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ARJUNA AWARDS FURTHER EXPANDED

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The Arjuna awards for outstanding sportspersons will also be given for indigenous games and the physically handicapped sports. Following the amendment in the rules there will now be three categories of Arjuna awards: for Olympic, Asian & Commonwealth games and cricket; for indigenous games; and for physically handicapped sports.

The Arjuna awards were initiated in 1961 to honour outstanding sportspersons for consistent performance three previous years at the national or international level with excellence for the year for which the award was given. The rules were amended last year bringing into the scope of the awards sportspersons for their life time contribution to sports and sports promotion.

The present amendment in the rules follows representations from several quarters to the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development. It is expected to help in promotion of indigenous games and recognition of the services of physically handicapped for sports in the country.

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