

A Man with Hockey Magic- Major Dhyan Chand Singh

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ABSTRACT

Major Dhyan Chand is the Magician and known as “**Wizard of Hockey** “. Because of his extraordinary talent in the field of hockey sport. He also found his place in the Indian sports arena. Now a day’s his birthday celebrate as National Sports Day in India.

1. Introduction

Street hockey is great for kids . Its energetic, competition and skill ful. And best of all it keeps them off the street.

To play the game is good

To win is better

But to love the game is best of all.

The National Sports day , this day marks , the birthday of Major Dyan Chand Singh, the hockey player who won gold medal in Olympics for India. After putting his stamp on International hockey field and having served his country to reach its pinnacles of glory multiple times. He is legendary figure in the Indian and world hockey. The most noted memorials for him is the Major Dhyan Chand Award , the highest award for lifetime achievement in sports and games in India.

2. History

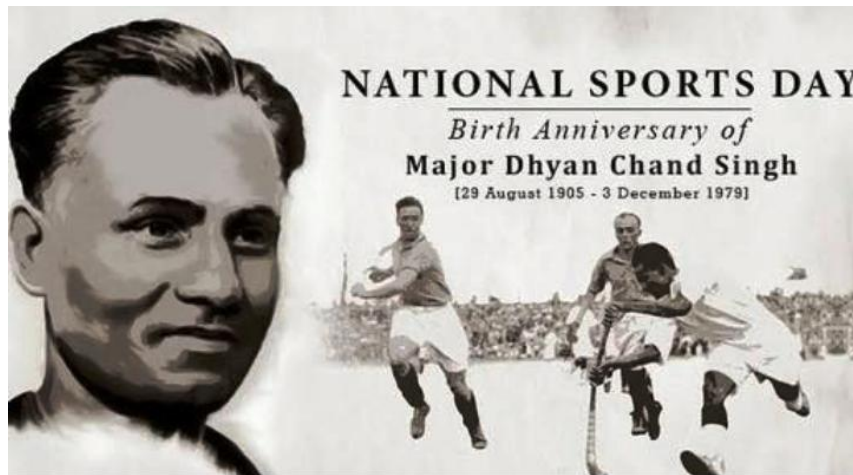
A Genius from the age of childhood, a passionate . He has challenged the world sports hockey with his unique talent. He has probably been the only Indian Player ever in any sport which skills so high that generated a number of myths about his abilities as a Hockey player.

- **Childhood & Early life:-** He was born on 29th August 1905 at prayag (Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh in Raj put family. His father served the Indian Army as a Subedar. He started playing hockey with his friends who used to themselves make. Hockey sticks from tree branches and balls from ragged clothes. In the age of 14 years he visited a hockey match with father, where one team was down by 2 goals. He insisted his father to play from the week side and when an Army officer let him do so, Dhyan scored 4 goals impressed by his skills. Then Army officer offered him to join the army at the age of sixteen in year 1921. He started playing army hockey tournaments in year 1922 and continued playing them for the next 4 years , until1926.

- **Known as chand:-** “Chand” word means moon. He used to practice a lot after his duty time in the night and wait for moon to come out so that the visibility on the field improved. His fellow players called him chand , since his practicing time coincided with the coming out the moon . The title “chand” (Moon) was given by fist coach, who predicted that he would one day shine like the chand (Moon) .
- **Dhyan Chand Family Tree:** Chand’s father had three sons Mool Singh , Major Dhyan Chand and Roop Singh. His father is Dutt Singh. Dhyan Chand was married to Janaki Devi justbefore the 1936 Olympics and had seven sons namely-Brij Mohan(represented his state), Sohan Singh(Coach), Ashok Kumar, Raj kumar(Athlete), Umesh Kumar , Devender Singh, Verinder singh.
- **Awards, Honours & Achievement:** Won the gold medals in the 1928, 1932 and the 1936 Olympics Games. He was also awarded Padma Bhushan in 1955.

3. Celebration National Sports Day

National Sports Day is celebrated every year on August, 29. On this day, sports persons commemorate this day in a sportive way. On the national level, a grand function is organized at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, with the president giving away the National Sports Awards, to player who made the country proud with their great sporting skills. The Awards handed out include the Arjuna Award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Dronacharya Award. The Dhyan Chand Award, which is the nation’s highest award for sporting excelece and which was first given in 2002, is also given away on this day. A lot of schools through-out the country celebrate this day as their Annual Sports day and young people are also encouraged and made aware of the possibilities in sports and what all advancement the country has obtained in sports .



- National sports day is particularly celebrated in academic institutions and sports academics all over the world.
- Celebrations for National sports day are more common in Punjab and Haryana, India due to more sportsperson hailing from these two states.

The National sports day is celebrated by organizing different types of games like football, cricket, lawn tennis, Basketball, Volleyball etc. various countries organize their traditional games according to their historical backgrounds; National sports day of **Malaysia** is also addressed as "**Hari Sukan Negara**". In **Iran**, October 17 is known as **Physical Education & Sports Day**, and from October 17 TO 23 The week is named **Physical Education & Sports Week**. **Japan's**

Health and Sports day:- is a national holiday commemorated in October. It was first held on 1966.

4. Conclusion

The National Sports day is also considered to be a day by the youngsters to make a name for only themselves but for their country as well. Sports is a way to live a healthy and long life which is disease free and this day is one of the many platforms which helps to spread this messages throughout our country, sports inculcate a feeling of friendliness among the youngsters and also develop a sense of unity into them. The sports committee's agenda on giving as many people possible to reach to sports.

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