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Arjuna Awards for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games

The Arjuna Award honours sportspersons with good international results over four years and the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and discipline, with Rs 15 lakh in cash.

What you may get

Each winner receives Rs 15 lakh in cash with a statuette, a certificate and a ceremonial dress, at a function the Government fixes. Normally up to 15 awards are given in a year, and up to three Lifetime awards, which honour those who kept helping sport after their playing career.

Who it is for

Sportspersons with good international performance in the last four years who also show leadership, sportsmanship and discipline, in Olympic-type disciplines, cricket, indigenous games or sports for the physically challenged.

Main conditions

- The sportsperson should have had good performance over the previous four years at international level, and show leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.
- The award is considered only for disciplines under Olympic, Asian, Commonwealth, World Cup or World Championship events, cricket or an equal international event, indigenous games, and sports for the physically challenged.
- For the Lifetime award, the person must also have kept promoting sport after their career ended.
- A sportsperson penalised for banned substances can be considered only after the ban ends, and one with an enquiry pending is not considered.

Documents

- Report from the employer that the sportsperson is clear from vigilance and disciplinary angle, or an undertaking from those not employed

How to apply

1. Applications are invited on the online portal of the Department of Sports at dbtyas-sports.gov.in.
2. Eligible sportspersons can apply themselves without anyone's recommendation.
3. Employed applicants attach the employer's report, and others attach an undertaking about their conduct.
4. After applying, a unique registration number is generated for future contact.

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