Shri. Neeraj Chopra (Born in December, 1997) is one of the most outstanding Javelin players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Gold Medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020
- Gold Medal atGold Coast Common Wealth Games 2018
- Gold Medal at Asian Games, Jakarta 2018

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Athletics, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Neeraj Chopra**.

Shri. Ravi Kumar (Born in December, 1997) is one of the most outstanding Wrestlers of the country.

His achievements are:

- Silver Medal at Tokyo Olympics, 2020
- Gold Medal at Asian Championship, 2020
- Bronze Medal at World Championship, 2019

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Wrestling, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Ravi Kumar**.

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain (Born in October, 1997) is one of the most outstanding Boxers of the country.

Her achievements are:

- Bronze Medal at Tokyo Olympics, 2020
- Bronze Medal at AIBA World Women Boxing Championship, 2019

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of Boxing, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Ms. Lovlina Borgohain**.

Shri. Sreejesh P.R (Born in May, 1988) is one of the most outstanding Hockey players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Bronze Medalat Tokyo Olympics, 2020
- Bronze Medal at Asian Games, Jakarta 2018

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Hockey, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Sreejesh P.R**.

Ms. Avani Lekhara (Born in November, 2001) is one of the most outstanding Para Shooters of the country.

Her achievements are:

- Gold Medal in R2 Women's 10 Air Rifle SH1 in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- Bronze Medal in R8 Women's 50m Rifle 3 positions SH1 in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sport of Para Shooting, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Ms. Avani Lekhara**.

Shri. Sumit Antil (Born in July, 1998) is one of the most outstanding Para Athletes of the country.

His achievement are:

- Gold Medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- Silver Medal at World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai, 2019

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Para Athletics, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Sumit Antil**.

Shri. Pramod Bhagat (Born in June, 1988) is one of the most outstanding Para Badminton players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Gold Medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- 2 Gold Medals in Men's Singles and Men's Doubles events at World Para Badminton Championship, Basel 2019
- Gold and Bronze Medal in the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles events at the Asian Para Games 2018
- Bronze Medal at World Para Badminton Championship, Ulsan, South Korea 2017

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of Para Badminton, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Pramod Bhagat**.

Shri. Krishna Nagar (Born in January, 1999) is one of the most outstanding Para Badminton players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Gold Medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- Silver and Bronze Medalin Men's Doubles and Men's Singles events at World Para Badminton Championship, Basel 2019
- Bronze Medal in Men's Singlesat the Asian Para Games 2018

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of Para Badminton, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Krishna Nagar**

Shri. Manish Narwal (Born in October, 2001) is one of the most outstanding Para Shooters of the country.

His achievements are:

• Gold Medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Para Shooting, the Rajiv Gandhi KhelRatna Award for the year **2021** is conferred upon Shri. Manish Narwal.

Ms. Mithali Raj (Born in December, 1982) is one of the most outstanding cricket players of the country.

Her achievements are:

- Highest run-scorer in Women's International Cricket
- Only woman cricketer to surpass the 7000 run mark in Women's ODI matches
- In June 2018, during the 2018 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup, she became the first player from India (either male or female) to score 2000 runs in T20Is, and also became the first woman cricketer to reach 2002 WT20I runs.
- Bestowed with Wisden Leading Woman Cricketer in the World Award, 2017
- Bestowed with the Padma Shri Award in 2015

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of Cricket, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Ms. Mithali Raj**.

Shri Sunil Chhetri (Born in August, 1984) is one of the most outstanding Football players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Second joint-highest international goal-scorer
- Most-capped Indian footballer
- All-time top goal-scorer for India
- Helped India win the 2007, 2009, and 2012 Nehru Cup, as well as the 2011, 2015, and 2021 SAFF Championship.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Football, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Sunil Chhetri**.

Shri. Manpreet Singh (Born in June, 1992) is one of the most outstanding Hockey players of the country.

His achievements are:

- Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympics, 2020
- Captain of the Indian Men's Field Hockey Team

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport of Field Hockey, the Major Dhyan Chand KhelRatna Award for the year 2021 is conferred upon **Shri. Manpreet Singh**.

Shri. T.P. Ouseph (Born in September, 1946) is an Athletics coach. He has trained many outstanding athletes who have won medals in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are Bobby Alosius - High Jump, Anju Bobby George - Long Jump, Lekha Thomas - Long Jump, Ancy Joseph ,Sheena N.V - Triple Jump.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award(Life Time) for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri. T.P. Ouseph**.

Shri Sarkar Talwar (Born in September, 1949) is a Cricket coach. He has trained many outstanding cricket players who have won medals in National/International competitions. Prominent among them areVijay Yadav, Ajay Ratra, Ishan Ganda, ManvinderBisla, Naveen Negi, Pankaj Thakur, VikramDhariwal.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award(Life Time) for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri Sarkar Talwar**.

Shri. Sarpal Singh (Born inOctober, 1932) is a Hockey Coach. He has trained many outstanding hockey players who have participated and won in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are-PrithpalSingh, Mohinderlal, Harbinder Singh, RajinderSingh and Mukhbain Singh, VarinderSingh, AjithSingh, InderSingh, Chand Singh, Ashok Diwan, RajinderSingh Jr, Amarhjeet Sing Rana, BalwinderSingh and Ashok Kumar.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award (Life Time) for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri. Sarpal Singh**.

Shri. Ashan Kumar (Born in Dec, 1961) is a Kabaddi Coach. He has trained many outstanding Kabaddiplayers/Teams who have participated and won in National/International competitions. Prominent Teams among them are Indian Kabaddi Team, Iran Kabaddi Team, South Korea Kabaddi Team, Army Kabaddi Team, Services Kabaddi Team, ONGC Kabaddi Team.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award (Life Time) for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri. Ashan Kumar**.

Dr. Tapan Kumar Panigrahi (Born in May, 1958) is a Swimming Coach. He has trained many outstanding swimming players who have participated and won in National/International competitions. Since 1991, his professional expertise has been utilized by the Swimming Federation of India for final preparation of the Indian team for various International competitions like World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Championships, Asian Age Group and SAF Games. His recent contribution is recognized as the one of the highest in the history of Indian swimming, winning Gold medal in the Asian Para Games 2018 as well as in the World Championships 2017 and World Games 2019.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award (Life Time) for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Dr. Tapan Kumar Panigrahi**.

Shri. Radhakrishnan Nair P (Born in October, 1958) is an Athletics coach. He has trained many outstanding athletics players who have won medals in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are Neeraj Chopra, Vismaya V K and Ms. Hima Das.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Awardfor the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Radhakrishnan Nair P**.

Ms. Sandhya Gurung (Born inDecember, 1973) is a Boxing coach. She has trained many outstanding boxers who have won medals in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are Lovlina Borgohain, Jamuna Boro & Simranjeet Kaur.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Sandhya Gurung**.

Ms. Pritam Siwach (Born in October, 1974) is a Hockeycoach. She has trained many outstanding hockey players who have won medals in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are Deepika Thakur, Neha Goyal, Deep Grace Ekka and Sushila Chanu. She has been former captain of the Indian Women's Hockey team. She has also been part of team which had won medals at Asian Games, Asian Cup and Commonwealth Games.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Awardfor the year 2021is being conferred upon **Ms. Pritam Siwach**.

Shri. Jai Prakash Nautiyal (Born in August, 1968) is a National Para Shooting Coach. He has trained many outstanding Para Shooting players who have participated and won in National/International competitions. Prominent among them areManish, Singh Raj, Akash, Deependra, Rahul jhakar, SwaroopUnhalkar.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri. Jai Prakash Nautiyal**.

Shri. Subramanian Raman (Born in June, 1968) is aTable Tennis Coach. He has trained many outstanding Table Tennis players who have participated and won in National/International competitions. Prominent among them are A. Amal Raj, G. Sathiyan, Master S. Preyesh and Ankita Das who have won medals at various Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Championships and Asian Games.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of coaching, the Dronacharya Award for the year 2021is being conferred upon **Shri. Subramanian Raman**.

Shri. Arpinder Singh (Born in December, 1992) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Athletics.

His achievements are:

- Gold Medal (Triple Jump) in Asian Games 2018
- Bronze Medal (Triple Jump) IAAF Continental Cup 2018.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Athletics, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Arpinder Singh.**

Ms. Simranjit Kaur (Born in October, 1995) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Boxing.

Her achievements are:

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Silver Medal in Asian Boxing Championship 2019.

Bronze Medal in AIBA World Boxing Championship 2018.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Boxing, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Simranjit Kaur**.

Shri Shikhar Dhawan (Born in December, 1985) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Cricket.

His achievements are:

- Fastest Indian to reach 2000 & 3000 runs in ODI cricket
- 2nd fastest Indian to reach 4000 and 5000 runs in ICC ODI cricket
- Leading run-getter in Champions Trophy for India 701 runs in 10 matches

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Cricket, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri Shikhar Dhawan**.

Ms. Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman (Born in August, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Fencing.

Her achievements are:

- First Indian Fencer to qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- Gold Medal in Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Fencing, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman**.

Ms. Monika (Born in November, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

Her achievements are:

- Silver medal in Asian Games 2018
- Gold medal in Asia Cup 2017

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Monika**.

Ms. Vandana Katariya (Born in April, 1992) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

Her achievements are:

- Silver medal in Asian Games 2018.
- Gold Medal in Asia Cup 2017

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Vandana Katariya**.

Shri. Sandeep Narwal (Born in April, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Kabaddi.

His achievements are:

- Bronze Medal in Asian Games 2018
- Gold Medal in Asian Kabaddi Championship 2017

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Kabaddi, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri Sandeep Narwal**.

Ms. Himani Uttam Parab (Born in August, 2001) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Mallakhamb.

Her achievements are:

- Gold Medal in Overall Championship in 1st World Mallakhamb Championship 2019.
- Gold Medal in Rope Long set in 1st World Mallakhamb Championship 2019
- Gold Medal in Rope Short set in 1st World Mallakhamb Championship 2019

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Mallakhamb, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Himani Uttam Parab**.

Shri. Abhishek Verma (Born in August, 1989) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Shooting.

His achievements are:

- Gold Medal in (10M Air Pistol Mixed Team) 14th Asian Shooting Championship, Doha 2019
- Gold Medal in (10M Air Pistol Team Men) 12th Asian Airgun Championship, Taiwan 2019
- Silver Medal in (10M Air Pistol Individual Men) 12th Asian Airgun Championship, Taiwan 2019
- Bronze Medal (10M Air Pistol Men Team) 14th Asian Shooting Championship, Doha 2019
- Bronze medal in 10M Air Pistol Individual Asian Games, Indonesia 2018

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Shooting, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Abhishek Verma**.

Ms. Ankita Raina (Born in January, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Tennis

Her achievements are:

- Bronze Medal in (Women's Singles) 18th Asian Games at Jakarta-2018
- Silver Medal (Women's Doubles) at 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Turkmenistan, 2017

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Tennis the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Ankita Raina**.

Shri. Deepak Punia (Born in May, 1999) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Wrestling.

His achievements are

- Bronze Medal in Sr. Asian Championship, 2020
- Silver Medal in Sr. World Championship, 2019.
- Bronze Medal in Sr. Asian Championship, 2019

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Wrestling, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Deepak Punia**.

Shri. Dilpreet Singh (Born in November, 1999) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Dilpreet Singh**.

Shri. Harmanpreet Singh (Born in January, 1996) is one of the most

outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic Games 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Harmanpreet Singh**.

Shri. Rupinder Pal Singh (Born in November, 1990) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Rupinder Pal Singh**.

Shri. Surender Kumar (Born in November, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Surender Kumar**.

Shri. Amit Rohidas (Born in May, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Amit Rohidas**.

Shri. Birendra Lakra (Born in February, 1990) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Birendra Lakhra**.

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

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Sumit**.

Shri. Nilakanta Sharma (Born in May, 1995) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Nilakanta Sharma**.

Shri. Hardik Singh (Born in September, 1998) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Hardik Singh**.

Shri. Vivek Sagar Prasad (Born in February, 2000) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Vivek Sagar Prasad**.

Shri. Gurjant Singh (Born in January, 1995) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Gurjant Singh**.

Shri. Mandeep Singh (Born in January, 1995) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Mandeep Singh**.

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

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Shamsher Singh**.

Shri. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (Born in December, 1993) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay**.

Shri. Varun Kumar (Born in July, 1995) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Hockey.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Varun Kumar**.

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

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Hockey, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Simranjeet Singh**.

Shri Yogesh Kathuniya (Born in March, 1997) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

His achievements is:

• Silver medal in Tokyo Paralympics Games 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Athletics, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri Yogesh Kathuniya**.

Shri. Nishad Kumar (Born in October, 1999) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

His achievements is:

• Silver medal in Tokyo Paralympics Games 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Athletics, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Nishad Kumar**.

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

His achievements is:

• Silver medal in Tokyo Paralympics Games 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Athletics, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Praveen Kumar**.

Shri Suhas Yathiraj (Born in July, 1983) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Badminton.

His achievements are:

• Silver medal in Tokyo Paralympics Games 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Badminton, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri Suhas Yathiraj**.

Shri Singhraj Adhana (Born in January, 1982) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Shooting.

His achievements are

- Silver Medal in Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- Bronze Medal in Tokyo Paralympics 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Shooting, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri Singhraj Adhana**.

Ms. Bhavina Patel (Born in November, 1986) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Table Tennis.

Her achievements is:

• Silver medal in Tokyo Paralympics Games 2020

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Table Tennis, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Bhavina Patel**.

Shri. Harvinder Singh (Born in October, 1997) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Archery.

His achievements is:

• Bronze Medal in Tokyo Paralympics 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Archery, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Harvinder Singh**.

Shri. Sharad Kumar (Born in March, 1992) is one of the most outstanding players in the discipline of Para Athletics.

His achievements is:

• Bronze medal in Tokyo Paralympics 2020

In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sports of Para Athletics, the Arjuna Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Sharad Kumar**.

Ms. Lekha KC (Born in April, 1981) has been one of the most outstanding Boxers of the country. She has won Gold Medal in the World Women Boxing Championship 2006 and 3rd Asian Boxing Championships at Taiwan (2005). She has won medals in various other Asian Women Boxing Championships. She had represented India 18 times in International Women Boxing Championships.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of Boxing, the Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Ms. Lekha KC**.

Shri. Abhijit Kunte (Born in March, 1977) has been one of the most outstanding Chess players of the country. He was honoured with International Master Title in 1997 & International Grand Master Title in 2000. He has represented India in 33rd (Russia, 1998), 34th (Turkey, 2000), 35th (Slovenia, 2002) & 36th (Spain, 2004) Chess Olympiad. He has won several medals at Asian Team Championships and Commonwealth Championships.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of Chess, the Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. AbhijitKunte**.

Shri. Davinder Singh Garcha (Born in December, 1952) has been one of the most outstanding Hockey players of the country. He was a member of the Hockey team winning the Gold medal in the Olympics 1980. He has participated in the Champions trophy in 1979 and quadrangle hockey tournament in 1979. After retirement from active sports, he has coached many young hockey players and produced great talent.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of Hockey, the Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Davinder Singh Garcha**.

Shri. Vikas Kumar (Born in March, 1979) has been one of the most outstanding Kabaddi players of the country. He has won Gold Medal in 15th Asian Games, Doha, 2006 and Gold Medal in 1st and 2nd Kabaddi World Cup in 2004 and 2007. He was a member of the kabaddi team winning Gold medals in South Asian Games 2004, 2006 & 2010.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of Kabaddi, the Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Vikas Kumar**.

Shri. Sajjan Singh (Born in July, 1933) has been one of the most outstanding Wrestlers of the country. He participated in the 1960 Rome Olympics. He has won 02 Silver medals in 1962 Asian Games and 01 Bronze medal in 1966 Asian Games. He has also won 01 Silver Medal in Commonwealth Games 1970.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of Wrestling, the Dhyan Chand Award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon **Shri. Sajjan Singh**.

Born on 30th November 1992, **Ms. Priyanka Mangesh Mohite** hails from Satara District of Maharashtra. She is first Indian woman to climb Mt. Annapurna and youngest Indian woman to climb Mt. Lhotse. She has also climbed Mt. Everest, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Makalu, etc. For her glorious achievements, State Government of Maharashtra has awarded her Shiv Chhatrapati Maharashtra State Adventure Award 2018-2019. She is also recipient of SahyadriHirkani Award by DD Sahyadri Mumbai.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Ms. Priyanka Mangesh Mohite** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Land Adventure.

Born on 20th November, 1980, **Sh. Jay Prakash Kumar** hails from Bokaro district of Jharkhand. He is an accomplished mountaineer who has climbed as well as led expedition to various mountain peaks including Mt. Everest, Mt. Kanamo, Mt. Jogse, Mt. Lobuche, Mt. Jogin, etc.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Sh. Jay Prakash Kumar** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Land Adventure.

Born on 1st May, 1975, Col. Amit Bisht hails from Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. He displayed exceptional qualities of leadership and dedication in the field of mountaineering. He led expeditions to various unclimbed peaks including ascent of Harsil Horn II in alpine style. He climbed Mt Blanc in France (Europe) with a record single day ascent of 1800 m & descent of 2650 m. His name is registered in Limca Book of Indian Record and India Book of Records for leading an 8-member team to first ascent of four unnamed peaks in 8 days. He organized Medical Expedition cum Training on Winter Conditioning and Disaster Management.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Col. Amit Bisht** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Land Adventure.

Born on 28th June, 1995, **Ms. Sheetal** hails from Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand. Her name is registered in Golden Book of World Records for being youngest woman to climb Mt. Kachenjunga. She has also climbed Mt. Annapurna – I, Mt. Stok Kangri, Mt. DraupadiKaDanda II, few unnamed peaks, etc.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Ms. Sheetal** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Land Adventure.

Born on 15th July, 1972, **Sh. Srikaanth Viswanathan** hails from Bengaluru, Karnataka. He completed Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming: Manhattan Island Swim in 8 hrs. 7 min, Catalina Channel in 13 hrs. 4 min and English Channel in 14 hrs. 7 min. His name is registered in Limca book of records for being the oldest Indian for crossing the English Channel.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Sh. Srikaanth Viswanathan** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Water Adventure.

Born on 27th July, 1972, **Lt. Col. Servesh Dhadwal** hails from Hoshiarpur district of Punjab. His name is registered in India Book of Records for conduct of maximum number of accelerated freefall in two years by a duo – 328 accelerated freefall skydives and for conduct of First Ever Skydive for Disabled (Leg Amputee). In the last three years, he has conducted Basic & Refresher Skydiving Course for a total of 166 personnel wherein 1531 jumps were carried out.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of adventure, **Lt. Col. Servesh Dhadwal** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Air Adventure.

Born on 6th October, 1972, **Sh. Jai Kishan** hails from Delhi. He is an avid mountaineer and accomplished skydiver. In a span of 20 years, he has displayed exceptional dedication in both fields of adventure (Land and Air). He has climbed Mt. Everest from North Col., Mt. Lhotse, Mt. Denali, Alaska (USA), Mt. Aconcagua (Argentina) among many peaks. He conceptualized and organized various drives such as Clean Mountain Green Mountain Campaign, first ever Tenzing Norgay MTB (International Cycle Race) in Darjeeling, promotional Skydiving Jump for Mountaineering Institutes, Rock climbing training for local Un-employed youth, Survival & Disaster management adventure Camp, Mission mountain to Ocean Cleanliness Drive - first ever Cleanliness Drive from Kanchenjunga National Park (15000 feet) to Andaman Nicobar Island (Zero Feet).

For his achievements in the field of Air Adventure, he was conferred with Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2009 (Air Adventure Category). He created various National and International records for first ever low-level parachute formations and inverted parachute formation Skydiving over Rajpath, for being First Indian to do Highest Skydive in Everest Region from 27500 feet, for being First Indian to do Inverted Parachute Formations, for Skydive from the largest Helicopter of the World, for Highest Skydive Landing of the World, etc.

In recognition of his sustained commitment, significant contribution and unmatched spirit of adventure, **Sh. Jai Kishan** is presented with the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2020 for Life Time Achievement.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2021

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 is pleased to declare the Panjab University, Chandigarh as the winner of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy for the period2020-21.

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Manav Rachna Educational Institution

Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent

Manav Rachna Educational Institutions (MREI) is the brainchild of Dr. O.P. Bhalla and was founded in 1997 in Haryana. MREI has been a visible symbol of knowledge & experience providing high-quality education in various fields and has also been working from the grass root to the elite level in various sports.

The vision of MREI is to produce outstanding sports players for future, as well as to provide their students with a unique platform which helps them enhance their sporting abilities as well as provide them quality education and support. Different sports opportunities and state of the art infrastructure have been made available in MREI at Faridabad for all students, along with national and international qualified coaches in Shooting, Badminton, Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Football, Squash, Basketball, Cricket, Athletics, Fencing, etc.

MREI has sponsored the education and sports training of hundreds of sportspersons over the years. They have also produced many elite athletes including ace shooters Shagun Chowdhary, Shreyasi Singh, Angad Bajwa, Anish Bhanwala, Bhavesh Shekhawat, Renowned cricketer Shahbaz Ahmed, Table Tennis player Ankita Das, Badminton player Khush Chug, Kick boxer Kuldeep Kumar to name a few.

In recognition of their contribution in the field of "Identification and nurturing of budding young talent", the Rashtriya Khel ProtsahanPuruskar for the year 2021 is being conferred upon Manav Rachna Educational Institutions.

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Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility

Indian Oil Corporation Limited has been championing the cause of sports development for over three decades now. In line with the sports policy it adopted in 1985, the Corporation has over the years, recruited many promising sportspersons, who have gone on to reach their peak in their chosen disciplines.

Since 2006, Indian Oil has also been conferring sports scholarships to promising young sportspersons representing the State in indoor and outdoor games. The scheme which started in 2006 with 55 scholarships in 7 games/sports has now been augmented to offer 150 scholarships for 19 games/ sports to upcoming junior players between 14 -19 years of age.

Indian Oil has the proud distinction of having 13 Arjuna awardees amongst its glittering squad of sports stars. Indian Oil's P. Gopichand has not only been conferred with the Arjuna Award (1999), but other prestigious awards like Khel Ratna (2001), Padma Shri (2005), Dronacharya Award (2009), and Padma Bhushan (2014).

At present many of Indian Oil's employees, recruited under the sports categories, are playing in international circuits and earning distinctions for the country. Few of Indian Oil's sports personalities include Aditya Mehta (Billiards and Snooker) country's top cueist; Grandmaster S.S. Ganguly, B. Adhibam, Lalit Babu (Chess); Indian cricket team members Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane and CheteshwarPujara; K. Srikanth, P. Kashyap and P Gopichand (Badminton); Sharath Kamal (Table Tennis), Raghunath VR and Baljit Singh (Hockey), Yogesh Pardeshi (Carom).

In recognition of its outstanding contribution in the field of "Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility", the Rashtriya Khel ProtsahanPuruskar for the year 2021 is being conferred upon the Indian Oil Corporation Limited.