



National Sports Awards 2021

Why in News

Recently, the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** announced the **National Sports Awards 2021**.

- The National Sports Awards of India **comprise six different awards** given to sportspersons of India by the Central Government.

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Rajiv Gandhi
Khel Ratna
Award



Arjuna
Award



Dronacharya
Award



Dhyan Chand
Award



Rashtriya
Khel
Protsahan
Puruskar



Maulana
Abul Kalam
Azad Trophy



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National
Adventure
Award

Key Points

- **About:**

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:**

- **Formerly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna**, it is the **highest award bestowed to a sports person in India** and was instituted in the year 1991-1992.
- It is given for the spectacular and **most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of the previous four years**.
- It comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh.

- **Arjuna Award:**

- It was **instituted in 1961** by the Government of India to recognise outstanding achievement in national sports events.
- It is given for **good performance 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:**

- It was **instituted in 1985** by the Government of India to **recognise excellence in sports coaching**.
- It is **given to coaches** for doing outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent

basis and enabling sportspersons to excel in International events.

- It carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Dronacharya and a scroll of honour.

- **Dhyan Chand Award:**

- It was instituted **in the year 2002** and comprises a Dhyan Chand statuette, a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a certificate and a ceremonial dress.
- 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.**

- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:**

- It was instituted in the year 1956-1957.
- It is for **university-level sports performances.**
- It is given to a university for "**top performance in the inter-university tournaments**" over the **period of the last one year.**

- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar:**

- It was instituted in the year 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.

- **Government Initiatives for Sports Development:**

- **Khelo India Scheme.**
- **National Sports Development Fund.**
- The National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme.
- Sports Authority of India Training Centres Scheme (STC).
- Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme.

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