



National Sports & Adventure Awards 2017

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President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind here today conferred National Sports & Adventure Awards 2017 in a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel among the dignitaries who were present on the occasion.

President Shri Kovind also interacted with 14 Young Sports achievers who attended the award ceremony. Four of them were Gold medalists in Asian School Championships for Athletics 2015, 1 Gold medalist in Asian School Championship for Swimming 2016 and 9 were Gold medalists in Gymnasiade conducted by International School Sport Federation in 2016.

(i) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017

Following sportspersons were conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2017.

S. N.	Name of Awardee	Discipline
1.	Shri Sardar Singh	Hockey
2.	Shri Devendra	Para-Athletics

(ii) Dronacharya Awards 2017

Following coaches were conferred with Dronacharya Awards for the year 2017.

S. N.	Name of Awardees	Discipline
	Dr. R. Gandhi (Posthumously)	Athletics
	Shri G.S.S.V. Prasad	Badminton- Lifetime
	Shri Braja Bhusan Mohanty	Boxing-Lifetime

	Shri P.A. Raphael	Hockey-Lifetime
	Shri Sanjoy Chakraverthy	Shooting-Lifetime
	Shri Roshan Lal	Wrestling-Lifetime

The Award for Late Dr. R. Gandhi was received by his wife Dr. Sailaxmi Gandhi.

(iii) Arjuna Awards 2017

Following sportspersons were conferred with Arjuna Awards for the year 2017:

S. N.	Name of Awardees	Discipline
1.	Ms. Vennam Jyothi Surekha	Archery
2.	Ms. Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
3.	Shri Arokia Rajiv	Athletics
4.	Ms. Prashanti Singh	Basketball
5.	Sub. L. Debendro Singh	Boxing
6.	Shri Cheteshwar Pujara	Cricket
7.	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Cricket
8.	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Football
9.	Shri Shivsankar Prasad Chawrasia	Golf
10.	Shri S.V. Sunil	Hockey
11.	Shri Jasvir Singh	Kabaddi
12.	Shri P.N. Prakash	Shooting
13.	Shri A. Amalraj	Table Tennis
14.	Shri Saketh Sai Myneni	Tennis
15.	Shri Satyawart Kadian	Wrestling
16.	Shri Mariyappan T.	Para-Athletics
17.	Shri Varun Singh Bhati	Para-Athletics

Shri Cheteshwar Pujara selected for Arjuna Award in the discipline of Cricket is presently playing abroad and as such could not attend the Award Ceremony. He will be given award at some later date by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs & Sports.

(iv) Dhyan Chand Award 2017

Following persons were conferred with Dhyan Chand Awards for the year 2017:

S. N.	Name of Awardees	Discipline
1.	Shri Bhupender Singh	Athletics
2.	Shri Syed Shahid Hakim	Football
3.	Ms. Sumrai Tete	Hockey

(v) Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2017

Following persons were conferred with Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2017.

S. N.	Name of Awardees	Discipline
1.	Smt. Premlata Agrawal	Land Adventure
2.	Shri More Rohan Dattatrey	Water Adventure
3.	Shri Ashok Abbey	Life Time Achievement
4.	Shri Ved Prakash Sharma	Life Time Achievement

(vi) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2016-17

Punjabi University, Patiala was conferred with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for the year 2016-17.

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S. N.	Name of Awardee	
1.	Punjabi University, Patiala	Winner

(vii) Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar, 2017

Following entities were conferred with Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskarar for the year 2017.

S. N.	Name of Awardees	Category
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)
2.	Encourage to sports through corporate social responsibility	Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)
3.	Sports for Development	The Golf Foundation
4.	Sports for Development	Reliance Foundation

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