



# Names Finalised for Dronacharya, Khel Ratna and Lifetime Achievement Awards in Uttarakhand

## Why In News

On March 20, 2023, Uttarakhand Sports Director Jitendra Kumar Sonkar told that for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, three sports coaches of the state will be awarded the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Dronacharya Award and three players will be awarded the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand Khel Ratna Award. Has been selected for other awards.

## Key Points

- Sports Director Jitendra Kumar Sonkar said that the names for the awards will be announced after the approval of the government's high-power committee and sports minister.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will award more than 200 players and coaches in a program organized by the Sports Department at Parade Ground on March 24. These players who perform better in national competitions will be rewarded.
- It is known that the players of the state have proved their mettle in various sports including hockey, cricket field to badminton in the country and around the world, but for the last four years, due to Kovid and many other reasons, the players and sports coaches of the state could not get awards. Were. Although applications were sought from time to time by the department, but the names of players and sports coaches could not be finalized.
- According to sports department officials, the department has received eight applications for the Dronacharya Award and 11 applications for the Khel Ratna Award, while six applications have been received for the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The wait for Dronacharya, Khel Ratna and Lifetime Achievement Award for sportspersons and sports coaches is about to end, but players will have to wait for Himalaya Putra Award. Despite the mandate in the year 2022, the department has not yet sought applications for this.

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