TAFE Chief Mallika Srinivasan Gets Padma Shri

Industrialists Mallika Srinivasan and Pratap Govindrao Pawar are among the five chosen for Padma Shri awards from trade and industry category this year.

Dalit entrepreneurs Ravi Kumar Narra and Rajesh Saraiya and Indian-American businessman Ashok Kumar Mago are the other three recipients.

Srinivasan — the Chairman and CEO of Chennai-based $1.6 billion TAFE (Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd) — is the wife of TVS Motor company Chairman Venki Srinivasan.

Pawar, who is the Chairman of Sakal Media Group, has also been the former President of the Indian Newspaper Society, New Delhi.

He is also Chairman of Ajay Metachem group of Industries and a Director on Boards of various Indian-listed firms like Bharat Forge, Kirloskar Oil Engines, Finolex Cables, Force Motors among others.

Mago, Chairman and CEO of Dallas (US)-based business and investment consulting company Mago & Associates, has helped raise millions of dollars for Dallas Asian organisations.

He is also a recipient of the 2016 Praavati Bharatiya Samman for his efforts in working towards bringing businesses in India and the US closer.

Narra, a Dalit entrepreneur, is the President of Andhra Pradesh chapter of industry body Dalit India Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Saraiya runs Steel Mont Trading, a multinational firm dealing in metals.

PADMA SHRI
(Trade and industry)

MALLIKA SRINIVASAN - Tamil Nadu
PRATAP GOVINDRAO PAWAR - Maharashtra
RAVI KUMAR NARRA - Andhra Pradesh
RAJESH SARAIYA - Maharashtra
ASHOK KUMAR MAGO - USA

List of 127 Padma Awardees Announced

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New Delhi: The names of the 127 awardees of Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri were announced on Saturday on the eve of the 65th Republic Day.

The largest number of awards — 101 — were given out in the Padma Shri category.

The list of awardees, included cinematographer Santosh Sivan; chairman and chief executive officer of TAFE, Mallika Srinivasan; squash player Dipika Pallikal; member of Indian women’s cricket team Anjum Chopra; cricketer Yuvraj Singh; mountaineer Love Raj Singh Dharmashakti and contemporary artist Paresh Maity.

Film stars Vidya Balan; Paresh Rawal; Sabitri Chatterjee and Supriya Devi were also conferred the Padma Shri.

In literature and education, the Padmashri was given to poet and short story writer Keki N Daruwala; Ashok Chakradhar; Manorama Jafa; Dinish Singh, Naheed Abidi and Vishnu Narayanam Nambuthiri.

In trade and industry, Union Minister Sharad Pawar’s younger brother Pratap Govindrao Pawar and India’s first Dalit billionaire, Rajesh Saraiya and Ravi Kumar Narra were awarded the Padma Shri.

The awards will be handed over by President Pranab Mukherjee at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in March/April.
Parveen Sultana, Ruskin Bond, J.S. Verma, Vairamuthu, Paes get Padma Bhushan

Padma Shri for Vidya Balan, Boniface Prabhu, Mallika Srinivasan, Santosh Sivan, Yuvraj

NEW DELHI: Classical singer Parveen Sultana, Guinness World Record holder for the highest number of bats hit in an hour, actor Ruskin Bond, the former Chief Justice of India J.S. Verma, former Commerce and Auditor General V.N. Raul, renowned novelists Anita Desai and Tejpal lyricist Vairamuthu are among the 256 persons selected for this year's Padma Awards.

Lyricist Vairamuthu, who holds the unique honour of receiving the Padma award for lyricist six times, said he was happy about receiving the Padma Bhushan.

Soviet-era shipyard, which was shortlisted three for the Padma award, has been one of the few for her contribution in the field of literature and education.

Cine stars Paras Rowar and Vidya Balan, said artist Sudha Murty, theatre artist Ram Kaul, Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (TAFE) Mallika Srinivasan, T. K. Basu, and Union Minister Shashi Tharoor’s brother Pradeep Kataria, among others, have been included in the list.

"It is a matter of pride for the nation," said Ms. Murthy. "We accept this with pride and humility." The award would enable "us to build the country to a global one" with the focus on improving the lot of the farming community, she added.

Ms. Kataria, the first woman from Nagpur to be appointed as the head of the Central Public Sector Commission, has been awarded Padma Shri for her contribution to the field of literature and education.

Among the other Padma Shri awardees are taekwondo player Vijay Kumar, film maker and cinematographer Basu Chatterjee, theatre personality Mohammed Ali Baig, TV actress Renuka Apte, musician Kundan Banarjee, Manipuri dancer Emani Padman, Kathak dancer from Bengal Ram Kiran, Smt. Anuradha Mohite, Amorni Khan, and filmmaker Satish Babu and former EPCA member Parvroz Teltah. Ms. Teltah was the first ever Muslim woman to enter any Clare I civil service through the Civil Services examination. She was also the first Muslim woman to be appointed IPS officer.

Women's cricket captain Jhulan Goswami, one of the world's best all-rounders, has been awarded Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian honour. She is the first Indian woman to have won a Test series in Women's cricket.

Squash player Dipika Pallikal, former Indian women's cricket captain Jyoti Bhamre, and veteran tennis player Leander Paes are among the 256 persons selected for this year's Padma Bhushan.

"It is a matter of pride for India," said Mr. Pallikal. "We accept this with pride and humility."