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National Sports Day Message

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On this day, as the nation celebrates National Sports Day, we remember and pay tribute to Major Dhyan Chand, the legendary hockey player whose name is synonymous with excellence in Indian sports. His remarkable contribution to Indian hockey, including leading India to three Olympic gold medals in 1928, 1932, and 1936, continues to inspire generations. His legacy is a reminder of the heights Indian athletes can achieve through dedication, discipline, and passion.

National Sports Day is not just a celebration of sporting excellence; it is a call to action. It reminds us of the critical role sports play in shaping character, building resilience, promoting teamwork, and fostering unity. Sports cultivate not only physical strength but also leadership, strategic thinking, and a deep sense of national pride.

This year, we are proud to announce the launch of the **Chief Minister's Meritorious Sportsperson Scholarship**, a new initiative aimed at recognizing and supporting sporting talent in our state. Under this scheme, 25 abled athletes and 5 para-athletes will receive scholarships to encourage their continued pursuit of excellence in their respective sports. This marks a significant step forward in creating an inclusive and empowering sports environment in Arunachal Pradesh.

We acknowledge that gold medals are not made of gold—they are made of sweat, determination, and hard work. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh continues to invest in infrastructure, international exposure, and scientific training to provide our athletes with the tools they need to shine on global platforms. With continued support and vision, we believe our state can soon emerge as a rising sports power.

An Appeal to Parents and Educators: We urge you to make sports a part of your child's daily routine. Encourage them to play, explore, and engage in physical activities. Sports are more than just games—they are life lessons in motion, teaching values that help children grow into confident and responsible individuals.

On this National Sports Day, let us renew our commitment to promote a sporting culture in every corner of our state and ensure that no talent goes unrecognized or unsupported.



Jai Hind.
Happy National Sports Day!

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