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Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

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Why is in news? Shri Anurag Singh Thakur felicitates players under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS)

Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur on 19th September 2023 felicitated players under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) in New Delhi.

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) was formulated to help sportspersons who play well but are from poor and needy family.

The scheme helps in procurement of sports equipment and training and till date 270 sportspersons have been provided support of around 8 crore 15 lakhs rupees.

The Government is providing help to athletes be it through TOPS or through Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS).

About the scheme:

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons (PDUNWFS) was **set up in March, 1982** with a view to assisting outstanding Sportspersons of yesteryear, living in indigent circumstances who had brought glory to the Country in sports.

The scheme was **revised in May, 2016** to **provide for lump sum ex-gratia assistance** to outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears.

Provision of pension has been **done away** with as there is already a Scheme of Pension for Meritorious Sportspersons.

Objectives:

To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances.

To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury.

To provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons who bring glory to the country in international field and who are disabled as an after effect of their strenuous training or otherwise and to provide them assistance for medical treatment.

To administer and apply the funds of the Fund to promote the welfare of the sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances

To administer and apply the funds of the Fund for active sportspersons individually or collectively as a group.

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To do all other things which are incidental to the above objectives

Assistances:

Assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances

Assistance for injuries sustained during training for and participation in Sports competitions

Assistance to Families of deceased Outstanding Sportspersons

Assistance for Medical Treatment

Assistance to coaches, support personnel, umpires, referees and match officials

Discretionary powers to the Chairperson of the General Committee