

NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

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The first national adventure awards for 1994 have been announced. The awards are : Rachel Tomas, the first woman skydiver; Major A.K. Singh, who though physically disabled, sailed round the world in the Army sailing expedition "Trishna"; Indian members of the successful Indo-Nepalese Women's Everest expedition, 1993; and noted mountaineer Hukum Singh. Each awardee will get Rs. 50,000/- and a scroll of honour.

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The awards have been instituted by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development for excellence in the field of adventure. The adventure award is on par with the Arjuna award.

The members of the 1993 Indo-Nepalese Women's Everest expedition getting the awards are : Bechendri Pal, Rita G Marwah, Santosh Yadav, Chandra Prabha Aitwal, Deepu Sharma, Kunga Bhatia, Dicky Dolma, Radha Devi, Bimla Negi, Savita Martolia, Suman Kutiyal, Sarla Negi, K. Saraswati, Rita Patel, Harsha Panwar, G. Anita Devi, Rajeev Sharma, Nima Norbu, Baldev Kanwar.

It may be recalled that the department sanctioned Rs. 50 lakh for the women's expedition. Besides the institution of the awards, a number of steps have been taken to promote adventure activities. These include setting up of adventure academies in every State, an adventure film festival planned in Calcutta and increased support for purchase of equipment.

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