



## Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Announces National Sports Awards 2024

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2024. The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 17th January, 2025 (Friday) at 1100 hours.

**A. Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024:** Shri Gukesh D (Chess), Shri Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey), Shri Praveen Kumar (Para-Athletics), Ms. Manu Bhaker (Shooting)

❖ 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award' is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over the period of the previous four years.

**B. Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2024**  
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❖ **Athletics:** Ms. Jyothi Yarraji, Ms. Annu Rani,

- ❖ **Boxing:** Ms. Nitu, Ms. Saweety,
- ❖ **Chess:** Ms. Vantika Agrawal,
- ❖ **Hockey:** Ms. Salima Tete, Shri Abhishek, Shri Sanjay, Shri Jarmanpreet Singh, Shri Sukhjeet Singh,
- ❖ **Para-Archery:** Shri Rakesh Kumar,
- ❖ **Para-Athletics:** Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi, Shri Ajeet Singh, Shri Sachin Sarjerao Khilari, Shri Dharambir, Shri Pranav Soorma, Shri H Hokato Sema Ms. Simran, Shri Navdeep,
- ❖ **Para-Badminton:** Shri Nitesh Kumar, Ms. Thulasimathi Murugesan, Ms. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan, Ms. Manisha Ramadass,
- ❖ **Para-Judo:** Shri Kapil Parmar,
- ❖ **Para-Shooting:** Ms. Mona Agarwal, Ms. Rubina Francis
- ❖ **Shooting:** Shri Swapnil Suresh Kusale, Shri Sarabjot Singh,
- ❖ **Squash:** Shri Abhay Singh,
- ❖ **Swimming:** Shri Sajan Prakash,
- ❖ **Wrestling:** Shri Aman
  - 'Arjuna Award for outstanding performance in Sports and Games' is given for good

performance over a period of the previous four years and for showing qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

### C. Arjuna Awards (Lifetime) for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2024:

- ❖ Shri Sucha Singh (Athletics) and Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Para-Swimming)
- Arjuna Award (Lifetime) is given to honour and motivate those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career.

### D. Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2024:

- ❖ Regular Category: Shri Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting), Ms. Deepali Deshpande (Shooting) and Shri Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey)

- ❖ Lifetime Category: Shri S Muralidharan (Badminton) , Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football)
- 'Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games' is given to coaches for doing outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and for enabling sportspersons to excel in international events.

### E. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar:

- ❖ Physical Education Foundation of India

### F. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2024:

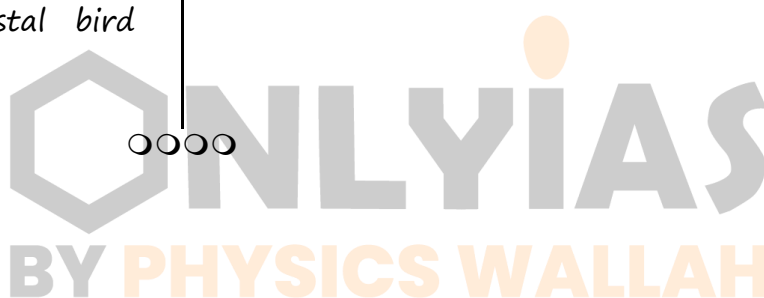
- ❖ Chandigarh University (Overall winner University),
- ❖ Lovely Professional University, (PB) (1st runner up university)
- ❖ Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2nd runner up university)

### India's 1st 'Coastline-Waders Bird Census' to begin in Gujarat

- ❖ The country's first-ever 'Coastline-Waders Bird Census' will begin at Marine National Park and Sanctuary in Jamnagar.
- ❖ The three-day census which has been jointly organized by the Department of Forest and the Bird Conservation Society will also host significant events focusing on counting wader and coastal bird species.

### Bengali film director Arun Roy dead.

- ❖ Well-known Bengali film director Arun Roy passed away in Calcutta due to lung infection. He was 56.
- ❖ Roy had shot to fame with his first film 'Egaro - The Immortal XI' in 2011.
- ❖ He followed that up with 'Cholai' (2016), 'Hiralal' (2018), '8/12 Binay Badal Dinesh', and 'Bagha Jatin'.



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