

## Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2024

**Shri Gukesh D. (Born in May, 2006)** is one of the most outstanding Chess players of the country.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal in FIDE World Chess (Classical) Championship held in Singapore in 2024
- Gold medal in FIDE 45<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad (Open Team) held in Budapest in 2024
- Gold medal in FIDE 45<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad (Individual) held in Budapest in 2024

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **(Chess)**, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Gukesh D.**

## Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2024

**Shri Harmanpreet Singh (Born in January, 1996)** is one of the most outstanding Hockey players of the country.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Tokyo, Japan in 2021.
- Gold medal in 19th Asian Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **HOCKEY**, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Harmanpreet Singh**.

## Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2024

**Shri Praveen Kumar (Born in May, 2003)** is one of the most outstanding Para-Athletics players of the country.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal in Paralympic Games (Men's high jump T64) held in Paris in 2024
- Silver medal in Paralympic Games (Men's high jump T64) held in Tokyo in 2021
- Gold medal in 4th Asian Para Games (Men's high jump T64) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para-Athletics**, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Praveen Kumar**.

## Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2024

**Ms. Manu Bhaker (Born in February 2002)** is one of the most outstanding Shooting players of the country.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Women's 10m air pistol) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Mixed team 10m air pistol) held in Paris, France in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of Shooting, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Manu Bhaker**.

## **Dronacharya Award, 2024**

**Shri Subhash Rana (Born in September, 1978)** is a Para Shooting Coach.

He has trained many outstanding Para Athletes including Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis, Singhraj, Avani Lekhara. These players have won medals at Paralympic Games 2021 and 2024, World Championship 2022, World Cups 2021 - 2024 and Asian Para Games 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Subhash Rana**.

## **Dronacharya Award, 2024**

**Mrs. Deepali Deshpande (Born in August,1969)** is a Shooting Coach.

She has trained many outstanding Athletes including Swapnil Kusale, Akhil Sheoran, Arjun Babuta, Sift Kaur Samra, Anjum Moudgil, Shriyanka Sadangi. These players have won medals at Olympics 2024, World Championship 2023 and 2024, World Cups 2024, Asian Games 2023 and Asian Shooting Championships 2023.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Mrs. Deepali Deshpande.**

## **Dronacharya Award, 2024**

**Shri Sandeep Sangwan (Born in July, 1977)** is a Hockey Coach.

He has trained many outstanding Athletes including Sumit, Mandeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Jarmanpreet, Sanjay, and Abhishek. These players have won medals at the Paris Olympic Games 2021 and 2024, Hangzhou Asian Games 2023, Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 and other International tournaments.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sandeep Sangwan**.

## **Dronacharya Award (Lifetime), 2024**

**Shri S. Muralidharan (Born in January, 1945)** is a Badminton Coach.

He has trained many outstanding Athletes including U Vimal Kumar, Madhumita Bisht & George Thomas. These players have won medals at Asian Games 1982, Commonwealth Games 1998, French Open - Badminton 1983 & 1984 and Welsh Open - Badminton 1988.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching] the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime) for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri S. Muralidharan**.



## **Dronacharya Award (Lifetime), 2024**

**Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco (Born in June, 1953)** is a Football Coach.

He has trained many outstanding Athletes including Mahesh Gawli, Climax Lawrence, Sunil Chhetri, Anwar Ali, Anthony Pereira, Samir Naik, Laxmikant Kattimani, Joaquim Abranches and Clifford Miranda. These players have won Silver medal in 2002 SAFF Cup, Gold medal in 2005 SAFF Cup, Silver medal in 2008 SAFF Cup, Gold in 2012 SAFF Cup and Gold medal in 2002 LG Cup, Gold medals in 2011 & 2007 Nehru Cup including Gold medal in AFC Challenge Cup 2009.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime) for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Jyothi Yarraji (Born in August, 1999)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Athletics.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Silver medal in 19th Asian Games (Women's Hurdles 100m) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Gold and Silver medal in Asian Athletics Championship (Women's Hurdles 100m & 200m) held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2023.
- Gold medal in Asian Indoor Championship (Women's 60m Hurdles) held in Tehran, Iran in 2024

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Jyothi Yarraji**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Annu Rani (Born in August, 1992)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Athletics.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Gold medal in Asian Games (Women's Javelin Throw) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Bronze medal in Commonwealth Games (Women's Javelin Throw) held in Birmingham, England in 2022.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Annu Rani**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Nitu (Born in October, 2000)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Boxing.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Gold medal in IBA Women's World Boxing Championships (48 kg Wt. Category) held in Delhi, India in 2023.
- Gold medal in Commonwealth Games (48 kg Wt. Category) held in Birmingham, England in 2022.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Boxing**, the Arjuna Award for year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Nitu**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Saweety (Born in January, 1993)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Boxing.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Gold medal in IBA Women's World Boxing Championships (81 kg Wt. Category) held in Delhi, India in 2023.
- Gold medal in Asian Championships (81 Kg Wt. Category) held in Amman, Jordan in 2022.
- Bronze medal in Asian Championships (81 kg Wt. Category) Held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2021.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Boxing**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Saweety**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Vantika Agrawal (Born in September, 2002)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Chess.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Gold medal in Chess Olympiad (Women's Team) held in Budapest, Hungary in 2024.
- Gold medal in Chess Olympiad (Individual) held in Budapest, Hungary in 2024.
- Silver medal in Asian Games (Women's Team) held in Hangzhou China in 2023.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Chess**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Vantika Agrawal**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Salima Tete (Born in December, 2001)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Gold medal in Asian Champions Trophy (Women's Hockey Team) held in Ranchi, Jharkhand in 2023.
- Bronze medal in Asian Games (Women's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou China in 2023.
- Bronze medal in Asia Cup (Women's Hockey Team) held in Muscat, Oman in 2022.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Hockey**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Salima Tete**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Abhishek (Born in August, 1999)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Olympic Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in Asian Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Gold medal in Asian Trophy (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hulunbuir, China in 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Hockey**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Abhishek**.



## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Sanjay (Born in May, 2001)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Olympic Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in Asian Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Hockey**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sanjay**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Jarmanpreet Singh (Born in July, 1996)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Olympic Games held (Men's Hockey Team) in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in Asian Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Gold medal in Asian Trophy (Men's Hockey Team) held in Chennai, India & Hulunbuir, China in 2023 & 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Hockey**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Jarmanpreet Singh**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Sukhjeet Singh (Born in December, 1996)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in 19th Asian Games (Men's Hockey Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Consecutive Gold medals in Asian Championships (Men's Hockey Team) held in China in 2024 and in India in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Hockey**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sukhjeet Singh**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Rakesh Kumar (Born in January, 1985)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Archery.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Paralympic Games (Mixed Compound Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- One Gold & Two Silver medals in 4th Asian Para Games (Mixed Team, Individual, Men's Team) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Gold medal in World Archery Para Championship (Mixed Team) held in Pilsen, Czech Republic in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Archery**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Rakesh Kumar**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Preeti Pal (Born in September, 2000)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Two Bronze medals in Paralympic Games (Women's 100m & 200m T35) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Two Bronze medals in World Championship (Women's 100m & 200m T35) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Preeti Pal**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi (Born in September, 2003)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Paralympic Games (Women's 400m T20) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in the World Championship (Women's 400m T20) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.
- Gold medal in 4th Asian Para Games (Women's 400m T20) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Jeevanji Deepthi**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Ajeet Singh (Born in September, 1993)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### His achievements are:

- Silver medal in the Paralympic Games (Men's Javelin Throw F46) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in the World Championship (Men's Javelin Throw F46) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.
- Gold medal in the World Championship (Men's Javelin Throw F46) held in Paris, France in 2023.
- Bronze medal in 4th Asian Para Games (Men's Javelin Throw F46) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Ajeet Singh**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Sachin Sarjerao Khilari (Born in October, 1989)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **His achievements are:**

- Silver medal in Paralympic Games (Men's Shot Put F46) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in World Championship (Men's Shot Put F46) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.
- Gold medal in World Championship (Men's Shot Put F46) held in Paris, France in 2023.
- Gold medal in 4th Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China, 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sachin Sarjerao Khilari**.



## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Dharambir (Born in January, 1989)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal in Paralympic Games (Men's Club Throw F51) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in World Championship (Men's Club Throw F51) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.
- Silver medal in 4th Asian Para Games (Men's Club Throw F51) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Dharambir**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Pranav Soorma (Born in October, 1994)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **His achievements are:**

- Silver medal in Paralympic Games (Men's Club Throw F51) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in 4th Asian Para Games (Men's Club Throw F51) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Pranav Soorma**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri H. Hokato Sema (Born in December, 1983)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Paralympics Games (Men's Shot put F57) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in Asian Para Games (Men's Shot put F57) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri H. Hokato Sema**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Simran (Born in November, 1999)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Paralympics Games (Women's 200m T12) held in Paris, France in 2024
- Two Silver medals in Asian Para Games (Women's 100m & 200m T12) held in Hangzhou in 2023.
- Gold medal in World Championship (Women's 200m T12) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Simran**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Navdeep (Born in November, 2000)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal in the Paralympic Games (Men's Javelin Throw F41) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in the World Championship (Men's Javelin Throw F41) held in Kobe, Japan in 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Athletics**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Navdeep**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Nitesh Kumar (Born in December, 1994)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Badminton.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal in the Paralympic Games (Men's Singles SL3) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal (Men's Doubles SL3-SL4), Silver medal (Men's Singles SL3) and Bronze medal (Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5) in the 4th Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Bronze medal in the World Championship (Men's Singles SL3) held in Pattaya, Thailand in 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Badminton**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Nitesh Kumar**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Thulasimathi Murugesan (Born in April, 2002)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Badminton.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Silver medal in the Paralympic Games (Women's Singles SU5) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal (Women's Singles SU5), Silver medal (Women's Doubles SL3-SU5) and Bronze medal (Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5) in the 4th Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Silver medal in the World Championships (Women's Doubles SL3-SU5) held in Pattaya, Thailand in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Badminton**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Thulasimathi Murugesan**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan (Born in January, 2005)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Badminton.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Paralympic Games (Women's Singles SH6) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal (Women's Singles SH6), Bronze medal (Mixed Doubles SH6) and Bronze medal (Women's Doubles SH6) in the 4th Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Silver medal (Women's Doubles SH6) and Bronze medal (Women's Singles SH6) in the World Championship held in Pattaya in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Badminton**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan**.



## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Manisha Ramadass (Born in January, 2005)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Badminton.

### Her achievements are:

- Bronze medal in the Paralympic Games (Women's Singles SU5) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in (Women's Singles SU5), bronze medal (Women's Doubles SL3-SU5) and bronze medal (Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5) in the 4th Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Silver medal in the World Championship (Women's Singles SU5) held in Pattaya, Thailand in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Badminton**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Manisha Ramadass**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Kapil Parmar (Born in June, 2000)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Judo.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Paralympic Games (Men's J1 -60Kg) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Silver medal in the 4th Asian Para Games (Men's J1 -60Kg) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Bronze medal in IBSA World Games (Men's J1 -60Kg) held in Birmingham, United Kingdom in 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Judo**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Kapil Parmar**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Mona Agarwal (Born in November, 1987)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Shooting.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Paralympic Games (Women's R2 10m Air Rifle SH1) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in WSPS World Cup (R2 Women's 10m Air Rifle SH1) held in New Delhi, India in 2024.
- Silver medal in WSPS World Cup (R10 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team SH1) held in New Delhi, India in 2024.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Shooting**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Mona Agarwal**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Ms. Rubina Francis (Born in June, 1999)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Shooting.

### **Her achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Paralympic Games (P2 Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in the 4th Asian Para Games (P2 Women's 10m Air Pistol) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Gold medal (P5 Mixed Team 10m Air Pistol Standard SH1) and Silver medal (P5 Mixed 10m Air Pistol Standard SH1) in the World Shooting Para Sport Championships held in Lima, Peru in 2023.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Shooting**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Ms. Rubina Francis**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Swapnil Suresh Kusale (Born in August, 1995)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Shooting.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Olympic Games (Men's 50 metre Rifle 3 Positions) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal in the 19th Asian Games (Men's Team 50 metre Rifle 3 Positions) held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Silver medal in the ISSF World Cup (Men's 50 metre Rifle 3 Positions) held in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2022.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Shooting**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Swapnil Suresh Kusale**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Sarabjot Singh (Born in September, 2001)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Shooting.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in the Olympic Games (10m Air Pistol Mixed Team) held in Paris, France in 2024.
- Gold medal (10m Air Pistol) and Silver medal (10m Air Pistol Mixed Team) in the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou China in 2023.
- Bronze Medal (10m Air Pistol Men Team) in the World Championship held in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2023.
- Gold medal (10m Air Pistol) in ISSF World cup 2024 held in Munich Germany

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Shooting**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sarabjot Singh**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Abhay Singh (Born in September, 1998)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Squash.

### **His achievements are:**

- Gold medal (Men's Team) and Bronze medal (Mixed Doubles) in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China in 2023.
- Bronze medal in the World Cup (Mixed Doubles) held in Chennai, India in 2023.
- Gold medal (Men's Doubles) and Gold medal (Mixed Doubles) in the Asian Squash Doubles Championships held in Johor, Malaysia in 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Squash**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Abhay Singh**.

## Arjuna Award, 2024

**Shri Sajan Prakash (Born in September, 1993)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Swimming.

### **His achievements are:**

- 2 Time Olympian, qualified for Olympics 2016 held in Rio, Brazil & Olympics 2020 held in 2021 in Tokyo, Japan in Men's 200 meter butterfly.
- Silver Medal (200m Butterfly) at 11th Asian Age Group Championship held in New Clark City in Capas, Philippines in 2024.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Swimming**, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sajan Prakash**.



## **Arjuna Award, 2024**

**Shri Aman (Born in July, 2003)** is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Wrestling.

### **His achievements are:**

- Bronze medal in Olympic Games (Men's Freestyle 57 Kg) held in Paris] France in 2024.
- Bronze medal in 19th Asian Games (Men's Freestyle 57 Kg) held in Hangzhou China in 2023.
- Gold medal in the Senior Asian Championships (Men's Freestyle 57 Kg) held in Astana, Kazakhstan 2023.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Wrestling, the Arjuna Award for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Aman.**

## Arjuna Award (Lifetime), 2024

**Shri Sucha Singh (Born in December 1949)** is one of the most outstanding Athletics players of the country.

### His achievements are:

- Silver medal (4 X 400m relay) and Bronze medal (400m) in 6th Asian Games held in Bangkok in 1970.
- Silver medal in the 7th Asian Games (4 X 400m relay) held in Tehran, Iran in 1974.
- Gold medal in the 2nd Asian Athletics Championships (4 X 400m relay) held in Seoul, South Korea in 1975.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Athletics**, the Arjuna Award (Lifetime) for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Sucha Singh**.

## Arjuna Award (Lifetime), 2024

**Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Born in November 1944)** is one of the most outstanding Para Swimming players of the country.

### His achievements are:

- Gold medal in the Paralympic Games (Men's 50m Freestyle) held in Heidelberg, Germany in 1972.
- Gold medal in the Commonwealth Paraplegic Games held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1970.
- Gold medal in the International FESPIC Games held in Sha Tin, Hong Kong in 1982.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of **Para Swimming**, the Arjuna Award (Lifetime) for the year 2024 is being conferred upon **Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar**.

## **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, 2023**

Born on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1988, **Shri Uday Kumar** hails from Chhapra, Bihar. Shri Uday Kumar exhibited exceptional courage and determination by successfully climbing Mount Rhenock (16,500 feet) in Kanchenjunga National Park of West Sikkim and displayed 780 Sq ft Indian flag.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution in the field of adventure, **Shri Uday Kumar** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2023 for Land Adventure.

## **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, 2023**

Born on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1998, **Ms Sayani Das** hails from Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal. She swam the English Channel (England to France) in 14 hrs 08min, Rottneest channel in 6 hrs. 42 min, Molokai channel (Molokai to O'ahu) in 18 hrs 50 min and Catalina Channel (Catalina to Mainland) in 12 hrs. 46 min.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Ms Sayani Das** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2023 for Water Adventure.

## **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, 2023**

Born on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1982, **Shri Jithin Malayilakathutt Vijayan** hails from Kochi, Kerala. He holds the record for the longest freefall in flat flying which is 2 minutes 47 seconds; skydiving from 42,431 feet altitude with Indian flag and greatest distance Freefall with Indian flag from altitude of 36,929 feet. He also skydived for 18 consecutive days.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Shri Jithin Malayilakathutt Vijayan** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2023 for Air Adventure.

## **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, 2023**

Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1965, **Shri Umesh Mallikarjun Zirpe**, hails from Pune, Maharashtra. He has successfully led expeditions to Mount Everest, Mount Manaslu, Mount Lhotse, Mount Kanchenjunga, Mount Annapurna and Mount Dhaulagiri and also guided young generation through different Mountaineering campaigns. He is also a recipient of highest sports award in Maharashtra “Shiv Chhatrapati State Adventure Sports Award” during 2013-14.

In recognition of his sustained commitment, significant contribution and unmatched spirit of adventure, **Shri Umesh Mallikarjun Zirpe** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2023 for Life Time Achievement.

# Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar, 2024

## Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI)

**Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI)** has made significant strides in promoting sports and physical education in India. PEFI has built a network of over 80,000 active members, including 24 state chapters and 100 institutional collaborators. Recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, as a National Sports Promotion Organization, PEFI has contributed to various initiatives such as anti-doping awareness programs, technical support for state-level events, organizing of 2nd Gift City Marathon, supporting 6,000-kilometer run, and launching a CSR initiative for wrestling. PEFI has forged key partnerships and signed national, international MoUs to advance physical education and sports sciences. PEFI's achievements and collaborations underscore its vital role in shaping India's sports future.



## **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy, 2024**

**The prestigious Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy**, instituted in the year 1956-57, is a running trophy which is awarded to the university which has shown the best all round performance in sports. The winner of the MAKA Trophy is given a cash award of Rs 15 lakhs and a small replica of the Rolling Trophy for retention by the university

Based on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted to recommend the overall winner university, the Government has declared, Chandigarh University, Punjab as the winner of the **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy** for the year 2024.