



15th Hockey Men's National Championship 2025

Why in News?

The **15th Men's National Championship 2025** is going to be held from 4 to 15 April at **the Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium** in **Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh** .

Key Points

▪ About the Championship:

- According to Hockey India, the tournament will follow the same **division-based format** that was followed in the Senior Women's National Championship.
- The competition will include **promotion and relegation competitions** , with a total of 30 teams participating and divided into three divisions - **Division A, Division B and Division C**.
- **Division A** is the highest level of the competition, where teams will compete for **the championship title** . **Division B** teams will play with the aim of gaining **promotion to Division A in the next season**, while **Division C** teams will fight to secure a place in Division B in the upcoming edition.

Major Dhyan Chand

- Major Dhyan Chand was a **field hockey player** who played **international hockey from the year 1926 to 1949** .
 - He was a three-time **Olympic gold medalist** , winning gold in the **1928, 1932, and 1936 Olympic editions**.
- His exceptional skills in the game earned him the **title of 'Hockey Wizard'**.
 - Dhyan Chand, along with his brother Roop Singh, contributed significantly to India's tally of 35 goals, leading to them being **known** as the 'Hockey Twins' .
 - **In the year 1934**, Dhyan Chand was honoured with the **captaincy of the Indian team** .
- Major Dhyan Chand **retired from the Army as a Major in the year 1956** and was awarded the **Padma Bhushan**.
- **National Sports Day** is celebrated every year on 29 August on the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand to honour his contribution and promote sports culture .