Nearly three decades before the country started celebrating the National Sports Day in 2012, Assam has been observing September 3 as its annual sports day to honour Bhogeswar Baruah, the first Arjuna awardee from the northeastern region.

India celebrates Rashtriya Khel Divas or National Sports Day on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand.

The state government has now started marking September 3 as Sports Pension Day.

Assam Chief Information Commissioner Samudra Gupta Kashyap, who was associated with the beginning of the ‘Abhiruchi Sports Day’, as a young journalist in the 1980s, claimed that ONGC created a post of “regional sports officer” for the athlete.

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