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NATIONAL SPORTS DAY OR RASHTRIYA KHEL DIVAS 2022

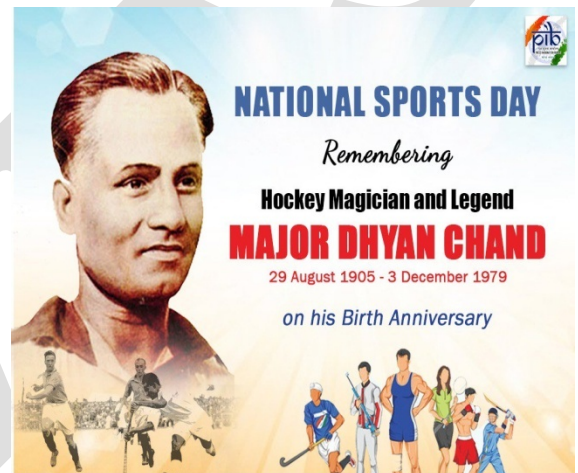
Why it is celebrated?

The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.

It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India's National Sports Day. The nation celebrates the day honouring our sports stars. The president gives away sports awards such as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dhyan Chand Awards on this occasion.

About Major Dhyan Chand-

Major Dhyan Chand was born on 29th August 1905, in Allahabad and was a great hockey player of his time. He was known as the star or wizard of a hockey player as during his period, his team gained a hat-trick of gold medals in the Olympics during years- 1928, 1932, and 1936. He played internationally for 23 years from 1926 to 1949. He total played 185 matches in his career and scored 570 goals.



Important and interesting facts about Dhyan Chand:

- He was awarded India's third highest civilian honour Padma Bhushan in 1956. His original name was Dhyan Singh.
- The nickname 'Chand' got stuck to his name as he used to practise all night in the moonlight (called Chand in Hindi).
- He breathed his last on December 3, 1979, in Delhi having slipped into a coma.

INDIA FORMALLY SUBMITS UPDATED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC) TARGET TO UNFCCC

India has updated certain provisions of its NDC initially submitted in 2015 under the Paris Agreement. Also, according to a recent report, achieving the target would boost India's annual GDP by up to 4.7% by 2036 and create as many as 15 million new jobs by 2047. Emissions from India at 3rd rank accounts for 6.8% of the total global emissions. The updated NDC shall be applicable upto 2030 and a step towards achieving India's long- term goal of reaching net-zero by 2070. But its per capita carbon emissions are still very low at 1.84 tonnes compared to the United States' 16.21 tonnes. These positive economic impacts are driven in part by improved trade balance of \$236 billion due to reduced demand for fossil fuels. Also, additional finance would free up existing resources to tackle negative impacts of climate policies such as carbon taxes, and to help reskill and upskill workers. However, achieving net zero by 2070 would require an investment \$10.1 trillion from now.

ABOUT UNFCCC

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United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Type	Multilateral environmental agreement
Context	Environmentalism
Drafted	9 May 1992
Signed	4–14 June 1992, 20 June 1992 – 19 June 1993
Location	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, New York, United States
Effective	21 March 1994
Signatories	165
Parties	198
Depositary	Secretary-General of the United Nations
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ArabicChineseEnglishFrenchRussianSpanish

SAMEER V KAMAT, AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF DRDO

Sameer V Kamat, Director General, Naval Systems and Materials Division of DRDO, was recently appointed as the new Chairman of DRDO. Kamat will continue in this post till the age of 60 years or till further orders. The same, the current secretary G. Satheesh Reddy was appointed Scientific Advisor to the Defense Minister. ContentsSameer Kamat Recent .

