

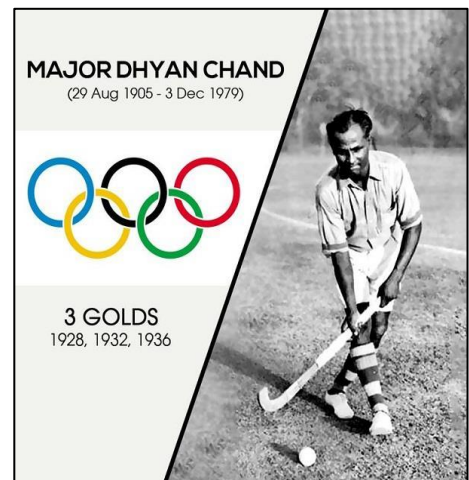
## **FUTURE OF SPORTS IN INDIA**



Today, in the whole country there is discussion of India's exceptional representation in Olympics, which was represented by Niraj Chopra, Mirabai Chanu, Bajrang Punia, P.V. Sindhu and more who with their hard work and dedication won medals for India. But what if Niraj Chopra who won a gold medal for India, was a 13 year old child and was wanting to choose sports as his career. What would have you told him?

Surely, if such incident happens in our Indian society we say that sports should not be seen as a career and you should focus on academics. This is the mindset of 9 out of 10 Indians. Then how could you expect more medals in Olympics? Till now India has won 35 medals across 24 Olympic Games. In Tokyo Olympics 2021, India won 7 medals in total. Are 7 medals sufficient for a country with population of 130 crore?

In India, Sports is seen as a hobby and not a field to pursue career by a lot of people. We Indians just want gold medals in Olympics, but we want our children to focus on academics. India doesn't lack in Talent but it lacks in support and motivation that needs to reach the Olympics. Every child here knows about Sachin, Dhoni and Kohli, it's good but what about other games? Many of us don't know the legendary player Dhyhan Chand, do we? Major Dhyhan Chand is considered as the God of India's National game 'Hockey'. He won 3 gold medals for India! In spite of



all his contributions he faced a lot of financial problems and died of liver cancer in AIIMS, Delhi. Why all the name, fame and money to just cricketers? Champions like Major Dhyan Chand have to face such difficulties because of weak infrastructure facilities , corruption in India and no proper funds allocated for them .People often say India is a poor country and it has less to spend on Sports . But where this poverty goes when we have to build big statues, which is of no need. Also, Schools focus more on academics than sports here, there are just 1 or 2 sports periods a week. Schools should teach students the Importance of Sports in one's life and also motivate the Students.

People in India are slowly and steadily started appreciating other games .But still a better uplifting and motivation by the Parents , The Educational system and also The Indian government is required to pull up various other sports in the country which are not into the Main stream . India in Tokyo Olympics won 7 medals in total which has broken the record of India itself in terms of number of medals in Olympics won by India till now, but it got just 1 gold medal and that's not sufficient for a country like India. As our gem, Milkha Singh said,“Hard work ,will power and Dedication for a man with these qualities , sky is the limit.” India will surely tackle all these problems and come up with Flying colours, in the coming years.

**JAI HIND , JAI BHARAT !**