



## 3 Players & 1 Coach will be Decorated with National Sports Honor

### Why in News?

On December 20, 2023, the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2023, in which three players from Madhya Pradesh have been selected for the Arjuna Award & one coach has been selected for the Dronacharya Award.

### Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will honour the players who have performed outstandingly in the field of sports with the National Sports Award at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 9, 2024.
- It may be noted that for the first time, three players and one coach from Madhya Pradesh will be decorated with the National Sports Award.
- Olympic player Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar of Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Prachi Yadav of Para Canoeing & former player of Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy and currently Hockey India star player Sushila Chanu will be honoured with the national level excellence sports award Arjuna Award. Indian hockey team coach Shivendra Singh will be honoured with the Dronacharya Award.
- Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar – Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy's star shooter Aishwarya was the most successful Indian athlete in the Asian Games held this year. He won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal in the Asian Games. Also Aishwarya Pratap Singh made a world record in her name and 50 m. Won silver medal in rifle three position men's singles event.
- Prachi Yadav – Madhya Pradesh's Para Canoe Prachi Yadav recently qualified for the Paris Paralympics by finishing fourth in the ICF Sprint and ParaCanoe World Championships, Germany. Prachi is the first athlete from India to achieve a quota for the Paris Paralympics.
- Sushila Chanu – Sushila, an excellent player of the first batch of Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy, Gwalior, has achieved many achievements. In the Women's Hockey Junior World Cup held in Germany, the Indian team won the bronze medal under the captaincy of Sushila. He played an important role in helping the Indian team win the bronze medal in the 2014 Asian Games. Sushila was the captain of the Indian team in the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Shivendra Singh – Shivendra Singh of Madhya Pradesh is currently included in the coaching staff of the Indian hockey team. He has played about 160 international matches and has scored about 80 goals.



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