

## NATIONAL SPORTS DAY

The National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August, on the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. This day marks the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand Singh, the hockey player who won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936. He scored over 400 goals in his career, from 1926 to 1948.

## **DHYAN CHAND**

Dhyan Chand (29 August 1905 – 3 December 1979) was an Indian field hockey player. He is known as the greatest field hockey player of all time. His skill is compared to footballer Pele. His birthday, 29th August, is celebrated as National Sports Day in India every year. He received the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India in 1956. Chand earned three Olympic gold medals in field hockey. These were at the 1928, 1932, and 1936 games.

## **PURPOSE & SIGNIFICANCE**

National Sports Day is observed every year to spread awareness on the importance & significance of sports and activities in one's life. It is celebrated to reincarnate the spirit of sportsmanship and to promote new talents so that India can scale higher glories in the international sphere.

