

## Report on National Sports Day Celebration 2025

National Sports Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Swami Atmanand Government Model College, Jagdalpur, on 29th August 2025. The day holds special importance as it marks the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. In accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the UGC Notification (DO No. 8-1/2024(Misc.), dated 20th August 2025, issued by Secretary, University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Government of India), the college organised a series of events under the banner of the Fit India Mission. The theme of this year's celebration was linked with the Olympic spirit, focusing on values of Excellence, Friendship, and Respect.



The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The lamp was lit by Dr. Atul Trivedi, Mr. Sachin Singh Rajput, Mr. Pawan Singh Thakur (Sports Officer), Ms. Manisha Thakur, and Ms. Kiran (Assistant Professors). Guest faculty members were also present.



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After the inaugural session, the Drawing and Painting Competition was conducted. The theme of the competition was "One Hour in Playground," which reflected the Fit India Mission's call to dedicate at least one hour daily to fitness and physical activity. Students submitted their artworks with creativity and passion. The drawings beautifully conveyed messages of health, teamwork, and the joy of playing. After judgment, *Damini Mandavi of B.Sc. 3rd Semester* was declared the first prize winner, and her artwork was appreciated by

The next competition was *Chess*, which tested the strategic thinking and concentration of the students. The games were intense, and the participants displayed patience and sharp skills. After several exciting rounds, *Ishaq Pasha of B.Sc. 1st Semester secured the first position*. His calm, logical approach and focus on each move earned him the top spot. The competition showed that sports are not only about physical strength but also about mental ability and discipline.



In addition to these events, a *Matka Phod Competition* was also organised on the college ground. The event created a festive environment, and students enjoyed it with laughter and cheer. Traditional activities like this bring joy and strengthen teamwork and unity among students. The ground was filled with excitement as students actively participated and supported their peers.

Throughout the celebration, the importance of National Sports Day was highlighted. Sports Officer, Mr. Pawan Singh Thakur shared thoughts about Major Dhyhan Chand, who is remembered as the “Wizard of Hockey” and a sporting legend of India. Students were reminded of his contribution to Indian hockey and the glory he brought to the nation. These sessions reminded everyone that sports are not just about winning but about building character and respect for others.

The programme concluded with appreciation for the winners and encouragement for all participants. The day ended with a common pledge where students committed themselves to remain physically fit, mentally strong, and emotionally balanced.