

National Sports Awards 2025

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Why in news?

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports recently announced National Sports Awards 2025.

- **Frequency** - Every year.
- **Objective** - To recognize and reward excellence in sports.
- **Instituted by** - Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

6 categories -

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award** (Instituted in 1991-1992) - *India's highest sporting honor*.
 - Given for spectacular and most outstanding performance over the previous 4 years.
- **Arjuna Award** (1961) - The second-highest national sporting honor.
 - Given for consistent good performance, leadership, sportsmanship, and discipline over four years.
 - **Arjuna Award (Lifetime)** - sub-category - *Honors retired players* who still help promote sports.
- **Dronacharya Award** (1985) - Honors elite coaches for producing medal winners at major international sports events.
 - Divided into regular and lifetime achievement categories.
- **Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement** - Celebrates sportspersons who contributed to sports through promotion after active retirement.
- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar** - Awarded to corporate entities, non-governmental organizations for playing a visible role in sports promotion and development.
- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy** - Rotating trophy presented to the top-performing overall university in inter-university tournaments over the preceding year.
- National Sports Awards 2025 -
 - No mentions for the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Sporting Excellence, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for universities.
 - 17 athletes received the Arjuna Award.
 - Veteran footballer Isaiah Arumainayagam received the Arjuna Award (Lifetime).



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NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2025

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE, HONOURING CHAMPIONS

★ *The awardees:* ★

ARJUNA AWARDS



ATHLETICS

- Tejaswin Shankar
- Muhammed Ajmal V
- Priyanka Goswami



BADMINTON

- Treesa Jolly
- Gayatri Gopichand



BOXING

- Narender



CHESS

- Vidit Gujarathi
- Divya Deshmukh



DEAF SHOOTING

- Dhanush Srikanth



HOCKEY

- Lalremsiami
- Rajkumar Pal



KABADDI

- Surjeet
- Pooja



PARA SHOOTING

- Rudransh Khandelwal



PARA ATHLETICS

- Ekta Bhyan



ROWING

- Arvind Singh



SHOOTING

- Akhil Sheoran



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



FOOTBALL

I. Arumainayagam

For his outstanding contribution
to Indian football over decades.



★ *Their dedication inspires a stronger, fitter and prouder India.* ★

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