

CURRENT NATIONAL AWARDEES

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EXPLANATION & LIST OF CURRENT NATIONAL AWARDEES (DRONACHARYA AWARD, ARJUNA AWARD & RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD)

NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

Sports awards are given to the players for their outstanding performance in their field of sports. These awards are presented on the National Sports Day of India. The president of India gave these awards in a specially organised function at Rashtrapati Bhawan on September 25, 2018.

1. DRONACHARYA AWARD

The Dronacharya award was instituted in 1985. This award was introduced to highlight coaches for their commendable work in the field of coaching and training sports persons. The awardee gets ₹ 5.00 lakhs in cash, a plaque, a scroll of honour, a blazer and a tie for successfully training a sportsman who has outstanding performance at the International Competitions.



Objectives: Dronacharya award has its main objective to raise prestige of coaches in sports and games. It gives public recognition and honour to coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sports persons to excel at international level.

It also motivates coaches to dedicate themselves towards training that can bring highest performance at international level.

Eligibilities: The award is open to coaches who have trained an individual or a team for atleast two years prior to the competition in which his

trainee/trainees has/have excelled. He should also have good achievements during the three years previous to the year of award.

(A) Individual Events

(1) A coach is eligible for the Dronacharya Award who produces a sportsperson:

- who wins any medal i.e. gold/ silver/ bronze in the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup Tournaments for Olympic disciplines; or
- who wins any medal i.e. gold/silver/ bronze in the World cup or World Championships in non-Olympic disciplines; or
- who creates a world record which is ratified by the concerned international sports federation; or



- who wins two gold medals in whether in Asian Games or the Commonwealth Games; or
- who wins three gold medals in Asian Championships or Commonwealth championships.



(2) A National Coach who brings up a contingent of sports persons which gives in individual events a performance better than that compared to the previous best as judged by the tally of medals (gold and total) won whether in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Championships, Asian Games and Asian Championships.

(B) Team Events

A coach shall be eligible if he/she is responsible for training team which win :

- Any medal** : gold/silver/bronze in the Olympic Games, World Cup or World Championships in Olympic or non-Olympic disciplines, provided that the performance is better or equal to the best performance achieved earlier; or
- 2 gold medals** : one in Asian Games and another in Asian Championships held earlier or later; or
- 2 gold medals** : one in Asian Games and another in Commonwealth Games held earlier or later.

The applications for the award are invited by National Institute of Sports, Sports Authority of India, National Sports Federations and Indian Olympic Association every year by 31st January. A committee set by Government scrutinise the claims of eligible candidates.

2. ARJUNA AWARD

Arjuna award was introduced in 1961. This award is given to a sports person who has not only performed consistently for the previous three years at international level with excellence but also has shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. However any sports person tested positive for the use of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee in any laboratory accredited by International Olympic Committee will not be eligible for Arjuna Award.

The Arjuna award consists of statuette, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress and a cash award of **₹ 5.00 lakhs** which is presented to the winners at a function organised by Govt. of India.

Eligibility

The government considers the sports persons for Arjuna Award falling under the categories given below.

- Olympic games/Asian games/Commonwealth games/World championship disciplines and cricket.
- Indigenous games.
- Sports for physically challenged.

Nominations

The nominations for the Arjuna award is invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on a



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prescribed proforma from all recognized National Sports Federations recognized by the Govt. of India, Indian Olympic Association and State/UT governments in early month of each year. Last date for the receipt of nominations is fixed accordingly. The nominations can be sent for one or upto three names in particular disciplines/sports for that particular year.



Selection Procedure

The award is decided by a selection committee constituted by the Govt. of India. The selection committee is constituted every year by the Govt. The committee comprises of following members:

- (i) Sports person of eminence : Chairperson.
- (ii) Olympian of eminence from different disciplines 5 members.
- (iii) Arjuna awardees from different disciplines – 4 members.
- (iv) Sports Administrators
- (v) Director/Deputy Secretary (sports)
Ministry of youth Affairs
and Sports Govt. of India :
Member/Secretary



General Rules

- (i) Annually not more than 15 awards could be given in any calendar year.
- (ii) No award will be made for second time to the same person.
- (iii) The award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

3. RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

This award is highest sports award in the country. Two sports persons for **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2018** have the honour of receiving it. The recipients are Cricket : **Virat Kohli**, World champion weightlifter : **Mirabai Chanu**, at Rashtrapati Bhawan on September 25,2018 in New Delhi, India.



Objectives

- (i) The prime objective of Rajiv Khel Ratna award is to give social status and greater dignity to a sportsman in the society.
- (ii) It motivates sports persons to give their highest performance in sports at international level.
- (iii) This award intends to develop sports culture throughout the nation.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award winner gets **₹ 7.50 Lakhs** which is exempted from income tax. If it is awarded to more than one member of a team then the cash award is reduced to fifty thousand each. In addition to the cash prize a scroll of honour and one plaque are awarded. The awardees are called to Delhi and are given a tie and blazer. TA/DA is also paid for coming to Delhi.

The award is given to sports person who has excelled in Olympic games, Asian games and Commonwealth Games. The proposal can be sent on prescribed proforma by Member of parliament, Member of legislative assembly, Sports Authority of India or National Sports Federations. The decision is taken by a committee duly constituted by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The objectives of the award are motivation and social recognition of a sports person. The award is given yearly.



**LIST OF CURRENT NATIONAL AWARDEES****DRONACHARYA AWARDEES (2018)****BOXING**

C A Kuttappa

WEIGHTLIFTING

Vijay Sharma

TABLE TENNIS

A Srinivasa Rao

ATHLETICS

Sukhdev Singh Pannu

ATHLETICS

VR Beedu

HOCKEY

Clarence Lobo

CRICKET

Tarak Sinha

JUDO

Jiwan Kumar Sharma



ARJUNA AWARDEES (2018)

TABLE TENNIS



Manika Batra

TABLE TENNIS



G Sathiyaraj

TENNIS



Rohan Bopanna

WRESTLING



Sumit

WUSHU



Pooja Kadian

PARA-ATHLETICS



Ankur Dhama

PARA-BADMINTION



Manoj Sarkar

CRICKET



Smriti Mandhana

GOLF



Shubhankar Sharma

HOCKEY



Manpreet Singh

HOCKEY



Savita Punia

POLO



Ravi Rathore

**ATHLETICS**

Neeraj Chopra

ATHLETICS

Jinson Johnson

ATHLETICS

Hima Das

BADMINTON

N Sikki Reddy

BOXING

Satish Kumar

SHOOTING

Rahi Sarnobat

SHOOTING

Ankur Mittal

SHOOTING

Shreyasi Singh

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARDEES (2018)**WEIGHTLIFTER**

Mirabai Chanu

CRICKET

Virat Kohli