

## President Murmu confers Bharat Ratna on former Prime Ministers P.V. Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur and agronomist M.S. Swaminathan

The awards to P.V. Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh, Karpoori Thakur and M.S. Swaminathan were received by their kin

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P.V. Prabhakar Rao, son of former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao received the award conferred on his father from the President.

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President Droupadi Murmu conferred Bharat Ratna on Prime Ministers P.V. Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, former Bihar Chief Minister [Karpoori Thakur](#) and agronomist [M.S. Swaminathan](#) on March 30. All four awards were conferred posthumously at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Earlier this year, the Narendra Modi government had announced five names for India's highest civilian award including Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) patriarch L.K. Advani. President Murmu is likely to visit Mr. Advani's official residence to honour him as the nonagenarian leader's mobility is restricted because of frail health.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President J.P. Nadda, Congress President and Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar were among those who were present at the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Late Mr. Rao's award was received by his son, P.V. Prabhakar Rao, while Jayant Chaudhary, Mr Singh's grandson, received the award.. Mr, Swaminathan's daughter, Nitya Rao, received the award for her father and Mr. Thakur's award was received by his son, Ram Nath Thakur.

“ As the ninth Prime Minister of India, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao led far-reaching economic reforms. Earlier, in his youth, he had taken an active part in the freedom struggle, especially against the misrule and oppression in the Nizam-ruled Hyderabad,” the official handle of the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a post on X (formerly Twitter).

Recalling the late Mr. Singh’s role during the freedom struggle in another post on X, President Murmu said, “His contribution to zamindari abolition and land reforms, and his deep understanding of the economy, especially rural and agricultural economy are respectfully remembered. His connect with farmers was legendary”. (Check the tweet at

[https://twitter.com/rashtrapatibhvn/status/1773975653794406765?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1773975653794406765%7Ctwgr%5Efoa85aff13e71c97a6c3dfa2cb7cd95839737952%7Ctwcon%5Es1 &ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thehindu.com%2Fnews%2Fnational%2Fpresident-murmu-confers-bharat-ratna-on-former-pms-narasimha-rao-charan-singh-two-others-posthumously%2Farticle68008595.ece](https://twitter.com/rashtrapatibhvn/status/1773975653794406765?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1773975653794406765%7Ctwgr%5Efoa85aff13e71c97a6c3dfa2cb7cd95839737952%7Ctwcon%5Es1 &ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thehindu.com%2Fnews%2Fnational%2Fpresident-murmu-confers-bharat-ratna-on-former-pms-narasimha-rao-charan-singh-two-others-posthumously%2Farticle68008595.ece) )

President Murmu said Dr. Swaminathan played a major role in making India self-sufficient in food production. “He is known as the ‘Father of India’s Green Revolution’. With his exceptional insight into the entire agricultural value chain, he guided several initiatives for research, education, and development of new varieties and methods,” said another post from the Rashtrapati Bhavan on X.

“He dedicated his entire life to the goal of food and nutrition security for all. He was working on promoting sustainable agriculture with his vision of “evergreen revolution,” added the post.