



BHARAT RATNA

THE HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD

The Bharat Ratna (Jewel of India), is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India. Instituted on 2nd January 1954, the award 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 arts, literature, science, and public service, but the government expanded the criteria to include *"any field of human endeavour"* in December 2011. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India with a maximum of three nominees being awarded per year. Recipients receive a peepal-leaf-shaped medallion and a *Sanad* (certificate) signed by the President of India.

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Most people are either indifferent or complain about problems without ever doing anything to fix the problems. Sharon Ply thinks differently and gets down to making a difference through dedicated action. One of the causes that Sharon Ply cares deeply about, is the health of our environment.

In order to make it easy for people to make responsible choices for our planet, Sharon Ply undertook several earth-friendly initiatives.

- In Feb 2019, Sharon Ply installed a PET plastic bottle collection & shredding machine at Madurai's Mattuthavani Bus Terminus. Thousands of passengers who use this terminus are now able to recycle their water/juice bottles (after emptying contents).
- In Feb 2019, Sharon Ply installed a REVERSE VENDING MACHINE at Express Avenue Mall, Royapettah, Chennai. This machine accepts PET plastic bottles & cans, and in return, issues coupons that could be redeemed at select food outlets and stores. This machine crushes the collected PET plastic bottles/cans which is gathered and sent to Recycling units.
- In June 2019, Sharon Ply conducted an online contest during the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup. For every run that Team India scored in the event, Sharon Ply donated an equal number of Tree saplings to the public. A total of 2766 saplings were distributed under this program.
- In July-Aug 2019, Sharon Ply was the Strength Partner of TNPL 2019 and used this occasion to spread awareness about caring for the environment. Sharon Ply had put in place one plastic-bottle-shredding machine each in the TNPL venues of Dindigul and Tirunelveli. Boards had been placed near the shredding machines to encourage public to drop empty PET plastic bottles into the machine. Those who did so were also rewarded with a tree sapling each. A total of 2000 saplings were distributed during this event.
- In Nov 2019, Sharon Ply installed PET plastic bottle shredding machine at Gandhipuram Bus Terminus, Coimbatore.

Visit www.isaynotoplastic.com to take the #isaynotoplastic pledge and to learn about all of Sharon Ply initiatives for this matter of public concern.

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BHARAT RATNA
THE HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD**Sir C V RAMAN**

(Scientist, 1954 Awardee)

Sir C V Raman was an Indian Physicist who carried out ground-breaking work in the field of light scattering, which earned him the 1930 Nobel Prize for Physics.

JANUARY 2020

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THE HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD**Sir M VISVESVARAYA**

(Engineer, 1955 Awardee)

Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya was a preeminent Indian Civil Engineer and Statesman. 15 September is celebrated as Engineer's Day in India, Sri Lanka and Tanzania in his memory.

FEBRUARY 2020

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(Indian Jurist, 1990 Awardee)

B R Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, was an Indian Jurist, Economist, Politician and Social Reformer. He was independent India's first law and justice minister.

MARCH 2020

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(Industrialist, 1992 Awardee)

J R D Tata was an Indian Aviator, Entrepreneur and Chairman of Tata Group. He received two of India's highest civilian awards for his contributions to Indian industry.

APRIL 2020

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(Filmmaker, 1992 Awardee)

Satyajit Ray was an Indian Filmmaker, widely regarded as one of the greatest filmmakers of all time.

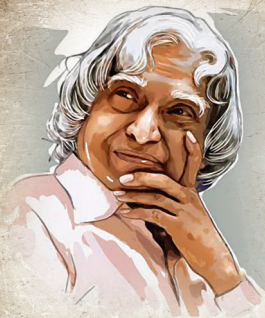
Ray's first film, *Pather Panchali* (1955), won eleven international prizes.

MAY 2020

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(Aerospace Scientist, 1997 Awardee)

The visionary Aerospace Scientist who served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007 was an inspiration to millions. He was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

JUNE 2020

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Sachin Tendulkar is a former Indian International Cricketer, regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket and is the highest run scorer of all time.

JULY 2020

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(Musician, 1998 Awardee)

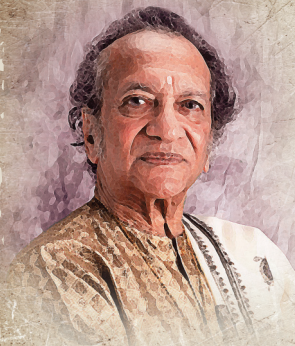
Carnatic Classical Vocalist Subbulakshmi was from Madurai, Tamil Nadu. She is known for her divine voice and often hailed as "Queen of songs."

AUGUST 2020

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Pandit Ravi Shankar, was an Indian Musician and a Composer of Hindustani Classical Music. He was the best-known proponent of sitar in the second half of the 20th century.

SEPTEMBER 2020

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(Economist, 1999 Awardee)

Amartya Sen is an Indian Economist and Philosopher. Sen has made contributions to welfare economics, social choice theory, economic and social justice, economic theories of famines.

OCTOBER 2020

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Lata Mangeshkar is one of the best-known and most respected Playback singers in India. She has recorded songs in over a thousand Hindi films.

NOVEMBER 2020

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(Scientist, 2014 Awardee)

C N R Rao, is an Indian chemist who has worked mainly in solid-state and structural chemistry. He heads the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India.

DECEMBER 2020

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