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National Sports Award 2018 List of Winners - GK Notes in PDF

When preparing for Government Recruitment Exams & their Online Tests, it is important that you prepare for the General Awareness section. These days, questions from Static GK section are asked more than Current Affairs. So, now that this trend is followed, it is important that you are well-versed with topics from History, Geography, Science, Environment & even Sports. Read the article below that will help you with the List of Major Sports Awards in India & Winners.

Major Sports Awards in India - An Introduction

There is an old saying, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”, which essentially emphasizes the importance of sports in a person’s life. All of us may have played some sport or the other, and you would agree that winning and losing is a part of every sport or game. When you win a game, you are declared a winner and you are given a token of appreciation – often called as an award.

What are the most important awards given for excellence in sports? We will find answers to this question in this article. The most popular awards in the sports field are Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dyanchand Award. The government of India confers these awards to a selected few who have met the criteria laid down for winning these awards. Let’s delve into each of these prestigious awards.

Sports Awards in India - Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

- The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna is the highest sports award given for most outstanding performance in the field of sports in India.
- As of 2018, all Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna recipients will receive Rs. 7.5 lakhs in cash, a citation and a medal.
- Initially, the government of India gave this award for outstanding performance in the field of sports for one year, but this duration was changed to four years in the year 2015.
- The government of India forms a committee of 12 members who evaluate the performance of a sportsperson.
- The evaluation is done for various international sporting events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Paralympic Games.
- Once the committee arrives at a decision, they submit their recommendation to the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports for further approval.

Winners of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards





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Year	Name	Category
1991-92	Viswanathan Anand	Chess
1992-93	Geet Sethi	Billiards
1994-95	Cdr. Homi D. Motivala	Yachting
	Lt. Cdr. P. K. Garg	
1995-96	Karnam Malleswari	Weightlifting
1996-97	Nameirakpam Kunjarani	Weightlifting
	Leander Paes	Tennis
1997-98	Sachin Tendulkar	Cricket
1998-99	Jyotirmoyee Sikdar	Athletics
1999- 2000	Dhanraj Pillay	Hockey
2000-01	Pullela Gopichand	Badminton
2001-02	Abhinav Bindra	Shooting
2002-03	Anjali Ved Pathak Bhagwat	Shooting
	K. M. Beenamo	Athletics
2003-04	Anju Bobby George	Athletics
2004-05	Lt. co. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Shooting





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2005-06	Pankaj Advani	Billiards & Snooker
2006-07	Manavjit Singh Sandhu	Shooting
2007-08	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Cricket
2008-09	Mary Kom	Boxing
	Vijender Singh	Boxing
	Sushil Kumar	Wrestling
2009-10	Saina Nehwal	Badminton
2010-11	Gagan Narang	Shooting
2011-12	Vijay Kumar	Shooting
	Yogeshwar Dutt	Wrestling
2012-13	Ronjan Sodhi	Shooting
2014-15	Sania Mirza	Tennis
2015-16	P. V. Sindhu	Badminton
	Sakshi Malik	Wrestling
	Dipa Karmakar	Gymnastics
	Jitu Rai	Shooting
2016-17	Devendra Jhajharia	Para Athlete
	Sardara Singh	Hockey





2017-18	Virat Kohli	Cricket
	Mirabai Chanu	Weightlifting

Sports Awards in India - Arjuna Award

- This award is given to a sportsperson who has consistently exhibited outstanding performance for four years.
- All Arjuna Awardees receive a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs, a certificate, and statuettes.

Winners of Arjuna Awards 2018

S. No.	Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
2.	Naib Subedar Jinson Johnson	Athletics
3.	Ms. Hima Das	Athletics
4.	Ms. Nelakurthi Sikki Reddy	Badminton
5.	Subedar Satish Kumar	Boxing
6.	Ms. Smriti Mandhana	Cricket
7.	Shri Shubhankar Sharma	Golf
8.	Shri Manpreet Singh	Hockey
9.	Ms. Savita	Hockey
10.	Col. Ravi Rathore	Polo
11.	Ms. Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
12.	Shri Ankur Mittal	Shooting
13.	Ms. Shreyasi Singh	Shooting
14.	Ms. Manika Batra	Table Tennis
15.	Shri G. Sathiyam	Table Tennis



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16.	Shri Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
17.	Shri Sumit	Wrestling
18.	Ms. Pooja Kadian	Wushu
19.	Shri Ankur Dhama	Para-Athletics
20.	Shri Manoj Sarkar	Para-Badminton

Winners of Arjuna Awards 2017

Name of the Awardees	Discipline
Ms. V.J. Surekha	Archery
Ms. Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
Mr. Arokia Rajiv	Athletics
Ms. Prasanthi Singh	Basketball
Sub. Laishram Debendro Singh	Boxing
Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara	Cricket
Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
Ms. OinamBembem Devi	Football
Mr. S.S.P. Chawrasia	Golf
Mr. S.V. Sunil	Hockey
Mr. Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
Mr. P. N. Prakash	Shooting
Mr. A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
Mr. Saketh Myneni	Tennis
Mr. Satyawart Kadian	Wrestling





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Mr. Mariyappan	Para-Athlete
Mr. Varun Singh Bhati	Para-Athlete

Sports Awards in India - Dronacharya Award

- It is generally said that “Behind every successful man there is a woman”, one can also say that, “Behind every successful sportsperson there is a coach” Seeing the valuable contribution that coaches have in the sports field, the government of India decided to honour the coaches as well.
- The Dronacharya Awardees are those who have produced medal winners at prestigious international sports events.
- Dronacharya Awardees are offered a cash prize of 5 lakh, certificate and statuette.

Winners of 2018 Dronacharya Award

S. No.	Name of the Coach	Discipline
1.	Subedar Chenanda Achaiah Kuttappa	Boxing
2.	Shri Vijay Sharma	Weightlifting
3.	Shri A. Srinivasa Rao	Table Tennis
4.	Shri Sukhdev Singh Pannu	Athletics
5.	Shri Clarence Lobo	Hockey (Life Time)
6.	Shri Tarak Sinha	Cricket (Life Time)
7.	Shri Jiwan Kumar Sharma	Judo (Life Time)
8.	Shri V.R. Beedu	Athletics (Life Time)

Winners of Dronacharya Awards 2017

Name of the Awardees	Discipline
Late Dr. R. Gandhi	Athletics
Mr. Heera Nand Kataria	Kabaddi
Mr. G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton (Lifetime)
Mr. Brij Bhushan Mohanty	Boxing (Lifetime)





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Mr. P.A. Raphel	Hockey (Lifetime)
Mr. Sanjoy Chakraverthy	Shooting (Lifetime)
Mr. Roshan Lal	Wrestling (Lifetime)

Sports Awards in India - Dyanchand Award

- The Dyanchand Award is given for lifetime contribution to sports development.
- This award is named after Major Dhyhan Chand, an Indian hockey player who scored over 1000 goals during a career span of over 20 years.
- Dyanchand Awardees are offered a cash prize of 5 lakh, certificate and statuette.

Winners of Dhyhan Chand Awards 2018

S. No.	Name of the Sports person	Discipline
1.	Shri Satyadev Prasad	Archery
2.	Shri Bharat Kumar Chetri	Hockey
3.	Ms. Bobby Aloysius	Athletics
4.	Shri Chougale Dadu Dattatray	Wrestling

Winners of Dhyhan Chand Awards 2017

Name of the Awardees	Discipline
Mr. Bhupender Singh	Athletics
Mr. Syed Shahid Hakim	Football
Ms. Sumarai Tete	Hockey

All the aforementioned awards are offered by the government of India and each one of these awards is a prestigious one. Awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards, and Dyanchand Awards not only motivate the players and their coaches, but it also generates a sense of pride that they have achieved something that only a few have achieved. The monetary benefit may not be substantial, but the honour and pride that one gets cannot be fathomed at all.





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On 25th September 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award to Indian Cricket team captain Virat Kohli and Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu who won gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2018. These awards were given at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan.

With such awards and recognition, sports in India has got an impetus, which will also motivate the younger generation to perform their best. Moreover, receiving these awards from the President of India also has a great impact.

So, this was the list of Sports Awards in India including Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards & Dhyanchand Awards. Get aware of the happenings in the world & make your Static GK strong by clicking the links below!

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