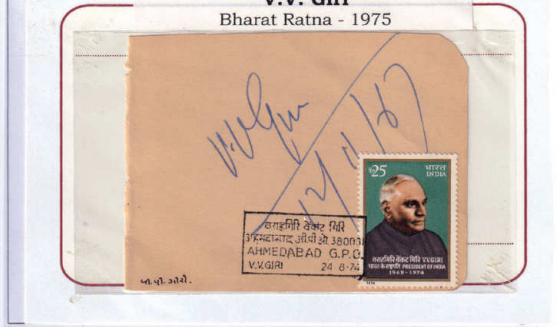
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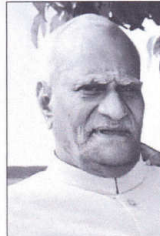
Varahagiri Venkata Giri

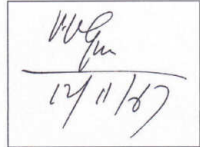
- * Was an Indian politician & activist who served as the Vice-President of India from 1967 to 1969 and as the President of India from 1969 to 1974.
- * Abandoned legal career and joined Non-Cooperation Movement in 1920.
- * Was closely associated with labour & trade union movement.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1974.

Born : 10-08-1894 * Died : 24-06-1980 * Birth Place : Berhampur, Odisha, India

V.V. Giri
Bharat Ratna - 1975







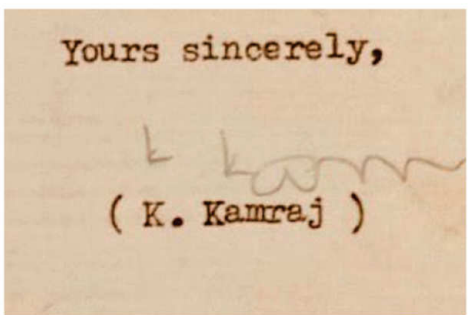
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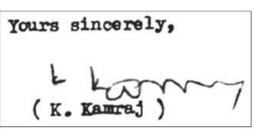
BHARAT RATNA-1976

Kumaraswami Kamaraj

- * An Indian politician and Indian Independence activist.
- * Was widely acknowledged as the 'Kingmaker' in Indian Politics during the 1960s.
- * Served as the President of Indian National Congress for two terms from 1964-1967.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1976.

Born : 15-07-1903 * Died : 02-10-1975 * Birth Place : Virudhunagar, Tamilnadu, India





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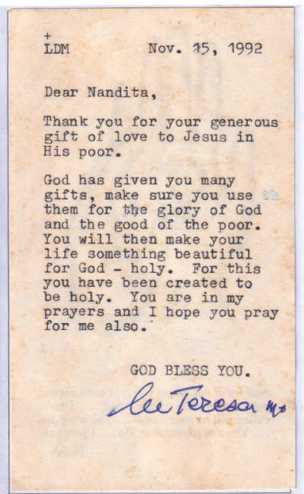
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BHARAT RATNA-1980

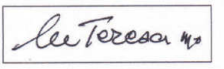
Mother Teresa
(Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu MC)

- * Was an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun and the Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation. It runs hospices and homes for people with serious and terminal diseases.
- * Recipient of 1962 Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize and 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.
- * Was canonised by the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.
- * In 2017, Mother Teresa and Saint Francis Xavier were named co-patrons of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Calcutta.
- * In her honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1980, 1997 & 2016.

Born : 26-08-1910 * Died : 05-09-1997 * Birth Place : Skopje, North Macedonia



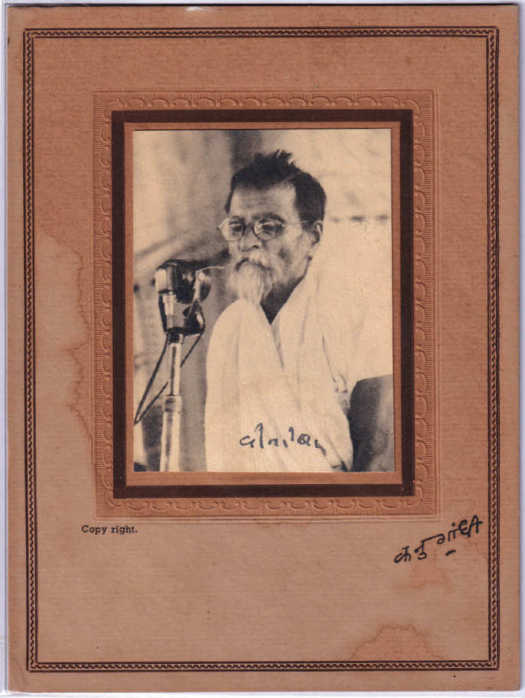


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BHARAT RATNA-1983

Vinoba Bhave
(Born : Vinayak Narahari Bhave)



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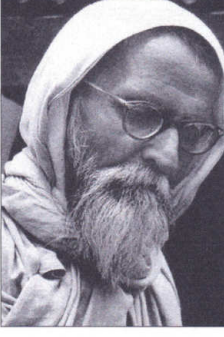
19th Bharat Ratna-1983 - Page-2

BHARAT RATNA-1983

Vinoba Bhave
(Born : Vinayak Narahari Bhave)

- * Was an Indian advocate of non-violence and human rights.
- * Was often called 'Acharya' and is considered as National Teacher of India and the spiritual successor of Mahatma Gandhi.
- * He initiated Bhoodan Movement.
- * He was an eminent philosopher and innovative social reformer.
- * In the year 1940, he was chosen by Gandhiji to be the first individual 'Satyagrahi' (an Individual standing up for Truth) against the British Rule.
- * He participated in the 'Quit India' Movement.
- * His religious outlook was very broad and in synthesized the truths of many religions.
- * His slogan 'Jai Jagat' (Victory to the World) finds reflection in his views about the world as a whole.
- * He also initiated the 'Sarvodaya' Movement which is based on Gandhian principles.
- * He was a scholar, thinker and writer who produced numerous books.
- * Received Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1958.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1983.

Born : 11-09-1895 * Died : 15-11-1982 * Birth Place : Gagode, Maharashtra, India




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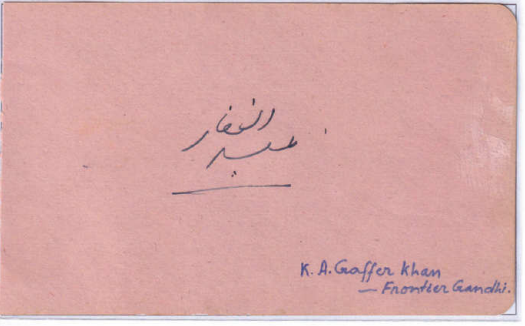
20th Bharat Ratna-1987 - Page-1 - Urdu Autograph

BHARAT RATNA-1987

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

- * Was also known as 'Bacha Khan' or 'Badshah Khan'.
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Born : 06-02-1890 * Died : 20-01-1988 * Birth Place : Utmanzai, Pakistan





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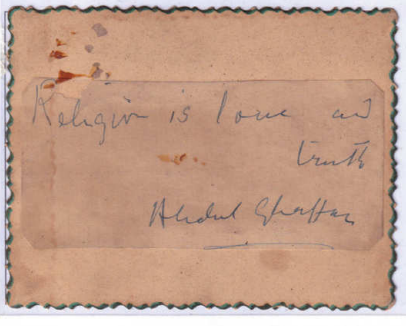
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BHARAT RATNA-1987

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Abdul Ghaffar

21st Bharat Ratna-1988



BHARAT RATNA-1988

M.G. Ramachandran
(Maruthur Gopalan Menon Ramachandran)

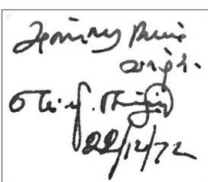


- * Was an Indian actor, politician and philanthropist who served as the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu from 1977 to 1987 for about 10 years.
- * Was founder of All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) political party.
- * Is regarded as one of the most influential actors of Tamil Cinema and as cultural icon in Tamilnadu.

* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1990 & 2017.

Born : 17-01-1917 * Died : 24-12-1987 * Birth Place : Nawalapitiya, Sri Lanka







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22nd Bharat Ratna-1990



BHARAT RATNA-1990

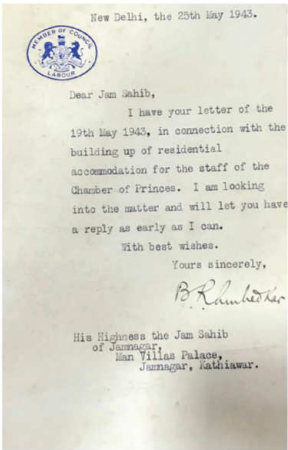
B.R. Ambedkar
(Born : Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar)



- * Was an Indian jurist, economist, social reformer & political leader.
- * Headed the committee drafting the Constitution of India from the Constitution Assembly debates.
- * Served as Law & Justice Minister in the first cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru.
- * Inspired the Dalit Buddhist Movement and advocated political rights and social freedom to Dalits.
- * Got converted to Buddhism initiating mass conversions of Dalits.
- * Also referred to by his nickname 'Baba Saheb' and salutation 'Jai Bhim' used by his followers to honour him.

* In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1966, 1973 & 1991.

Born : 14-04-1891 * Died : 06-12-1956
Birth Place : Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, India








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23rd Bharat Ratna-1990



BHARAT RATNA-1990

Nelson Mandela



- * Was a South African anti-apartheid activist & politician.
- * Served as the first President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.
- * Was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election.
- * Focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by fostering racial reconciliation.
- * Was an African nationalist & socialist and served as the President of the African National Congress (ANC) Party from 1991 to 1997.

* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2018.

Born : 18-07-1918
Died : 05-12-2013
Birth Place : Mvezo, South Africa






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BHARAT RATNA-1991

Morariji Desai

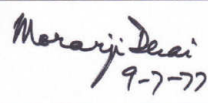


- * Was an Indian Independence activist and politician.
- * He took active part in Civil Disobedience Movement and was a freedom fighter.
- * Was a believer in 'Swadeshi' and was a social reformer.
- * Was the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.
- * He became the Chief Minister of Bombay State in 1952.
- * He held portfolios like Commerce & Industry, Finance etc. in the Union Cabinet in 1956.
- * He played a crucial role in the Indian Nuclear Programme.
- * He is the oldest person to hold the office of Prime Minister, at the age of 81, in the history of Indian Politics. * He was the 2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India from 1967 to 1969.
- * Was a self-disciplined man and lived almost 100 years due to practice of naturopathy.
- * He was honoured with the highest civilian award of Pakistan the 'Nishan-e-Pakistan' in May 1990.

* In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1996 and 1997.

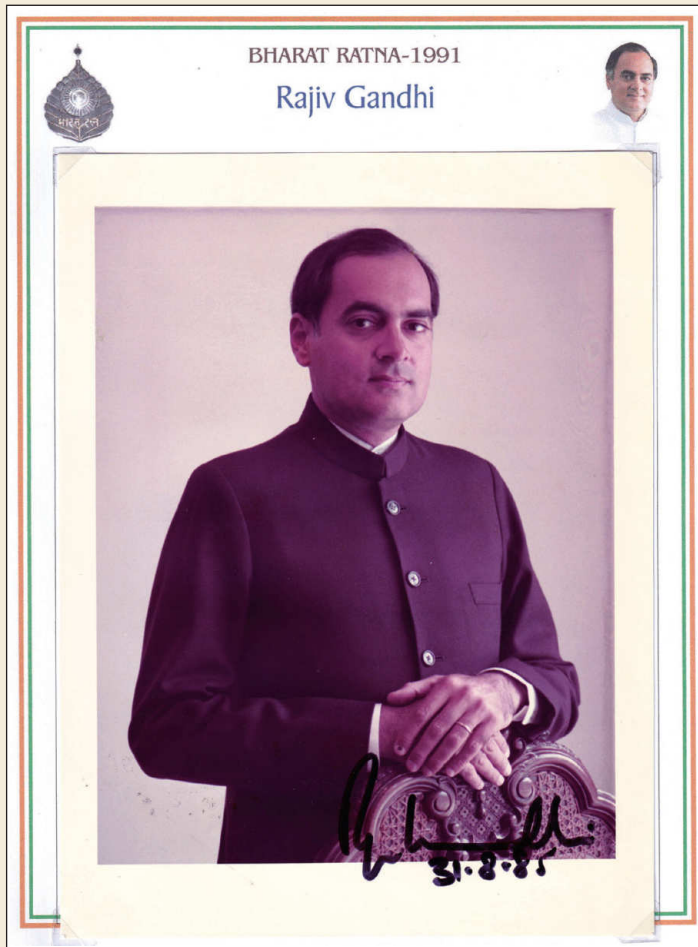
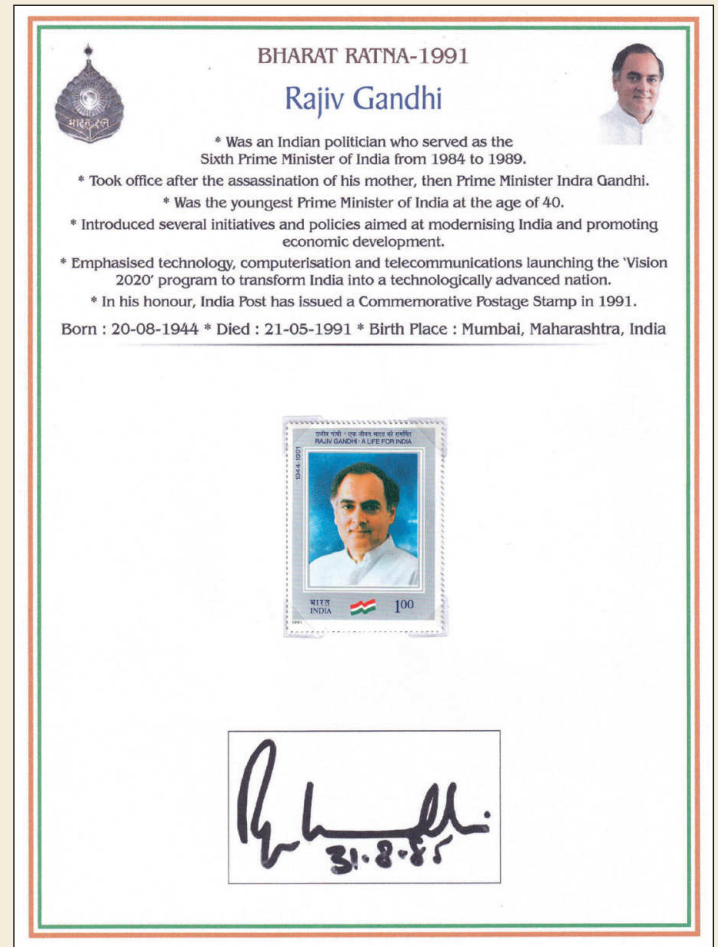
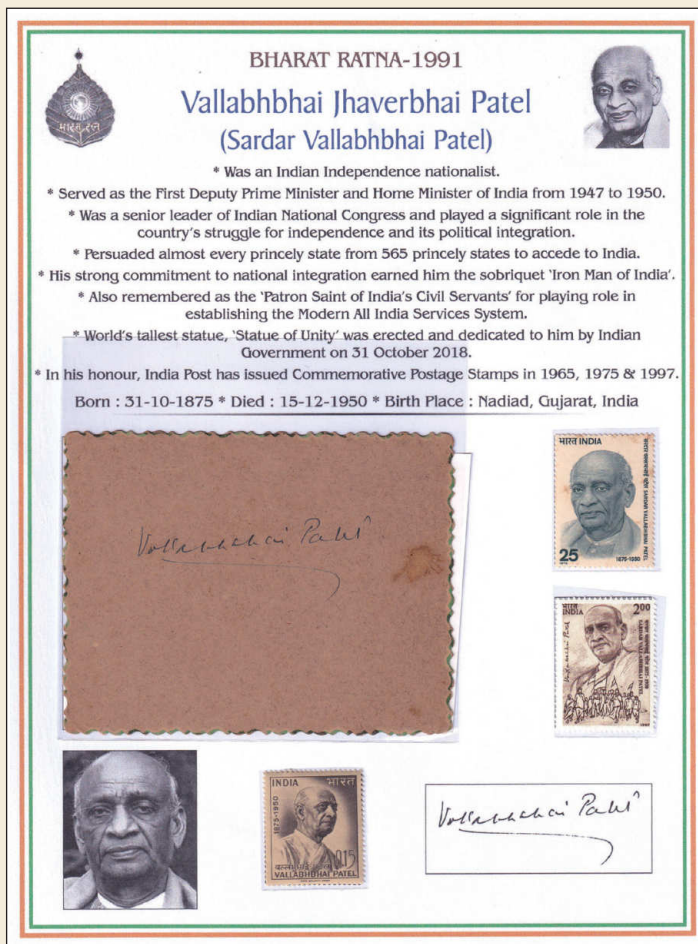
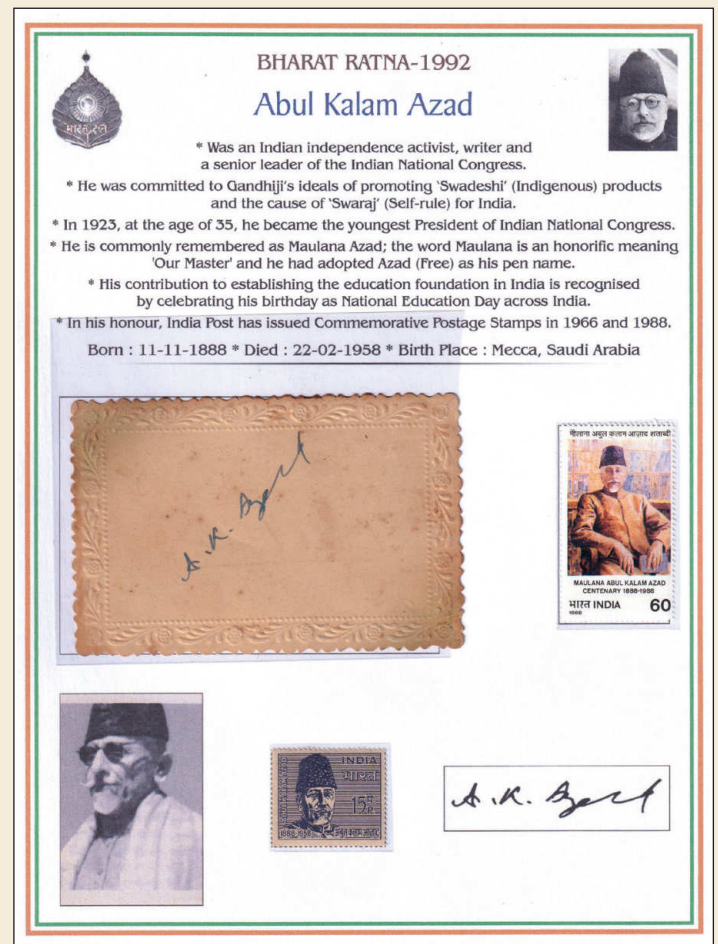
Born : 29-02-1896
Died : 10-04-1995
Birth Place : Bhadeli, Bulsar, Gujarat, India







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BHARAT RATNA-1992

J.R.D. Tata
(Born : Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoj Tata)

- * Was an Indian aviator, industrialist, entrepreneur and Chairman of Tata Group.
- * In 1929, he became the first licensed pilot in India.
- * He is the founder of several industries under the Tata Group, including Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors, Titan Industries, Tata Salt, Voltas and Air India.
- * He was conferred with the honorary ranks of Group Captain (1948), Air Commodore (1966) and Air Vice Marshal (1974) by Indian Air Force.
- * In 1983, he was awarded the French Legion of Honour.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1994.

Born : 29-07-1904 * Died : 29-11-1993 * Birth Place : Paris, France



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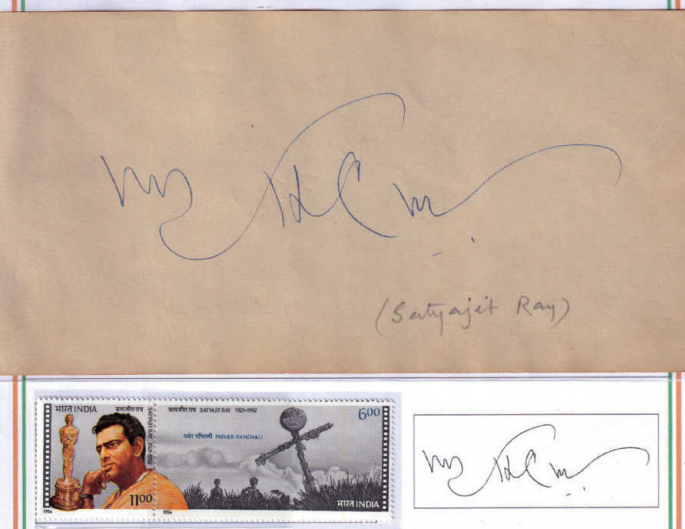
29th Bharat Ratna-1992

BHARAT RATNA-1992

Satyajit Ray

- * Was an Indian director, screenwriter, documentary filmmaker, author, essayist, lyricist, magazine editor, illustrator, calligrapher, and composer.
- * Has directed 36 films including feature films and documentaries.
- * Has received many major awards including a record 36 Indian National Film Awards, a Golden Lion, a Golden Bear, two silver Bears and many additional awards at International Film Festivals.
- * He is one of the very few celebrities who received all 4 Indian Civilian Awards like Padma Shri (1958), Padma Bhushan (1965), Padma Vibhushan (1976) & Bharat Ratna (1992).
- * He was also awarded Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1985 and the Legion of Honour by the President of France in 1987.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Se-tenant Stamps in 1994.

Born : 02-05-1921 * Died : 23-04-1992 * Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India



(Satyajit Ray)

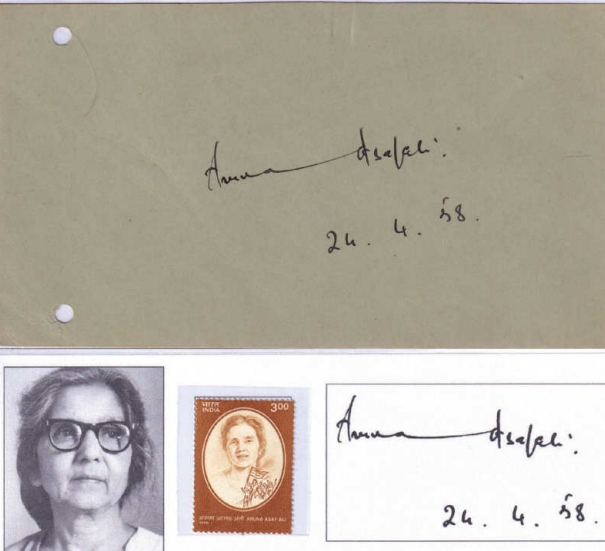
30th Bharat Ratna-1997 - Page-1 - English Autograph

BHARAT RATNA-1997

Aruna Asaf Ali

- * Was an Indian educator, political activist, and publisher.
- * An active participant in the Indian independence movement, she is widely remembered for hoisting the Indian National flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan, Bombay during the 'Quit India Movement' in 1942.
- * She was awarded International Lenin Peace Prize for the year 1964 and the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1991. * She was also awarded India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan in her lifetime in 1992 and the highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1997.
- * In her honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1998.

Born : 16-07-1909 * Died : 29-07-1996 * Birth Place : Kalka, Haryana, India



Aruna Asaf Ali
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30th Bharat Ratna-1997 - Page-2 - Hindi Autograph

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Aruna Asaf Ali
Bharat Ratna - 1997

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31st Bharat Ratna-1997

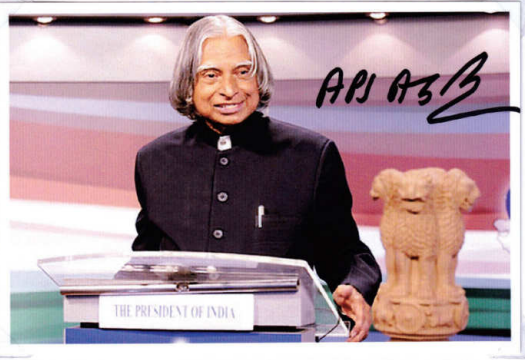
BHARAT RATNA-1997
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



- * First to have noteworthy achievement in military missile & in ballistic missile technology which made him to be known as 'Missile Man' of India.
- * Was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesman who served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007.
- * Played a pivotal organisational, technical and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998.

Received Padma Bhushan-1981 and Padma Vibhushan-1990.
* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2015.

Born : 15-10-1931 * Died : 27-07-2015 * Birth Place : Rameswaram, Tamilnadu, India



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32nd Bharat Ratna-1997

BHARAT RATNA-1997
Gulzarilal Nanda



- * Was an Indian politician and economist who specialised in labour issues.
- * He was the Interim Prime Minister of India for two 13-day tenures following the deaths of Jawaharlal Nehru in 1964 and Lal Bahadur Shastri in 1966 respectively.
- * He lived a very simple life with no personal property at the time of his death.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1999.

Born : 04-07-1898 * Died : 15-01-1998 * Birth Place : Sialkot, Pakistan





G R Nanda
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33rd Bharat Ratna-1998

BHARAT RATNA-1998
M.S. Subbulakshmi
(Born : Madurai Shanmukhavadiyu Subbulakshmi)



- * Was an Indian Carnatic singer from Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- * She was the first musician ever to be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour and the first Indian musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay award.
- * The great national leader and poet Sarojini Naidu called her "Nightingale of India".
- * She received Padma Bhushan in 1954, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1956, Sangeetha Kalanidhi in 1968, Ramon Magsaysay award (often considered Asia's Nobel Prize) in 1974, Padma Vibhushan in 1975, Sangeetha Kalasikhamani in 1975 by The Indian Fine Arts Society, Chennai, Kalidas Samman in 1988, Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration in 1990 & Bharat Ratna in 1998
- * In her honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2005.

Born : 16-09-1916 * Died : 11-12-2004 * Birth Place : Madurai, Tamilnadu, India





M.S. Subbulakshmi
06-01-1999

34th Bharat Ratna-1998

BHARAT RATNA-1998
Chidambaram Subramaniam



- * Was an Indian politician and independence activist.
- * He served as Minister of Finance and Minister of Defence in the union cabinet.
- * He later served as the Governor of Maharashtra. * As the Minister for Food and Agriculture, he ushered the Indian Green Revolution, an era of self-sufficiency in food production along with M. S. Swaminathan, B. Sivaraman and Norman E. Borlaug.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2010.

Born : 30-01-1910 * Died : 07-11-2000 * Birth Place : Pollachi, Tamilnadu, India





Chidambaram

35th Bharat Ratna-1999

BHARAT RATNA-1999

Jayaprakash Narayan
(Born : Jayaprakash Narayan Srivastava)

- * Was popularly referred to as JP or Lok Nayak.
- * Was an Indian independence activist, theorist, socialist and political leader.
- * He is largely remembered for leading the mid-1970s opposition against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and called for her overthrow in a "total revolution".
- * In 1999, Narayan was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in recognition of his social service. His other awards include the Magsaysay award for public service in 1965.
- * Patna Airport in Bihar, is named as Jayaprakash Narayan Airport as a mark of honour and respect to his service to the nation.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1980 and 2001.

Jaiprakash Narayan
Bharat Ratna - 1999

Autograph for Peace

Born : 11-10-1902
Died : 08-10-1979
Birth Place : Sitabdiara, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, India

36th Bharat Ratna-1999

BHARAT RATNA-1999

Amartya Sen

- * Is an Indian economist and philosopher, who has taught and worked in the United Kingdom and the United States since 1972.
- * Sen has made contributions to welfare economics, social choice theory, economic and social justice, economic theories of famines, decision theory, development economics, public health, and measures of well-being of countries.
- * He has received over 90 honorary degrees from universities around the world.
- * Received Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, 1998.
- * Awarded Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour, 2013.
- * In 2019, London School of Economics announced the creation of the Amartya Sen Chair in Inequality Studies.

Born : 03-11-1933 * Birth Place : Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

37th Bharat Ratna-1999

BHARAT RATNA-1999

Gopinath Bordoloi

- * Was a politician and Indian independence activist and politician who served as the 1st Chief Minister of Assam from 1946 to 1950.
- * He was also the chairman of North-East Frontier Tribal areas and Assam Excluded and Partially Excluded Areas Sub-Committee.
- * He was a follower of the Gandhian principle of non-violence as a political tool.
- * Due to his unselfish dedication towards Assam and its people, the then Governor of Assam Jayram Das Doulatram conferred him with the title "Lokpriya" (loved by all).
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1991 and Definitive Stamp in 2021.

Born : 06-06-1890 * Died : 05-08-1950 * Birth Place : Raha, Assam, India

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38th Bharat Ratna-1999

BHARAT RATNA-1999

Ravi Shankar
(Born : Ravindra Shankar Chowdhury)

- * Was an Indian sitarist and composer.
- * A sitar virtuoso, he became the world's best-known expert of North Indian classical music in the second half of the 20th century, and influenced many musicians in India and throughout the world.
- * He was a recipient of numerous prestigious musical accolades, including a Polar Music Prize and five Grammy Awards which include Album of the Year for the Concert for Bangladesh 1973.
- * Has received Padma Bhushan (1967), Padma Vibhushan (1981), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1962), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1992). Is honoured with Commander of the Legion of Honour of France (2000) and Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) for 'Services to Music' (2001).
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamps in 2014.

Born : 07-04-1920
Died : 11-12-2012
Birth Place : Benares, Uttar Pradesh, India

39th Bharat Ratna-2001

BHARAT RATNA-2001

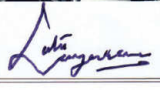
Lata Mangeshkar
(Born : Hema Mangeshkar)



- * Was an Indian playback singer and occasional music composer. She is considered to be one of the greatest and most influential singers of the Indian subcontinent.
- * Her voice was one of the unifying elements of the people of South Asia across borders.
- * Her contribution to the Indian music industry in a career spanning eight decades gained her honorific titles such as the 'Queen of Melody' & 'Nightingale of India'.
- * Received Padma Bhushan (1969), Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989), Padma Vibhushan (1999) & Bharat Ratna (2001).
- * Was awarded the title of Officer of the French Legion of Honour (2009) by the French Govt.



shri. Praful Kumarji




Born : 28-09-1929
Died : 06-02-2022
Birth Place : Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India

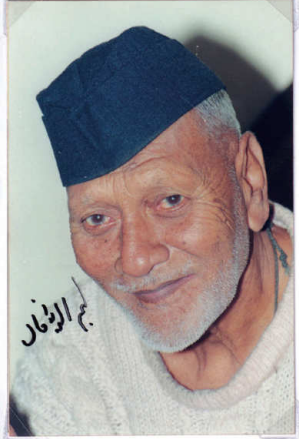

40th Bharat Ratna-2001

BHARAT RATNA-2001

Bismillah Khan
(Born : Qamaruddin Khan)



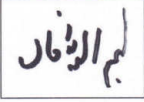
- * Often referred to by the title Ustad, was an Indian musician credited with popularizing the shehnai, a reeded woodwind instrument.
- * He played it with such expressive virtuosity that he became a leading Hindustani classical music artist.
- * His name was indelibly linked with Shehnai, the woodwind instrument. While the shehnai had long held importance as a folk instrument played primarily schooled in traditional ceremonies, Khan is credited with elevating its status and bringing it to the concert stage.
- * Received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1956). * He is one of the very few celebrities who received all the 4 Indian Civilian Awards like Padma Shri (1961), Padma Bhushan (1968), Padma Vibhushan (1980) & Bharat Ratna (2001).
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2008.



لم الزمان

Born : 21-05-1916
Died : 21-08-2006
Birth Place : Dumraon, Buxar, Bihar, India




41st Bharat Ratna-2009

BHARAT RATNA-2009

Bhimsen Joshi
(Born : Bhimsen Gururaj Joshi)



- * Also known by the honorific prefix Pandit, was one of the greatest Indian vocalists from Karnataka, in the Hindustani classical tradition.
- * He is known for the khayal form of singing, as well as for his popular renditions of devotional music (bhajans and abhangs). * Joshi belongs to the Kirana gharana tradition of Hindustani Classical Music. * He is noted for his concerts, and between 1964 and 1982 Joshi toured Afghanistan, Italy, France, Canada and USA.
- * He was the first musician from India whose concerts were advertised through posters in New York City. Joshi was instrumental in organising the Sawai Gandharva Music Festival annually, as homage to his guru, Sawai Gandharva.
- * In 1998, he was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship, the highest honour conferred by Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's National Academy for Music, Dance and Drama.
- * Subsequently, he received the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, in 2009.
- * In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2014.



Bhimsen Joshi

Born : 04-02-1922
Died : 24-01-2011
Birth Place : Ron Taluka, Karnataka, India



42nd Bharat Ratna-2014

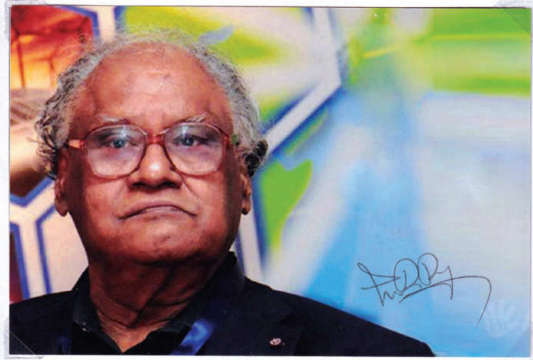
BHARAT RATNA-2014

C.N.R. Rao
(Born : Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao)



- * Is an Indian chemist who has worked mainly in solid-state and structural chemistry.
- * He has honorary doctorates from 86 universities from around the world and has authored around 1,800 research publications and 56 books.
- * He is described as a scientist who had won all possible awards in his field except the Nobel Prize.
- * Received Padma Shri (1974), Padma Vibhushan (1985), Karnataka Ratna by the Karnataka State Government in 2000 & Bharat Ratna (2014).

Born : 30-06-1934 * Birth Place : Bangalore, Karnataka, India





43rd Bharat Ratna-2014



BHARAT RATNA-2014

Sachin Tendulkar



* He is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket.

* Hailed as the world's most prolific batsman of all time, he is the all time highest run scorer in both ODI and Test Cricket with more than 18000 runs and 15000 runs respectively.

* He also holds the record for receiving the most 'Man-of-the Match' awards in international cricket. * He was a member of the Rajya Sabha by nomination from 2012 to 2018.

* He retired in 2013 after playing his 200th Test Match. * He played 664 International Cricket Matches in total scoring 34357 runs.

* In 2019, he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

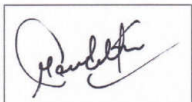
* Received Arjuna Award-1994, Khel Ratna Award-1997-98, Padma Shri-1999, Maharashtra Bhushan Award-2001, Padma Vibhushan-2008 & Bharat Ratna-2014.

* In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Se-tenant Postage Stamps in 2013.



Born : 24-04-1973
Birth Place : Mumbai,
Maharashtra, India



44th Bharat Ratna-2015 - Hindi & English Autograph



BHARAT RATNA-2015

Atal Bihari Vajpayee



* Was an Indian politician, statesman, poet and writer.

* Participated in freedom struggle and went to jail in 1942. * Has the Parliamentary experience of four decades. * Has many literary, artistic and scientific accomplishments to his credit. * Has been a Member of the National Integration Council since 1961.

* During his tenure, a series of successful nuclear tests at Pokhran in May 1998 took place.

* Kargil war with Pakistan took place in his time and he successfully handled the situation in repulsing back the intruders from the Indian Soil.

* Prime Minister of India for more than 6 years at different time slots.

* Was a Member of Indian Parliament for over five decades and was elected ten times as to the Lok Sabha and twice to the Rajya Sabha. * His oratorical skills won him the reputation of being the most eloquent defender of his party's policies.

* Was awarded Padma Vibhushan-1992. * D. Lit. from Kanpur University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh-1993. * Lokmanya Tilak Award-1994. * Outstanding Parliamentarian Award-1994. * Bharat Ratna Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award-1994. * Bharat Ratna-2015.

* In his honour, India Post has issued a Definitive Postage Stamp in 2019.

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45th Bharat Ratna-2015 - Page-1 - Hindi Autograph



BHARAT RATNA-2015 (Posthumous)

Madan Mohan Malaviya



* Was an Indian scholar, educational reformer, freedom fighter.

* Was President of Indian National Congress for 4 times and was founder of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha.

* Was Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from 1919-1938.

* Was one of the Co-founders of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and was the Chairman of Hindustan Times from 1924 to 1946.

* The slogan 'Satyameva Jayate' (Truth alone triumphs) is his legacy as in INC session of 1918 at Delhi, he declared that this phrase from Mundak Upadishad should be the slogan of the nation.

* He started the tradition of Ganga Aarti at Haridwar which is performed even today.

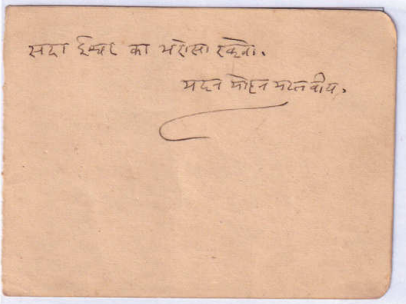
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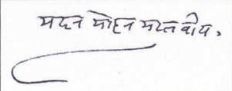
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मदन मोहन मलवीय,



45th Bharat Ratna-2015 - Page-2 - English Autograph



BHARAT RATNA-2015 (Posthumous)

Madan Mohan Malaviya



* Was an Indian scholar, educational reformer, freedom fighter.

* Was President of Indian National Congress for 4 times and was founder of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha.

* Was Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from 1919-1938.

* Was one of the Co-founders of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and was the Chairman of Hindustan Times from 1924 to 1946.

* The slogan 'Satyameva Jayate' (Truth alone triumphs) is his legacy as in INC session of 1918 at Delhi, he declared that this phrase from Mundak Upadishad should be the slogan of the nation.

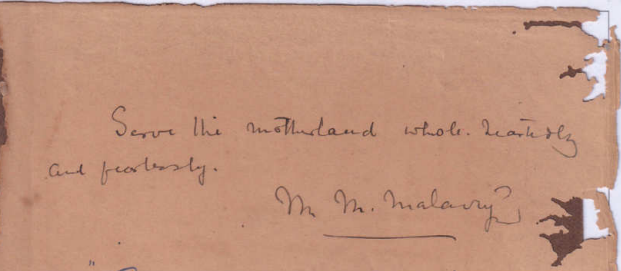
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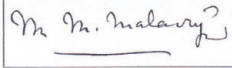
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Born : 25-12-1861 * Died : 12-11-1946 * Birth Place : Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India

Serve the motherland whole heartedly
and fearlessly.

M. M. Malaviya



46th Bharat Ratna-2019

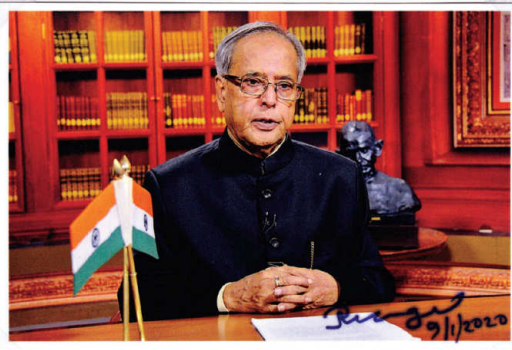
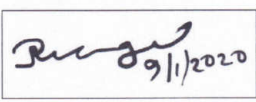
BHARAT RATNA-2019

Pranab Mukherjee



- * Was an Indian politician who served as the 13th president of India from 2012 until 2017.
- * He was the first person from West Bengal to hold the post of President of India.
- * In a political career spanning five decades, Mukherjee was a senior leader in the Indian National Congress and occupied several ministerial portfolios in the Government of India.
- * Prior to his election as President, Mukherjee was Finance Minister from 2009 to 2012.
- * He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 2019, by his successor president, Ram Nath Kovind.
- * Received Padma Vibhushan (2008).
- * Was also awarded Bangladesh Liberation War Honour in 2013 by Bangladesh.
- * Was also the recipient of National Order of the Ivory Coast in 2016 given by Ivory Coast.

Born : 11-12-1935 * Died : 31-08-2020 * Birth Place : Mirati, West Bengal, India

47th Bharat Ratna-2019

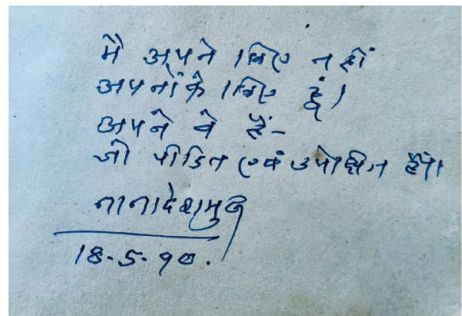
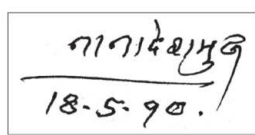
BHARAT RATNA-2019

Nanaji Deshmukh
(Born : Chandikadas Amritrao Deshmukh)



- * Was a social reformer and politician from India.
- * He worked in the fields of education, health, and rural self-reliance.
- * He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award in 2019 by the Government of India.
- * He was a leader of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and also a member of the Rajya Sabha.

Born : 11-10-1916 * Died : 27-02-2010 * Birth Place : Kadoli, Maharashtra, India

NOTE: This autograph of Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh is from the collection of renowned Autograph Collector Chinmoy Roy of New Delhi. I am highly grateful to him for giving me the scan of this autograph for presenting this theme of Bharat Ratna in completeness.

48th Bharat Ratna-2019

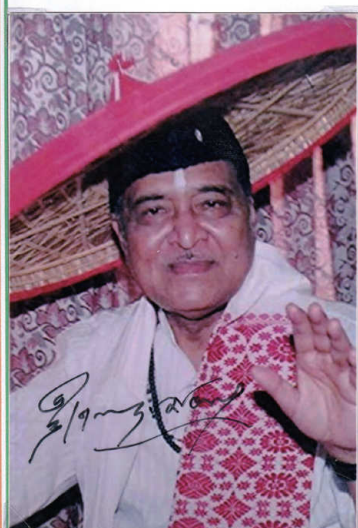
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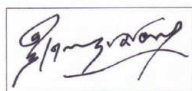
Bhupen Hazarika
(Known : Sudha Kontho)



- * Was an Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, poet, actor, artist, editor, filmmaker, professor and politician from Assam, widely known as Sudha Kontho (meaning cuckoo, literally "nectar-throated").
- * His songs were written and sung by himself which were mainly in the Assamese language.
- * They are marked by humanity and universal brotherhood and have been translated and sung in many languages, most notably in Bengali and Hindi.
- * He received Padma Shri in 1977. * Gold medal from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for "outstanding contribution towards tribal welfare, and uplift of tribal culture through cinema & music." (1979). * Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987).
- * Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1992). * Padma Bhushan in 2001. * Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2008). * Assam Ratna — the highest civilian award in the State of Assam, India (2009). * Friends of Liberation War Honour, Government of Bangladesh (2011).
- * Padma Vibhushan in 2012 (posthumous). * Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in the Republic of India in 2019 (posthumous).
- * In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 2013 and 2016.

Born : 08-09-1926
Died : 05-11-2011
Birth Place : Sadiya, Assam, India





49th Bharat Ratna-2024

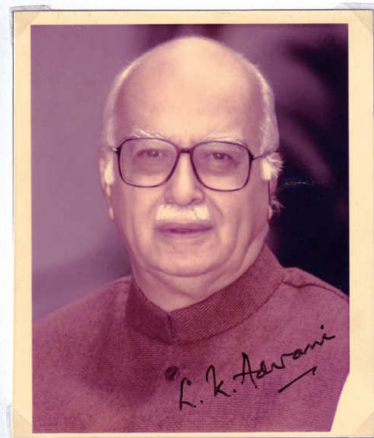
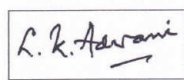
BHARAT RATNA-2024

L.K. Advani
(Born : Lal Krishna Advani)



- * Is an Indian politician who is one of the co-founders of Bharatiya Janata Party.
- * He is a long time member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. * Under him, BJP became the political face of the Ayodhya dispute over the Ram Janmabhoomi.
- * He embarked on a 'Rath Yatra' to further the cause of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.
- * In a bid to boost the popularity of the BJP and unify the Hindutva ideology, he organised 6 long distance Rath Yatras or processions across the country viz. (1) Ram Rath Yatra (1990) (2) Janadesh Yatra (1993) (3) Swarna Jayanti Rath Yatra (1997) (4) Bharat Uday Yatra (2004) (5) Bharat Suraksha Yatra (2006) (6) Jan Chetna Yatra (2011).
- * In 2014, Advani joined the 'The Marg Darshak Mandal' (Vision Committee) of the BJP along with Murlidhar Manohar Joshi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- * Is awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2015 and Bharat Ratna in 2024.
- * 'My Country My Life' is an autobiographical book by L.K. Advani released in 2008.

Born : 08-11-1927 * Birth Place : Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan

50th Bharat Ratna-2024



BHARAT RATNA-2024

Karpoori Thakur
(Known : Jan Nayak)

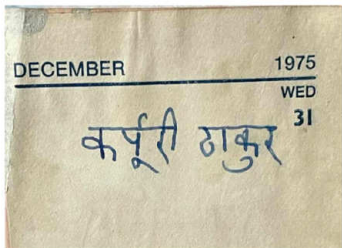


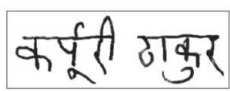
* Was an Indian politician who served two terms as the 11th Chief Minister of Bihar, first from December 1970 to June 1971, and then from June 1977 to April 1979.

* On 26 January 2024, he was posthumously awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, by the Government of India. This was announced by the President of India Draupadi Murmu on 23 January 2024.

* In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 1991 and 2024.

Born : 24-01-1924 * Died : 17-02-1988
Birth Place : Pitaunghia, Bihar and Orissa Province, British India




NOTE: When Karpoori Thakur was awarded Bharat Ratna, Reporter from Gandhinagar, Shri Japan Pathak of 'Desh Gujarat' had taken the interview of Dr Rajal Thacker of Ahmedabad at whose place Karpoori Thakur had stayed in Emergency. She took the Autograph of Karpoori Thakur during his stay at her house. That Autograph was published along with her interview which was published and is now available on Google Internet. The same is shown here for information and hobby purpose. That internet source of Google and Shri Japan Pathak's published interview are acknowledged here with humility and gratitude.

51st Bharat Ratna-2024



BHARAT RATNA-2024

M.S. Swaminathan
(Born : Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan)



* Was an Indian agronomist, agricultural scientist, plant geneticist, administrator, and humanitarian.

* Swaminathan was a global leader of the green revolution. He has been called the main architect of the green revolution in India for his leadership and role in introducing and further developing high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice.

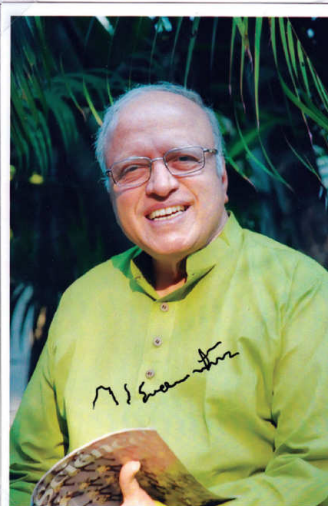
* Swaminathan's collaborative scientific efforts with Norman Borlaug, spearheading a mass movement with farmers and other scientists and backed by public policies, saved India and Pakistan from certain famine-like conditions in the 1960s.

* His leadership as director general of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines was instrumental in his being awarded the first World Food Prize in 1987, recognized as one of the highest honours in the field of agriculture.

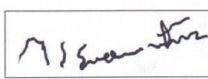
* The United Nations Environment Programme has called him 'the Father of Economic Ecology'.

* Received Padma Shri-1967, Ramon Magsaysay Award-1971, Padma Bhushan-1972, World Food Prize-1987, Padma Vibhushan-1989 & Bharat Ratna-2024 (posthumously).

Born : 07-08-1925
Died : 28-09-2023
Birth Place : Kumbakonam,



* Received Padma Shri-1967, Ramon Magsaysay Award-1971, Padma Bhushan-1972, World Food Prize-1987, Padma Vibhushan-1989 & Bharat Ratna-2024 (posthumously).

52nd Bharat Ratna-2024



BHARAT RATNA-2024

Charan Singh
(Born : Chaudhary Charan Singh)



* Was an Indian politician, statesman, activist & freedom fighter.

* Served as the 5th Prime Minister of India in 1979.

* Took active part in 'Salt Satyagrah' (1930) and 'Quit India' Movement (1942).

* He followed Mahatma Gandhi in non-violent struggle for independence and was imprisoned several times.

* His birthday 23rd December is celebrated as 'Kishan Diwas' in India.

* Was a Messiah of farmers and constantly fought against social evils like casteism.

* Historians and people alike frequently refer him as the 'Champion of Peasants'.

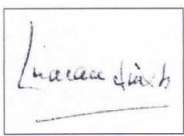
* Was posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 2024.

* In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1990.



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Born : 23-12-1902
Died : 29-05-1987
Birth Place : Noorpur, Uttar Pradesh, India

53rd Bharat Ratna-2024



BHARAT RATNA-2024

P.V. Narasimha Rao
(Born : Pamulaparthi Venkata Narasimha Rao)



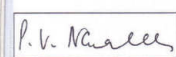
* Was an Indian politician, statesman and lawyer. * Is known for introducing various liberal reforms to India's economy. * He himself held the Industries portfolio and was personally responsible for the dismantling of the 'Licence Raj'. * Could speak 17 languages. * Studied in Osmania, Mumbai and Nagpur Universities.

* Was an active Freedom Fighter. * Was the first Prime Minister to lead a Minority Government for the full term. * Was the man of many interests like music, cinema, theatre, Indian philosophy and culture etc. * Babri Mosque crisis took place during his time. * He was the 'True Father' of India's nuclear programme. * Was posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna in 2024.

Born : 28-06-1921
Died : 23-12-2004
Birth Place : Laknepalli, Telangana, India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardees



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Autographs of Dadasaheb Phalke Awardees



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARDS

- * The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was newly introduced at the 17th National Film Awards organised in 1970, to honour the "Father of Indian Cinema", Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, better known as Dadasaheb Phalke.
- * It was started in 1970 as it was the 100th birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke who was born in 1870. Award of 1969 was given in subsequent year 1970 to recognise the contribution of film personalities towards the development of Indian cinema and thereafter the award was awarded annually for this distinguished contribution of the film celebrity.
- * Dadasaheb Phalke (1870-1944) was popularly known as and often regarded as "the father of Indian cinema" as mentioned earlier. He was an Indian filmmaker who directed India's first full-length feature film, Raja Harishchandra (1913).
- * It is India's highest award in the field of Cinema and is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- * The recipient is honoured for his/her "great and outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema" and is selected by a committee consisting of eminent personalities from the Indian film industry.
- * The first recipient of the award was actress Devika Rani (1969) who was honoured at the 17th National Film Awards and the most recent recipient of the award is veteran actress Waheeda Rehman (2023) who was honoured at the 69th National Film Awards Ceremony.
- * As of 2023, there have been 53 awardees. Among those, actor Prithviraj Kapoor (1971) and actor Virod Khanna (2017) are the only posthumous recipients.
- * Recipients also include several pairs of siblings who received this award in different years: (1) B. N. Reddy (1974) & B. Naggi Reddy (1986); (2) Raj Kapoor (1987) and Shashi Kapoor (2014); (3) Lata Mangeskar (1989) & Asha Bhosle (2000); (4) B. R. Chopra (1998) & Yash Chopra (2001).
- * The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,00,00,000 (US\$12,000).

DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD WINNERS

Sr. No.	Year	Recipient	Film industry	Occupation	Remarks
1	1969	Devika Rani	Hindi	Actress	
2	1970	Birendranath Sircar	Bengali	Producer	
3	1971	Prithviraj Kapoor	Hindi	Actor (Posthumous)	
4	1972	Pankaj Mullick	Bengali, Hindi	Composer (Music Director)	
5	1973	Ruby Myers (Sulochana)	Hindi	Actress	
6	1974	Bommireddy Narasimha Reddy	Telugu	Director	
7	1975	Dhirendra Nath Ganguly	Bengali	Actor and Director	
8	1976	Kanan Devi	Bengali	Actress	
9	1977	Nitin Bose	Bengali, Hindi	Cinematographer, Director and Writer	
10	1978	Raichand Borai	Bengali, Hindi	Composer and Director	
11	1979	Sohrab Modi	Hindi	Actor and Director	
12	1980	Paidi Jairaj	Hindi, Telugu	Actor and Director	
13	1981	Naushad	Hindi	Composer (Music Director)	
14	1982	L. V. Prasad	Telugu, Tamil,	Actor and Director	
15	1983	Durga Khote	Hindi, Marathi	Actress	
16	1984	Satyajit Ray	Bengali	Director	
17	1985	V. Shantaram	Hindi, Marathi	Actor and Director	
18	1986	B. Nagi Reddy	Telugu	Producer	
19	1987	Raj Kapoor	Hindi	Actor and Director	
20	1988	Ashok Kumar	Hindi	Actor	
21	1989	Lata Mangeskar	Hindi, Marathi	Singer	
22	1990	Akkineni Nageswara Rao	Telugu	Actor	
23	1991	Bhalji Pendharkar	Marathi	Director and Producer	
24	1992	Bhupen Hazarika	Assamese	Composer (Music Director)	
25	1993	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Hindi	Lyricist	
26	1994	Dilip Kumar	Hindi	Actor	

DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD WINNERS

Sr. No.	Year	Recipient	Film industry	Occupation	Remarks
27	1995	Rajkumar	Kannada	Actor	
28	1996	Sivaji Ganesan	Tamil	Actor	
29	1997	Kavi Pradeep	Hindi	Lyricist	
30	1998	B. R. Chopra	Hindi	Director and Producer	
31	1999	Hrishikesh Mukherjee	Hindi	Director	
32	2000	Asha Bhosle	Hindi, Marathi	Singer	
33	2001	Yash Chopra	Hindi	Director and Producer	
34	2002	Dev Anand	Hindi	Actor and Director	
35	2003	Mrinal Sen	Bengali	Director	
36	2004	Adoor Gopalakrishnan	Malayalam	Director	
37	2005	Shyam Bengal	Hindi	Director	
38	2006	Tapan Sinha	Bengali, Hindi	Director	
39	2007	Manna Dey	Bengali, Hindi	Singer	
40	2008	V. K. Murthy	Hindi	Cinematographer	
41	2009	D. Ramanaidu	Telugu	Producer	
42	2010	K. Balachander	Tamil, Telugu	Director	
43	2011	Soumitra Chatterjee	Bengali	Actor	
44	2012	Pran	Hindi	Actor	
45	2013	Gulzar	Hindi	Poet and Lyricist	
46	2014	Shashi Kapoor	Hindi	Actor and Director	
47	2015	Manoj Kumar	Hindi	Actor and Director	
48	2016	Kasinathuni Viswanath	Telugu	Director	
49	2017	Vinod Khanna	Hindi	Actor (Posthumous)	
50	2018	Amitabh Bachchan	Hindi	Actor	
51	2019	Rajinikanth	Tamil, Hindi	Actor	
52	2020	Asha Parekh	Hindi	Actress	
53	2021	Waheeda Rehman	Hindi	Actress	
54	2022	Mithun Chakraborty	Hindi	Actor	

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1969



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1969

Devika Rani
(Born : Devika Rani Chaudhuri)
Film Actress
(Hindi Film Industry)

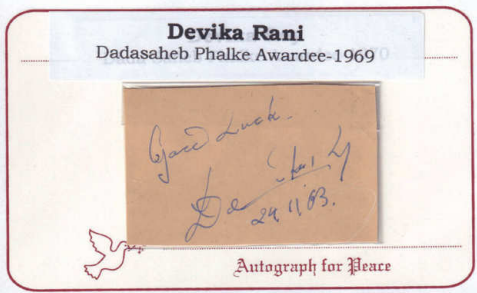


Profile: Usually known as Devika Rani, was an Indian actress who was active in Hindi films during the 1930s and 1940s * Widely acknowledged as the First Lady of Indian cinema, Devika Rani had a successful film career that spanned 10 years * Devika Rani was called the first lady of Indian cinema * She married to film actor and director Himanshu Rai in 1929 and both founded the studio 'Bombay Talkies' in 1934 * Her onscreen pairing with Ashok Kumar became most popular in India * After the death of her first husband Himanshu Rai in 1940, she produced some more films under the banner of Bombay Talkies in partnership with her late husband's associates, namely Sashadhar Mukherjee and Ashok Kumar * In 1945, she retired from films and did marry to her second husband, the Russian painter Svetoslav Roerich and moved to his estate on the outskirts of Bangalore, thereafter leading a very reclusive life for the next five decades.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like Hamari Baat, Anjaan, Durga, Izzat, Jeevan Prabhat, Savitri, Achhut Kanya, Janmabhoomi, Jeevan Naya, Mantra, Karma etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1958 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1969 • In 1990, Soviet Russia honoured her with the 'Soviet Land Nehru Award'.

Note: In her honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with her image in 2011.

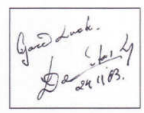


Devika Rani
Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1969

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Born : 30-03-1908
Died : 09-03-1994
Birth Place :
Visakhapatnam,
Andhra Pradesh, India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1970



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1970

B.N. Sircar
(Born : Birendranath Sircar)
Film Producer
(Bengali Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film producer and the founder of New Theatres Calcutta * He made Bengali-language films that were noted for introducing many film directors who later became famous * Sircar attracted directors such as P.C. Barua, Premankor Atharthy, Debaki Bose, Dhiren Ganguly, Bimal Roy and Phani Majumdar under his wings * Actors such as K.L. Saigal, Pahadi Sanyal, Amar Mullick, Kanan Devi, Chandrabati Devi, Lila Desai Leela Desai and Prithviraj Kapoor were on his payroll * Technicians like Mukul Bose (Sound Recordist- Director), Yusuf Moolji (Cameraman), Nitin Bose (Cameraman-Director) and Subodh Mitra (Editor) were well aware of the various technical innovations being introduced in Hollywood and Europe and were able to adapt many of these within the limitations of the New Theatres Studio lot * Music composers and singers such as RC Boral, Timir Baran and Pankaj Mullick too were associated with New Theatres productions * He was the President of the BMDPA in the late 1940s.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Dena Paona, Natir Puja, Punarjanma, Mohabbat Ke Ansu Urdu, Zinda Lash Urdu, Chirakumar Sabha, Palisamaj, Chandidas, Kapakundala, Sita, Mirabai, Gangopadhyay Ruplekha, Mahua, Devdas, Bhagyachakra, Gnihadaha, Maya, Didi, Mukti, Bidyapati, Abhignan, Desher Mati, Achinpriya, Sathi, Adhikar, Baradidi, Sapure, Rajat Jayanti, Jiban Maran, Parajoy, Dakkar, Abhinetri, Nartaki, Parichoy, Pratishruti etc.

Awards: He received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1970 • Padma Bhushan-1972.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2013.

Born : 05-07-1901 * Died : 28-11-1980
Birth Place : Bhagalpur, Bengal Presidency, British India



B.N. Sircar
Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1970




Born : 05-07-1901
Died : 28-11-1980
Birth Place : Bhagalpur, Bengal Presidency, British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1971



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1971

Prithviraj Kapoor
(Born : Prithvinath Kapoor)
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actor who is also considered to be one of the founding figures of Hindi cinema * He was associated with IPTA as one of its founding members and established the Prithvi Theatres in 1944 as a travelling theatre company based in Bombay * He was the patriarch of the Kapoor family of Hindi films, four generations of which, beginning with him, have played active roles in the Hindi film industry, with the youngest generation still active in Bollywood * His father, Bhasheshwar Nath Kapoor, also played a short role in his movie Awara * He developed a reputation as a very fine and versatile actor on both stage and screen.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Alam Ara, Rajrani Meera, Seeta, Awaara, Anand Math, Boot Polish, Shree 420, Pardesi, Mughal-e-Azam, Rajkumar, Rustom Sohrab, Teen Bahuraniyan, Kal Aaj Aur Kal etc.

Awards: Received Padma Bhushan in 1969 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1971 • In 1954, he was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship • Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1956 • Filmfare Special Award (Special Commendation) in 1972.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 1995 on Golden Jubilee of Prithvi Theatre and in 2013 on him, with image of him on stamps.

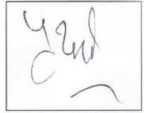


Prithviraj Kapoor
Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1971

Autograph for Peace




Born : 03-11-1906
Died : 29-05-1972
Birth Place : Peshawar,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Pakistan



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1972



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1972

Pankaj Mullick
(Born : Pankaj Kumar Mullick)
Music Director
(Bengali & Hindi Film Industry)



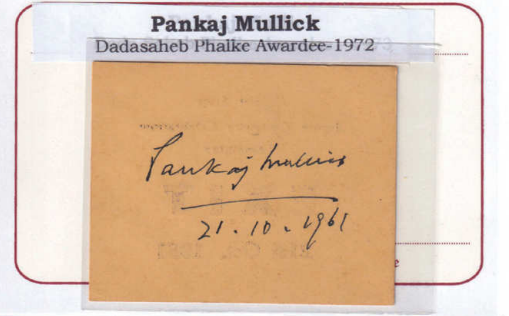
Profile: Was an Indian music composer, playback singer and actor, who was a pioneer of film music in Bengali cinema and Hindi cinema at the advent of playback singing, as well as an early exponent of Rabindra Sangeet * He contributed in various capacities to Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and Tamil language films for 38 years starting in 1931 * He worked as music director to artists like Hemanta Mukherjee, S.D. Burman and many other celebrities * He acted with famous film actors like K.L. Saigal, P.C. Barua and Kanan Devi * Along with Nitin Bose and his renowned sound engineer brother Mukul Bose, Mullick introduced playback singing in Indian Cinema * He worked with one of the early film studios, New Theatres Calcutta for 25 years.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He was Music Director of films like Maya, Devdas, Meenakshi, Kashinath, Dui Purush, Nurse Didi/ Nurse Sissy, Ramer Sumati, Luthbad, Rupkatha/ Roop Kahini, Mahaprasanthan Pathy, Banahansi, Nabin Yatra/ Yatrik, Raikamal, Chitrangada, Louha-Kapat, Ahwan etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1970 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1972.

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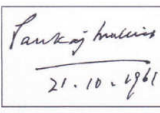
Born : 10-05-1905 * Died : 19-02-1978 * Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India



Pankaj Mullick
Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1972




Born : 10-05-1905
Died : 19-02-1978
Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1973



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1973

Sulochana

(Born : Ruby Myers)

Film Actress
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian silent film actress of Jewish ancestry, from the community of Baghdadi Jews in India * In her heyday she was one of the highest paid actresses of her time, when she was paired with Dinshaw Bilimoria in Imperial Studios films * In the mid-1930 she opened Rubi Pics, a film production house * She adopted a girl and named her Sarah Myers who after marriage was called Vijaylaxmi Shrestha * She was working as a telephone operator when she was approached by Mohan Bhavnani of Kohinoor Film Company to work in films * She initially turned him down as acting was regarded as quite a dubious profession for women those days * However Bhavnani persisted and she finally agreed, despite having no knowledge of acting * She became a star under Bhavnani's direction at Kohinoor before moving on to the Imperial Film Company where she became the highest paid movie star in the country.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like Cinema Queen, Typist Girl, Balidan, Wildcat of Bombay, Anarkali, Heer Ranjha, Indira B.A., Noor-E-Alam, Daku Ki Ladki, Saubhagya Sundari, Sulochana, Gul Sanobar, Indira M.A., Prem Ki Jyot, Shair, Baaz, Kadu Makrani, Annapali, Neel Kamal, Mere Humdum Mere Dost, Khatta Meetha etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1973.

Note: In her honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with her image in 2013.

Born : 1907 * Died : 10-10-1983
Birth Place : Poona, Bombay Presidency, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1974



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1974

B. N. Reddi

(Born : Bommireddi Narasimha Reddi)

Film Director
(Telugu Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film director, producer, and screenwriter * He was an early figure in the Telugu cinema * Many of his earlier films like Vande Mataram (1939), Devatha (1941) had V. Nagayya as the lead * His Malliswari (1951) starring N. T. Rama Rao and Bhanumathi is considered a timeless Indian film classic * Reddi was the first film personality to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award from South India the highest honorary award of Indian cinema * He was eldest of four brothers; others are Nagi Reddi, B. N. Konda Reddi and B. Ramalinga Reddi * He was schooled in Proddatur and later continued the schooling in Madras * He enrolled in Pachaiyappa's College, but left without graduating * He later studies auditing and accounting and worked as an apprentice in an auditing firm.

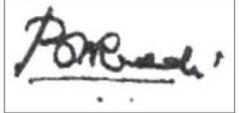
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Vande Mataram, Sumangali, Devatha, Swarga Seema, Malliswari, Bangaru Papa, Bhagya Rekha, Raja Makutam, Pooja Phalam, Rangula Ratnam, Bangaru Panjaram etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1974 * Padma Bhushan-1974 * National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Telugu - Rangula Ratnam (1966) * Filmfare Best Film Award (Telugu) - Bangaru Panjaram (1969) etc.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2008.

Born : 16-11-1908 * Died : 08-11-1977
Birth Place : Y. Kothapalli, Simhadripuram, Madras Presidency, British India

Bommireddi Narasimha Reddi autograph on Postal Stamp

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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1975



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1975

Dhiren Ganguly

(Born : Dharendra Nath Ganguly)

Film Actor/Director
(Bengali Film Industry)



Profile: Was a film entrepreneur/actor/director of Bengali Cinema * He had set up a number of film production companies: Indo British Film company, British Dominion Films, Lotus Film Company * Later, he directed films for New Theatres * He produced many movies in the comedy genre * He became a headmaster of State Art School in Hyderabad * He released a book of photographs of his make-up techniques called Bhavki Abhityakti in 1915 * Ganguly's photography book brought him in contact of J. F. Madan, who agreed to invest in his films * Ganguly and Madan Theatres' manager Nitish Lahiri formed the Indo British Film Co, the first film production company owned by Bengalis, in 1918 * Ganguly founded Lotus Film Company in Hyderabad and also established a film studio and two cinema houses with the help of Nizam * In 1924, he was a distributor of Razia Begum, a film made in Bombay.

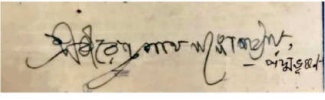
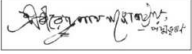
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Shesh Nibedan, Bondita, Hal Bangla, Mastuto Bhai, Maraner Pare, Panchasar, Alik Babu, Shankaracharya, Yashoda Nandan, Lady Teacher, Sadhu Aur Shaitan, Bilet Pherat etc. He directed films like Cartoon, Shesh Nibedan, Srikhal, Daabi, Ahuti, Karmakhal, Path-Bhule, Abhisarika, Achi Priya, Hal Bangla, Country Girl, Dwipantar, Bidrohi, Haikatha, Mastuto Bhai, Night Bird, Charitraheen, Indrajee etc.

Awards: Received Padma Bhushan-1974 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1975.

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Born : 26-03-1893 * Died : 18-11-1978
Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1976



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1976

Kanan Devi

Film Actress/Playback Singer
(Hindi & Bengali Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actress and singer * She was among the early singing stars of Indian cinema, and is credited popularly as the first star of Bengali cinema * Her singing style, usually in rapid tempo, was used instrumentally in some of the biggest hits of New Theatres, Kolkata * She came in contact with the music maestro Rai Chand Boral, who not only coached and familiarized her in the Hindi accent, but experimented with many classical Western and Indian forms in his music * She received her initial musical training under Alla Rakha * She was employed as a singer at the Megaphone Gramophone Company, receiving further training under Bhishmadev Chatterjee * She later learnt Rabindra Sangeet under Anadi Dasitdar * Kanan remained the top star of New Theatres until she resigned her contract in 1941 and began to freelance in Bengali and Hindi films.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like Joydev, Shankaracharya, Rishir Prem, Jore Barat, Bishnumaya, Prahlad, Vishnu Maya, Sree Gouranga, Char Darvesh, Maa, Hari Bhakti, Kanthahaar, Manmoyee Girls School, Basabadda, Bishabriksha, Vidyaapati, Mukti, Sathi, Street Singer, Sapera, Sapurey, Jawani-Ki-Reet, Parajay, Haar Jeet, Abhinethi, Parichay, Lagan, Shesh Uttar, Jawab, Jogajog, Bideshini, Path Bendhe Dilo etc.

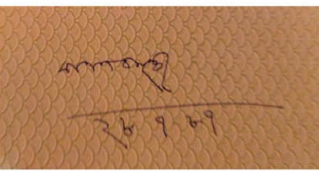
She also sang songs for films like Asha, Debatra, Naba Bidhan, Darpachurna, Mejdidi, Ananya, Anirban, Bankalekha, Faista, Chandrashekhara, Arabian Night, Krishna Leela, Tum Aar Main, Tumi Aar Aami, Ban Phool, Jogajog, Jawab etc.

Awards: Received BFJA Award - Best Actress Award for Parichaya (1942) & Shesh Uttar (1943) * Padma Shri-1968 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1976.

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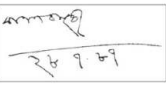
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Birth Place : Howrah, Bengal Presidency, British India

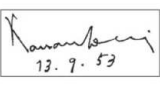
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1977



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1977

Nitin Bose

**Film Director, Cinematographer
& Screenwriter**

(Hindi & Bengali Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film director, cinematographer and screenwriter of the nation's film industry * In the 1930s and early 40s, he worked with New Theatres, who made bilingual movies: in both Bengali and Hindi * Later, he moved to Bombay and directed under the banners of Bombay Talkies and Filmistan * The first use of playback singing in Indian films occurred in films directed by Bose in 1935: first in Bhagya Chakra, a Bengali film, and later the same year in its Hindi remake, Dhoop Chhaon * In the 1960s, Bose directed a number of movies under the banner of Filmistan * Ganga Jamuna (1961), directed by Bose, is still considered one of the all-time blockbusters of Indian Cinema * Bose's first venture in film direction was a documentary film on Belgian Emperor's visit to India (1921).

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Boker Bijha, Daku Mansoor, Chandidas, Bhagya Chakra, Dhoop Chhaon, Didi, President, Jiban Maran, Desher Mati, Dharti Mata, Dushman, Kapal Kundala, Parichay, Lagan, Kashinath, Bichar, Mujrim, Mazdoor, Milan, Noukadubi, Dristidan, Mashaal, Deedar, Dard-e-Dil, Waris, Amar Saigal, Char Dost, Kathputli, Gunga Jumuna, Ummeed, Nartaki, Dooj Ka Chand, Hum Kahan Ja Rahe Hain, Samaanta etc.

Awards: Received National Awards - Certificate of Merit for Second Best Feature Film - Ganga Jamuna (1961)
• Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1977.

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Born : 26-04-1897 * Died : 14-04-1986
Birth Place : Dashnagar, Howrah, Bengal Presidency, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1978



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1978

Raichand Boral

(Born : Rai Chand Boral)

Music Director

(Hindi & Bengali Film Industry)



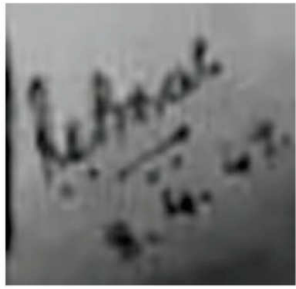
Profile: Was an Indian composer, considered by music connoisseurs to be the 'Bhishma Pitamah', the father of film music in India * Raichand Boral is often credited to be the pioneer of Indian film music * Along with Pankaj Mullick, he was in charge of New Theatres' music department * New Theatres set standards in film music which have rarely been approached since * They also shaped film music in its early days and their format was followed for the most part for first 20-30 years in Hindi film music * He was also responsible for shaping Saigal's budding career * Boral joined the Indian Broadcasting Company in the year of its inception, 1927 * In 1931, he shifted to the New Theatres in the silent era for supporting the stage with live music.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He was Music Director of films like Mohabbat Ke Ansu, Zinda Lash, Subah Ka Sitara, Puran Bhagat, Rajrani Meera, Meerabai, Dulari Bibi, Chandidas, Daku Mansoor, Mohabbat Ki Kasauti, After the Earthquake, Karwan-E-Hayat, Dhoop Chhaon, Inqilab, Manzil, Anath Ashram, Vidyapati, President, Abhagin, Street Singer, Sathi, Jawani Ki Reet, Sapera, Haar Jeet, Lagan, Nari, Saugand, Waapas, Hamrahi, Wasiatnaama, Anjanagar, Pahela Admi, Swami Vivekanand, Dard-e-Di, Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1978 * Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-1978.

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Born : 19-10-1903 * Died : 25-11-1981
Birth Place : Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, British India




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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1979



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1979

Sohrab Modi

(Born : Sohrab Merwanji Modi)

Film Producer/Director

(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian stage and film actor, director and producer * His films include Khoon Ka Khoon (1935), a version of Shakespeare's Hamlet, Sikandar, Pukar, Prithvi Vallabh, Jhansi Ki Rani, Mirza Ghalib, Jailor and Nausherwan-E-Adil (1957) * His films always carried a message of strong commitment to social and national issues * In 1960 he was a member of the jury at the 10th Berlin International Film Festival * He was married to Mehtab who was a film actress.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Khoon Ka Khoon, Jailor, Pukar, Sikandar, Prithvi Vallabh, Sheesh Mahal, Jhansi Ki Rani, Kundan, Raj Hath, Farz Aur Mohabbat alias Navsherwan-E-Adil, Yahudi, Jailor, Pehli Raat, Woh Koi Aur Hoga, Jwala, Ek Nari Ek Brahmachari, Razia Sultan etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1979 * His last famous movie Mirza Ghalib-1954 received President's Gold Medal in 1954; was a member of the jury at the Berlin International Film Festival in 1960.

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Born : 02-11-1897 * Died : 28-01-1984 * Birth Place : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India




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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1980



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1980

P. Jairaj

(Born : Paidi Jairaj)

Film Actor/Director

(Hindi/Telugu Film Industry)

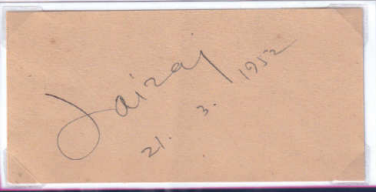


Profile: Was an Indian actor, director and producer known for his works majorly in Hindi; few Marathi, Gujarati, Telugu language films, and Telugu theatre * During the talkie period, from 1931 onwards, he started with Shikari in Urdu and English languages * Subsequently, he became one of the leading actors for about two decades, along with V. Shantaram, Ashok Kumar, Prithviraj Kapoor, Motilal etc. * He starred in about 170 feature films in a variety of roles * He directed a few films such as Mohar, Mala (1943), Pratima, Rajghar and Saagar (1951), which he produced * A one-hour documentary, Life journey of Jairaj, was made by the Government of Telangana in 2018 to celebrate his life

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Jagmagti Jawani, Shikari, Maya Jaal, Nai Duniya, Khilona, Aas Ka Panchhi, Neel Kamal, Nadaan, Chhoti Bahu, Chingari, Gehri Cheal, Chhalia, Sholay, Kala Sona, Dharmatma, Himalay Se Goncha, Hera Pheri, Charas, Bairaag, Muqaddar Ka Sikandar, Don, Khandaan, Nagin Aur Suhagan, Jyoti Bare Jwala, Chunauti, Jazbaat, Kranti, Ardh Satya, Masoom, Karate, Pukar, Paanchwin Manzil, Bindya Chamkeli, Unchi Uraan, Zinda Lash, Khoon Bhari Maang, Lambu Dada, Meri Aan, Betaji Badshah, God and Gun etc.

He directed films like Pratima, Saagar, Mohar etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1980.






Born : 28-09-1909
Died : 11-08-2000
Birth Place : Sircilla,
Hyderabad State, British India

Jairaj
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1981 - Page-1 - Short Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1981

Naushad
(Born : Naushad Ali)

Music Director
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian composer for Hindi films * He is widely considered to be one of the greatest and foremost music directors of the Hindi film industry * He is particularly known for popularising the use of classical music in films * His first film as an independent music director was Prem Nagar in 1940 * His first musically successful film was Rattan (1944), followed by 35 silver jubilee hits, 12 golden jubilee and 3 diamond jubilee mega successes * Naushad was ranked as one of the most respected and successful music directors of Indian Film Industry * He composed music for about 65 films during his lifetime * 5 films have been made on his life and work * Many biographical books have been published on his life * The Carter Road at Bandra, Mumbai was renamed as 'Sangeet Samrat Naushad Ali Marg' in his memory.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He was Music Director of films like Pakeezah, Mughal-e-Azam, Mother India, Baiju Bawra, Andaz, Aan, Babul, Dil Diya Dard Liya, Leader, Mere Mehboob, Ganga Jamuna etc.

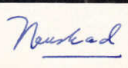
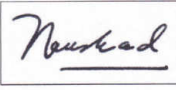
Awards: Received Filmfare Best Music Director Award – Baiju Bawra-1954 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1981 • Padma Bhushan -1992 for his contribution to the Hindi film industry.

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Born : 25-12-1919 * **Died :** 05-05-2006 * **Birth Place :** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India





Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1981 - Page-2 - Long Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1981

Naushad
(Born : Naushad Ali)

Music Director
(Hindi Film Industry)



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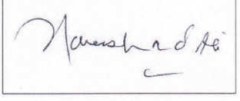
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1982



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1982

L. V. Prasad
(Born : Akkineni Laxmi Vara Prasada Rao)

Film Actor/Director/Producer
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film director, producer, actor, and businessman * He was one of the pioneers of Indian cinema * He founded Prasad Group in 1956, which include the Prasad Art Pictures, Prasad Studios, Prasad's IMAX and L. V. Prasad Eye Institute * He was elected as the President of The South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce for the year 1982-83 * Prasad also had the unique distinction of acting in the first talkies of three different languages of Indian cinema: Alam Ara (Hindi), Bhakta Prahlada (Telugu) and Kalidas (a Tamil and Telugu bilingual film) * Prasad Productions made many memorable box office hits including Milan, Khilona, Sasural and Ek Duuje Ke Liye.

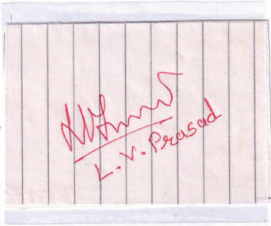
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Gruha Pravesam, Painati Yuddham, Drohi, Mana Desam, Shavukar, Samsaram, Pelli Chesu Choodu, Kalyanam Panni Paar, Rani, Pempudu Koduku, Paradesi, Chhoti Bahen, Thayilla Pillai, Iravar Ullam, Beti Bete, Daadi Maa, Jeene Ki Raah, Shaadi Ke Baad, Bidaai, Jay Vejay etc.

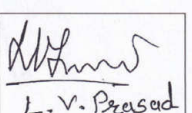
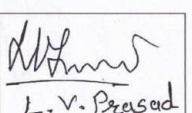
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Awards: Received National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Telugu – Bharya Bhartalu (1962) • Filmfare Awards for Best Film – Khilona (1970) • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1982.

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Born : 17-01-1907 * **Died :** 22-06-1994
Birth Place : Somavarappadu, Madras Presidency, British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1983



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1983

Durga Khote
(Born : Vita Lad)

Film Actress
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actress, beginning as one of the foremost leading ladies of her time * She remained active in Hindi and Marathi cinema, as well as theatre, for over 50 years, starting in around 200 films and numerous theatre productions * In 2000, in a millennium issue, India Today named her among "100 People Who Shaped India", noting: "Durga Khote marks the pioneering phase for women in Indian Cinema" * She was one of the first women from respectable families to enter the film industry, thus breaking a social taboo * She also ranks among the top ten actresses in mother roles in Hindi cinema, most notable among them were as Jodhabai in K. Asif's Mughal-e-Azam (1960), which earned her a nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress; as Kaikeyi in Vijay Bhatt's classic Bharat Milap (1942); her other memorable roles as mother were in Chamon Ki Dasi (1941); Mirza Ghalib (1954); Bobby (1973) and Bidaai (1974), winning the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress for the lattermost.

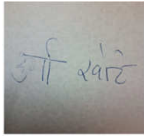
Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like Maya Nachhinda, Bharat Milap, Prithvi Vallabh, Chamon Ki Dasi, Bharat Milap, Mirza Ghalib, Mughal-e-Azam, Bhabhi Ki Chudiyon, Mujhe Jeene Do, Kaajal, Anupama, Daadi Maa, Sapno Ka Saudagar, Ek Phool Do Mali, Khilona, Raja Jani, Abhimaan, Bobby, Namak Haraam, Bidaai etc.

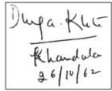
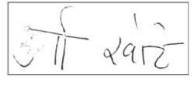
Awards: Received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-1958 • Padma Shri-1968 • Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress-Bidaai (1974) • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1983.

Note: In her honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with her image in 2013.

Born : 14-01-1905 * **Died :** 22-09-1991
Birth Place : Bombay, Bombay Presidency, British India





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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1984



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1984

Satyajit Ray

Film Director
(Hindi & Bengali Film Industry)

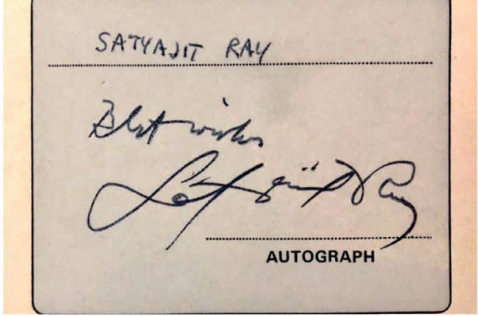


Profile: Was an Indian film director, screenwriter, author, lyricist, magazine editor, illustrator, calligrapher, and composer * Ray is widely considered one of the greatest and most influential film directors in the history of cinema * Ray directed 36 films, including feature films, documentaries, and shorts * Ray's first film, *Pather Panchali* (1955), won eleven international prizes, including the inaugural Best Human Document award at the 1956 Cannes Film Festival * This film, along with *Aparajito* (1956) and *Apur Sansar* (The World of Apu) (1959), form The Apu Trilogy.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like *Teen Kanya*, *Abhijan*, *Ashani Sanket*, *Sonar Kella*, *Ghare Baire*, *Agantuk*, *Goopy Bagha Phire Eto*, *Shakha Proshakha*, *Aparajito*, *Apur Sansar*, *Shatranj Ke Khilari*, *Pathar Panchali* etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1958 • Padma Bhushan-1965 • Padma Vibhushan-1976 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1984 • Bharat Ratna-1992. • Ray received many awards, including 36 National Film Awards.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Se-tenant Postage Stamp with his image in 1994 and Definitive Postage Stamp with his image in 2009.



Born : 02-05-1921
Died : 23-04-1992
Birth Place : Calcutta,
Bengal Presidency,
British India




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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1985



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1985

V. Shantaram

Film Producer/Director
(Marathi & Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Referred to as V. Shantaram or Shantaram Bapu, was an Indian filmmaker, film producer, and actor known for his work in Hindi and Marathi films * He had an illustrious career as a filmmaker for almost seven decades * He was one of the early filmmakers to realise the efficacy of the film medium as an instrument of social change * He had a very keen interest in music and took a very active part in the creation of music for his films * His autobiography *Shantarama* was published in Hindi and Marathi.

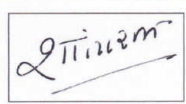
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted & directed films like *Surekha Haran*, *Sinhagad*, *Savkari Pash*, *Stri*, *Parchhai*, *Shakuntala*, *Bhagawan Das Patel*, *Dr. Kotnis Ki Amar Kahani*, *Lokshahar Ram Joshi*, *Apna Desh*, *Dahej*, *Amar Bhopali*, *Teen Batti Char Raasta*, *Surang*, *Subah Ka Tara*, *Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baaje*, *Do Aankhen Barah Haath*, *Navrang*, *Shree*, *Sehra*, *Geet Gaya Patharon Ne*, *Ladki Sahyadri Ki*, *Boond Jo Ban Gayee Moti*, *Jai Bin Machhli*, *Nritya Bin Biji*, *Pirja*, *Jhanjhaar* etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Award for Best Director – *Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baaje*-1957 • Berlin International Film Festival, OCIC Award – *Do Aankhen Barah Haath*-1958 • Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1985 • Padma Vibhushan-1992.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2001.



Born : 18-11-1901
Died : 30-10-1990
Birth Place : Kolhapur,
Kolhapur State,
British India

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1986



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1986

B. Nagi Reddi

Film Director/Producer
(Telugu Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film producer and director mainly in Telugu cinema * He set up Vijaya Vauhini Studios in Chennai, which was then Asia's biggest film studio * As his elder brother (who was also a director) had the same initials and was known as B. N. Reddi, Nagi Reddi was popularly known as B. Nagi Reddi * Nagi Reddi along with his friend and partner Aluri Chakrapani produced over fifty films in four decades in the four South Indian languages and also in Hindi * He made mythological, devotional, and historical Telugu movies * Some of his more notable films include *Pathala Bhairavi*, *Maya Bazaar*, and *Missamma* * He made most of his films in association with screenwriter Chakrapani * Nagi Reddi closed down Vijaya-Vauhini after the Telugu film industry moved out of studios in the 1970s, and started the Vijaya Hospital and Vijaya Health Centre * A new award was incorporated, commemorating his 100th birth year, the Nagi Reddi, memorial Award for the best Telugu and Tamil family entertainers.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like *Shavukaru*, *Patala Bhairavi*, *Pelli Chesi Choodu*, *Chandraharam*, *Guna Sundari*, *Missamma*, *Maya Bazaar*, *Appu Chesu Pappu Koodu*, *Paigham*, *Manithan Maravillai*, *Gundamma Katha*, *Enga Veettu Pillai*, *Ram Aur Shyam*, *Nam Naadu*, *Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani*, *Ganga Manga*, *Julie*, *Shri Rajeshwari Vilas Coffee Club*, *Yehi Hai Zindagi*, *Swarg Narak*, *Swayamvar*, *Shriman Shrimati*, *Meendum Savithri* etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Best Film Award (Telugu) – *Maya Bazaar* (1957), *Gundamma Katha* (1962) • National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Kannada – *Maduve Madinodu* (1965) • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1986 etc.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2018.



Born : 02-12-1912
Died : 25-02-2004
Birth Place : Pottipadu village,
Madras Presidency, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1987



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1987

Raj Kapoor

Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film actor, director and producer who worked in Hindi Cinema * He is considered one of the greatest and most influential actors and filmmakers in history of Indian Cinema * He has been also referred to as 'The Greatest Showman' of Indian Cinema * He has received 3 National Film Awards and 11 Filmfare Awards * Siddharth Kak made 'Raj Kapoor', a documentary film on the actor in 1987 which was produced by Government of India.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like *Aag*, *Andaz*, *Barsaat*, *Aawaara*, *Aash*, *Boot Polish*, *Shree 420*, *Chori Chori*, *Jagte Raho*, *Parvarish*, *Anari*, *Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai*, *Chhaila*, *Dil Hi To Hai*, *Sangam*, *Teesri Kasam*, *Around the World*, *Sapno Ka Saudagar*, *Mera Naam Joker*, *Kal Aaj Aur Kal*, *Mera Desh Mera Dham*, *Dharam Karam*, *Do Jasos*, *Naukri*, *Majnoon*, *Ramu To Diwana Hai*, *Abdullah*, *Biwi O Biwi*, *Gopichand Jasos*, *Vakil Babu* etc.

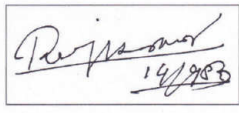
Awards: Received Padma Bhushan-1971 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1987 • Filmfare Awards for Best Film-*Boot Polish* (1954), *Sangam* (1964), *Ram Teri Ganga Maali* (1985) • Filmfare Awards for Best Actor-Anari (1959), *Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai* (1960) • Filmfare Awards for Best Editing-Sangam (1964), *Ram Teri Ganga Maali* (1985) • Filmfare Awards for Best Director-Sangam (1964), *Prem Rog* (1982), *Ram Teri Ganga Maali* (1985) etc.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp bearing his face in 2001. * To honour him, a brass statue of his was unveiled at 'Walk of the stars' at Bandra Bus Stand in Mumbai in 2012.






Born : 14-12-1924 * Died : 02-06-1988
Birth Place : Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1988



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1988

Ashok Kumar
(Born : Kumudlal Ganguly)
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)

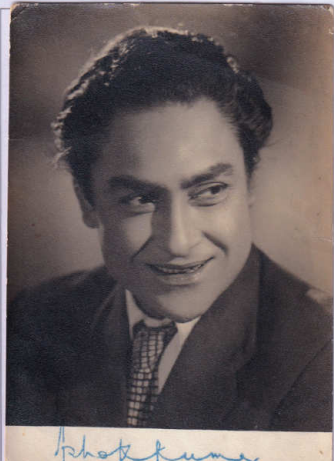


Profile: Was an Indian actor who attained iconic status in Indian cinema * He was considered the first big star of Hindi cinema as well as the first lead actor to play an anti-hero * He also became the first star to reinvent himself, enjoying a long and hugely successful career as a character actor * He was a member of the cinematic Ganguly family * Kumar is regarded as one of the greatest actors of Indian cinema * He was a pioneering actor who introduced natural acting to Hindi cinema and the distinctive style and mannerisms that he adopted in his later career still remain extremely popular among mimicry artists * He had an eye for talent and helped several up-coming artists to get a break.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Jeevan Naiya, Achhut Kanya, Izzat, Bandhan, Kismet, Shikari, Mahal, Aadi Raat, Samadhi, Afsana, Raag Rang, Mr. X, Talaash, Ustad, Light House, Raagini, Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi, Howrah Bridge, Kanoon, Rakhi, Ashirvaad, Gumrah, Bandini, Meherban, Victoria No. 203, Chhoti Si Baat, etc.

Awards: Received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-1959 • Padma Shri-1962 • Padma Bhushan-1999 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1988 • Filmfare Award for Best Actor-Rakhi (1962), Ashirvaad (1969) • Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor- Afsana (1966) • National Film Awards for Best Actor-Ashirvaad (1969) • Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award (1995).

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.



Born : 13-10-1911
Died : 10-12-2001
Birth Place : Bhagalpur, Bengal
Presidency, British India







Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1989



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1989

Lata Mangeshkar
(Born : Hema Mangeshkar)
Playback Singer
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian playback singer and occasional music composer * She is considered to be one of the greatest and most influential singers of the Indian subcontinent * Her voice was one of the unifying elements of the people of South Asia across borders * Her contribution to the Indian music industry in a career spanning eight decades gained her honorific titles such as the 'Queen of Melody' & 'Nightingale of India' * Her sister Asha Bhosle is also a great playback singer.

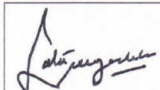
Contribution in Indian Cinema: She sang songs for films like Bajju Bawra, Mughal-E-Azam, Chori Chori, Aawaara, Aag, Shree 420, Barsaat, Guide, Madhumati, Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai, Madhumati, Bees Saal Baad, Jewel Thief, Hum Dono, Anpadh, Parasmani, Taj Mahal, Sangam, Guide, Mera Saaya, Milan, Paakeezah etc.

Awards: Received Padma Bhushan (1969) • Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989) • Padma Vibhushan (1999) • Bharat Ratna (2001) • Was awarded the title of Officer of the French Legion of Honour (2009) by the French Government etc.

Born : 28-09-1929
Died : 06-02-2022
Birth Place : Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India



Aashaji
Lata Mangeshkar



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1990 - Page-1



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1990

A. Nageswara Rao
(Born : Akkineni Nageswara Rao)
Film Actor (Telugu Film Industry)



A. Nageswara Rao
MOVIE ARTISTE

" ANNAPURNA "
Plot 255, Road No. 18, Jubilee Hills,
Hyderabad - 500 033. A.P., India.

16th December, 2001

Martina A.Lopez
France.

Dear Lopez

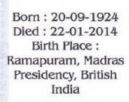
Thank you for your letter.

I appreciate your opinion on my performance in the films Maya Bazar, Gandeewam and Sutra Dharulu.

As desired, I send herewith my autograph.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely
A. Nageswara Rao
(A. NAGESWARA RAO)



Born : 20-09-1924
Died : 22-01-2014
Birth Place : Ramapuram, Madras
Presidency, British
India

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1990 - Page-2



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1990

A. Nageswara Rao
(Born : Akkineni Nageswara Rao)
Film Actor
(Telugu Film Industry)

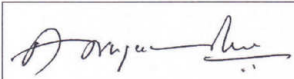


Profile: Widely known as ANR * Was an Indian actor and producer, known for his work majority in Telugu cinema * He starred in many landmark films in his seventy five-year career, and became one of the most prominent figures of Telugu cinema * He starred in over 255 films, spanning the Telugu, Tamil and Hindi languages * A majority of his films were both commercial and critical successes * He is fondly called 'Natasamrat' by his fans * He played an instrumental role in shifting the base of Telugu Cinema from Madras to Hyderabad * He was very active in social service * Film actors Nagarajuna is his son and Akhil Akkineni is his grandson * Akkineni received seven state Nandi Awards, and five Filmfare Awards South * Akkineni married Annapurna on 18 February 1949 * Annapurna Studios (established 1975) is named after her, and she was also credited as a presenter for several of the studio's productions * Rao was a Life member of the board and an adviser to the Department of Dramatics and Theatre Arts of Andhra University * He instituted gold medals for students who excelled in Acting and Direction * In 2012, he instituted the Akkineni Annapurna Educational Trust in memory of his wife Annapurna.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Vipra Narayana, Tenali Ramakrishna, Mahakavi Kalidasa, Bhakta Jayadeva, Amara Silpi Jakkanna, Bhakta Tukaram, Sri Ramadasu, Sri Rama Rajyam, Chenchu Lakshmi, Bhookailas, Sri Krishnarajuna Yuddhamu, Laila Majnu, Devadasu, Anarkali, Batasani, Mooga Manasulu, Prema Nagar, Premabhishekam, Meghasandesam, Balaraju, Keelu Gurram, Ardhangi, Donga Ramudu, Mangalya Balam, Gundamma Katha, Doctor Chakravarty, Dharna Daata, Dasara Bullodu, Sudigundalu, Aasma Bandhuvulu etc.

Awards: Received Dada Saheb Phalke Award-1990 • Padma Vibhushan-2011 • Padma Bhushan-1988 • Padma Shri-1968 etc.

Born : 20-09-1924 * Died : 22-01-2014
Birth Place : Ramapuram, Madras Presidency, British India

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1991



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1991

Bhalji Pendharkar

(Born : Bhalji Gopal Pendharkar)

Film Director/Producer
(Marathi Film Industry)



Profile: Was a film personality in India * Bhalji was related to a number of personalities from the Indian film industry * They include his elder brother, Baburao Pendharkar, maternal half-brother and actor-Director, Master Vinayak Karmatki, and maternal cousin V. Shantaram * Bhalji started his career in the era of silent films * He was associated with Prabhat Film Company's earliest talks, and also worked with other studios in hometown of Kolhapur * Later he acquired his own studio in form of Jayprabha Studio and became a film producer and director * He also wrote lyrics for some film songs in Marathi.

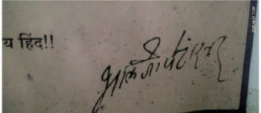
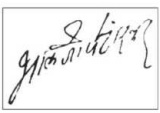
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Bajirao Mastani, Vande Mataram Ashram, Rani Rupmati, Shyam Sundar, Akashwani, Partha Kumar, Kalia Mardan, Muraliwala, Rukmani Kalyanam, Savitri, Kanhopatra, Raja Gopichand, Netaji Palkar, Atank Niranjan, Gorakhnath, Thoratanchi Kamala, Bhakta Damaji, Sontaji, Bahiri Naik, Maharathi Karna, Swarna Bhoomi, Valmiki, Sasurvaas, Meeth Bhakar, Mee Daru Sodli, Shilanganache Sone, Chhatrapati Shivaji, Mazi Zameen, Maharani Yesubai, Yere Majhya Maghya, Pavankhind, Nakinicha Sazza, Akashganga, Mohityanchi Manjula, Maratha Tituka Melvava, Sadhi Mansa, Tamdbi Maati etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1991.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.

Born : 03-05-1897 * **Died :** 26-11-1994
Birth Place : Kolhapur, Maharashtra, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1992



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1992

Bhupen Hazarika

(Known : Sudha Kontho)

Playback Singer
(Assam Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, poet, actor, artist, editor, filmmaker, professor and politician from Assam, widely known as Sudha Kontho (meaning cuckoo, literally "nectar-throated") * His songs were written and sung by himself which were mainly in the Assamese language * They are marked by humanity and universal brotherhood and have been translated and sung in many languages, most notably in Bengali and Hindi.

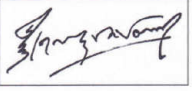
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He sang songs for films like Indramalati, Siraj, Pioli Phukan, Era Bator Sur, Mahut Bandhu Re, Shakuntala, Pratidhwani, Ka Swariti, Lati-Ghati, Chik Mik Bijuli, Aarop, Chameli Memsab, Khoj, Roop Chameli Memsab, Debdas, Chameli Memsab, Aparopa, Swikarokti, Ek Pal, Siraj, Rudaali, Pratimurti, Pani, Do Rahain, Darmiyaan: In Between, Saaz, Gaja Gamini, Kyon?, Chingari, Gandhi to Hitler etc.

Awards: He received Padma Shri in 1977 * Gold medal from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for "outstanding contribution towards tribal welfare, and uplift of tribal culture through cinema & music." (1979) * Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1987) * Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1992) * Padma Bhushan in 2001 * Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2008) * Asom Ratna — the highest civilian award in the State of Assam, India (2009) * Friends of Liberation War Honour, Government of Bangladesh (2011) * Padma Vibhushan in 2012 (posthumous) * Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in the Republic of India in 2019 (posthumous).

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued Commemorative Postage Stamps in 2013 and 2016.

Born : 08-09-1926
Died : 05-11-2011
Birth Place : Sadiya, Assam, India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1993



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1993

Majrooh Sultanpuri

(Born : Asrar ul Hassan Khan)

Film Lyricist
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian Urdu poet and lyricist in India's Hindi language film industry * He wrote Hindustani lyrics for numerous Hindi film soundtracks * He was one of the dominating musical forces in Indian cinema in the 1950s and early 1960s, and was an important figure in the Progressive Writers' Movement * He is considered one of the finest avant-garde Urdu poets of 20th century literature * In his career spanning six decades, he worked with many music directors Anil Biswas, Naushad, Madan Mohan, O.P. Nayyar, R.D. Burman and many others * In the 1980s and 1990s, most of his work was with Anand-Milind * He also wrote for Jatin-Lalit films.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He wrote songs for films like CID, Paying Guest, Dosti, Tumsa Nahi Dekha, Sujata, Kala Pani, Bambai Ka Babu, Manzil, Aarti, Aar Paar, Mr. & Mrs. 55, Dilli Ka Thug, Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi, Hum sab Chor Hain, Dil Deke Dekho, Caravan, Yaadon Ki Baraat, Abhimanyu, Kudrat, Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak, Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar, Akele Hum Akele Tum, Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa, Pukar, Jaanam Samjha Karo, Khamoshi: The Musical etc.

Awards: Majrooh won his only Filmfare Best Lyricist Award for the song "Chahunga Mein Tujhe Saanj Savere" from Dosti in 1965 * He was also awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1993 and became the first lyricist to win the prestigious award.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.

Born : 01-10-1919 * **Died :** 24-05-2000
Birth Place : Sultanpur, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, British India






Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1994



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1994

Dilip Kumar

(Born : Mohammed Yusuf Khan)

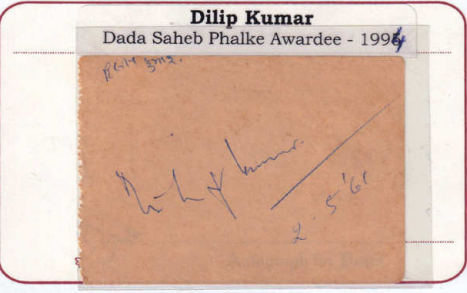
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actor who worked in Hindi cinema * Credited with pioneering method acting in cinema, he dominated the Indian cinema from late 1940s throughout 60s, being referred to as Abhinay Samrat ("Emperor of Acting") * Kumar holds the record for most wins for the Filmfare Award for Best Actor (eight, which was later equalled by Shah Rukh Khan) and was also the inaugural recipient of the award * In a career of five decades, he worked in less than 60 films in a variety of roles * He inspired many great Indian Cinema actors from contemporaries like Balraj Sahani * He, Raj Kapoor & Dev Anand together formed 'The Golden Trio' of Indian Cinema and all were renowned for their own style * He was the biggest Indian star of the Golden Era and was considered a national icon holding status of 'Matinee Idol'.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Jwar Bhata, Mela, Andaz, Babul, Devdas, Naya Daur, Madhumati, Paigham, Mughal-E-Azam, Gunga Jumna, Leader, Ram Aur Shyam, Vidhata, Shakti, Saudagar etc.

Awards: Received Eight Filmfare Awards for the Best Actor * Was honoured with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993 * NTR National Award-1997 * CNN-IBN Indian of the Year — Lifetime Achievement Award-2009 * Was awarded Padma Bhushan-1991 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1994 * Nishan-e-Pakistan, the highest civilian award conferred by the Government of Pakistan, in 1998.

Born : 11-12-1922
Died : 07-07-2021
Birth Place : Qissa Khwani Bazaar, Peshawar, Pakistan

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1995



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1995

Dr. Rajkumar
(Born : Singanalluru Puttaswamaiah Muthuraj)
Film Actor
(Kannada Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actor and singer who worked in Kannada cinema. Regarded as one of the greatest actors in the history of Indian cinema and a versatile actor. He is considered a cultural icon and holds a matinee idol status in the Kannada diaspora, among whom he is popularly called as Nata Saarvabhooma (Emperor of Actors), Bangarada Manushya (Man of Gold), Vara Nata (Gifted actor), Gaana Gandharva (Celestial singer), Rasikara Raja (King of connoisseurs), Kannada Kanteerava and Rajanna/Annayru (Elder brother, Raj). His 39 movies have been remade 63 times in 9 languages by 34 actors making him the first actor to have such a credit. He was the first actor in India to enact a role which was based on James Bond in a full-fledged manner. In 2000, he was kidnapped by sandalwood poacher Veerappan and was released after 108 days.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Bhakta Kanakadasa, Ranadheera Kanteerava, Satiya Harishchandra, Bhagyada Bagilu, Devatha Manushya, Immadi Pulikesi, Sri Krishnadevaraya, Mayura etc.

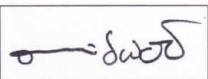
Awards: He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 1983 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1995. Rajkumar received eleven Karnataka State Film Awards, including nine Best Actor and two Best Singer awards, eight Filmfare Awards South and one National Film Award. He holds the record of receiving Filmfare Award for Best Actor – Kannada and Karnataka State Film Award for Best Actor the highest number of times. He received the NTR National Award in 2002.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2009.





Born : 24-04-1929
Died : 12-04-2006
Birth Place : Doddaballapur, British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1996



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1996

Sivaji Ganesan
(Born : Villupuram Chinnaiya Manrayar Ganesamoorthy)
Film Actor
(Tamil Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian Actor and Film producer. He was active in Tamil cinema during the latter half of the 20th century. Sivaji Ganesan is acknowledged as one of the greatest Indian actors of all time and among the most imitated one by other actors. He was known for his versatility and the variety of roles he depicted on screen, which gave him also the Tamil nickname Nadigar Thilagam. In a career that spanned close to five decades, he had acted in 288 films in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi. Sivaji Ganesan is the only Tamil actor to have played the lead role in over 250 films. Ganesan was the first Indian actor to win a "Best Actor" award in an International film festival, the Afro-Asian Film Festival held in Cairo, Egypt in 1960.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Parasakthi, Thirumbi Paar, Antha Naal, Iru Malargal, Ooty Varai Uravu, En Thambi, Deiva Magan, Sorgam, Babu, Raja, Gnana Oli, Bharatha Vilas, Raja Raja Cholan, Gowravam, En Magan, Vaazhkai, Muthal Mariyathai, Raja Rishi, Padikkadavan, Saadhanai, Jallikattu, Thevar Magan, Pasumpun, Once More, En Aasai Rasave, Padayappa, Uyarndha Manithan, Savaale Samali, Avanthan Manithan, Thirisoilam etc.

Awards: He received Kalaimamani-1962 • Padma Shri-1966 • Padma Bhushan-1984 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1996 • NTR National Award-1998 • He was also the first Indian actor to be made a Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. In addition, he received National Film Award (Special Jury), four Filmfare Awards South and three Tamil Nadu State Film Awards.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2001.





Born : 01-10-1928
Died : 21-07-2001
Birth Place : Villupuram, Madras Presidency, British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1997



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1997

Kavi Pradeep
(Born : Ramchandra Narayanji Dwivedi)
Lyricist
(Hindi Film Industry)

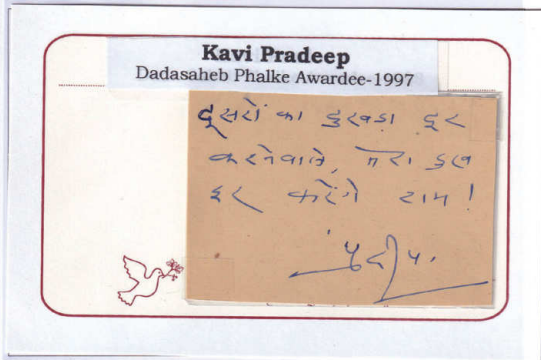


Profile: Was an Indian poet and songwriter who is best known for his patriotic song "Aye Mere Watan Ke Logo" written as a tribute to the soldiers who had died defending the country during the Sino-Indian War. In a career span of five decades he wrote about 1700 songs and nationalistic poems including the lyrics for some 72 films. In 1958, HMV released an album of 13 songs with his lyrics. He was made the Rashtra Kavi (National Poet) and came to be known as Kavi Pradeep. His fans used to see movies repeatedly just to listen his soulful songs. The popularity of his songs was due to his down-to-earth lyrics and simple language that was well understood by everyone.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He wrote songs for films like Zindgi aur khwab, Aanchal, Ram Navmi, Jagriti, Paigham, Nastik, Mashal, Baap Beti, Waman Avatar, School Master, Kismet, Bandhan, Kangan, Jai Santoshi Ma etc. He is a creator of legendary song "Aye Mere Watan Ke Logo" which brought tears in the eyes of the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru when it was sung by Lata Mangeshkar.

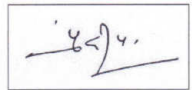
Awards: Received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-1961 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1997.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2011.





Born : 06-02-1915
Died : 11-12-1998
Birth Place : Badnagar, Central India Agency, British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1998



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1998

B.R. Chopra
(Born : Baldev Raj Chopra)
Film Producer/Director
(Hindi Film Industry)



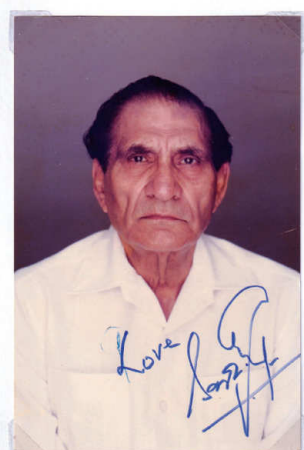
Profile: Was a famous Indian director and producer of Bollywood industry and television series. He's known for directing notable films like Afsana, Ek Hi Raasta, Naya Daur, Sadhna, Kanoon, Gumrah, Hamraaz, Dhund, Pati Patni Aur Woh, Insaaf Ka Tarazu and Nikaah. He also produced hit films such as Dhool Ka Phool, Waqt, Ittefaq, Aadmi Aur Insaan, Chhoti Si Baat, The Burning Train, Aaj Ki Awasz, Baghban and the TV series, Mahabharat. His younger brother Yash Chopra, son Ravi Chopra and nephews Aditya Chopra and Karan Johar are also directors in the Bollywood industry. His nephew Uday Chopra is an actor and producer. He forayed into TV with 'Mahabharat' serial which became the most successful TV serial with 92% viewers record in Indian television history.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He produced / directed films like Afsana, Ek Hi Raasta, Naya Daur, Sadhna, Kanoon, Gumrah, Hamraaz, Dhund, Pati Patni Aur Woh, Insaaf Ka Tarazu, Nikaah, Dhool Ka Phool, Waqt, Ittefaq, Aadmi Aur Insaan, Chhoti Si Baat, The Burning Train, Aaj Ki Awasz, Baghban etc. He made TV Series Mahabharat in late 1980s.

Awards: Received many National Film Awards and Filmfare Awards • Padma Shri-1974 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-1998 • Padma Bhushan-2001.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2013.

Born : 22-04-1914 • Died : 05-11-2008 • Birth Place : Rahon, Punjab, India






Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-1999



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-1999

Hrishikesh Mukherjee

Film Director
(Hindi Film Industry)

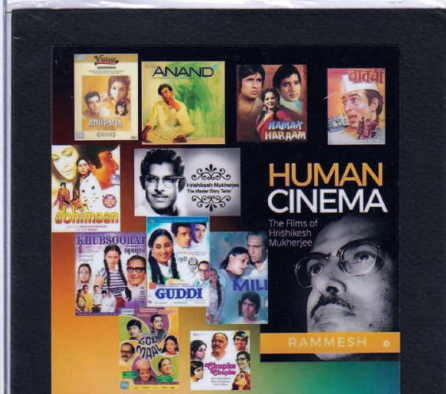


Profile: Was an Indian film director, editor and writer * He is regarded as one of the greatest filmmakers of Indian cinema * Popularly known as Hrishi-da, he directed 42 films during his career spanning over four decades, and is named the pioneer of the 'middle cinema' of India * Renowned for his social films that reflected the changing middle-class ethos, Mukherjee 'carved a middle path between the extravagance of mainstream cinema and the stark realism of art cinema' * He also remained the chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Musafir, Anari, Satyakam, Chupke Chupke, Anupama, Anand, Abhimata, Guddi, Gol Maal, Milli, Jurmana, Bemisal, Majhli Didi, Chaitali, Aashirwad, Bawarchi, Khubsoorat, Kissi Se Na Kehna, Namak Haraam, Alaap, Rang Birangi etc.

Awards: Received Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1999 * Padma Vibhushan in 2001 * He received the NTR National Award in 2001 and he also won eight Filmfare Awards.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.



Born : 30-09-1922
Died : 27-08-2006
Birth Place :
Calcutta, Bengal
Presidency, British India

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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2000



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2000

Asha Bhosle

(Born : Asha Mangeshkar)

Playback Singer
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Is an Indian playback singer, entrepreneur, actress and television personality who predominantly works in Hindi films * Is the most versatile, influential and successful singers in Hindi Cinema * Has recorded songs for films & albums in various Indian languages * Is the sister of playback singer Lata Mangeshkar * Is renowned for her soprano voice range and is credited for her work which includes film music, folk songs, qawwalis, gazals, bhajans, pop, classical and Rabindra Sangeet * Apart from Hindi, she has sung in over 20 Indian & foreign languages * In 2020, she launched her YouTube channel named 'Asha Bhosle Official'

Contribution in Indian Cinema: She sang songs for films like Mere Sanam, Anupama, Do Badan, Dus Lakh, Shikar, Andaz, Caravan, Hare Rama Hare Krishna, Raja Rani, Anhonee, Naina, Bidaai, Hawas, Manoranjan, Pran Jaye Par Vachan Na Jaye, Amanush, Khel Khel Mein, Barood, Taxi Taxie, Muqaddar Ka Sikandar, Don, Rangela, Umrao Jaan, Ijaazat, Teen Devian, Waqt, Teesri Kasam, Mera Saaya, Ghayalim Jurm, Thanedar, Khiladi, Baazigar, Taal etc.

Awards: Has won seven 'Filmfare Awards' and two 'Indian National Awards' in 1961 & 1966 * Was nominated for 'Grammy Award' in 1997 for 'Legacy', an album with Ustad Ali Akbar Khan * Has won 14 Maharashtra State Awards * Has also won numerous other awards such as 'Nightingale of Asia Award' from the Indo-Pak Association, UK in 1967 * 'Singer of the Millennium' at Dubai in 2000 * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-2001 * 'BBC Lifetime Achievement Award' in 2002 etc. * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2000 * Padma Vibhushan-2008.

Born : 08-09-1933 * **Birth Place :** Sangli, Bombay Presidency, British India

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DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2001

Yash Chopra

(Born : Yash Raj Chopra)

Film Producer/Director
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film director and film producer who worked in Hindi cinema * He is considered among the best Hindi filmmakers, particularly known and admired for his romantic films with strong female leads * In 1970, he founded his own independent film production and distribution company viz. Yash Raj Films * In 1995, he launched the television production house 'Metavision'.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Dhool Ka Phool, Waqt, Aadmi Aur Insaan, Daag, Deewar, Kabhi Kabhie, Trishul, Kaala Patthar, Silsila, Mashaal, Chandni, Lamhe, Darr, Dil To Pagal Hai, Veer-Zaara, Jab Tak Hai Jaan etc.

Awards: Received Padma Bhushan-2005 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2001 * National Film Awards for Chandni, Darr, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Dil To Pagal Hai, Veer-Zaara * Filmfare Awards for Waqt, Ittefaq, Daag, Deewar, Lamhe, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Dil To Pagal Hai, Veer-Zaara * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-2013 etc.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.

Born : 27-09-1932 * **Died :** 21-10-2012 * **Birth Place :** Lahore, Punjab, British India

Yash Chopra

Yash Chopra

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2001 - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2001

Yash Chopra

(Born : Yash Raj Chopra)

Film Producer/Director
(Hindi Film Industry)



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2002 - Page-1 - Type 1 Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2002

Dev Anand
(Born : Dharamdev Pishorimal Anand)

Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian actor, writer, director and producer * In his career of six decades, he worked in more than 100 films * He is considered as the greatest and most successful actor in the history of Indian Cinema.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Ziddi, Jaal, Taxi Driver, Munimji, House No. 44, Funtoosh, C.I.D., Paying Guest, Kala Pani, Hum Dono, T Teen Devian, Guide, Mahal, Jewel Thief, Johnny Mera Naam, etc.

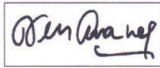
Awards: Received 3 Filmfare Awards and a Starscreen Life Time Achievement Award in 1996 • Padma Bhushan-2001 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2002.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image in 2013.



Born : 26-09-1923
Died : 03-12-2011
Birth Place :
Shakargarh,
Punjab, British India





Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2002 - Page-2 - Type 2 Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2002

Dev Anand
(Born : Dharamdev Pishorimal Anand)

Film Actor (Hindi Film Industry)

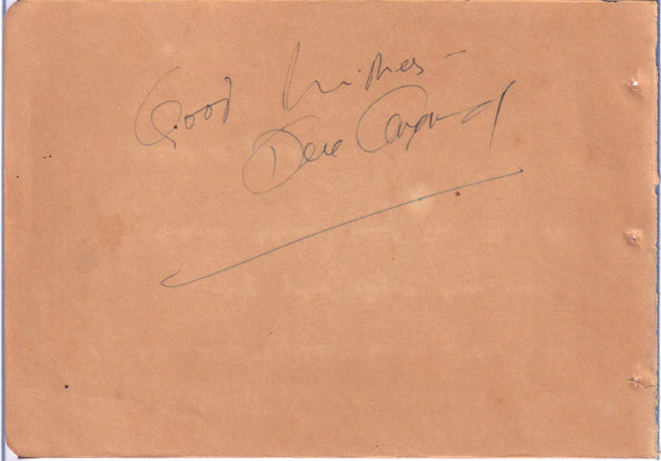


Profile: Was an Indian actor, writer, director and producer * In his career of six decades, he worked in more than 100 films * He is considered as the greatest and most successful actor in the history of Indian Cinema.

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Born : 26-09-1923
Died : 03-12-2011
Birth Place :
Shakargarh,
Punjab, British India





Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2003



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2003

Mrinal Sen
(Bengali Film Industry)

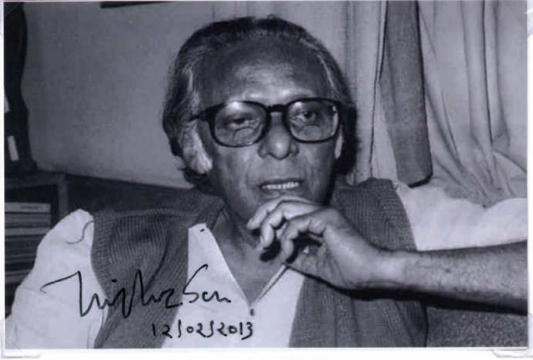
Film Director
(Bengali Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film director and screenwriter known for his work primarily in Bengali, and a few Hindi and Telugu language films * Regarded as one of the finest Indian filmmakers, along with his contemporaries Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak, and Tapan Sinha, Sen played a major role in the New Wave cinema of eastern India.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Raat Bhoire (The Dawn), Neel Akasher Neechee (Under the Blue Sky), Baishey Shravana (Wedding Day), Punascha (Over Again), Abasheshe (And at Last), Pratidinhi (The Representative), Akash Kusum (Up in the Clouds), Matira Manisha (Man of the Soil), Bhuvan Shome (Mr. Bhuvan Shome), Interview, Ek Adhuri Kahani (An Unfinished Story), Calcutta 71, Padatik (The Guerrilla Fighter), Chorus, Mrigaya (The Royal Hunt), Oka Oori Katha (The Outsiders), Parashuram (The Man with the Axe), Ek Din Pratidin (And Quiet Rolls the Dawn), Akaler Sandhane (In Search of Famine), Chalachitra (The Kaleidoscope), Khanji (The Case Is Closed), Khandhar (The Ruins), Genesis, Ek Din Achanak (Suddenly, One Day), Mahapritibi (World Within, World Without), Antareen (The Confined), Aamaar Bhuvan (This, My Land) etc.

Awards: Sen has received various national and international honors including eighteen Indian National Film Awards • He received Padma Bhushan-1983 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2003 • Government of France honored him with the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres • Russian Government honored him with the Order of Friendship • He was one of the few Indian filmmakers having won awards at the big three film festivals viz., Cannes, Venice and the Berlinale.



Born : 14-05-1923
Died : 30-12-2018
Birth Place : Faridpur,
Bengal Presidency,
British India




Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2004



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2004

Adoor Gopalakrishnan
(Born : Mouttathu Gopalakrishnan Unnithan)

Film Producer/Director
(Malayalam Film Industry)

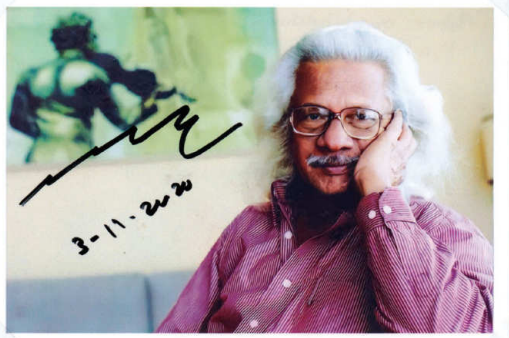


Profile: Is an Indian film director, script writer, and producer and is regarded as one of the most notable and renowned filmmakers in India * With the release of his first feature film Swayamvaram (1972), Gopalakrishnan pioneered the new wave in Malayalam cinema during the 1970s * In a career spanning over five decades, Gopalakrishnan has made only 12 feature films to date * His films are made in the Malayalam language and often depict the society and culture of his native state Kerala * Nearly all of his films premiered at Venice, Cannes and Toronto International Film Festival * Along with Satyajit Ray and Mrinal Sen, Gopalakrishnan is also one of the most recognized Indian film directors in world cinema * For his films, he has won the National Film Award 16 times, next to Satyajit Ray and Mrinal Sen.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Swayamvaram, Kodiyettam, Elippathayam, Anantharam, Mathilukal, Vidheyam, Kathapurushan, Nizhalkkuthu etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1984 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2004 • Padma Bhushan-2006 • National Film Awards - Best Film - Swayamvaram-1973, Kathapurushan-1995 • Best Director - Swayamvaram-1973, Mukhamukham-1985, Anantharam-1988, Mathilukal-1990, Naalu Pennungal-2008.

Born : 03-07-1941 * Birth Place : Pallickal, Adoor, Travancore, British India






Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2005



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2005

Shyam Benegal
Film Producer/Director
(Hindi Film Industry)

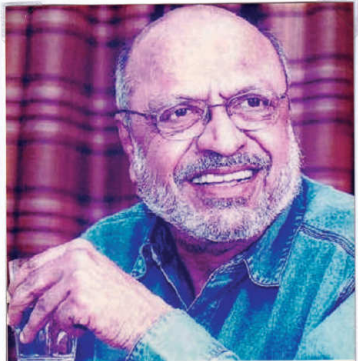


Profile: Is an Indian film director, screenwriter and documentary film maker * Often regarded as the pioneer of parallel cinema, he is widely considered as one of the greatest film makers post 1970s * He has received several accolades, including eighteen National Film Awards, a Filmfare Award and a Nandi Award * In the early 1970s, he made 21 film modules for Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) sponsored by UNICEF * In 1986, he turned to TV where he directed serials such as Yatra (1986) and Bharat Ek Khoj (1988) based on Nehru's book, Discovery of India * He owns a production company called 'Sahyadri Films'.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Ankur, Nishant, Manthan, Bhumika, Junoon, Kalyug, Mandi, Sardari Begum, Zubeda, Mammo.

Awards: Received 18 National Film Awards * 3 Filmfare Awards, 1 each in Cannes Film Festival & Berlin International Film Festival * 2 in Moscow International Film Festival * Padma Shri -1976 * Padma Bhushan-1991 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2005.

Born : 14-12-1934 * **Birth Place :** Trimulgherry, Hyderabad State, British India




To Mr Prafull Thakkar
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Shyam Benegal
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2006



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2006

Tapan Sinha
Film Producer/Director
(Bengali & Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was one of the most prominent Indian film directors of his time forming a legendary quartet with Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak and Mrinal Sen * He was primarily a Bengali filmmaker who worked both in Hindi cinema and Bengali cinema, directing films like Kabuliwala (1957), Louha-Kapat, Sagina Mahato (1970), Apanjan (1968), Kshudhita Pashan and children's film Safed Haathi (1978) and Aaj Ka Robinhood * Sinha started his career in 1946, as a sound engineer with New Theatres film production house in Kolkata, then in 1950 left for England where he worked at Pinewood Studios for next two years, before returning home to start his six decade long career in Indian cinema, making films in Bengali, Hindi and Oriya languages, straddling genres from social realism, family drama, labor rights, to children's fantasy films * He was one of the acclaimed filmmakers of Parallel Cinema movement of India.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Ankush, Upahar, Tonsil, Kabuliwala, Safed Haathi, Louha-Kapat, Sagina Mahato, Apanjan, Kshudhita Pashan, Kala Mati, Khaniker Atithi, Khudhito Pashan, Jhinder Bandi, Jatugriha, Arohi, Atithi, Galpo Holeo Satti, Hately Bazarey, Apanjan etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1992 * 10 National Film Awards between 1956 to 1994 * President's Gold Medal for the All India Best Feature Film - Kabuliwala-1956 * Certificate of Merit for Second Best Feature Film in Bengali - Louha-Kapat-1957 * All India Certificate of Merit for Second Best Feature Film - Kshudhita Pashan-1960 * Best Direction - Ek Doctor Ki Maut-1990 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2006.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp in 2013.

Born : 02-10-1924
Died : 15-01-2009
Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India




Tapan Sinha
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2007



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2007

Manna Dey
(Born : Prabodh Chandra Dey)
Playback Singer
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was a renowned Indian playback singer, music director, and musician * He had a classical music background, being part of the Bhabhabhazaar Gharana and receiving training under Ustad Aman Ali Khan * Manna Dey is widely recognized as one of the most versatile and celebrated vocalists in the Hindi film industry, and is often acknowledged for his significant contributions to integrating Indian classical music into Hindi commercial cinema * As a musician, Dey is particularly acclaimed for incorporating Indian classical music elements into a pop musical framework, a contribution that played a pivotal role during the golden era of Hindi cinema * Throughout his career spanning over five decades, Dey recorded a total of 3047 songs * His majority songs were in Bengali and Hindi, but he also showcased his singing prowess in 14 other Indian languages including Bhojpuri, Punjabi, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam etc. * His musical zenith was observed during the mid-1950s to the 1970s * He worked with more than 102 music directors in Hindi film industry between 1942 to 2006.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He sang songs for films like Awaara, Boot Polish, Shree 420, Seema, Chori Chori, Do Aankhen Barah Haath, Navrang, Barsaat Ki Raat, Waqt, Teesri Kasam, Anand, Zanjeer, Laawaris etc.

Awards: Received National Film Award for Best Male Playback Singer - Mere Hazur-1969, Mera Naam Joker-1971 * Padma Shri-1971 * Padma Bhushan-2005 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2007 * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-2011.

Note: In his honour, India Post has issued a Commemorative Postage Stamp with his image on stamp in 2016.

Born : 01-05-1919
Died : 24-10-2013
Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India





Manna Dey

Manna Dey

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2008



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2008

V. K. Murthy
(Born : Venkatarama Pandit Krishnamurthy)
Film Cinematographer
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian cinematographer * Murthy, a one-time violinist and jailed freedom fighter, was Guru Dutt's regular cameraman on his movies * He provided some of Indian cinema's most notable images in starkly contrasted black and white * He also shot India's first cinemascope film, Kaagaz Ke Phool * Murthy began his career in films with Maharana Pratap * He worked as an assistant to cinematographer V. Ratna in the 1951 film Baazi which was Guru Dutt's first as a director * Dutt, impressed by Murthy's smooth and fluid captures with the camera, took him on for his next film Jaal (1952), which was Murthy's first film as a chief cinematographer * Murthy, then became a part of the Guru Dutt team, till the latter's death in 1964 * In 1959 came Guru Dutt's Kaagaz Ke Phool, a film critically acclaimed as one of the director's best * More than anything else, it won many accolades for its cinematography and created unparalleled history in the field * He worked exclusively with Dutt until the director's death * Some of Murthy's best work came in Guru Dutt's movies like Pyaasa, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam and Aar Paar * Following Dutt's death, Murthy worked with Kamal Amrohi on his masterpiece, Pakeezah and Razia Sultan * Post Guru Dutt, he like many of the director's team was not able to give any pinnacle work.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He worked as cinematographer for films like Hooov Hannu, Deedar, Khule Aam, Kalyug Aur Ramayan, Nastik, Jugnu, Naya Zamana, Suraj, Love in Tokyo, Ziddi, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam, Chaudhvin Ka Chand, Kaagaz Ke Phool, Pyaasa, C.I.D., Mr. & Mrs. 55, Aar-Paar, Jaal, Baazi, Pakeezah, Razia Sultan etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Best Cinematographer Award - Kaagaz Ke Phool (1959), Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam (1962) * IIFALifetime Achievement Award - Amsterdam, 2005 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2008.

Born : 26-11-1923 * **Died :** 07-04-2014
Birth Place : Mysore, Kingdom of Mysore, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2009



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2009

D. Ramanaidu
(Born : Daggubati Ramanaidu)
Film Producer
(Telugu Film Industry)

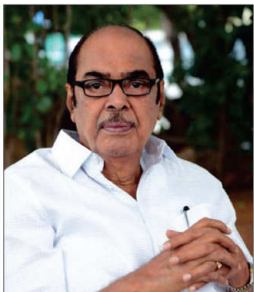


Profile: Was an Indian film producer known for his work in Telugu cinema * He founded Suresh Productions in 1964 which became one of the largest film production companies in India * He was one of the most influential movie moguls in Indian cinema * He was placed in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most films produced by an individual, with more than 150 films in all official Indian languages * He played a full-length role for the first time in the 2007 Telugu film Hope * He also served as a Member of Parliament for the Bapatla constituency in Andhra Pradesh in the 13th Lok Sabha from 1999 to 2004 * Ramanaidu got married in 1958 and had three children, two sons and a daughter * His elder son D. Suresh Babu is a producer and his younger son Venkatesh is an actor in Telugu cinema * He had eight grandchildren, two of whom – Rana and Naga Chaitanya – are actors in Telugu cinema.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Ramudu Bheemudu, Prema Nagar, Jeevana Tarangalu, Chakravakam, Sogadalu, Agni Poolu, Devata, Mundadugu, Sangharshana, Kathanayakudu, Kaliyuga Pandavulu, Ramu, Aha Naa Pellanta, Chinababu, Brahma Puthrudu, Prema, Indrudu Chandrudu, Bobbili Raja, Coolie No. 1, Super Police, Dharma Chakram, Preminchukundam Raa, Ganesh, Preyasi Rave, Kalisundam Raa, Jayam Manadara, Preminchu, Nee Premakali, Nuvvu Leka Nenu Lenu, Hari Villu, Vijayam, Neeku Nenu Naaku Nuvvu, Malliswari, Nireekshana, Sri Krishna 2006, Madhumasam, Tulasi, Kousalya Supraja Rama, Baladoor, Bendu Apparao R.M.P, Aalasyam Amrutam, Mugguru, Masala, Nenem...Chinna Pillana?, Bhimavaram Bullodu, Drushyam, Gopala Gopala, Didaar, Tonfa, Anari, Hum Aapke Dil Mein Rehne Hain etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Award for Best Telugu Film – Jeevana Tarangalu (1973) • Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award – South (2000) • National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Bengali – Asukh (1999) • National Film Award for Best Film on Other Social Issues – Hope (2006) • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2009 • Padma Bhushan-2012.

Born : 06-06-1936 * Died : 18-02-2015
Birth Place : Karamchedu, Madras Presidency, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2010



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2010

K. Balachander
(Born : Kailasam Balachandar)
Film Director
(Tamil/Telugu Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian filmmaker and playwright who worked mainly in the Tamil cinema * He was well known for his distinct film-making style, and the Indian film industry knew him as a master of unconventional themes and hard-hitting contemporary subject matter * Balachander's films are well known for their portrayal of women as bold personalities and central characters * Popularly referred to as Iyakkunar Sigaram (lit. "Director Paramount"), his films are usually centred on unusual or complicated interpersonal relationships and social themes * He started his film career in 1964 as a screenwriter and graduated to a director with Neerkumizhi (1965) * In a career of 50 years, he had contributed to nearly 100 feature films either as a screenwriter or director * This made him one of the most prolific filmmakers in the country * He made films under his production house 'Kavithalaya Productions' * Apart from Tamil, he made films in Telugu, Kannada and Hindi languages.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Iru Kodugal, Apoorva Raagangal, Thaneer Thaneer, Achamilalai Achamilalai, Rudraveena, Oru Veedu Iru Vaasalva Roja, Ek Duuje Ke Liye, Avargal, Maro Charitra, Ninaithale Inikkum, Guppedu Manasu, Agni Sakshi, Sindhu Bhairavi, Punnaigal Mannan, Rudraveena, Jathi Malli, Saamy, Ayya etc.

Awards: Balachander had won 9 National Film Awards, 11 Tamil Nadu State Film Awards, five Nandi Awards and 13 Filmfare Awards • Received Padma Shri-1987 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2010.

Born : 09-07-1930
Died : 23-12-2014
Birth Place : Nannilam, Madras Presidency, British India



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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2011 - Page-1 - English Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2011

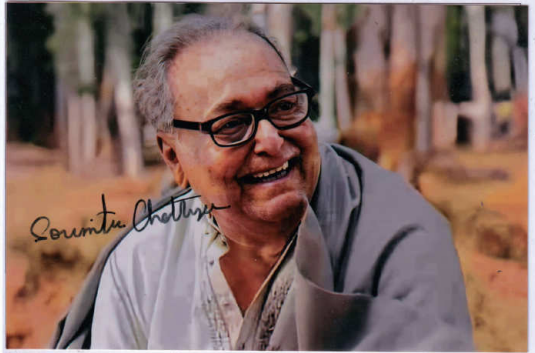
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(Born : Soumitra Chattopadhyay)
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Was an Indian film actor, play-director, playwright, writer, thespian and poet * He is regarded as one of the greatest and most influential actors in the history of Indian cinema * He is best known for his collaborations with director Satyajit Ray, with whom he worked in fourteen films * He acted in more than 210 films in his career * He was the recipient of multiple honours and awards.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Bastav, Romantic Noy, Nosto Purush, Peace Haven, Posto, The Anniversary, Sesh Chithi, Samantaral, Mayurakshi, Secret Love Story, Boxer, Kusumitar Gappo, Jaal, Flat No 609, Valentines Day, Shonar Pahar, Manojder Adhbut Bari, Jonmodin, Basu Poribar, Shesher Golpo, Abalamban, Adda, Sanjibati, Borunbabur Bondhu, Sraboner Dhara etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award - South-1994 • Padma Bhushan-2004 • Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2011 • Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur or Commander of Legion of Honour-2018 from the Government of France • He also received Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1998 for his work in theatre.



Soumitra Chatterjee



Born : 19-01-1935
Died : 15-11-2020
Birth Place : Calcutta, British India

Soumitra Chatterjee

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2011 - Page-2 - Bengali Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2011

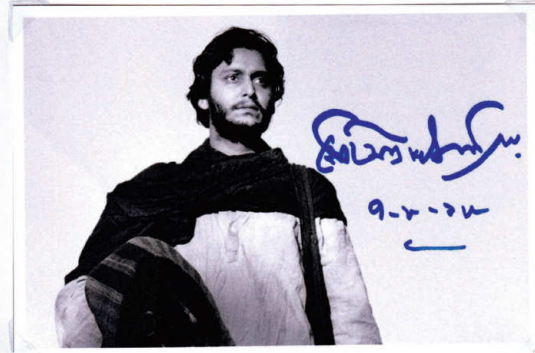
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Died : 15-11-2020
Birth Place : Calcutta, British India

Soumitra Chatterjee

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2012



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2012

Pran
(Born : Pran Krishan Sikand Ahluwalia)

Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



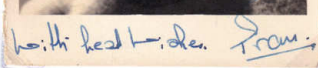
Profile: Was an Indian actor, known as one of the greatest villains ever in the history of Indian cinema and a character actor in Hindi cinema from the 1940s to the 1990s * He has been one of the most highly successful and respected veteran actors in the history of Indian cinema * He was also one of the highest-paid actors of his time * He played hero roles from 1940 to 1947, negative characters from 1942 to 1991, and played supporting and character roles from 1967 to 2007 * The late 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s were the peak periods of Pran's stint as a villainous character actor, especially 1950s and 1960s * Pran was the first true personification of "evil" on the Indian screen * In a long and prolific career, he appeared in over 362 films * He has received many awards and honours in his career * Pran and Ashok Kumar were very close friends in professional and real life * They both acted in 27 films together from 1951 to 1987 * He produced only one movie 'Lakshmanrekha' in 1991 in his Bollywood career.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Chhaila, Jis Desh Men Ganga Behti Hai, Jab Pyar Kisi Se Hota Hai, Dil Tera Diwana, Half Ticket, Kashmir Ki Kali, Purab Aur Paschim, Johnny Mera Naam, Zanjeer, Victoria No. 203, Love in Tokyo, Do Badan, Sanyasi, Vishwanath, Nastik etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Best Supporting Actor Award for Upkar-1967, Aansoo Ban Gaye Phool-1969, Be-Imaan-1972 * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-1997 * Padma Bhushan-2001 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2012.

Born : 12-02-1920 * Died : 12-07-2013 * Birth Place : Delhi, British India




Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2013



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2013

Gulzar
(Born : Sampooran Singh Kalra)

Lyricist
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Is an Indian Urdu poet, lyricist, author, screenwriter, and film director known for his works in Hindi cinema * He is regarded as one of the greatest Urdu poets of this era * He started his career with music director S. D. Burman as a lyricist in the 1963 film Bandini and subsequently worked with many music directors including R. D. Burman, Salil Chowdhury, Vishal Bhardwaj & A. R. Rahman * Gulzar also writes poetry, dialogues and scripts * He directed films such as Aandhi & Mausam during the 1970s and the TV series Mirza Ghalib in the 1980s * He also directed Kirdaar in 1993.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He wrote songs for films like Kabuliwala, Bandini, Aashirwad, Khamoshi, Anand, Seema, Guddi, Bawarchi, Khatta Miha, Gol Maal, Massom, Ijaazat, Rudali, Chachi 420, Dil Se, Khubsoorat, Bunty Aur Babli, Omkara, Guru, Ishqiya etc.

Awards: Received 6 National Awards, 22 Filmfare awards, 1 Academy Award-2008 * Grammy Award-2010 for his song 'Jai Ho' in Slumdog Millionaire * Sahitya Akademi Award-2002 * Padma Bhushan-2004 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2013 * Gulzar was awarded Jnanpith, India's highest literary award in 2024.

Born : 18-08-1934
Birth Place : Dina, Jhelum District, Punjab, British India







Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2014



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2014

Shashi Kapoor
(Born : Balbir Raj Kapoor)

Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



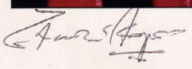
Profile: Was an Indian actor and film producer who is best known for his works in Hindi films * He has also featured in a number of foreign-language international films, particularly films produced by Merchant Ivory * He was the youngest son of Prithviraj Kapoor * He was married to English actress Jennifer Kendal and lived with her from 1958 to 1984 * In 1978, he set up his own production house 'Film Vistas' which produced critically acclaimed films * Shashi Kapoor was of particular note in the Kapoor clan * He has been the solo hero more times (61 films) and a lead protagonist in more Hindi films (116) than his nephews Rishi Kapoor, Randhir Kapoor & Rajiv Kapoor and even more than his brothers Raj Kapoor and Shammi Kapoor.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Waqt, Jab Jab Phool Khile, Pyar Kiye Jaa, Heseena Maan Jayegi, Kanyadaan, Pyar Ka Mausam, Sharmilee, Aa Gale Lag Jaa, Roti Kapda Aur Makana, Deewar, Kabhi Kabhie etc.

Awards: Received National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi (as Producer) for Junoon-1979 * National Film Award for Best Actor for New Delhi Times-1986 * National Film Award - Special Jury Award / Special Mention (Feature Film) for Muhafiz-1993 * Padma Bhushan-2011 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2014.

Born : 18-03-1938
Died : 04-12-2017
Birth Place : Kolkata, West Bengal, India




Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2015



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2015

Manoj Kumar
(Born : Hari Krishan Goswami)

Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Is an Indian actor, film director, screenwriter, lyricist and editor who worked in Hindi cinema * He is known for acting and making films with patriotic themes, and has been given the nickname Bharat Kumar * His trademark hand-covering-the-face was very popular and continues to be the butt of jokes of latter day stand-up comedians * In 2007, the Shah Rukh Khan film Om Shanti Om featured the lead character pretending to be Manoj Kumar so as to sneak into a movie premiere, by holding his hand over his face * Kumar filed a lawsuit, which was settled out of court * He consistently liked working with actors Prem Nath, Pran, Prem Chopra, Kamini Kaushal and Hema Malini in his career.

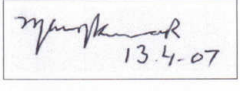
Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Kaanch Ki Gudiya, Reshmi Rumaal, Hariyali Aur Rasta, Dr. Vidyaa, Shaadi, Banarsi Thug, Grahasti, Woh Kaun Thi?, Phoolon Ki Sej, Shaheed, Bedaag, Himalay Ki God Mein, Gunnaam, Do Badan, Sawan Ki Ghata, Patthar Ke Sanam, Anita, Upkar, Neel Kamal, Aadmi, Sajon, Purab Aur Paschim, Yaadgar, Pahchan, Mera Naam Joker, Shor, Be-Imaan, Roti Kapda Aur Makana, Sanyasi, Dus Numbri, Kranti, Mujhe Insaaf Chahiye, Kalyug Aur Ramayan, Santosh, Clerk, Deshwas, Maidan-E-Jung etc.

Awards: He is the recipient of a National Film Award and seven Filmfare Awards, in varied categories * He was awarded Padma Shri in 1992 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2015 * He was awarded the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999 for a career spanning over 40 years.

Born : 24-07-1937
Birth Place : Abbottabad, North-West Frontier Province, British India







Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2016



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2016

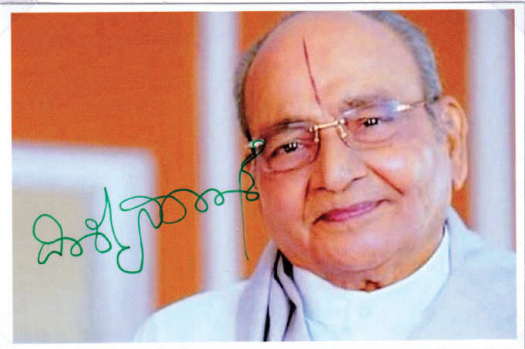
K. Viswanath
(Born : Kasinadhuni Viswanath)
Film Director
(Telugu Film Industry)



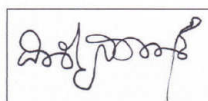
Profile: Was popularly known as "Kalatapasi" * Was an Indian film director, screenwriter, lyricist and actor * One of the greatest auteurs of Telugu cinema, he received international recognition for his works, and is known for blending parallel cinema with mainstream cinema * Viswanath started his film career as an audiographer and in sixty years, he has directed 53 feature films in a variety of genres, including central themes based on performing arts, visual arts, aesthetics, melodrama, and poetry * Viswanath's filmography is known for addressing the issues of caste, colour, disability, gender discrimination, misogyny, alcoholism and socio-economic challenges through liberal arts medium.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He directed films like Aatma Gowravam, Private Master, Sudigundulu, Chelleli Kapuram, Kalam Marindi, Sarada, O Seeta Katha, Jeevana Jyothi, Sargam, Sankarabharanam, Saptapadi, Kaanchor, Subhalekha, Sagara Sangamam, Shubh Kaamna, Janani Jambhoomi, Jag Utha Insaan, Sanjog, Sur Sangam, Swathi Muthyam, Sirivennela, Sruthilayalu, Swayamkrushi, Swamekamelam, Eeshwar, Sutradharulu, Swathi Kiranam, Sangeet, Apadbandhavudu, Dhanwaan, Subha Sankalpam, Aurat Aurat Aurat, Chinnabai etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1992 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2016 * He was honored with the "Prize of the Public" at the "Besancon Film Festival of France" in 1981 * Is a recipient of 5 National Film Awards, 7 State Nandi Awards, 10 Filmfare Awards (South) and a Filmfar Award in Hindi.



Born : 19-02-1930
Died : 02-02-2023
Birth Place : Repalle,
Madras Presidency,
British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2017



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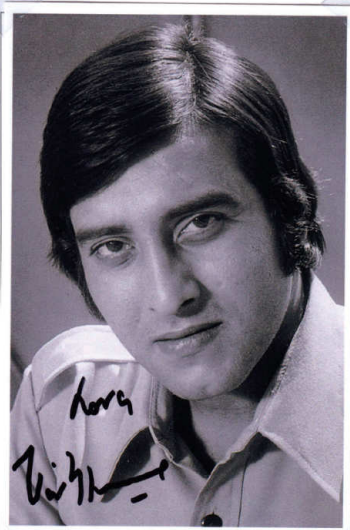
Vinod Khanna
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



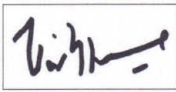
Profile: Was an Indian actor, film producer and politician * Was best known for his work in Hindi films * He was also a notable spiritual seeker * He was considered the style icon & fashion icon and was often referred as 'Sexy Sanyas' in media * He made his film debut in 1968 and initially acted in supporting and antagonistic roles * In 1982, he temporarily took a break from the film industry to follow his spiritual Guru Osho Rajneesh * After a 5-year hiatus, he returned to the Hindi film industry * He starred in over 47 multi-hero films * He had also ventured into television, playing the male lead role of 'Kashinath' in the Smriti Irani produced Hindi serial 'Mere Apne' * He has triumphed in four Lok Sabha polls (1998, 1999, 2004 & 2014) * He also served as Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture as well as External Affairs.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Purab Aur Paschim, Aan Milo Sajna, Sachaa Jhutha, Mera Gaon Mera Desh, Reshma Aur Shera, Rakhwala, Mere Apne, Kuchhe Dhaage, Patthar Aur Payal, Haath Ki Safai, Zameer, Shankar Shambhu, Shaqua, Hera Pheri, Aap Ki Khatri, Halyara, Khoon Pasina, Amar Akbar Anthony, Parvarish, Muqaddar Ka Sikander, Qurbani, The Burning Train, Daulat, Dayavan, Chandni, Dabangg etc.

Awards: Received Filmfare Best Supporting Actor Award for Haath Ki Safai-1975 * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-1999 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2017.



Born : 06-10-1946
Died : 27-04-2017
Birth Place : Peshawar,
Pakistan



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2018 - Page-1 - English Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2018

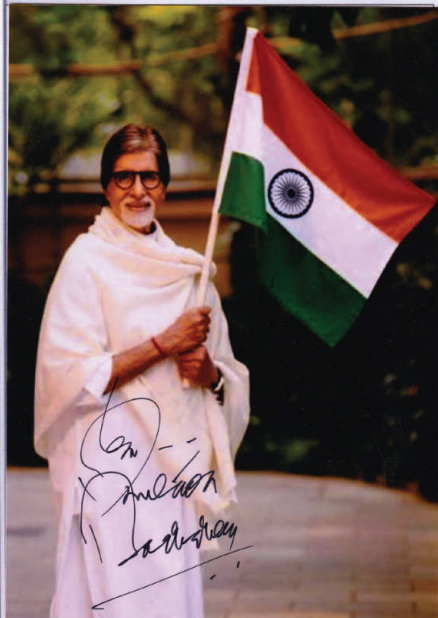
Amitabh Bachchan
(Born : Amitabh Srivastava)
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Is an Indian actor who works in Hindi cinema * With a cinematic journey spanning over five decades, he has played pivotal roles in over 200 films * Is widely recognised as one of the most accomplished and influential actors in the history of Indian cinema * Bachchan is often hailed as the Shahenshah of Bollywood, Sadi Ke Mahanayak ("Greatest actor of the century"), Star of the Millennium, or simply Big B * His dominance in the Indian film industry during the 1970s-80s led the French director François Truffaut to describe it as a "one-man industry" * His family members viz. wife Jaya Bachchan, son Abhishek Bachchan and daughter-in-law Aishwarya Bachchan are film stars.

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Born : 11-10-1942
Birth Place : Allahabad,
United Provinces,
British India



Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2018 - Page-2 - Hindi Autograph



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2018

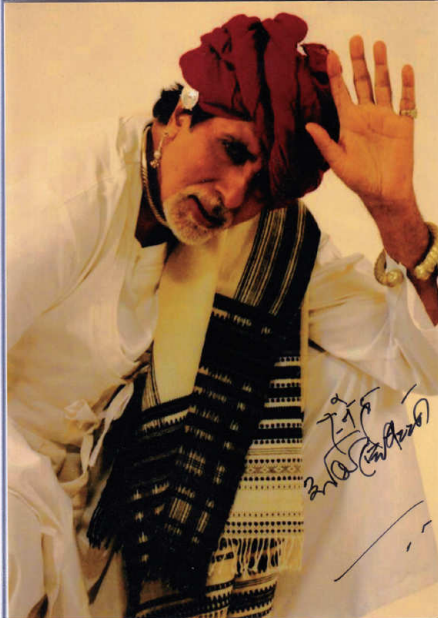
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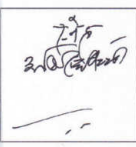
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Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2019



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Rajnikanth
(Shivaji Rao Gaikwad)
Film Actor (South India)
(Tamil & Hindi Film Industry)

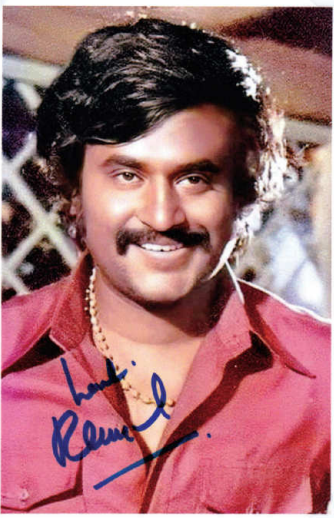


Profile: Is an Indian actor who works mainly in Tamil cinema * In a career spanning over five decades, he has done 169 films that include films in Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, and Malayalam * He is widely regarded to be one of the most successful and popular actors in the history of Indian cinema * Known for his uniquely styled lines and idiosyncrasies in films, he has a huge fan base internationally and has a cult following * He credited Hindi film star 'Amitabh Bachchan' as his inspiration * He began playing Amitabh Bachchan's roles in Tamil remakes of his film and has starred in 11 Tamil remakes * Almost every film of him, has punchlines delivered by him in a distinctive style and these punchlines often have a message.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Andhaa Kaanoon, Chaaibaz, Phool Bane Angaray, Padayappa, Bulandi, Baba, Chandramukhi, Sivaji: The Boss, Kuselan, Kathanayakudu, Enlhiran, Ra.One, Kochadaiyan, Lingaa, Kabali, Cinema Veeran, Kaala, Petta, Darbar, Annaathe, Jailer, Lal Salaam etc.

Awards: He has won many awards including one National Film Award, seven Tamil Nadu State Film Awards, a Nandi Award and one Filmfare Award for Best Tamil Actor in 1984 * Received Padma Bhushan-2000 * Padma Vibhushan-2016 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2019.

Born : 12-12-1950
Birth Place : Bengaluru, Mysore State, India







Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2020



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2020

Asha Parekh
Film Actress
(Hindi Film Industry)



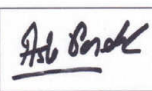
Profile: Is an Indian actress, film director, and producer who worked in Hindi films * Regarded as one of Hindi cinema's finest actresses, Parekh has worked in more than 85 films, in a career spanning over four decades * She acted in some Gujarati and Punjabi films * As a leading heroine, she formed popular onscreen pairings with actors like Dev Anand, Shammi Kapoor and Rajesh Khanna * She formed a production company 'Akruti' and produced some TV serials * She was the President of the Cine Artists' Association from 1994 to 2000 * She was also the first female Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (Censor Board) from 1998 to 2001 * Parekh is regarded as one of the greatest actors of Indian cinema * In 2022, she was placed in Outlook India's '75 Best Bollywood Actresses' list * In her honour, her hand-print was unveiled at 'Walk of the Stars' at Bandra Band Stand, Mumbai.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like Dil Deke Dekho, Jab Pyar Kisise Hota Hai, Bharosa, Ziddi, Mere Sanam, Teesri Manzil, Love in Tokyo, Do Badan, Aaye Din Bahar Ke, Upkar, Shikar, Kanyadaan, Aya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Sajjan, Chirag, Aan Milo Sajna, Pagla Kahin Ka, Kati Patang, Mera Gaon Mera Desh, Caravan, Kaalia etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1992 * Filmfare Best Actress Award for Kati Patang-1970 * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award-2002 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2020.




Born : 02-10-1942
Birth Place : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2021



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2021

Waheeda Rehman
Film Actress
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Regarded as the Indian Cinema's finest actress & dancer * Has worked in more than 90 films in her career of five decades * Is a philanthropist and is an ambassador for 'Rang De', an organisation combating poverty in India * Her biography has been written and published in 2014 entitled 'Conversations with Waheeda Rehman'.

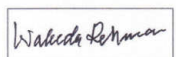
Contribution in Indian Cinema: She acted in films like C.I.D., Pyaasa, Kaagaz Ke Phool, Kala Bazar, Chaudhvin Ka Chand, Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam, Bees Saal Baad, Kohraa, Guide, Teesri Kasam, Patthar Ke Sanam, Neel Kamal etc.

Awards: Received Padma Shri-1972 * Padma Bhushan-2011 * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2021 * Filmfare Awards for Best Actress-Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam (1962), Neel Kamal (1965) * Chicago International Film Festival for Best Actress-Guide (1965) * National Film Awards for Best Actress-Reshma Aur Shera (1971) * Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994 * IIFA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001.

Born : 03-02-1938
Birth Place : Chengalpet, Tamilnadu, India







Dadasaheb Phalke Awardee-2022



DADASAHEB PHALKE AWARD-2022

Mithun Chakraborty
(Born : Gouranga Chakraborty)
Film Actor
(Hindi Film Industry)



Profile: Is an Indian actor, producer and politician who predominantly works in Hindi and Bengali cinema * He is a former Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament * He is the record holder in the Limca Book of Records for 19 movie releases as lead actor in the year 1989, which is still unbroken in Bollywood * Chakraborty gained greater fame with the 1982 film Disco Dancer, which was a major box office success in India and the Soviet Union * Besides Disco Dancer, Chakraborty also gained recognition for many other performances as both a lead and character artist * The television show Dance India Dance, where Chakraborty was the Grand Master, also entered in the Limca Book of Records and the Guinness World Records * He married actress Yogeeta Bali in 1979.

Contribution in Indian Cinema: He acted in films like Mirgayaa, Tahader Katha, Swami Vivekananda, Surakshaa, Bhayaanak, Taraana, Hum Paanch, Jeene Ki Arzoo, Hum Se Badkar Kaun, Ustad! Ustad Se, Tadbeer Ka Badshah, Disco Dancer, Pyar Jhukta Nahin, Ghulami, Agneepath, Jallaad, Guru, The Kashmir Files, OMG - Oh My God! etc.

Awards: Received National Film Awards for Best Actor-Mirgayaa (1977), Tahader Katha (1983), Best Supporting Actor-Swami Vivekananda (1986) * Filmfare Awards for Best Supporting Actor-Agneepath (1991) Best Performance in a Negative Role-Jallaad (1996) * Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2022 * Received Padma Bhushan-2024.

Born : 16-06-1950
Birth Place : Calcutta, West Bengal, India







Praful Thakkar's Thematic Gallery of Indian Autographs

www.indianautographs.com

To give thematic dimension to the hobby of Autograph collection, he started with this website which represents a thematic Gallery of Indian/World Autographs. This is a unique site as it presents, for the first time, a galaxy of Autographs of Indian/World Celebrities in a very systematic and thematic way. However one can visit www.worldautographgallery.com to view autographs of only world celebrities of various fields.

On this website, one can find the autographs and photographs of more than 500 Padma awardees, 350 film personalities, 150 TV personalities, 200 cricket players, 120 Nobel Laureates, 360 world political celebrities and many more personalities.

As of today, this site is displaying more than 5400 autographs organized in 62 different thematic categories

The site is also a small step towards creation of world peace as it presents World Peace Messages received on request from various celebrities along with their autographs. They present clear vision and deep understanding of the celebrities and do project a vivid dimension to the subject of Autograph collection.

With reverence, respect and gratitude, autographs of Indian/World Celebrities, who have made landmark in their respective fields of art, science, technology, music, dance, sports, literature, films, business, fashion, service etc., are presented here. This Website is a humble effort to salute the honorable achievements of these celebrities.



Praful Thakkar's Thematic Gallery of Indian Philately

www.indianphilatelics.com

Philately is the King of Hobbies. This Website is an effort to introduce various treasure hoards of this king to philatelist friends in pursuit of their hobby of collecting and organizing Indian philatelic material. It has an Exotic Gallery and Gateway to Indian Philately presenting its various Facets and Checklists including creative philately useful to philatelists. Apart from regular features and facets of Philately, Exhibits and Creative Philately presented here, are two decorative and charismatic ornamental jewelry of this invaluable Philately-treasure. Exhibits including Virtual Exhibits will enable those who are collecting on similar subjects as a reference material. While Creative Philately will show the creativity, efforts, understanding and vision of the philatelist in making such self fulfilling Creative Philately. The Site is dedicated to promote, share and encourage study of Indian Philately by providing information on different aspects.

Gallery of Indian Philately - A View from Praful Thakkar's Window

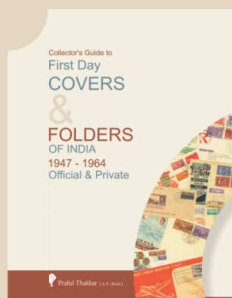
This Website is presenting some facets of Indian Philately viewed by him from his window. As a collector of various collectibles, he has faced many difficulties in collecting, understanding and arranging the collection. At the same time he realized that the same may be happening to new collectors and they might be facing similar hurdles too. To overcome such situations and to encourage philatelists and hobbyists, he has made the attempt of launching this Website.



AUTOGRAPHS... Memories Forever

This book "Autographs...Memories Forever," is a reference book (1st in the series) covering specific Indian themes in their entirety. It is an attempt to present autographs of celebrities in different types and in different languages. This book presents Indian Topics like (1) Governor Generals of Independent India (2) Presidents & Vice Presidents of India (3) Prime Ministers & Deputy Prime Ministers of India (4) Bharat Ratna Awardees (5) Dada Saheb Phalke Awardees. This is an effort to display Autographs of above categories in completeness.

Other Publications



Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 Official & Private

This starting period of Indian Philately immediately after Independence, is highly fascinating and attracting because of variety of FDCs with various sizes, color shades, cancellation marks, legends and creative designs which are appropriate to the theme of respective stamps. In this book an effort is made to illustrate more than 250 Private First Day Covers (including 24 Private FDCs of Gandhi), about 80 Official FDCs, 70 Folders, Presentation Folders & Souvenir Albums along with FDCs of Indian Army Postal Service and Overprinted Military Postage stamps of 1947 - 1964.



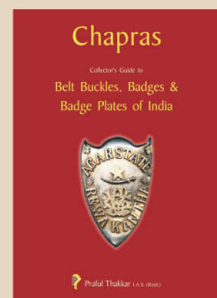
Collector's Guide to British India Bazar Postcards

Bazar Postcards of British India is a fascinating section of Indian Postal stationery which has colors, creativity and charisma. They were created during British period by dealers who knew the pulse of the masses. In this book, an effort is made to present more than 1000 Bazar Postcards (with rarity mark and value) with pictures in different varieties of British Royalty, Indian Princely State Rulers, Ravi Varma paintings-oleographs and Other Themes with further classification of color, creativity, calligraphy and design.



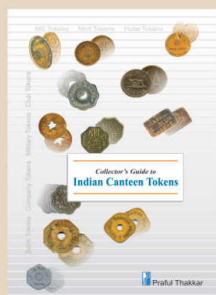
Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders with Set of Stamps, Se-tenant Stamps & Miniature Sheets

This book is a Priced Catalogue showing Value of FDCs & Folders with Set of Stamps, Se-tenant Stamps and Miniature sheets. It has fully colored 200 pages and it covers period of 1947 to 2012. It contains more than 1000 colored illustrations of FDCs and Folders along with VIP folders, Presentation folders, Souvenir Albums etc.



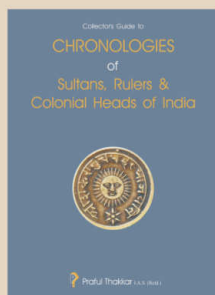
Chapras-Collector's Guide to Belt Buckles, Badges & Badge Plates of India

This is a book that gives a thematic dimension to the hobby of collecting early Belt Buckles, Badges and Badge Plates as they depict history of British India and Indian Princely States. They indicate the identity or the Authority on whose behalf they are issued. The Guide catalogues about 630 such badges etc along with their photos.



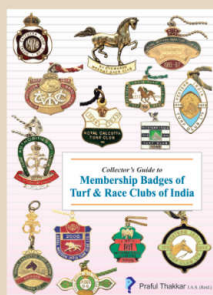
Collector's Guide to Indian Canteen Tokens

Indian Canteen Tokens were metallic tokens issued by various establishments like mills, mints, military, railways, banks, clubs, hotels, companies, factories, co-operatives etc. for use in their own premises only. This reference guide illustrates with photos such 295 Indian Canteen Tokens.



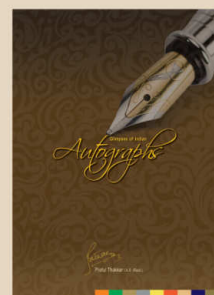
Collector's Guide to Chronologies of Sultans, Rulers & Colonial Heads of India

It is a compilation that gives chronological rule periods of various Muslim Heads, Rulers of Indian Princely States and colonies of Danish, Portuguese, British etc. This reference guide will be of much use to the collectors in pursuit of their numismatic hobby.



Collector's Guide to Membership Badges of Turf & Race Clubs of India

This is a reference work of membership badges issued by the Indian race/turf club authorities viz. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad to their members. These badges were colorful and were artistically made with exquisite workmanship. The Guide gives a historical background of racing in India and catalogues colored photos of about 260 badges.



Glimpses of Indian Autographs

This is a hard bound fully colored book of 280 pages. The book gives glimpses of the autographs of eminent Indian personalities of various fields. The book contains around 600 autographs in 8 major groups which are further divided in 42 different categories in which autographs and photographs of the celebrities are presented. An alphabetically arranged Index at the end gives basic details and information about the celebrity.



One Page, One Theme

In this book or compilation, Stamps and sometimes FDCs or other philatelic material is arranged theme wise with limit of 'One Page' or if necessary extension of the same Theme in 'One Page' format only. As the 'Theme' is the common binding and highlighting factor, this exhibit of 'One Page' will enable one to build his Stamp collection Theme wise. Due to constraint in book pages, approximately 150 Themes are presented in more than 250 one page presentations in 68 pages.