

Tamil Nadu Awardees

1. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Award

- Instituted in **2015** by the **Government of Tamil Nadu** in memory of the former President and scientist.
 - Awarded annually on **Independence Day**, it honors contributions to **scientific development, humanities, and student welfare**.
 - Each recipient receives **₹5 lakh**, an **8-gram gold medal**, and a **certificate**.
 - Notable awardee: **Dr. K. Sivan** (ISRO Chairman, 2019) ([Scribd](#), [ISRO](#), [Wikipedia](#))
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2. Kalaimamani Award

- The **highest State civilian award** in Tamil Nadu, conferred since **1954** by the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram ([Wikipedia](#)).
 - Recognizes excellence across **literature, music, dance, drama, cinema, and folk arts**.
 - Over **1,500 artists** honored so far; 201 recipients alone between 2011–2018 across 72 art forms.
 - Celebrated legends like **Ilayaraja, Vijay Sethupathi, S Janaki, Bombay Sisters**, and others ([The Indian Express](#), [India Today](#)).
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3. Thiruvalluvar Award

- Awarded **annually since 1986** in memory of the Tamil poet-philosopher **Thiruvalluvar**.
 - Given to scholars who have made **outstanding contributions to Kural literature and its philosophy** ([Wikipedia](#)).
 - Recipients receive **₹1 lakh**, a **1-sovereign gold medal**, and a **citation**.
 - Conferred during the **Thiruvalluvar Day** (Tamil month of Thai) on **16 January** each year ([Wikipedia](#)).
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4. Isai Perarignar Award

- Title conferred annually by the **Tamil Isai Sangam** during its December music festival.
 - Awarded to a Tamil musician in recognition of being a “**Great Scholar in Music**” ([Wikipedia](#), [The Indian Express](#)).
 - Comes with a **gold medal** and monetary recognition.
 - Recent honorees include **Vedaranyam V. G. Balasubramaniam** (musicologist) and **S. Naganatha Desikar** (Pan Isai Perarignar for Shaivite hymns) ([Wikipedia](#), [The New Indian Express](#)).
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5. Kaivinai Pokkisham Award (Living Treasure Craftsman)

- The **prestigious state award** for senior artisans aged **65+** practicing traditional crafts in Tamil Nadu.
 - Awarded for excellence in **Tanjore painting, Panchaloha idols, stone carving, bamboo weaving, Kalamkari**, and more ([Wikipedia](#)).
 - Awardees receive **₹1 lakh**, a **sovereign gold medal**, a **citation**, and a **certificate**.
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