Recent gusty winds of educational change have steered the juggernaut OPJMS off the conventional course to perceive and redefine education as integration of sports with scholastic domains. This all-inclusive education imparted at OPJMS paves the way for unhindered holistic development and disciplined growth of students, igniting in them unappetizing passion for excellence and perfection in their chosen fields – be it academic or sports.

Grabbing the opportunity to be the instrument of change and precursor in initiating change, OPJMS celebrated National Sports Day on 29th August 2013 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of the iconic and legendary Hockey Player, Dhyan Chand. The vigour and zest, being the characteristic force, drove students into the state of ecstatic sports frenzy. Banality of regular academic framework was dwarfed by the splendor of the pulsating sports events that marked the poised morning of 29th August. The day kickstarted with an incinerating speech by the Principal, Mr. Julian Egbert, highlighting the significance of National Sports Day followed by an oath administered to the participants before the ceremonial commencement of sports events. The frisson of excitement vibrated through the premises of OPJMS as the ardent sports enthusiasts enlivened the spirit and finesse of the Arjuna Awardee and great sports luminary Dhyan Chand with their overwhelming participation in myriad sports events.

The school’s playgrounds were turned into a gigantic sports arena with students of different classes from VI to XII all set to lock their horns with their opponents in varied matches like Basketball, Volleyball, Throwball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Tug of Peace and Swimming organized for them. The true drama of sweat jostling, competing,
combating and grappling ended up in moments of glory for some participants while others had their moments of despair for having failed to make their mark in varied matches. But, their despair was more than compensated by the admiration they earned for showcasing true sportsmanship, fair play, healthy competitive and team spirit. Exceptional sports acumen of the participants tempered with their ardent devotion to sports, enabled them to make a splash in varied sports events and matches.

The felicity and sports fervour did not spare the support staff/employees as they spread cheer with their blithe spirit and proved their brawn in the event ‘Tug of Peace’.

Ruffling up the spirits of the audience further, 50 m race was organized for the Special Wing students as the school believes staunchly that participation of such students in National Sports Day celebrations will be a source of unyielding inspiration for the mainstream students to continue to perform undaunted by mental or physical strain.

With the unaltering belief that we must watch our beginning well for the success to follow, the school soaked even classes LKG to V students in the feisty celebrations of National Sports Day by organizing Sports events like Hoophs, Tug of Peace, Marker Race, Three Legged Race, Dog and the Bone Race, Basketball, Football, Throwball, Frog-Race, Taekwondo and Kho-kho. These events were organized with the sole objective of kindling sense of discipline, self-control, endurance, team work, coordination and sacrifice in the young participants. The unity and sportsmanship displayed by the budding sportsmen corroborated the fact that these toddlers are the true carriers of sports culture and would bequeath the baton of love, harmony, universal brotherhood and true sportsmanship to the posterity.

The day breathed its last gasp of breath with the felicitation ceremony. The winners of varied sports events were awarded for their exceptional brilliance and phenomenal sporting prowess by the Principal, Mr. Julian Egbert. The Principal commended the zealous performance of the participants and reposed his faith in them hoping that they would act as a catalyst to promote sports culture across the nation.