

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2022

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(i) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022

S. No.

Name of the sportsperson

Discipline

1.

Shri Sharath Kamal Achanta

Table Tennis

(ii) Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2022

S. No.

Name of the sportsperson

Discipline

1.

Ms Seema Punia

Athletics

2.

Shri Eldhose Paul

Athletics

3.

Shri Avinash Mukund Sable

Athletics

4.

Shri Lakshya Sen

Badminton

5.

Shri Prannoy HS

Badminton

6.

Shri Amit

Boxing

7.

Ms Nikhat Zareen

Boxing

8.

Ms Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni

Chess

9.

Shri R Praggnanandhaa

Chess

10.

Ms Deep Grace Ekka

Hockey

11.

Ms Shushila Devi

Judo

12.

Ms Sakshi Kumari

Kabaddi

13.

Ms Nayan Moni Saikia

Lawn Bowl

14.

Shri Sagar Kailas Ovhalkar

Mallakhamb

15.

Ms ElavenilValarivan

Shooting

16.

Shri Omprakash Mitharval

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17.

Ms Sreeja Akula

Table Tennis

18.

Shri Vikas Thakur

Weightlifting

19.

Ms Anshu

Wrestling

20.

Ms Sarita

Wrestling

21.

Shri Parveen

Wushu

22.

Ms Manasi Girishchandra Joshi

Para Badminton

23.

Shri Tarun Dhillon

Para Badminton

24.

Shri Swapnil Sanjay Patil

Para Swimming

25.

Ms Jerlin Anika J

Deaf Badminton

(iii) Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2022

A. Regular Category:

S. No.

Name of the Coach (S/Shri/Ms)

Discipline

1.

Shri Jiwanjot Singh Teja

Archery

2.

Shri Mohammad Ali Qamar

Boxing

3.

Ms Suma Siddharth Shirur

Para Shooting

4.

Shri Sujeet Maan

Wrestling

B. Lifetime Category:

S.No.

Name of the Coach (S/Shri/Ms)

Discipline

1.

Shri Dinesh Jawahar Lad

Cricket

2.

Shri Bimal Prafulla Ghosh

Football

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Wrestling

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games 2022

S. No.

Name of the sportsperson

Discipline

1.

Ms Ashwini Akkunji C.

Athletics

2.

Shri Dharamvir Singh

Hockey

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Shri B.C Suresh

Kabaddi

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Para Athletics

(v) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022

S. No.

Category

Entity recommended for RashtriyaKhel Protsahan Puruskar, 2022

1.

Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent

TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited

2.

Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology

3.

Sports for Development

Ladakh Ski & Snowboard Association

(vi)Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2022:

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

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‘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.

‘Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games’ is given to honour sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and who continue to contribute to promotion of sports event after their retirement.

‘Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar’ 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 the area of sports promotion and development.

The overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments is given the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.

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