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Highest Sports Decoration Award, 2020 | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Aug 2021

Why in News

On August 28, 2021, the State Level Sports Awards were announced by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department after the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the highest sports awards of Madhya Pradesh and with the approval of the Sports and Youth Welfare Minister of the state.

Key Points

- For the year 2020, **13 Eklavya, 10 Vikram, 3 Vishwamitra, 1 Late Prabhash Joshi and 1 LifeTime Achievement Award** have been announced by the state government.
- The **LifeTime Achievement Award** for the year 2020 will be given to **Padma Shri Abhay Chhajlani**, while **Olympic hockey player of the state Vivek Sagar** will be awarded the state's best **Vikram Award**.

- The list of persons announced for the year 2020 state level sports awards is as follows-
 - **Eklavya Award:**
 - **Individual Category** - Sushma Verma, Kayaking-Canoeing (Sehore), Tushita Singh, Soft Tennis (Bhopal), Sparsh Khare, Wushu (Jabalpur), Arjun Singh, Horse Riding (Bhopal), Sunil Davar, Athletics (Barwani), Gauranshi Sharma, Badminton (Divyang) (Bhopal), Rammilan Yadav, Sailing (Tikamgarh), Ankit Sharma, Fencing (Gwalior), Anuradha Ahirwar, Archery (Bhopal), Preeti Rajak, Shooting (Hoshangabad), Shashank Patel, Taekwondo (Bhopal).
 - **Group Category** – Sadhna Sengar, Hockey (Hoshangabad) and Dhruvraj Kurre, Powerlifting (Bhopal).
 - **Vikram Award:**
 - **Individual Category** - Vishwajit Singh, Canoe-Slalom (Hoshangabad), Sunidhi Chauhan, Shooting (Bhopal), Nidhi Nanhet, Karate (Balaghat), Paridhi Joshi, Horse Riding (Indore), Manju Bamboria, Boxing (Ujjain), Ekta Yadav, Sailing (Bhopal). Party Sports - Vivek Sagar Prasad, Hockey (Hoshangabad), Harshvardhan Tomar, Basketball (Gwalior), Pooja Malviya, Mallakhamb (Ujjain).
 - **Divyang Category** - Prachi Yadav, Para Canoe (Gwalior).
 - **Vishwamitra Award:**
 - **Individual Category** – Virendra Dabas, Para Swimming and Para Athletics (Gwalior) and Richpal Singh Salaria, Archery (Jabalpur).
 - **Group Category** - Dr. Habib Hassan is involved.
 - **LifeTime Achievement Award:** Abhay Chhajlani, Padma Shri and former President Indore Table Tennis Association.
 - **Late Prabhas Joshi Sports Award:** Vaishnavi Kahar, Mallakhamb (Ujjain).

PM SVANidhi Scheme | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Aug 2021

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On August 29, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred an amount of Rs 50 crore to the accounts of 50,000 beneficiaries of the scheme in the state-level program for distribution of first and second installments under **Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme** at Balaghat and also launched the second phase of the scheme.

Key Points

- In the second phase of the scheme, an interest-free amount of Rs. 20-20 thousand was transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries.
- The Chief Minister said that small traders can gradually increase their work with the help of the SVANidhi scheme. **Madhya Pradesh is first in the country to implement the Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Scheme.**

- At the very beginning of the scheme, about 3.50 lakh beneficiaries were disbursed assistance amounting to Rs.10-10 thousand each.
- At the launch of the second phase of the scheme, the second installment of the scheme (20-20 thousand rupees) was provided to about 1000 beneficiaries of the state.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the help given to **self-help groups** before the covid crisis will be started again by the government, pucca houses will be provided to all the poor in the state by the year 2024 and on September 18, 2021, the Prime Minister In the second phase of Ujjwala scheme, 5 lakh new connections will be given.