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ARJUNA AWARDS TO COVER ALL GAMES
TWO-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WINNERS

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All recognised games and sports will now be considered for selection of outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen for Arjuna Awards. Previously, the list of such games and sports was restricted to 30 disciplines.

This follows acceptance by the Government of the revised rules for grant of these awards, recommended by the All India Council of Sports.

In the past, one of the criteria for selections was that the awardee should have registered a good performance consistently for the previous three years at the national or international level, capped by an excellent performance for the year under review. To this has been added the provision that the awardee should also possess qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

The awardee will now be entitled to a scholarship of Rs. 200 per month for the period of two years. He will also be entitled to witness free national or international matches played in India.

The awards will be given for financial years and not for calendar years, as in the past.

The revised rules will be operative from the year 1977-78.

Ordinarily....

Ordinarily not more than one Award will be given in each sports if a deserving candidate is available. An exception can, however, be made for the grant of a Second Award in case of woman.

Entries are invited for the Awards from the National Sports Federations recognised by the All India Council of Sports and the Ministry of Education.

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