



## Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

### Why in News

For the first time **five sports persons** will be receiving the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna on the occasion of the **National Sports Day on 29<sup>th</sup> August**.

**NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2020**

**RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD**

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Shri Rohit Sharma	Cricket
Shri Mariyappan T.	Para Athletics
Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
Ms. Vinesh	Wrestling
Ms. Rani	Hockey

### Key Points

- **27 sports persons** have also been finalised for the **Arjuna Award** while **five coaches** will receive the **Dronacharya Award**.
- **Ms. Rani** will become only the **third Indian hockey player** after Dhanraj Pillay and Sardar Singh to receive the Khel Ratna.
- **Shri Mariyappan T.** is the **only third Indian para-athlete** to be awarded the Khel Ratna award, after former Paralympic medallists Devendra Jhajharia and Deepa Malik.
- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is the **highest sporting award** given by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sports person over a **period of four years**.
  - The award comprises a **medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 7.5 lakh**.
- The **National Sports Day** is observed every year across India on **29<sup>th</sup> August** to mark the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player Dhyan Chand who was born on **29<sup>th</sup> August 1905**.

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