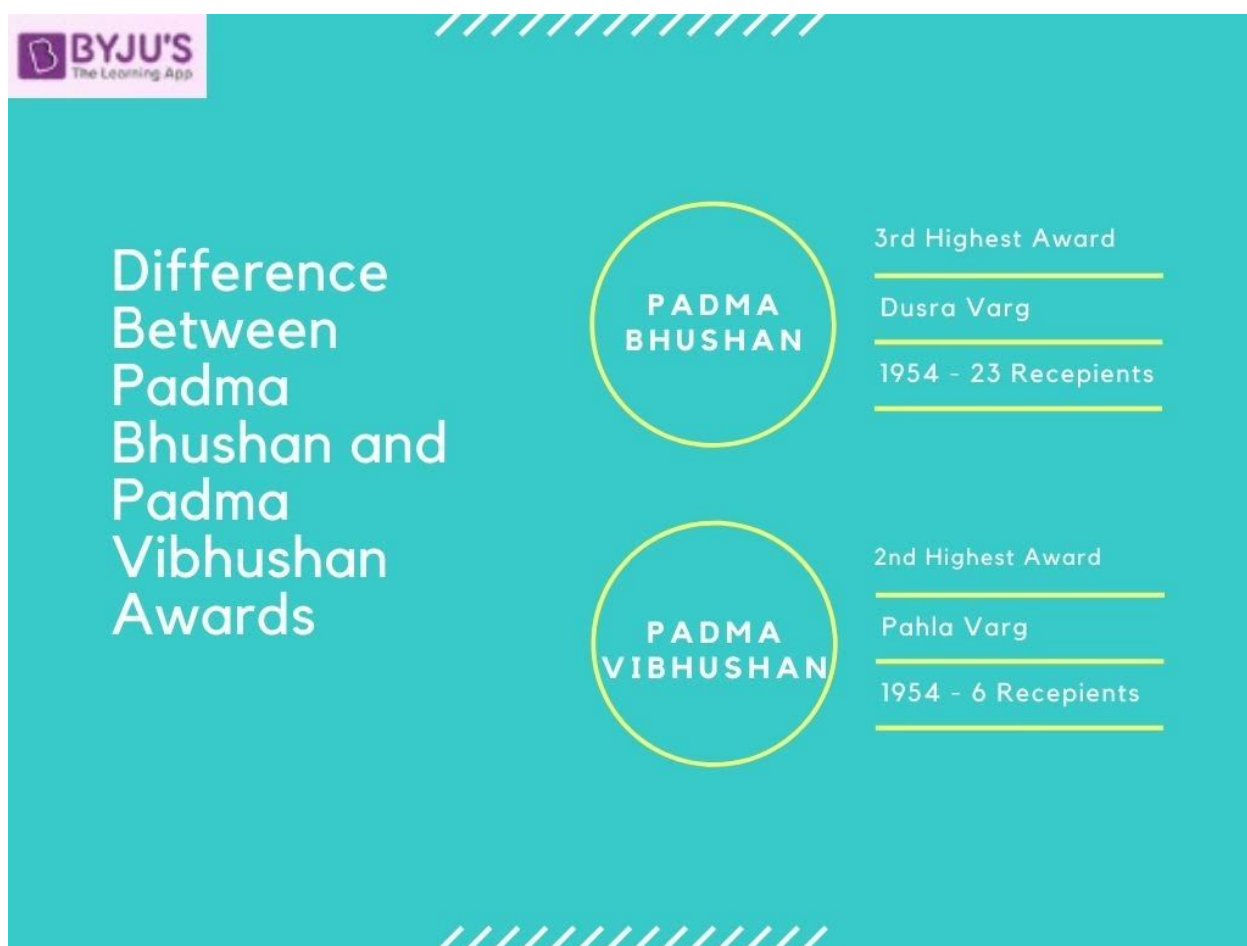


Difference between Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan is explained here in detail. This topic is important from the perspective of Current Affairs. The Indian government has instituted two civilian awards- a three-tier Padma Awards and Bharat Ratna in 1954. Padma Award is one of the premier civilian Awards of the nation that are conferred to people who outshine in their corresponding field. Padma awards are given by the President of India at a traditional function held at Rashtrapati Bhawan in the month of March or April. The Padma Awards was classified into three –Pahela Varg, Dusra Varg, and Tisra Varg. These were successively retitled as Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri through a Presidential Notification issued on January 8, 1955. The difference between Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan given here can help the UPSC Civil Service exam aspirants to understand the basics better and know their comparisons thoroughly.



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Major Differences between Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan are:

Sl.No	Padma Bhushan	Padma Vibhushan
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1	Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award in the Republic of India, preceded by the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Vibhushan and followed by the Padma Shri.	Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award of the Republic of India, second only to the Bharat Ratna and followed by Padma Bhushan
2	When instituted in 1954, twenty-three recipients were honoured with the Padma Bhushan.	When instituted in 1954, 6 recipients were honoured with the Padma Vibhushan.
3	Dusra Varg" (Class II) was the previous name of Padma Bhushan	"Pahla Varg" (Class I) was the previous name of Padma Vibhushan.

These are the main differences between Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan Awards conferred in India. The differences given in the above table can help the UPSC Civil Service Exam aspirants to answer any related questions easily in the exams.

After learning about the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan difference, it is better to know the details of Padma Awards, Highest Civilian and Gallantry Awards thoroughly. Visit the below-given link to learn about Padma Awards, Highest Civilian and Gallantry Awards conferred in India, in detail along with other information.

- [Updated List of Awards in India](#)
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