

National Sports Awards 2021

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In news- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2021.

About the National Sports Awards-

- They are given by the President of India every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports.
- National Sports Awards include several awards in it. They are:

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award' (1991-92)

- Formerly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, it is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of previous four years.
- It is the **highest award** which comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh.

Arjuna Award (1961)

- It is given for outstanding performance in Sports and Games over a period of previous four years and showing qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll of honour.

Dronacharya Award(1985)

- It is given for outstanding coaches and for their meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabling sportspersons to excel in International events.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Dronacharya and a scroll of honour.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games

(2002)

- It is given to honour sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports events after their retirement.
- It carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a certificate and a ceremonial dress.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar(2009)

- It is given to corporate entities (both in private and public sector), sports control boards, NGOs including sports bodies at the State and National level who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy (1956-57)

- It is given to the overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments.
- **It was received by Panjab University – Chandigarh.**