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Year	Awardee	Field
2019	Pranab Mukherjee	Indian politician
2019	Bhupen Hazarika (Posthumous)	Indian playback singer, lyricist, musician, poet and filmmaker
2019	Nanaji Deshmukh (Posthumous)	Social activist
2015	Madan Mohan Malaviya (Posthumous)	Scholar and educational reformer and founder of Banaras Hindu University.
2015	Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Exprime Minister and one of the best parliamentarians for over four decades.
2014	Sachin Tendulkar	Cricketer
2014	C. N. R. Rao	Scientist
2009	Bhimsen Joshi	Hindustani classical singer
2001	Bismillah Khan	Hindustani classical shehnai player
2001	Lata Mangeshkar	Playback singer
1999	Gopinath Bordoloi(Posthumous)	Independence activist
1999	Amartya Sen	Economist
1999	Ravi Shankar	Sitar player from Calcutta
1998	Jayaprakash Narayan	Posthumous, independence activist and politician
1998	Chidambaram Subramaniam	Independence activist, Minister of Agriculture
1998	M. S. Subbulakshmi	Carnatic classical singer
1997	Aruna Asaf Ali	Posthumous, independence activist
1997	Gulzarilal Nanda	Independence activist, interim Prime Minister
1997	A. P. J. Abdul Kalam	Aeronautical Engineer, 11th President of India
1992	Satyajit Ray	Bengali Filmmaker
1992	J. R. D. Tata	Industrialist and philanthropist
1992	Abul Kalam Azad(Posthumous)	Independence activist, first Minister of Education
1991	Morarji Desai	Independence activist

1991	Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	Independence activist, first Home Minister.
1991	Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	Sixth Prime Minister.
1990	Nelson Mandela	Second non-citizen and non-Indian recipient.
1990	B. R. Ambedkar (Posthumous)	The chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Social Reformer, politician, economist, and scholar
1988	M. G. Ramachandran	Posthumous, film actor, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
1987	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan	First noncitizen, independence activist
1983	Vinoba Bhave (Posthumous)	Social reformer, independence activist
1980	Mother Teresa	Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata
1976	K. Kamaraj (Posthumous)	Independence activist
1975	V. V. Giri (1975)	Trade unionist
1971	Indira Gandhi	The First Woman Prime Minister of India
1966	Lal Bahadur Shastri	Posthumous, independence activist, second Prime Minister
1963	Pandurang Vaman Kane	Indologist and Sanskrit scholar
1963	Zakir Hussain	Independence activist, Scholar, third President
1962	Rajendra Prasad	Independence activist, lawyer& first President
1961	Bidhan Chandra Roy	A physician, political leader
1961	Purushottam Das Tandon	Independence activist, educator
1958	Dhondo Keshav Karve	Social reformer
1957	Govind Ballabh Pant	Independence activist
1955	Bhagwan Das	Independence activist, philosopher
1955	Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya	Civil engineer and Diwan of Mysore (1912–18)
1955	Jawaharlal Nehru	Independence activist, author & 1 st Prime Minister.
1954	C.Rajagopalachari	Independence activist
1954	Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	Philosopher, India's 1st Vice President (1952-62)
1954	C. V. Raman	Physicist

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