



# Haryana Felicitates Arjuna Awardees

## Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar honored the **state players awarded with the [Arjuna Award](#)** and their coach **at Haryana Bhavan in New Delhi.**

## Key Points

- The Chief minister congratulated **Wrestlers Sunil Kumar, Antim Panghal** and **Golfer Diksha Dagar** who were **honored with the Arjuna Award in the [National Sports Awards 2023.](#)**
- The athletes praised **Haryana's sports policy** stating that it has **boosted the morale of athletes, and the youth** are now more **inclined towards sports due to this Pro-player Policy.**
- According to the Chief minister, a **foundational framework for sports will be developed from village to village** in Haryana so that the youth can be nurtured from childhood.
- Plans are also underway to establish **specialized high-power performance centers** to train youth in popular sports. **Sports equipment** will be **made available through gram panchayat.**

## Arjuna Award

- It was **instituted in 1961** by the Government of India **to recognise outstanding achievement in national sports events.**
- It is given for **good performance over a period of previous four years** and showing **qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.**
- The award carries a **cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll of honor.**
- **In 2023, 26 athletes won the Arjuna Award** from Droupadi Murmu, the **President** of India.
- The list **mostly features athletes from the [Asian Games 2023](#)** where **India made history** by **winning over 100 medals** in a single edition of the event.