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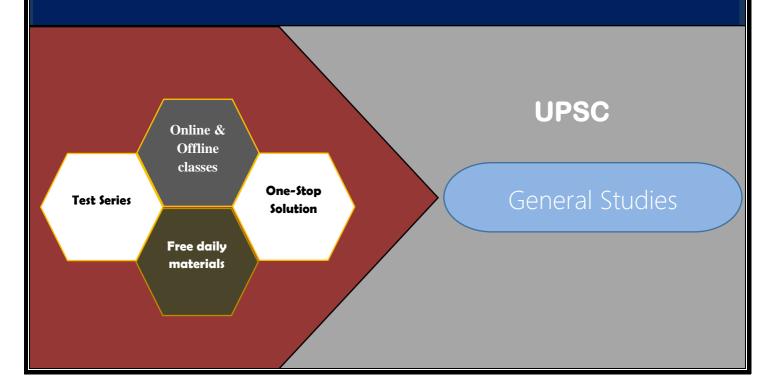


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# National Sports Awards 2021

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## **National Sports Awards 2021**

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.

#### **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.
- o It comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 25lakh.

#### **Arjuna Award:**

- o It was **instituted in 1961** by the Government of India to recognise outstanding achievement in national sports events.
- o It is given for **good performance over a period of previous four years** and showing qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and asense of discipline.
- o The award carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll of honour.

# **Dronacharya Award:**

- o It was **instituted in 1985** by the Government of India to recognise excellence in sports coaching.
- o It is **given to coaches** for doing outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabling sportspersons to excel inInternational events.
- o It carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Dronacharya and a scroll of honour.

#### **Dhyan Chand Award:**

- o 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.
- o It is given to honour sportspersons who have contributed tosports 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 interuniversity tournaments" over the period of the last one year.







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# 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 thearea 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



