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ABOUT US

HOCKEY INDIA (HI) is the governing body with an exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both men's and women's hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.

Headquartered in New Delhi, Hockey India was established on 20th May 2009 and is affiliated with the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

Committed to the development of Hockey in the country, Hockey India with the assistance of the Sports Authority of India and the Department of Sports, Government of India, trains players at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior levels.

The governing body engages in coaching the coaches with International Standard certification programs, educates and equips technical officials and umpires to find a foothold in the international arena, and provides world-class infrastructure and International exposure for the players besides regular international competition.

Hockey India has also pioneered in bringing top International hockey events to India such as the FIH Men's World Cup in 2010, 2018 and 2023, FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016 and 2021, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2015 & 2017, Olympic Qualifiers, FIH Series Finals and Asian Champions Trophy. With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India brought the Indian Men's Hockey Team into the top three in the world. Hockey India is also dedicated to getting the Indian Women's Hockey Team into the top three in the world.

PRESIDENT Message



Dr. Dilip Kumar Tirkey
President, Hockey India

As I look back at an important year in Indian hockey, which witnessed marquee events like the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, the Asian Champions Trophy for Men in Chennai and for Women in Ranchi, I am happy to note the progress we have made as a federation known worldwide for its hosting capabilities. While the Indian Men's team brought us immense joy and honour by winning the Gold medal at the Asian Games, after a gap of nine years, stamping their dominance in the continent and also qualifying for the Paris Olympic Games, it was particularly disappointing to see our Women's side miss the prestigious Games, which would have been their third consecutive qualification. However, it is just a glitch and the team will bounce back.

It is important to also mention the laurels of our junior teams that put up a brave fight in the FIH Junior World Cups and Asia Cups. We were particularly pleased with our women team's performance as they clinched a historic Silver medal at the inaugural Hockey5s World Cup held in Oman, while our men's team finished fifth.

I am delighted that for the very first time we launched a Sub-Junior program for both men and women. We were able to send them to foreign exposure tour as well.

At the grassroots level, we introduced the Zonal Championships and held the marquee annual Hockey India National Championships on par with international standards. Domestic events were live streamed and Player of the Match awards were presented for each game.

I am truly humbled by the support extended by our Executive Board which have backed our ideas and guided us in every aspect. We are perhaps the only federation in the world that has a dedicated program to coach our Coaches and also train our Umpires and Technical Officials.

Hockey India is also working towards the launch of the Hockey India League for both the Men's and Women's Hockey teams which will provide the sport a new flavour and allow Indian players to compete shoulder to shoulder along with some of the best players in the world. We are confident that the coming year will be an even better one for our beloved sport and we will take hockey to each and every household not only in India but also across all the nations in the world.

SECRETARY GENERAL Message



Mr. Bhola Nath Singh
Secretary General, Hockey India

As we reminisce about another dynamic year for Hockey India, I brim with pride and appreciation for the unwavering dedication and enthusiasm of our Players, Coaches, Officials, and Supporters.

Throughout the past year, we've witnessed remarkable accomplishments both on and off the field. Our national teams have epitomized extraordinary skill, resolve, and sportsmanship in a multitude of international tournaments, bringing honor to our nation and igniting the aspirations of future hockey stars.

While we revel in our triumphs, we've also weathered some challenging moments, imparting invaluable lessons. However, we stand resilient, poised to rebound as we always do.

From the successful hosting of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 in Chennai and the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 in Jharkhand, to the resumption of exhilarating action in Odisha with the FIH Pro League 2023–24 Bhubaneswar–Rourkela, and the jubilant moments of triumph as the Indian Men's and Women's Teams secured Gold and Bronze medals, respectively, at the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games, I am pleased in reflecting on the past year's accomplishments.

Noteworthy are also the stellar performances of our Indian Junior Men's and Women's Hockey Teams, clinching the Men's and Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 titles, adding further glory to our journey.

Beyond our on–field conquests, Hockey India remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing and expanding the sport at every level. Through grassroots initiatives, coaching programs, and infrastructural enhancements, we endeavor to ensure that hockey flourishes throughout the nation.

With the Paris Olympics on the horizon, our focus intensifies as we leave no stone unturned in preparing for this elite event. I hold unwavering confidence that our Indian Men's Hockey Team will deliver its best performance, thereby bringing pride and glory to our nation.

Let us maintain our collective resolve to make hockey the preferred sport for millions of Indians. Together, we can illuminate a path towards a brighter future for the game we cherish.

TREASURER Message



Mr. Sekar J Manoharan
Treasurer, Hockey India

A look back at the past year for Hockey India reminds me of the new heights that we have scaled in the sport. It fills me with pride to remember how every member associated with the sport in India worked strenuously and with utmost dedication to fulfil our collective mission to promote the sport across India and all around the globe.

While on the ground, our national teams brought glory to the nation, winning prestigious medals across major international tournaments, and waving India's flag high all over the world, off the field, Hockey India took steps to further develop the sport and successfully introduced new and fresh concepts and chapters.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team brought the Asian Games Gold medal back to India and confirmed their place in the Paris Olympics 2024, while the Indian Women's Hockey Team also claimed the Bronze medal in the quadrennial event and followed it up with a Gold medal at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. Our Junior Teams claimed a historic Gold Medal in Junior Men's and Women's Asia Cups, while our Indian Women's Hockey5s team also earned a silver medal in the inaugural Women's Hockey 5s World Cup.

The passion, vigour, courage, determination and confidence displayed by our athletes have not only reignited the love for the sport of hockey but have also inspired the next generation of athletes to come.

To further help the young crop of hockey stars, Hockey India launched numerous grassroots development programmes including the inaugural Zonal Championships and revamped the National Championships with live streaming and the latest technology to make the road easier for the budding hockey stars. Hockey India also successfully held the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 in Chennai and Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 in Jharkhand, and resumed the exhilarating hockey action in Odisha with the FIH Pro League 2023–24 Bhubaneswar–Rourkela.

Now, as we move forward in the coming year, we have moved past the challenges that we faced in the past year and will be dedicating our energy and attention to ensure we leave no stones unturned in ensuring India script another historic new chapter for Indian Hockey. We are confident our players will deliver their best on the biggest stage and make the nation proud again.


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HOCKEY INDIA OVERVIEW



The 2023/24 hockey calendar saw the Indian Hockey Teams play some scintillating hockey across various competitions. An added boost to the players was the constant support from Hockey India, launching numerous initiatives to develop grassroots and upskill coaches, umpires and technical officials.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team, under the tutelage of newly appointed Chief Coach Craig Fulton, set the tone for the year by winning the Hero Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 at home. Buoyed by this victory the team secured direct qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics by claiming the Gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. The squad also lifted the trophy at the Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman last year. India performed admirably in other competitions like the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 and the various preparation tours they embarked on.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team had a mixed bag of results in 2023/24. They started strong by winning the Women's Hockey5s Asia Cup 2023. However, a Bronze medal at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou meant they failed to directly qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics. The team stepped up and lifted the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 soon after in spectacular fashion, reclaiming their best-ever ranking in the world of 6th position. The FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 being their only hope to qualify for the Olympics, the team gave their all but finished 4th and narrowly missed out.

The Junior Men's Hockey Team laid the foundation for a year by claiming the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 title by beating rivals Pakistan in a thrilling Final. After a successful tour of Germany, the team looked to defend their Sultan of Johor title but fell short in the Semi-Final against Germany and finished 3rd. Finally, in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023, the team finished in 4th place. The youngsters displayed immense potential throughout the year, a few of them earning their senior caps and being called up to the Olympic core group.

The Junior Women's Hockey Team made history by defeating Korea by 2-1 and winning their maiden Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 title in Japan. However, after a preparatory tour of Germany, the team headed to Chile to face Canada, Germany, and Belgium in Pool C of the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023. Failing to advance from the group stage after losses to Germany and Belgium the team rallied together to defeat New Zealand, Korea, and the United States to finish 9th in the competition.

After a year that saw all the teams lift at least one trophy, Indian Hockey continues on an upward trajectory, with the potential to achieve greater heights in the coming years.

Men's & Women's

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2023–2024

Senior Teams

India tour of Australia (Women) 2023
18 May, 2023 – 27 May, 2023
Adelaide, Australia

India tour of Germany (Women) 2023
16 Jul, 2023 – 19 Jul, 2023
Frankfurt, Germany

100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation – International Tournament (Women)
25 Jul, 2023 – 30 Jul, 2023
Terrassa, Spain

100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation – International Tournament (Men)
25 Jul, 2023 – 30 Jul, 2023
Terrassa, Spain

Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023
03 Aug, 2023 – 12 Aug, 2023
Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 (Women)
23 Sep, 2023 – 08 Oct, 2023
Hangzhou, China

19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 (Men)
23 Sep, 2023 – 08 Oct, 2023
Hangzhou, China

Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023
27 Oct, 2023 – 05 Nov, 2023
Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023 (Women)
15 Dec, 2023 – 22 Dec, 2023
Valencia, Spain

5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023 (Men)
15 Dec, 2023 – 22 Dec, 2023
Valencia, Spain

FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024 (Women)
13 Jan, 2024 – 19 Jan, 2024
Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

India Tour of South Africa
14 Jan, 2024 – 28 Jan, 2024
South Africa

FIH Hockey Pro League 2023–24 (Men & Women)
06 Dec, 2023 – 30 Jun, 2024
India, Belgium & England





Hockey5s

Women's Hockey5s Asia Cup
25 Aug, 2023 – 28 Aug, 2023
Salalah, Oman

Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup
29 Aug, 2023 – 02 Sep, 2023
Salalah, Oman

FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup 2024
24 Jan, 2024 – 27 Jan, 2024
Muscat, Oman

FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup 2024
28 Jan, 2024 – 31 Jan, 2024
Muscat, Oman

Junior Teams

Men's Junior Asia Cup, 2023
23 May, 2023 – 01 Jun, 2023
Salalah, Oman

Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023
02 Jun, 2023 – 11 Jun, 2023
Kakamigahara, Gifu Prefecture, Japan

4 Nations Tournament U21 Men
18 Aug, 2023 – 22 Aug, 2023
Düsseldorf, Germany

4 Nations Tournament U21 Women
19 Aug, 2023 – 23 Aug, 2023
Düsseldorf, Germany

11th Sultan Of Johor Cup 2023
27 Oct, 2023 – 04 Nov, 2023
Johor Bahru, Malaysia

FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023
29 Nov, 2023 – 10 Dec, 2023
Santiago, Chile

FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023
05 Dec, 2023 – 16 Dec, 2023
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sub Junior Teams

India Tour of Netherlands (Sub-Junior Women U17)
13 Oct, 2023 – 16 Oct, 2023
Netherlands

India Tour of Netherlands (Sub-Junior Men U17)
13 Oct, 2023 – 16 Oct, 2023
Netherlands

INDIA TOUR OF AUSTRALIA 2023

Adelaide, Australia

18 May, 2023 - 27 May, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	18-05-2023	14:45	Australia 4 - 2 India
02	20-05-2023	14:45	Australia 3 - 2 India
03	21-05-2023	14:15	Australia 1 - 1 India
04	25-05-2023	14:45	Australia A 3 - 2 India
05	27-05-2023	14:45	Australia A 1 - 2 India

In May 2023, the Indian Women's Hockey Team embarked on a challenging tour of Australia, playing five games at the MATE Stadium in Adelaide from 18-27 May. The tour marked significant milestones for several players and showcased both triumphs and trials for the team.

In the first game, Monika celebrated her 200th senior cap, but despite efforts from Sangita Kumari and Sharmila Devi, the Indian Women's Hockey Team fell 2-4 to the hosts. The second match saw Deep Grace Ekka reach 250 caps, yet Australia emerged victorious once more with a 3-2 win, with Sangita Kumari and Gurjit Kaur scoring for India.

The third match held special significance as Captain Savita earned her 250th cap, while Nikki Pradhan notched up her 150th appearance. The team displayed resilience, securing a hard-fought 1-1 draw, courtesy of a goal from Deep Grace Ekka.

The team faced Australia A in the final two games. Although the hosts narrowly clinched the first contest 3-2, Sangita Kumari and Salima Tete kept the Indian Women's Hockey Team competitive. The tour concluded on a high note as India triumphed over Australia A, with Navneet Kaur and Deep Grace Ekka sealing a remarkable victory. This win proved to be the team's sole triumph on the demanding tour, highlighting their perseverance and potential for future success.



















INDIA TOUR OF GERMANY

Frankfurt, Germany

16 Jul, 2023 – 19 Jul, 2023



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	16-07-2023	19:30	India 2 - 3 China
02	18-07-2023	14:30	India 1 - 4 Germany
03	19-07-2023	21:00	India 0 - 2 Germany

The Indian Women's Hockey Team in July toured Germany, where they played three matches from 16th July to 19th July. The team led by ace goalkeeper Savita and Vice Captain Deep Grace Ekka played one game against China on 16th July in Limburg, followed by two back-to-back games against Germany.



100TH ANNIVERSARY SPANISH HOCKEY FEDERATION– INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT – WOMEN

Terrassa, Spain

25 Jul, 2023 – 30 Jul, 2023

In July 2023, the Indian Women's Hockey Team embarked on a successful campaign in Barcelona at the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation- International Tournament to emerge as Champions.

Serving as a critical part of their preparation ahead of the Asian Games, the Indian Women's Hockey Team commenced their tournament with two consecutive draws including a 1-1 deadlock against England and a 2-2 draw against hosts, Spain.

However, India found their footing soon enough as they went on to defeat England 3-0, followed by a resounding 3-0 victory against Spain as well to clinch the top spot in the competition and remain undefeated.

The team's goalkeeping duties were entrusted to Savita Punia (captain) and Bichu Devi Kharibam while the defensive line was fortified by Deep Grace Ekka (vice-captain), Nikki Pradhan, Ishika Chaudhary, Udita, and Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam. The midfield was manned by Nisha, Monika, Salima Tete, Neha, Navneet Kaur, Sonika, Baljeet Kaur, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, and Jyoti Chhatri. Lalremsiami, Vandana Katariya, Sangita Kumari, and Deepika were tasked with leading the offensive charge.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	26-07-2023	14:30	India 1 - 1 England
02	27-07-2023	14:30	Spain 2 - 2 India
05	29-07-2023	16:30	England 0 - 3 India
07	30-07-2023	14:30	Spain 0 - 3 India



100TH ANNIVERSARY SPANISH HOCKEY FEDERATION– INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT – MEN

Terrassa, Spain

25 Jul, 2023 – 30 Jul, 2023

The Indian Men's Hockey Team embarked on an adrenaline-filled journey to Spain for the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation – International Tournament, which commenced on 25 July 2023 in Terrassa.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team faced tough opponents like England, the Netherlands, and Spain. They opened with a close 1–2 loss to Spain and followed it up with an impressive 1–1 draw against the Netherlands.

In their third game, they held England to a 1–1 draw and then defeated the reigning FIH Hockey Pro League Champions Netherlands 2–1 in the third-fourth placing match to finish the tour on a high.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	25-07-2023	16:30	Spain 2 - 1 India
02	26-07-2023	21:30	India 1 - 1 Netherlands
05	28-07-2023	16:30	India 1 - 1 England
07	30-07-2023	16:30	Netherlands 1 - 2 India



ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY CHENNAI 2023

In an electrifying showdown on 12 August 2023, the Indian Men's Hockey Team emerged victorious in the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, edging out Malaysia 4-3 in a thrilling Final at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore. The intense clash showcased the unwavering determination of both sides, with India securing their fourth Asian Champions Trophy title, affirming their dominance in the tournament.

The game was a rollercoaster of emotions right from the start, as Jugraj Singh ignited the scoreboard with a rapid goal just nine minutes into the match. However, Malaysia swiftly responded as Azuan Hasan redirected Abu Kamal Azrai's shot into the net, equalizing the score.

The second quarter unfolded as a gripping spectacle, witnessing Malaysia netting two goals, one from a penalty corner and another courtesy of Muhamad Aminudin. At halftime, India found themselves trailing by two goals, but they displayed remarkable resilience in the third quarter. Harmanpreet Singh converted a crucial penalty stroke, swiftly followed by Gurjant Singh levelling the score once again.

The tension continued to mount as both teams created numerous scoring opportunities. In the 56th minute, Akashdeep Singh clinched victory for India with a decisive goal, sealing a 4-3 win and sparking jubilation among the fans.

India's unbeaten streak throughout the tournament, featuring six formidable teams including Pakistan, South Korea, Japan, China, and Malaysia, was nothing short of remarkable. They dominated the group stage, overpowering China 7-2, drawing 1-1 against Japan, triumphing 5-0 over Malaysia, securing a thrilling 3-2 win against Korea, and claiming a comfortable 4-0 victory against arch-rivals Pakistan. In the Semi-Finals, India outclassed Japan with a resounding 5-0 victory.

Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey honoured the triumphant team by announcing a cash prize of Rs 3.00 lakhs for each member and Rs 1.50 lakhs for the support staff, emphasizing their dedication and seamless teamwork.



ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY CHENNAI 2023

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

03 Aug, 2023 – 12 Aug, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	3-08-2023	16:00	Korea 2 - 1 Japan
02	3-08-2023	18:15	Malaysia 3 - 1 Pakistan
03	3-08-2023	20:30	India 7 - 2 China
04	4-08-2023	16:00	Korea 1 - 1 Pakistan
05	4-08-2023	18:15	China 1 - 5 Malaysia
06	4-08-2023	20:30	India 1 - 1 Japan
07	6-08-2023	16:00	China 1 - 1 Korea
08	6-08-2023	18:15	Pakistan 3 - 3 Japan
09	6-08-2023	20:30	Malaysia 0 - 5 India
10	7-08-2023	16:00	Japan 1 - 3 Malaysia
11	7-08-2023	18:15	Pakistan 2 - 1 China
12	7-08-2023	20:30	Korea 2 - 3 India
13	9-08-2023	16:00	Japan 2 - 1 China
14	9-08-2023	18:15	Malaysia 1 - 0 Korea
15	9-08-2023	20:30	India 4 - 0 Pakistan
16	11-08-2023	15:30	Pakistan 6 - 1 China
17	11-08-2023	18:00	Malaysia 6 - 2 Korea
18	11-08-2023	20:30	India 5 - 0 Japan
19	12-08-2023	18:00	Korea 3 - 5 Japan
20	12-08-2023	20:30	Malaysia 3 - 4 India

































19TH ASIAN GAMES HANGZHOU 2022 WOMEN

Hangzhou, China

23 Sep, 2023 - 08 Oct, 2023

With an aim to qualify directly for the Paris 2024 Olympics, the Indian Women's Hockey Team, led by ace goalkeeper Savita, left for China on 20th September.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team began their campaign on a rousing note as they beat Singapore 13-0 in the opening match and went on to register a comprehensive 6-0 win over Malaysia in their second match. They then faced a stern test against Korea in their third match, having played out a hard-fought 1-1 draw, but bounced back in style to beat Hong Kong 13-0 in their fourth match to finish on the top of Pool A.

In the high-stakes Semi-Final match against China, the Indian team suffered a 0-4 loss, thereby missing out on their chance to potentially win the Gold and seal qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Playing for pride, India then went on to beat Japan 2-1 in the Bronze medal match. This was India's fourth Bronze medal at the Asian Games.



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
06	27-9-2023	10:15	India 13 - 0 Singapore
12	29-9-2023	16:00	Malaysia 0 - 6 India
15	1-10-2023	13:30	Korea 1 - 1 India
17	3-10-2023	07:45	India 13 - 0 Hong Kong China
22	5-10-2023	13:30	India 0 - 4 China
26	7-10-2023	13:30	India 2 - 1 Japan














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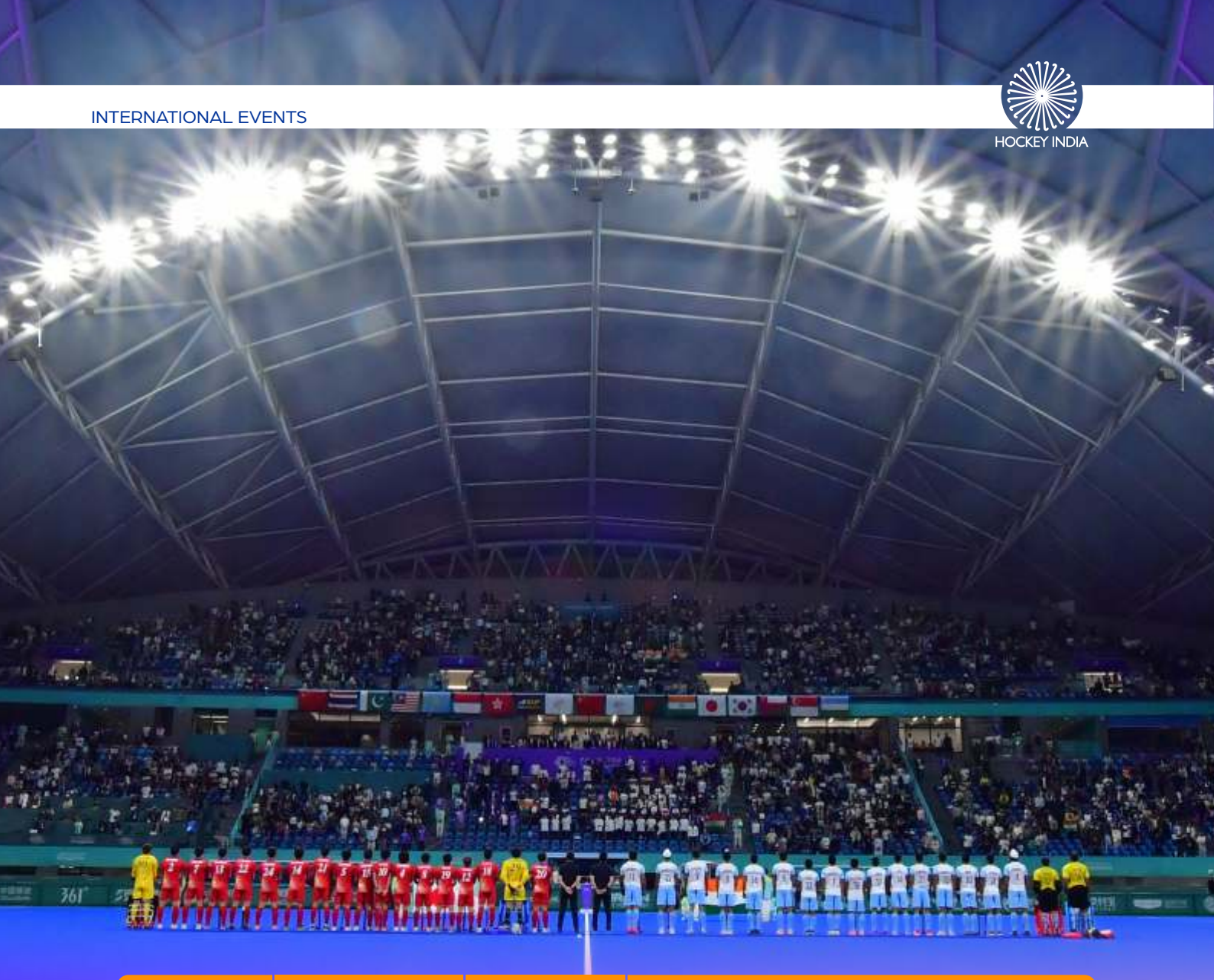
Hangzhou, China

23 Sep, 2023 - 08 Oct, 2023

Harmanpreet Singh, Captain of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, had the honour of leading the Indian contingent as the joint flag-bearer at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022. His leadership extended beyond the ceremony, as the Indian Men's Hockey Team returned home triumphant with a well-deserved Gold medal.

The victory marked a glorious end to India's nine-year wait for Asian Games Gold in Men's Hockey. Under Singh's Captaincy, the team dominated the Final match, defeating Japan 5-1 and securing their place at the 2024 Paris Olympics. This win adds another chapter to India's rich hockey legacy, bringing their total Asian Games Gold medals in Men's Field Hockey to four (previously achieved in 1966, 1998, and 2014).The Indian contingent's stellar performance at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 reached a fitting climax when PR Sreejesh, the legendary goalkeeper of the Men's Hockey Team, was chosen as the flag-bearer for the closing ceremony.





Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
02	24-9-2023	08:45	India 16 - 0 Uzbekistan
07	26-9-2023	06:30	India 16 - 1 Singapore
18	28-9-2023	18:15	Japan 2 - 4 India
24	30-9-2023	18:15	Pakistan 2 - 10 India
28	2-10-2023	13:15	India 12 - 0 Bangladesh
33	4-10-2023	13:30	India 5 - 3 Korea
38	6-10-2023	16:00	India 5 - 1 Japan













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JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY RANCHI 2023

Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

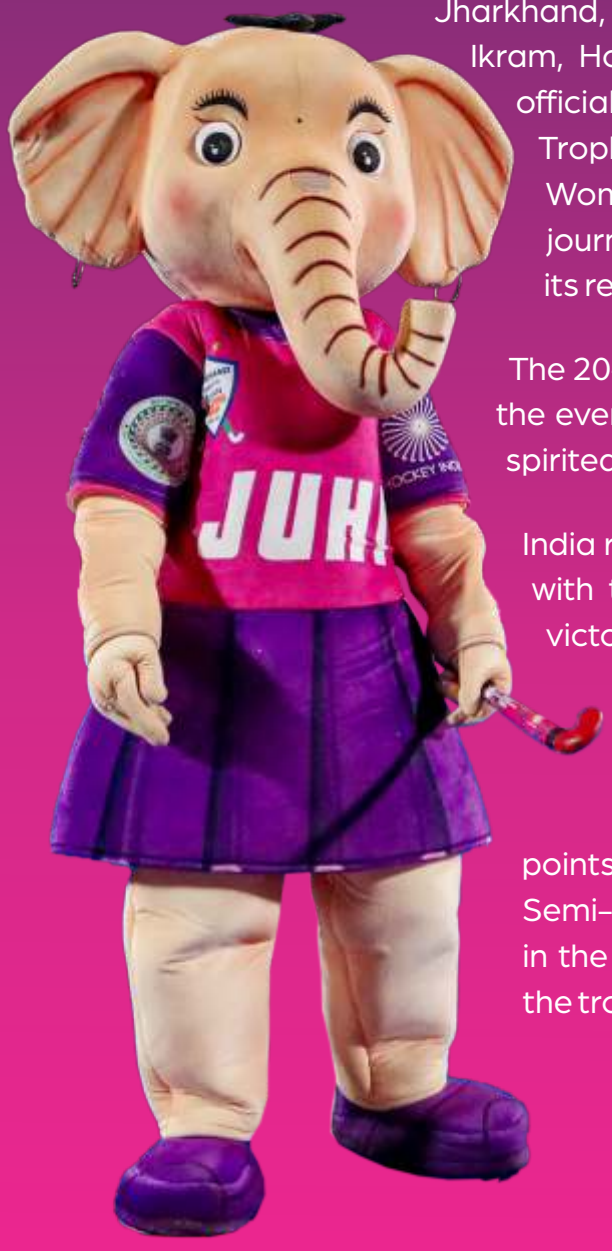
27 Oct, 2023 – 05 Nov, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	27-10-2023	16:00	Japan 3 - 0 Malaysia
02	27-10-2023	18:15	China 0 - 1 Korea
03	27-10-2023	20:30	India 7 - 1 Thailand
04	28-10-2023	16:00	Japan 4 - 0 Korea
05	28-10-2023	18:15	Thailand 0 - 6 China
06	28-10-2023	20:30	India 5 - 0 Malaysia
07	30-10-2023	16:00	Korea 1 - 1 Malaysia
08	30-10-2023	18:15	Thailand 0 - 4 Japan
09	30-10-2023	20:30	China 1 - 2 India
10	31-10-2023	16:00	Korea 3 - 0 Thailand
11	31-10-2023	18:15	Malaysia 0 - 4 China
12	31-10-2023	20:30	Japan 1 - 2 India
13	2-11-2023	16:00	Malaysia 2 - 0 Thailand
14	2-11-2023	18:15	China 1 - 0 Japan
15	2-11-2023	20:30	India 5 - 0 Korea
16	4-11-2023	15:30	Malaysia 1 - 0 Thailand
17	4-11-2023	18:00	China 1 - 2 Japan
18	4-11-2023	20:30	India 2 - 0 Korea
19	5-11-2023	18:00	China 2 - 1 Korea
20	5-11-2023	20:30	Japan 0 - 4 India

The Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 brought international hockey to the city of Ranchi for the first time with six top Asian teams – India, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand – competing in the tournament that took place at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astroturf Hockey Stadium Ranchi between 27 October 2023 and 5 November 2023. The tournament ended with the home team led by Savita claiming the trophy with a memorable 4–0 win over the defending Champions Japan on 5 November 2023.

On 13 October, excitement for the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 soared with the unveiling of its mascot, Juhi. Inspired by the beloved elephant of Betla National Park, Juhi was introduced at a ceremony held at Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi.

The event was a star-studded affair, graced by dignitaries like the then Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren, FIH President Dato Tayyab Ikram, Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey, and other officials. It also marked the launch of the tournament's Trophy Tour. The magnificent trophy for the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy embarked on a journey across all districts of the state, culminating in its return to Ranchi on 25 October 2023.



The 20-member strong Indian squad landed in Ranchi on the evening of 22 October for the competition led by the spirited Skipper Savita.

India remained undefeated throughout the tournament, with the hosts beginning the tournament with a 7–1 victory over Thailand. India followed it up with a 5–0 victory over Malaysia and then demonstrated their attacking and defensive prowess with 2–1 victories over China and Japan. India finished the round-robin stage on top of the table with 15 points after defeating Korea 5–0. India advanced to the Semi-Final by defeating Korea 2–0 to secure their place in the Final, where they triumphed over Japan to claim the trophy.


















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5 NATIONS TOURNAMENT VALENCIA 2023 WOMEN

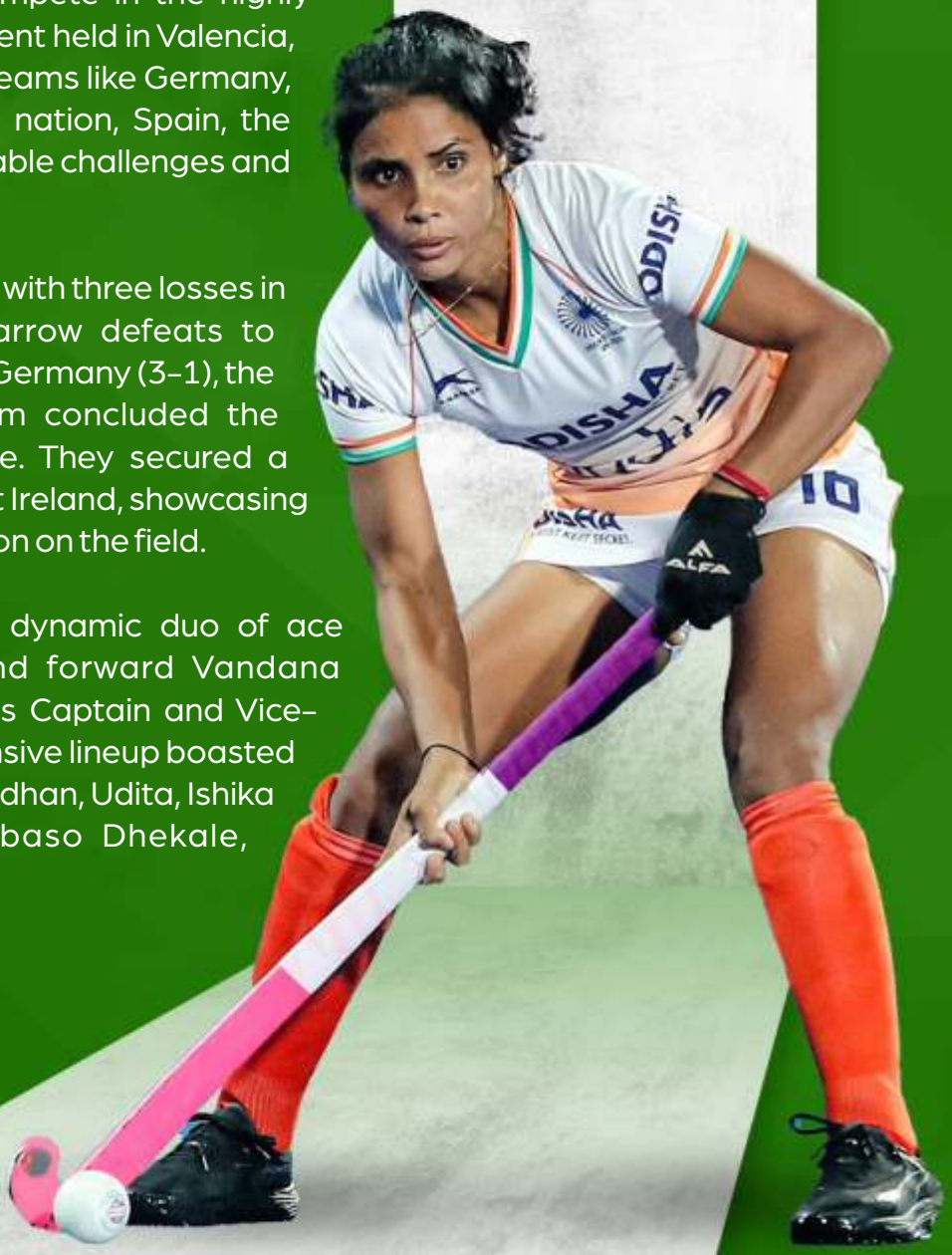
Valencia, Spain

15 Dec, 2023 - 22 Dec, 2023

In December 2023, the Indian Women's Hockey Team embarked on a journey to compete in the highly anticipated 5 Nations Tournament held in Valencia, Spain. Alongside powerhouse teams like Germany, Ireland, Belgium, and the host nation, Spain, the Indian contingent faced formidable challenges and opportunities for growth.

Despite encountering setbacks with three losses in the competition, including narrow defeats to Spain (3-2), Belgium (2-1), and Germany (3-1), the Indian Women's Hockey Team concluded the tournament on a positive note. They secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Ireland, showcasing their resilience and determination on the field.

Leading the charge was the dynamic duo of ace goalkeeper Savita Punia and forward Vandana Katariya, serving as the team's Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively. The defensive lineup boasted the likes of Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, and Akshata Abaso Dhekale, forming a formidable backline.



In the midfield, the team showcased remarkable depth and versatility with players like Nisha, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Monika, Salima Tete, Neha, Navneet Kaur, Sonika, Jyoti, and Baljeet Kaur controlling the midfield battles.

Up front, the forward line boasted an array of talent, including Jyoti Chhatri, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Beauty Dungdung, and Sharmila Devi, capable of breaking through defenses and finding the back of the net.

Despite the challenges faced during the tournament, the Indian Women's Hockey Team demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and a fighting spirit, laying the groundwork for future successes on the international stage.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	15-12-2023	15:30	Spain 3 - 2 India
03	16-12-2023	22:15	Belgium 2 - 1 India
06	19-12-2023	20:00	Germany 3 - 1 India
08	21-12-2023	20:00	India 2 - 1 Ireland



5 NATIONS TOURNAMENT VALENCIA 2023 MEN

Valencia, Spain

15 Dec, 2023 - 22 Dec, 2023

The Indian Men's Hockey arrived in Valencia, Spain in December 2023 to compete alongside Spain, Belgium, Germany and France in the 5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023. The 24-member squad featured a mix of experienced and young faces, led by ace drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh. Sumit and Amit Rohidas served as Harman's deputies for the tour.

The Indian team had a challenging start to their campaign with a hard fought, 1-0 defeat to the home team. The setback was followed up by a 7-2 loss to Belgium and a 3-2 defeat at the hands of Germany. However, displaying their resilience, the Blue Colts bounced back in their final match of the tournament to secure an impressive 5-4 victory against France.



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	15-12-2023	17:45	Spain 1 - 0 India
03	16-12-2023	20:00	Belgium 7 - 2 India
06	19-12-2023	15:30	Germany 3 - 2 India
08	20-12-2023	15:30	India 5 - 4 France

GOALKEEPERS

KRISHAN B PATHAK | PR SREEJESH | SURAJ KARKERA

DEFENDERS

AMIT ROHIDAS | HARMANPREET SINGH | JARMANPREET SINGH

JUGRAJ SINGH | NILAM SANJEEP XESS | SANJAY

MIDFIELDERS

NILAKANTA SHARMA | RABICHANDRA SINGH MOIRANGTHEM | RAJKUMAR PAL

SHAMSHER SINGH | VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD | YASHDEEP SIWACH

FORWARDS

ABHISHEK | AKASHDEEP SINGH | DILPREET SINGH

LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY | MANDEEP SINGH

S KARTHI | SUKHJEET SINGH







FIH HOCKEY OLYMPIC QUALIFIER RANCHI 2024 (WOMEN)

Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

13 Jan, 2024 – 19 Jan, 2024

India engaged in a battle to earn a berth for the Paris Olympics in the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 in Ranchi, Jharkhand at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf on 13 January. The eight teams in the fray included world no.5 Germany, Japan, Chile and Czech Republic which were placed in Pool A while hosts India were clubbed in Pool B with New Zealand, the United States and Italy. Only the top 3 teams in the tournament were set to make the qualification cut.

Vying for their third consecutive Olympic berth, the Savita-led Indian Women's Hockey Team faltered against the United States in their first match, losing 0–1. They bounced back and defeated New Zealand 3–1 and Italy 5–1 to finish second in Pool B and advance to the Semi-Finals.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team put on a spirited show against Germany but were unable to get over the line as they lost 2–2 (3–4 SO) in a thrilling Semi-Final. In a do-or-die game, they faced Japan next and the Indian Women's Hockey Team lost 0–1 to Japan in a hard-fought 3rd/4th place play-off game at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024. With this loss, India finished in fourth place and missed out on qualifying for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	13-01-2024	12:00	Germany 3 - 0 Chile
02	13-01-2024	14:30	Japan 2 - 0 Czech Republic
03	13-01-2024	17:00	New Zealand 3 - 0 Italy
04	13-01-2024	19:30	India 0 - 1 USA
05	14-01-2024	12:00	Chile 6 - 0 Czech Republic
06	14-01-2024	14:30	Japan 1 - 1 Germany
07	14-01-2024	17:00	USA 2 - 0 Italy
08	14-01-2024	19:30	India 3 - 1 New Zealand
09	16-01-2024	12:00	Germany 10 - 0 Czech Republic
10	16-01-2024	14:30	Chile 0 - 2 Japan
11	16-01-2024	17:00	USA 1 Vs 0 New Zealand
12	16-01-2024	19:30	India 5 - 1 Italy
13	18-01-2024	10:30	Chile 2 - 2 (1 So 2) Italy
14	18-01-2024	13:30	New Zealand 2 - 0 Czech Republic
15	18-01-2024	16:30	USA 2 - 1 Japan
16	18-01-2024	19:30	Germany 2 - 2 (4 So 3) India
17	19-01-2024	10:30	Chile 1 - 0 Czech Republic
18	19-01-2024	13:30	Italy 1 - 3 New Zealand
19	19-01-2024	16:30	India 0 - 1 Japan
20	19-01-2024	19:30	Germany 2 - 0 USA

HEARTBREAK FOR INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM AT FIH HOCKEY OLYMPICS QUALIFIERS; NARROWLY MISSES OUT ON THE QUALIFICATION

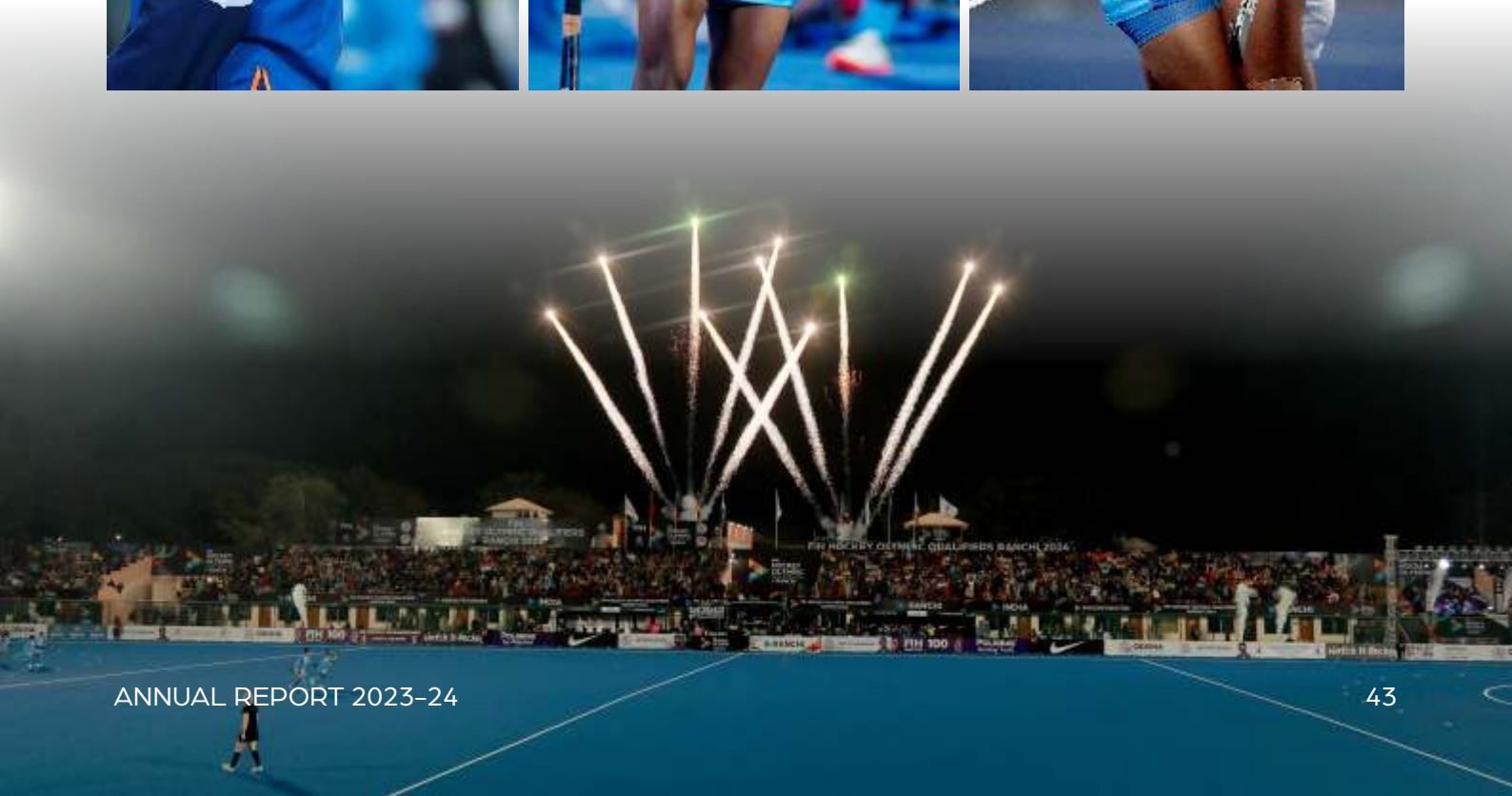












INDIA TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA
MEN

South Africa

14 Jan, 2024 - 28 Jan, 2024



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	22-1-2024	14:30	India 4 - 0 France
02	24-1-2024	14:30	India 2 - 2 France
03	26-1-2024	21:30	South Africa 0 - 3 India (Official)
04	28-1-2024	14:00	India 1 - 5 Netherlands

Indian Men's Hockey Team toured South Africa in January to play friendly games ahead of the India leg of FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-24.

The tour commenced with a resounding victory as the Indian team clashed with the hosts of the Paris Olympic Games, France. With the experienced duo of PR Sreejesh and Krishan Pathak guarding the goalpost, India showcased an impenetrable defense, leaving France struggling to find openings. Meanwhile, India's offensive prowess shone through with a relentless barrage of goals, predominantly fuelled by an exceptional penalty corner (PC) attack strategy.

India showcased their prowess early on, with Harmanpreet scoring in the 13th minute and again in the 26th minute through penalty corners. Lalit Upadhyay added to the tally with another PC goal in the 42nd minute, and Vice-Captain Hardik Singh sealed the victory with a field goal in the 49th minute, securing a commanding 4-0 triumph.

However, the journey was not without its challenges. In their second encounter against France, India faced a stiff challenge, resulting in a hard-fought 2-2 draw. Mandeep Singh and Amit Rohidas displayed their prowess by finding the net for India, but France clawed back into the game with goals from Timothee Clement and B Gaspard, ensuring a tense standoff until the final whistle.

Undeterred by the previous draw, India rebounded with a spectacular performance against the hosts, South Africa, securing a commanding 3-0 victory. Led by Captain Harmanpreet Singh, Abhishek, and Sumit, India showcased their offensive flair, leaving South Africa struggling to contain their relentless attacks.

As the tour reached its climax, India faced the Netherlands in their final match, culminating in a 1-5 defeat. Abhishek netted a lone goal for India, while Jip Janssen, Duco Telgenkamp, Tjep Hoedemakers, and Koen Bijen found the target for the Netherlands.



FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2023/24 MEN AND WOMEN

India, Belgium & England

06 Dec, 2023 – 30 Jun, 2024

The FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 season kicked off for both the Indian Women's and Men's Hockey Teams in Odisha. They engaged in a series of matches, playing four games each at Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, and Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, during the home leg mini-tournament.

The Women's Team faced a challenging start with a 1-2 defeat against China, followed by losses of 1-3 to the Netherlands and 0-3 to Australia. However, they bounced back with a 3-1 victory over the United States in Bhubaneswar. The Rourkela leg saw them endure another 1-2 loss to China and a narrow 0-1 defeat to the Netherlands. Nevertheless, they clinched a crucial 1-0 win against Australia and secured a dramatic 1-1 draw (2-1 win in shootout) against the United States, finishing sixth on the table with 8 points.







FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2023/24 – (WOMEN)

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
08	03-2-2024	19:30	China 2 - 1 India
10	04-2-2024	19:30	India 1 - 3 Netherlands
14	07-2-2024	19:30	India 0 - 3 Australia
16	09-2-2024	19:30	India 3 - 1 USA
18	12-2-2024	19:30	China 2 - 1 India
21	14-2-2024	19:30	Netherlands 1 - 0 India
28	17-2-2024	19:30	Australia 0 - 1 India
31	18-2-2024	19:30	USA 1 (1 So 2) - 1 India

On the other hand, the Men's Team showcased strong performances, starting with a commanding 4-1 triumph over Spain. They continued their momentum with a thrilling 2-2 draw (4-2 win in a shootout) against the Netherlands but suffered a setback with a 4-6 loss to Australia.

However, they recovered with a hard-fought 1-0 victory against Ireland in Bhubaneswar. In Rourkela, they demonstrated resilience, securing an intense 2-2 draw (8-7 win in shootout) against Spain. Despite a shootout loss to the Netherlands and Australia, they ended the mini-tournament on a high note with a convincing 4-0 win over Ireland, placing third on the table with 15 points.









FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2023/24 – (MEN)

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
08	10-2-2024	19:30	India 4 - 1 Spain
10	11-2-2024	19:30	India 2 - 2 (4 So 2) Netherlands
15	15-2-2024	19:30	India 4 - 6 Australia
19	16-2-2024	19:30	India 1 - 0 Ireland
24	19-2-2024	19:30	India 2 - 2 (8 So 7) Spain
26	21-2-2024	19:30	India 1 - 1 (2 So 4) Netherlands
30	24-2-2024	19:30	India 2 - 2 (0 So 3) Australia
32	25-2-2024	19:30	India 4 - 0 Ireland

HOCKEY5S

WOMEN'S HOCKEY5S ASIA CUP

Salalah, Oman

25 Aug, 2023 - 28 Aug, 2023

Champions

TEAM INDIA

The Indian Women's Hockey Team on 23rd August 2023 left for the Inaugural Women's Hockey5s Asia Cup. The team, led by Navjot Kaur, remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, topping the Elite pool and registering three wins in their three matches.

They started their campaign with a massive 7-2 win against Malaysia, then defeated Japan 7-1 and Thailand 5-4 in a closely-fought league stage match.

India defeated Malaysia 9-5 in the goal-fest Semi-Final before registering a massive 7-2 win in the Final of the competition to lift the title and qualify for the inaugural FIH Hockey5s World Cup.



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
04	25-8-2023	15:30	India 7 - 2 Malaysia
16	26-8-2023	21:30	Japan 1 - 7 India
20	27-8-2023	14:30	India 5 - 4 Thailand
25	28-8-2023	13:30	India 9 - 5 Malaysia
30	28-8-2023	19:30	India 7 - 2 Thailand



HOCKEY5S

MEN'S HOCKEY5S ASIA CUP

Salalah, Oman

29 Aug, 2023 – 02 Sep, 2023



Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
03	29-8-2023	19:30	India 15 - 1 Bangladesh
10	30-8-2023	15:30	India 12 - 2 Oman
14	30-8-2023	20:30	Pakistan 5 - 4 India
19	31-8-2023	14:30	Malaysia 5 - 7 India
23	31-8-2023	19:30	India 35 - 1 Japan
33	2-9-2023	13:30	India 10 - 4 Malaysia
38	2-9-2023	19:30	Pakistan 4 - 4 (0 So 2) India



Champions

TEAM INDIA

The Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup, which was held in Salalah, Oman from 29th August to 2nd September, ended with India clinching the Gold medal and securing their qualification to the Men's Hockey5s World Cup.

India defeated Bangladesh, Oman, Pakistan, Malaysia, and Japan to advance to the Semi-Final where they triumphed against Malaysia by 10-4 to set up a Final clash with rivals Pakistan. The memorable Final of the Men's Hockey5s Asia Cup went right down to the wire and was eventually decided in the shootout. Mohammed Raheel (19', 26') Jugraj Singh (7'), and Maninder Singh (10') were on target in the regulation time, while Gurjot Singh and Maninder Singh scored for India in the shootout to script the 4-4 (2-0 SO) win against neighbouring rivals Pakistan.

Maninder Singh was the second highest scorer of the tournament with 22 goals in seven matches, closely followed by Mohammed Raheel who scored 21 goals.

HOCKEY5S

FIH HOCKEY5S WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2024

Muscat, Oman

24 Jan, 2024 – 27 Jan, 2024

The Indian Women's Hockey5s Team earned a historic Silver medal in the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup on 27th January 2024 in Muscat, Oman. After a sensational win, India left an indelible mark on the global hockey stage in the competition that took place between 24th January 2024 and 27th January 2024, writing down their names in the annals of history.

India, placed in Pool C alongside formidable opponents such as the United States of America, Poland, and Namibia, began their campaign with a nail-biting 5–4 win over Poland. A dazzling display of skill saw Mumtaz Khan and Deepika Soreng leading the charge with braces, setting the tone for India's impressive run in the tournament.

The momentum only soared higher as India faced off against the United States, scripting a remarkable comeback from a 2–3 deficit to clinch a resounding 7–3 triumph. Mahima Choudhary, Mariana Kujur, and Deepika Soreng dazzled with their goal-scoring prowess, leaving the opposition reeling under relentless pressure.

India's dominance continued unabated as they outclassed Namibia with a commanding 7–2 victory in their final group stage encounter, securing a flawless record and storming into the Quarter-Finals with confidence brimming.



India outclassed New Zealand 11–1 in the Quarter-Finals, showcasing their attacking flair and defensive resilience, while the Semi-Finals witnessed a thrilling clash against South Africa, where India showcased their mettle with a 6–3 victory, earning them a well-deserved spot in the summit clash of the tournament.

However, the ultimate showdown saw India falling short 2–7 against the Netherlands, and India claimed the Silver medal. For their remarkable performance in the tournament, Hockey India announced a cash award of Rs 3 Lakhs to each player and Rs 1.5 Lakhs to each support staff member.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
05	24-1-2024	12:50	India 5 - 4 Poland
14	24-1-2024	21:10	USA 3 - 7 India
23	25-1-2024	14:30	India 7 - 2 Namibia
32	26-1-2024	13:00	India 11 - 1 New Zealand
40	26-1-2024	23:00	South Africa 3 - 6 India
48	27-1-2024	21:50	Netherlands 7 - 2 India















HOCKEY5S

FIH HOCKEY5S MEN'S WORLD CUP 2024

Muscat, Oman

28 Jan, 2024 - 31 Jan, 2024

In January 2024, the Indian Men's 5s Hockey Team travelled to Muscat, Oman, for the inaugural FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup. India were drawn into Pool B alongside formidable opponents like Egypt, Jamaica, and Switzerland.

The campaign commenced with an electrifying 9-1 victory over Switzerland, a testament to India's attacking flair and defensive solidity. Stellar performances from Mohammed Raheel and Mandeep Mor propelled the team to a commanding win, despite Switzerland's Gael Wyss-Chodat finding the net once.

In a gripping encounter against Egypt, India suffered a setback with a narrow 6-8 defeat, despite a promising start. Pawan Rajbhar, Mohammed Raheel, and Uttam Singh showcased flashes of brilliance, but Egypt's determined resurgence proved too much to handle. Goals from Hossameldin Ragab, Ahmed Elganaini, Amr Sayed, and Ahmed Elnaggar sealed India's fate.



Undeterred, India bounced back in their clash against Jamaica, securing a resounding 13-0 victory and booking their place in the Quarter-Finals against the Netherlands.

Despite facing a formidable Dutch side, India fought valiantly before succumbing to a 4-7 defeat.

Refusing to relent, India showcased their resilience in the classification matches. They first clinched a convincing 9-4 victory against Kenya in the 5-8th place match. The momentum continued as they outclassed Egypt with a 6-4 triumph, securing a fifth-place finish in the tournament.

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
03	28-1-2024	11:10	India 9 - 1 Switzerland
12	28-1-2024	18:00	Egypt 8 - 6 India
17	29-1-2024	14:30	India 13 - 0 Jamaica
29	30-1-2024	09:30	Netherlands 7 - 4 India
37	30-1-2024	19:30	India 9 - 4 Kenya
46	31-1-2024	19:30	India 6 - 4 Egypt











MEN'S JUNIOR ASIA CUP 2023

Salalah, Oman

23 May, 2023 – 01 Jun, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
06	24-5-2023	19:15	India 18 - 0 ChineseTaipei
09	25-5-2023	19:15	Japan 1 - 3 India
16	27-5-2023	22:30	Pakistan 1 - 1 India
18	28-5-2023	22:30	India 17 - 0 Thailand
24	31-5-2023	20:00	India 9 - 1 Korea
29	01-6-2023	21:30	India 2 - 1 Pakistan

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team stamped their authority at Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023, in Salalah, Oman to clinch the trophy and emerge as the most successful team in the history of the competition. The final encounter of the tournament saw India triumph over Pakistan, 2-1, with goals from Angad Bir Singh (13') and Araijeet Singh Hundal (20').



Champions

TEAM INDIA

India commenced their tournament with a dominant 18–0 victory against Chinese Taipei and a 3–1 victory against Japan. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team drew against Pakistan in a gritty 1–1 clash before powering through Thailand with a 17–0 victory and a 9–1 triumph in the Semi-Final against Korea.

The team's goalkeeping lineup showcased Mohith H S and Himwaan Sihag. Defenders included Shardanand Tiwari, Rohit, Amandeep Lakra, Amir Ali, and Yogember Rawat. Meanwhile, the midfield comprised Vishnukant Singh, Rajinder Singh, Poovanna C B, Amandeep, and Sunit Lakra. Spearheading the attack were forwards, Boby Singh Dhami, Araijeet Singh Hundal, Aditya Lalage, Uttam Singh (Captain), Sudeep Chirmako and Angad Bir Singh.



WOMEN'S JUNIOR ASIA CUP 2023

Kakamigahara, Gifu Prefecture, Japan

02 Jun, 2023 - 11 Jun, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
06	03-6-2023	10:30	India 22 - 0 Uzbekistan
09	05-6-2023	08:30	Malaysia 1 - 2 India
14	06-6-2023	10:30	Korea 2 - 2 India
19	08-6-2023	12:30	India 11 - 0 Chinese Taipei
24	10-6-2023	09:30	India 1 - 0 Japan
29	11-6-2023	14:30	India 2 - 1 Korea

The Indian Junior Women's Team emulated the success of their male counterparts. The result was instantly celebrated across the country as this was their maiden title at this prestigious tournament. They won 2-1 against the formidable South Korea, four-time winners of the title, in a hard-fought Final. Goals were scored by Annu (21') and Neelam (40') while Seoyeon Park scored the lone goal for Korea.

India eves put on an attacking front to put their opponents on the back seat right at the start. Though an early lead by Annu through her penalty stroke was levelled soon by Park's field goal, India bounced back as they switched to swift counterattacks in the third quarter.



The tactic paid off as Neelam converted a penalty corner to put India in front and the third quarter ended with the score 2–1 in favour of the Indian team.

In order to protect their lead, India shifted their focus on defending and controlled the tempo of the game by keeping possession in the fourth quarter. On the other hand, Korea made forced errors and misdirected passes in their desperation to find an equaliser. Ultimately, India stood strong and stuck to their strategy to win the title clash 2–1.







4 NATIONS TOURNAMENT U21 WOMEN

Düsseldorf, Germany

19 Aug, 2023 - 23 Aug, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	19-8-2023	17:00	Germany 3 - 1 India
02	20-8-2023	20:45	India 3 - 3 England
03	22-8-2023	15:45	India 2 - 1 Spain
04	23-8-2023	14:30	India 6 - 2 England

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team, led by Captain Preeti and Vice-Captain Rutuja Dadaso Pisal, capped off their campaign at the 4 Nations Tournament in Düsseldorf with a convincing 6-2 victory over England in the final match.

The team displayed grit and determination throughout the tournament, showcasing their talent against strong opponents. Despite a challenging start with a 1-3 loss to Germany, the Indian Juniors bounced back with a thrilling 3-3 draw against England. In their next game, India secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Spain.

The highlight of the tournament for the team was undoubtedly the dominating performance in the final match. Neelam (25'), Annu (26', 43'), Sunelita Toppo (35'), Hina Bano (38'), and Mumtaz Khan (40') all found the net, propelling India to a convincing 6-2 win over England.



4 NATIONS TOURNAMENT U21 MEN

Düsseldorf, Germany

18 Aug, 2023 - 22 Aug, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	18-8-2023	14:30	Spain 2 - 6 India
02	19-8-2023	22:30	India 2 - 3 Germany
03	21-8-2023	13:30	England 0 - 4 India
05	22-8-2023	16:45	India 1 - 6 Germany

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team began their campaign with a 2-6 loss to Spain, followed by a hard-fought 2-3 defeat against Germany in their second match. However, they bounced back with a convincing 4-0 victory over England. On August 22nd, in the Final of the 4 Nations Tournament - Dusseldorf 2023, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team lost 1-6 to the hosts, Germany, finishing the tournament as runners-up. Sudeep Chirmako (22') scored the lone goal for India in the Final.



11TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2023

Johor Bahru, Malaysia

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	27-10-2023	13:35	India 3 - 3 Pakistan
06	28-10-2023	18:05	Malaysia 1 - 3 India
09	30-10-2023	18:05	India 6 - 2 New Zealand
16	3-11-2023	15:35	India 3 - 6 Germany
19	3-11-2023	13:35	India 3 - 3 (6 So 5) Pakistan



The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team, led by Uttam Singh, left for Johor, Malaysia from Bengaluru on 25th October 2023 to compete in the 11th Sultan of Johor Cup. The team was placed in Pool B alongside Pakistan, New Zealand and Malaysia.

India started their campaign with a thrilling 3-3 draw against arch-rivals Pakistan and went on to beat Malaysia 3-1 and New Zealand 6-2 to finish on the top of Pool B.

India went down against Germany 3-6 in the Semi-Final and played out a thrilling 3rd/4th Place match against Pakistan. The regulation time ended at a 3-3 stalemate, but India got better of Pakistan to claim the Bronze medal with a 3 – 3 (6 – 5 SO) victory.





FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2023

Santiago, Chile

29 Nov, 2023 – 10 Dec, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
03	29-11-2023	22:30	India 12 - 0 Canada
10	30-11-2023	01:00	India 3 - 4 Germany
17	2-12-2023	18:30	Belgium 3 - 2 India
28	5-12-2023	17:30	India 3 - 3 (3 So 2) New Zealand
36	7-12-2023	02:45	Korea 1 - 3 India
44	9-12-2023	03:45	United States 2 - 2 (2 So 3) India

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team qualified for the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023 by winning the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023, which was held in Kakamigahara, Japan, in June 2023.

India were placed in Pool C along with Germany, Belgium, and Canada. The Netherlands, South Africa, Australia, and hosts Chile were in Pool A, while Argentina, Korea, Spain, and Zimbabwe were placed in Pool B and Pool D comprised of England, the United States, New Zealand, and Japan.



After a preparatory tour of Germany, the team took on Canada in the opening game and won 12-0. This was followed by a narrow 3-4 loss against Germany and a 2-3 loss against Belgium, which took them out of contention. Failing to advance from the group stage, the team rallied together to defeat New Zealand by 3-2 in the shootout after regulation time ended as a 3-3 draw, followed by a 3-1 victory against Korea.

In their last match, a shootout win over the USA helped the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team to finish in the ninth position.


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FIH HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2023

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

05 Dec, 2023 – 16 Dec, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
05	5-12-2023	15:30	India 4 - 2 Korea
16	7-12-2023	17:30	Spain 4 - 1 India
23	9-12-2023	15:30	India 10 - 1 Canada
30	12-12-2023	08:45	Netherlands 3 - 4 India
39	14-12-2023	15:30	Germany 4 - 1 India
47	16-12-2023	15:30	India 1 - 3 Spain

Despite their valiant efforts, and a brilliant goal from Sunil Jojo, Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team went down 1-3 against Spain in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023 Bronze-medal match and finished in the 4th position.

The 18-member Indian squad led by Captain Uttam Singh began their journey from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2nd December, and showcased tremendous fighting spirit throughout the tournament to make their way into the Bronze-medal match.



India began their tournament on 5th December with a memorable 4-2 win over Korea in the Pool C match but went down 1-4 to Spain in their second game. A strong 10-1 win over Canada secured India's road to the Quarter-Finals, where the side defeated the Netherlands 4-3 to book a spot in the Semi-Finals.

Sudeep Chirmako helped India with a goal in the Semi-Final match but Germany halted India's road to the Final, winning the match 4-1. The loss to Spain in the crucial Bronze-medal match led to India missing out on a podium finish.











INDIA TOUR OF NETHERLANDS (SUB-JUNIOR WOMEN U17)

Netherlands

13 Oct, 2023 - 16 Oct, 2023

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team/Score
01	13-10-2023	22:30	Senior Team EDE 2 - 3 India U17
02	14-10-2023	15:30/16:00	Netherland U18 7 - 3 India U17
03	15-10-2023	23:00	Netherland U16 6 - 2 India U17
04	16-10-2023	21:30	Netherland U16 4 - 1 India U17

In October 2023, the Indian Sub Junior Women's Hockey Team set off on a historic tour of Netherlands that marked the first time that the Indian Sub Junior Men and Women's Teams competed in international matches.

Speaking ahead of the tour, Indian Sub Junior Women's Team Coach Rani expressed her thoughts, "Our girls have put in relentless effort, displaying commendable dedication and spirit during the National Coaching Camp, and we believe this tour will be a valuable stepping stone in their careers. Playing against strong international opposition will provide them with exposure and experience, which are vital elements for their progression to the highest levels of the sport. We believe in their potential to shine brightly on this global stage."

During the tour, the Indian Sub Junior Women's Hockey Team played four matches against the Netherlands. In their first encounter, India secured a 3-2 victory against the Netherlands club EDE. In the matches that followed India were unable to register another victory, losing to the Netherlands Girls U-18 (7-3), and the Netherlands Girls U-16 (6-2, and 4-1).



In the goalkeeping department, the team featured Hodam Pabitra Devi and Tarra Sailaja. Leading the defensive line was Bhavya, who served as Captain, alongside Komal Pal, Parwati Topno, and Ritika Ahirwar. In midfield, Rajni Kerketta assumed the role of Vice-Captain, supported by Tamanna, Karuna Minz, Priyanka, Tanuja Toppo, Kajal Pundir, and Kirti. Upfront, the attacking unit comprised Krishna Sharma, Kajal, Purnima Yadav, Switi Dungdung, Doli Bhoi, Nisha Dadel, and Ravina.

INDIA TOUR OF NETHERLANDS (SUB–JUNIOR MEN U17)

Netherlands

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03	15-10-2023	21:00	Netherland U16 4 - 2 India U17
04	16-10-2023	19:30	Netherland U16 0 - 4 India U17

The Indian Sub Junior Men's Team flew from New Delhi to Amsterdam, Netherlands on 10th October 2023 to participate in their maiden international games. The Indian Sub Junior Men's Hockey Team, under the leadership of Captain Manmeet Singh Rai and Vice-Captain Ashu Maurya, faced a Netherlands-based club team EDE, Netherlands Boys U18 and U16 teams.



The Indian Sub Junior Men's Team (U17) began their historic maiden tour with victories in their respective matches against the Senior EDE Men's teams. The Men's team won 8–0 in their opening game against EDE.

In the second game, the Indian Sub Junior Men's Teams was beaten by the Netherlands U18 Men's Team. The Men's side lost their game 1–7 before losing 2–4 against the Netherlands U–16 Men's Team.

In their last game, India defeated the Netherlands U16 boys 4–0.

HOCKEY INDIA

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13TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
4-14 May, 2023	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Association of Odisha	Rourkela, Odisha

Hockey Haryana won the trophy after defeating Hockey Jharkhand 3-2 in the Final. Hockey Haryana came from behind twice to defeat Hockey Jharkhand in a neck-and-neck tie. After Sangita Kumari (7') and Ankita Minz (27') scored to put Hockey Jharkhand ahead, Bhavya (25', 58') equalised and then won the game for Hockey Haryana. Meenakshi (36') also scored for the Champions.

Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Uttar Pradesh Hockey 4-3 in shootouts after regulation time ended with both teams scoring a goal each in the hard-fought 3rd/4th Place match.



HOCKEY HARYANA



HOCKEY JHARKHAND



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

13TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
18-28 May, 2023	Uttar Pradesh Hockey	Hockey Association of Odisha	Hockey Haryana	Rourkela, Odisha

Uttar Pradesh Hockey won the tournament by defeating the Hockey Association of Odisha 7–1 in the Final. Ujjwal Pal (6', 38', 47') converted three penalty corners, while Rahul Yadav (30'), Ketan Kushwaha (39'), Rahul Rajhbar (52'), and Captain Ajeet Yadav (54') each scored a goal to secure their victory. Deonath Nanwar (57') scored the only goal for the Hockey Association of Odisha.

The 3rd/4th place match saw Hockey Haryana claim a 4–2 comeback win over Hockey Madhya Pradesh.



UTTAR PRADESH HOCKEY



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA



HOCKEY HARYANA

HOCKEY INDIA

13TH HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR MEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
12-22 June, 2023	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Chandigarh	Hockey Haryana	Rourkela, Odisha

The 13th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2023 was one of the most entertaining tournaments in the domes circuit in Indian hockey this year, with teams scoring plenty of goals. The highest-scoring game saw Delhi Hockey smash 54 goals past Tripura Hockey without response.

The aforementioned event was played out at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha. The group stage produced plenty of goals and entertained the fans in Rourkela, which houses the biggest field hockey stadium in the world in terms of seating capacity, the Semi-Finals saw Hockey Chandigarh come out winners against Hockey Haryana by a scoreline of 3-1 while in the second game, Hockey Madhya Pradesh defeated hosts Hockey Association on of Odisha (12-11) in a shootout after the contest ended 4-4 in regulation on me.

Eventually, Hockey Madhya Pradesh won the 13th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2023 after defeating Hockey Chandigarh (4-2) in the Final at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH



HOCKEY CHANDIGARH



HOCKEY HARYANA

13TH HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
27 June-07 July, 2023	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Haryana	Rourkela, Odisha

Hockey Madhya Pradesh won the 13th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2023 after defeating Hockey Jharkhand 1-0 in the Final of the tournament. Meanwhile, Hockey Haryana defeated Chhattisgarh Hockey 12-2 in the Bronze medal match.

In the Final match, both teams displayed extreme grit and determination to win the title but Hockey Madhya Pradesh managed to defeat Hockey Jharkhand in a closely contested encounter. Gurmail Kaur (22') scored the only goal of the match.

Hockey Haryana defeated Chhattisgarh Hockey 12-2 in the 3rd/4th position match.



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH



HOCKEY JHARKHAND



HOCKEY HARYANA

HOCKEY INDIA

13th HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR MEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17-28 November, 2023	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

A star-studded Hockey Punjab featuring Indian Team players claimed the Gold medal after their shootout triumph over defending Champions Hockey Haryana in the Final of the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023. Meanwhile, the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu overcame Hockey Karnataka in the shootout to claim the Bronze medal.

The thrilling shootout saw Hockey Punjab defeat Hockey Haryana 2-2 (9-8 SO). Hockey Punjab started the match strong, scoring the first goal in the 13th minute thanks to Harjeet Singh. However, Hockey Haryana's Sanjay (25') scored from a penalty corner to level the score. In the second half, Hockey Punjab's Captain Harmanpreet Singh (42') scored a powerful drag flick from a penalty corner to put his team in the lead. But Hockey Haryana's Rajant (50') scored again to equalize and take the game to shootouts.

During the shootouts, Sanjay, Deepak, and Abhishek scored for Hockey Haryana while Harmanpreet Singh, Simranjeet Singh, and Sukhjeet Singh scored for Hockey Punjab, taking the match to sudden death. In the seventh penalty shootout, Simranjeet Singh scored, securing the hard-fought victory for Hockey Punjab.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu defeated Hockey Karnataka by 5-3 in shootouts after the game was tied at the 3-3 at the end of regulation.



HOCKEY PUNJAB



HOCKEY HARYANA



HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU

3RD HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN INTER-DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
15-21 November, 2023	Indian Oil Corporation	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Sports Authority of India	New Delhi

The Indian Oil Corporation defeated defending Champions Railway Sports Promotion Board 4–4 (3–2 SO) in a thrilling match to win the 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2023. Meanwhile, Sports Authority of India finished third in the tournament.

Captain Vandana Katariya opened the scoring (12') for Railway Sports Promotion Board and was quickly followed up by Mariana Kujur (15') to extend the lead to 2–0. Sharmila Devi (28') scored for Indian Oil Corporation to reduce the deficit but a goal from Sangita Kumari (33') meant the score would read 3–1 at the end of the third quarter. Jyoti (49') scored for IOC but Vandana Katariya scored a fine field goal (49') within no time as the score read 4–2 in favour of the Railway Sports Promo on Board. Goals from Rajwinder Kaur (55') and Jyoti (59') in the dying embers meant that the scoreline would read 4–4 at the end of the final quarter taking the match into a penalty shoot-out. Deepika, Baljeet Kaur, and Jyoti scored for Indian Oil Corpora on, while Bichu Devi Kharibam stood tall at the goalpost as IOC defeated Railway Sports Promo on Board to win the tournament.

Meanwhile, in the 3rd/4th place match, Sports Authority of India produced a fine show to beat Sashastra Seema Bal 3–1 to clinch the Bronze medal.



INDIAN OIL CORPORATION



RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD



SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

14TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
13-23 March, 2024	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Maharashtra	Hockey Jharkhand	Pune, Maharashtra

The 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship concluded at the Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra with Hockey Haryana being crowned Champions. Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Maharashtra 1-1(3-0 SO) in the Final to claim the bragging rights. Hockey Jharkhand finished third in the tournament.

Hockey Haryana defeated hosts Hockey Maharashtra 1-1 (3-0 SO) in a nail-biting Final to win the 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship at the Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra. While Deepika (26') scored for Hockey Haryana in regulation time, Navneet Kaur, Usha and Sonika scored in the shootout and their Captain Savita made three successive saves to take them to glory.

Hockey Jharkhand defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh 2-0 to win the 3rd/4th place play-off.



HOCKEY HARYANA



HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA



HOCKEY JHARKHAND



HOCKEY INDIA

INAUGURAL ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

YEAR 2023-2024

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN EAST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
24 Sep - 30 Sep 2023	Hockey Association of Odisha	Hockey Jharkhand	Manipur Hockey	Ranchi, Jharkhand

Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Jharkhand with a scoreline of 3–1 in the Final to clinch the title. For the Hockey Association of Odisha, Kerketta Mandeep (14', 25') and Lakra Ritik (56') were on target, while for Hockey Jharkhand, Topno Ganga (48') scored the lone goal.



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

Meanwhile, in the 3rd/4th place, Manipur Hockey defeated Hockey Bihar by 3–1. For Manipur Hockey, Captain Sushil Lisham (12', 34') and Singh Saikhom Nishi (30') scored the goals. For Hockey Bihar, Sobhit Raj Tiwari (19') scored the only goal.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN NORTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
01 Oct - 08 Oct 2023	Hockey Haryana	Uttar Pradesh Hockey	Hockey Punjab	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

Hockey Haryana beat Uttar Pradesh Hockey in the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men North Zone Championship 2023 Final by 1–0. The closely-fought match saw both teams fight with all their might till the very last moment. Sachin (58') scored from a penalty corner with two minutes left in the game to seal the top spot for Hockey Haryana.



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

The 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Men's category ended with Hockey Punjab beating Hockey Chandigarh by 7–0. Sukhdev Singh (1'), Singh Gourav (8', 15', 31'), Ajaypal Singh (54'), and Taranjot Singh (55', 56') scored to secure third place for Hockey Punjab.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN WEST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
09 Oct - 16 Oct 2023	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey	Chhattisgarh Hockey	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

The Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men West Zone Championship 2023 saw Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey by 8–1. Aashir Aadil Khan (32', 48', 52', 53', 59', 60') spearheaded the title charge for Hockey Madhya Pradesh, while Siddharth Ben (15') and Love (39') pitched in with one goal each. The only goal for Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey was scored by Sharma Ankit (32').



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH

Chhattisgarh Hockey defeated Hockey Maharashtra by 1–0 in the 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Men's category. In a tightly contested affair, it was Lavi Manikpuri's (4') early goal from a penalty corner that proved to be the deciding goal for Chhattisgarh Hockey.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN SOUTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17 Oct - 24 Oct 2023	Hockey Karnataka	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Hockey Andhra Pradesh	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men South Zone Championship 2023 saw Hockey Karnataka beat Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu by 3–2 in a tightly contested battle. Jashan Thammaiah M.C (9') and Kakhandaki Rohit (29') scored for Hockey Karnataka in the first half. The Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu answered back through goals from Kamlesh (31') and Captain Sugumar M (35'). Nishanth M (57') broke the deadlock from a penalty corner in the dying moments of the game to confirm the Gold medal finish for Hockey Karnataka.



HOCKEY KARNATAKA

Hockey Andhra Pradesh beat Le Puducherry Hockey by 4–2 in the 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Men's Category. The goalscorers for Hockey Andhra Pradesh were Bharath Panduri (13'), Gandi Chandu (39'), Devara Deva Sai Yadav (45') and Devatha Yaswanth (53'). Meanwhile, R. Gobinath (12') and Amudhavalavan A (23') got on the scoresheet for Le Puducherry Hockey.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN EAST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
24 Sep - 30 Sep 2023	Hockey Association of Odisha	Hockey Jharkhand	Manipur Hockey	Ranchi, Jharkhand

Hockey Association of Odisha beat Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 to win the Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women East Zone Championship. Drupati Naik (39') and Anjana Xaxa (37') were on target for Hockey Association of Odisha, while Aind Neha (57') scored the sole goal for Hockey Jharkhand.



HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

Meanwhile, in the 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Women's Category, Manipur Hockey defeated Hockey Bihar 3-1. For Manipur Hockey, Seram Henthoi Chanu (3'), Captain Prinja Devi Moirangthem (6') and Jerina Chongtham (47') scored the goals. For Hockey Bihar, Bijli Kumari (30') scored the only goal.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN NORTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
01 Oct - 08 Oct 2023	Hockey Haryana	Uttar Pradesh Hockey	Hockey Punjab	Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women North Zone Championship 2023 Junior Women's category Final was a tightly contested affair with Hockey Haryana registering a narrow 1-0 win over Uttar Pradesh Hockey. Seema (5') took the game by the scruff of the neck, scoring early for Hockey Haryana in the first quarter. The battle ensued but Hockey Haryana's resilience ensured their victory.



HOCKEY HARYANA

The 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Women's category saw Hockey Punjab beat Hockey Himachal by 8-0 to finish third in the tournament. The goalscorers for Hockey Punjab were Maskeenpreet Kaur (8', 30', 41'), Captain Sanna (9'), Kaur Khushveer (17', 27'), Tanu Rani (43'), and Saloni (43').

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN WEST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
09 Oct - 16 Oct 2023	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Chhattisgarh Hockey	Hockey Maharashtra	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

The Final of 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women West Zone Championship 2023 ended with Hockey Madhya Pradesh beating Chhattisgarh Hockey by 3-1. Chhattisgarh Hockey scored first through Sidar Madhu (5'), but Hockey Madhya Pradesh flipped the switch towards the end of the game and goals from Sujata Jayant (43'), Kanak Pal (53'), and Tanvi (60') ensured their Gold medal in the tournament.



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH

The 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Women's category witnessed Hockey Maharashtra register a 3-2 win over Hockey Rajasthan in penalty shootouts after the game was tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation time. Hockey Rajasthan scored early through Guddi (2') but they were immediately pegged back after a penalty corner goal from Snehal Ashok Gadhave (5') for Hockey Maharashtra. Captain Yashasvi Prakash Kubde, Snehal Ashok Gadhave, and Yelne Samiksha Madhukar scored in the penalty shootouts to confirm the Bronze for Hockey Maharashtra.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN SOUTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17 Oct - 24 Oct 2023	Hockey Andhra Pradesh	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Hockey Karnataka	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women South Zone Championship 2023 ended with Hockey Andhra Pradesh defeating Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu by 5-0. Captain Thirumalasetty Sree Vidya (7', 20', 23') stepped up in the Final, scoring a hat-trick for Hockey Andhra Pradesh. Patan Mujiya Begum (35') and Kuppa Tulasi (45') followed up with goals of their own to seal the victory.



HOCKEY ANDHRA PRADESH

The 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Women's Category witnessed Hockey Karnataka beat Kerala Hockey by 3-2. Hockey Karnataka took the lead early after goals from Kotyan Pratheeksha P (3'), Captain Lakshmi (14'), and Sinchanaraj (36'). Kerala Hockey initiated a comeback through Captain Abhay Jyothi A S (43') and Lekshmi D (50') but fell short in the end.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
12 Oct - 19 Oct 2023	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar)	HIM Academy	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) concluded in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy being crowned Champions.



MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) 9-0 to win the Gold Medal while HIM Academy finished in 3rd place.

The Final saw Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) 9-0. Gurmail Kaur (8', 13', 14', 58', 59'), Katariya Khushi (32', 43') and Swa (56', 60') scored the goals for Madhya Pradesh without conceding any goals as they clinched first place in the tournament.

In the 3rd/4th place play-off, HIM Academy beat Salute Hockey Academy 2-1.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
3 Dec - 10 Dec 2023	Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy	Namdhari XI	Army Boys Sports Company	New Delhi

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) witnessed Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy win after defeating Namdhari XI in the Final. Army Boys Sports Company finished third in the Championship.



ROUNDGLASS PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY

In the Final, Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy defeated Namdhari XI 3-1. Captain Navraj Singh (14') put Namdhari XI in the lead late in the first quarter with a penalty corner conversion. Another penalty corner was converted in the second quarter, this time by Japnit Singh (25', 34', 50') from Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy to equalize. He then helped Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy take the lead in the third quarter with a field goal before converting yet another penalty corner in the fourth quarter as his hat-trick enabled Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy to win the Gold after dominating their opponents throughout the tournament. In the 3rd/4th place match, Army Boys Sports Company defeated HAR Hockey Academy 3-1.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
3 Dec -10 Dec 2023	Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy	Ghumanhera Riser's Academy	HAR Hockey Academy	New Delhi



ROUNDGLASS PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) witnessed Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy win after defeating Ghumanhera Risers Academy in the Final. HAR Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.

In the Final, Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy defeated Ghumanhera Riser's Academy 6–1. Inderjit Singh (2', 8', 32') led the way for Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy with a hat-trick, while Charanjeet Singh (35', 44') scored a brace and Deepakpreet Singh (55') scored a field goal in the final quarter. Tashu (37') scored for Ghumanhera Riser's Academy in the third quarter but Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy didn't give space for any more errors to happen as they went on to win the Gold.

In the 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Category, HAR Hockey Academy defeated Raja Karan Hockey Academy 5–2.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE B)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
20 Nov - 30 Nov 2023	SAIL Hockey Academy	Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre	Hubli Hockey Academy	Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) witnessed SAIL Hockey Academy win after having defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3–2 in the Final. Hubli Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.



SAIL HOCKEY ACADEMY

SAIL Hockey Academy defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3–2 in the Final. Munda Sa sh (3') put Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre in the lead early in the game but successive goals from Ekka Samir (14') and Nabin Lakra (19') for SAIL Hockey Academy took them to a 2–1 lead at halftime. Irengbam Rohit Singh (43') equalized late in the third quarter but it was the goal from Toppo Amit (49') for SAIL Hockey Academy in the final quarter that sealed the deal as they went on to win the Gold medal.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Hubli Hockey Academy defeated Berar Hockey Academy (Vidarbha) Amrava 21.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE B)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
20 Nov - 30th Nov 2023	SAIL Hockey Academy	Smart Hockey Academy	Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy	Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) witnessed SAIL Hockey Academy win after defeating Smart Hockey Academy, Rapiur in the Final. Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.



SAIL HOCKEY ACADEMY

SAIL Hockey Academy defeated Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur 4–1 in the Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) to take the trophy home. Hasti Anand (12', 45') paved the way with a brace while Kaetha Bishal (6') and Kujur Manish (39') found the back of the net as well for SAIL Hockey Academy. Meanwhile, Bakawale Gagan (59') needed the lone goal for Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy defeated Lakshmi Ammal Sports Academy 3–1 to win the Bronze medal.

1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
12 Oct - 19 Oct 2023	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Ghumenhera Risers Academy	Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) concluded in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy being crowned Champions after their 4–0 win over Ghumanhera Risers Academy, accompanied on the podium by Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy, who finished third.



MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY

The Final ended with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy Beating Ghumenhera Risers Academy 4–0. Tahur Naaz (36', 50') scored a brace while Bamaniya Shivani (15') and Bhabar Keshar (44') scored for Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy as they ensured their Gold medal in the tournament.

The 3rd/4th place match witnessed Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy register a 2–1 win over Raja Karan Hockey Academy.



KHELO INDIA

KHELO INDIA WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (U-21) PHASE 2 AND FINALS

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
29 March – 11 April 2023	Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation	HAR Hockey Academy	Sports Hostel Odisha	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



PRITAM SIWACH SPORTS FOUNDATION

Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation won the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21 – Final Phase) by defeating HAR Hockey Academy 2-0 in the Final. Tannu (12') scored the first goal for Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation, and Sakshi Rana (31') converted a penalty corner early in the third quarter to secure a hard-fought victory for her side.

In the 3/4th match, Sports Hostel Odisha defeated SAI Bal 3-1 to finish third.

3RD KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2022 UTTAR PRADESH (UNDER 27 WOMEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
26 May - 01 Jun 2023	MD University, Haryana	ITM University, Gwalior	Punjabi University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



MD UNIVERSITY, HARYANA

MD University, Haryana defeated I.T.M University, Gwalior 2–0 in the final of the 3rd Khelo India University Games 2022 Uttar Pradesh (Under 27 Women). Manisha Dhawal (35') and Captain Sumita Nain ((53') scored one goal each for the MD University, Haryana. Meanwhile, Punjabi University defeated University of Mysore 2–0 in the 3rd/4th place match to take the Bronze medal home. Akanksha Shukla (49') and Yashika Negi (57') scored one goal each for Punjabi University.

3RD KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2022 UTTAR PRADESH (UNDER 27 MEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
26 May - 01 Jun 2023	Punjabi University	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Sambalpur University, Odisha	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



PUNJABI UNIVERSITY

Punjabi University defeated Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar 3–2 in penalty shootouts after the game was locked at 3–3 at the end of regulation time. In regulation time, Captain Gautam Kumar (23', 24') and Sarabjinder Singh (32') scored for Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, while Captain Anil (33', 60') and Jitender Gill (46') scored for Punjabi University. Penalty shootout goals from Ankush, Anil, and Micheal Topno ensured a victory for Punjabi University. Sambalpur University, Odisha defeated Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, UP 2–1 to finish third.

3RD KHELO INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE FINALS 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
20 Sep-29 Sep 2023	SAI Shakti	SAI BAL	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh



SAI SHAKTI

In the highly anticipated Final, SAI Shak triumphed over SAI BAL 2-0 victory to become Champions of the 3rd Khelo India Junior Women's Hockey League 2023 (Finals) in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Monica Tirkey (8', 37') led the efforts for SAI Shakti, scoring two crucial goals.

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy, Sonepat, 3-1, to finish third in the tournament. Despite Captain Sakshi (6') giving Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy, Sonepat an early lead, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy responded with goals from Gurmail Kaur (35'), Parneet Kaur (39') and Aanchal Sahu (49') to register their victory.

2ND KHELO INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE - PHASE 2

Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre, Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy and SAI Shakti Team won their respective matches on the final day of the 2nd Khelo India Sub Junior Women's Hockey League - Phase 2.

Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre defeated Jai Bharat Hockey Academy 12-1 in the first match. Pragya Patel (10', 12', 45', 58') scored four goals, Captain Doli Bhoi (8', 15', 57') scored a hat-trick while Kesar Bhabar (3'), Sheetal Yadav (14'), Neharika Toppo (24'), Saniya Syed (36') and Chanchal Yadav (38') scored a goal each for Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre. The lone goal for Jai Bharat Hockey Academy came from a penalty corner conversion by Anita Devi (19').

Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy defeated Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy Bhagta 1-0 in the second game of the day. The game nearly ended in a goal-less draw with both teams putting on a tremendous display of defence but it was Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy Captain Diksha (60') who converted a penalty corner in the final minute of the game to break the deadlock and take her team to victory.



SAI Shakti Team defeated SAI Bal Team 5-1 in the final match of the day. Purnima Yadav (3', 23') scored a brace for SAI Shakti Team while Ravina (36'), Captain Kajal (40') and Priyanka (56') scored a goal each. The solitary goal for SAI Bal Team was a field goal that was scored by Sree Vidya Thirumalasetty (21').

4TH KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2023-24 (MEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
19 Feb - 25 Feb 2024	Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal	Bengaluru City University, Karnataka	Chandigarh University	Guwahati, Assam



Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal defeated Bengaluru City University, Karnataka 2–2 (4–2 SO)in the Final in the 4th Khelo India University Games 2023–24 (Men) while Chandigarh University defeated ManomaniamSundarnar University 5–5 (3–1 SO) in the 3rd/4th place play–off to finish third.

4TH KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2023-24 (WOMEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
19 Feb - 25 Feb 2024	Sambalpur University, Odisha	ITM University, Gwalior	Ranchi University	Guwahati, Assam



Sambalpur University, Odisha defeated ITM University, Gwalior 1–1 (5–3 SO)in the Final in the 4th Khelo India University Games 2023–24 (Women) while Ranchi University defeated Punjabi University 1–0 in the 3rd/4th place play–off to finish third.

37TH NATIONAL GAMES (MEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
30 Oct - 8 Nov 2023	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Karnataka	Uttar Pradesh Hockey	Goa



HOCKEY HARYANA

Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Karnataka 5-3 in the Finals in the 37th National Games (Men) while Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Hockey Maharashtra 2-2(3-1 SO) in the 3rd/4th place play-off to finish third.

37TH NATIONAL GAMES (WOMEN)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
30 Oct - 8 Nov 2023	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Jharkhand	Goa



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH

Hockey Madhya Pradesh defeated Hockey Haryana 0-0(3-0 SO) in the Finals in the 37th National Games (Women) while Hockey Jharkhand defeated Hockey Punjab 1-0 in the 3rd/4th place play-off to finish third.


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ODISHA EXTENDS SPONSORSHIP TILL 2033

In April 2023, the Odisha government announced a significant extension of its sponsorship for both the Men and Women Indian Hockey Teams, encompassing both senior and junior squads. This pivotal decision was made during a Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, where a total of 15 proposals from various departments were approved.

Having served as the official sponsor of the national hockey teams since 2018, Odisha's continued support for another decade, from 2023 to 2033, marks a profound commitment to the growth and advancement of hockey in India.

ODISHA
INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET.

Previously, the Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) had entered into an agreement with Hockey India, securing sponsorship for five years from 2018 to 2023. Following a request from Hockey India's President for an extension of the agreement, OMC sought approval from the government, which was granted during the Cabinet meeting. As a result, OMC is now committed to sponsoring both the men's and women's teams until January 31, 2033, with a total funding of Rs 434.12 crores (excluding applicable taxes) earmarked for Hockey India over this period.



White Card Campaign

In honour of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, commemorated annually on 6th April, the Captains of the Indian Hockey teams joined the #WhiteCard Campaign to express their dedication to global peace efforts. The White Card symbolizes a commitment to fostering peace worldwide, akin to the various coloured cards used in sports.

Harmanpreet Singh, the Captain of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, emphasized the transformative power of sports in bringing people together. He asserted, "Sport has the power to change the world, unite all and bring people from various religions, sects, states, and even countries together on a common platform to perform as equals."

"Along with my teammates, I pledge my support for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace through this unique #WhiteCard initiative which acts as a unifying symbol for inclusion and peace. This is a wonderful initiative to promote peace-through-sport movement across the world," added the ace drag-flicker and defender.

Echoing his sentiments, Savita, Captain of the Indian Women's Hockey Team, said, "Sport teaches us to look beyond language barriers, caste, race and religion. Over the years, through my hockey career, I have come to believe that sport can empower people, particularly women. Let's join the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace through the #WhiteCard movement for peace through sport."

The #WhiteCard initiative, launched in 2013 by the United Nations and supported by the International Olympic Committee, aims to promote peace through sports globally. Celebrated annually on 6th April, the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace commemorates the transformative impact of sports in promoting social change and fostering a culture of peace. This date coincides with the anniversary of the first modern Summer Olympic Games in 1896, marking a significant milestone in the history of sports and international cooperation.











Hockey India unveils plans to revive HIL, hires Big Bang

The performance of the national men's & women's teams at the Tokyo Olympics and the fervent fanfare that they received after the same, rekindled the spirit of hockey that lives in the heart of our country. The Hockey India League (HIL) epitomised this spirit over the five seasons it was held from 2013–2017 bringing together the finest talent from across the world of hockey. The league was a true tribute to the sport and provided intensive exposure and competition for young talent also playing a pivotal role in growing Team India's performance.

On 10th April, Hockey India unveiled plans to bring back the league and announced Big Bang Media Ventures Pvt. Ltd. as its exclusive commercial and marketing partner agency. This marks a great step towards the awaited revival of the Hockey India League.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Dilip Tirkey, President, Hockey India, said, "I am very pleased because the Hockey India League was one of my top priorities when I assumed office as president of Hockey India. It will be a critical stepping stone for India and we are delighted to have Big Bang Media Ventures Pvt Ltd (BBMVPL) as our exclusive Commercial partners for the HIL. Their understanding of sport, esports, content, media & IP monetisation is unparalleled and we are very excited for what we could collectively achieve and deliver."

"I am delighted that we are moving towards the launch of a new era of the Hockey India League. It will revitalise not only hockey in India, but also bring fresh energy to the sport globally", he continued.

Echoing the sentiments of the President, Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General, Hockey India, said, "The Hockey India League will bring together the best of the world and a great learning experience for young talent as well. We are confident of taking this forward with Bing Bang Media Ventures Pvt. Ltd. and their expertise to manage the commercial and marketing aspects of the league".



Big Bang Media Ventures Pvt Ltd (BBMVPL) is one of the country's leading content, education, esports and talent management conglomerates with market-leading brands viz Collective Artists Network, Phantom, Mythoverse, AISTS India, NASEF India under its umbrella. BBMVPL also recently conducted the Asia Open esports championship in partnership with the International ESports Federation (IESF).

Ravneet Gill & Madhu Mantena, Founders of BBMVPL, remarked, "The Hockey India League has been a global benchmark for the sport and we are pleased to be a trusted partner for Hockey India in managing the commercial aspects of the league. We are privileged to be part of this incredible and important initiative and look forward to supporting the launch of a successful league."

With this momentous announcement, Hockey India took great pride in taking this first step towards the initiative of bringing together a new edition of the Hockey India League.

Junior Men And Women Asia Cup Win

Double delight for India - Junior Men and Women teams clinch Asia Cup 2023 title

One of the highlights of the 2023-24 for Indian hockey was the Junior Men and Women teams' Asia Cup 2023 glory. Both teams remained unbeaten throughout their respective campaigns.
The Women's Team, led by Preeti, left for Kakamigahara on 2nd June 2023 to play against Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Korea and Chinese Taipei in Pool A.

They began their campaign with a monumental 22-0 win over Uzbekistan, followed by a 2-1 win against Malaysia, a 2-2 draw against Korea and an 11-0 win against Chinese Taipei to finish on the top of Pool A. They edged past Japan 1-0 in the Semi-Final before defeating Korea 2-1 in the Final to clinch the title.

Meanwhile, the Men's Team left for the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman on 19th May 2023. Grouped in Pool A, India began their campaign with a massive 18-0 win against Chinese Taipei followed by a 3-1 win victory against Japan, a thrilling 1-1 draw against Pakistan and a 17-0 win against Thailand. India then defeated Korea 9-1 in the Semi-final and edged past Pakistan 2-1 in the Final to clinch the title.

Hockey India too recognised the significant feat and announced a cash award of INR 2 lakh each for players and INR 1 lakh for the support staff.



HOCKEY INDIA

HOCKEY INDIA ANNOUNCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND DISTRICT MEMBER UNITS

Hockey India, in July 2023, announced financial assistance to District and State Member Units intending to improve the standard of tournaments held at the grassroots level.

As part of its commitment towards the 'Hockey India ka Abhiyan Har Ghar Ho Hockey Ki Pehchan' program, Hockey India has disbursed a grant of INR 2 lakh each to all its State Member Units. This initial grant will aid the District Units under their purview in meeting their deliverables and complying with the necessary guidelines.

Hockey India will further sanction INR 1 lakh each to respective State Member Units upon successful completion of the compliance by their respective District Units. This additional funding serves as an incentive for State Member Units to support and guide their District Units effectively.

Hockey India will additionally provide grants of INR 10 lakh each to respective State Member Units that successfully conduct State Level Championships and ensure the organisation of District Championships in their state in the calendar year 2023.

Furthermore, all District Units must conduct District level Championships in line with the General Tournament Guidelines issued by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The completion of these tournaments will be a prerequisite for the State Member Units to be eligible for the aforementioned grant.

Hockey India recognizes the crucial role played by the District Units in fostering the sport's growth at the grassroots level. Therefore, an additional incentive of Rs. 20,000/- will be provided to each District Unit upon completing their District Unit Compliances and organizing the District Championships.

Hockey India Distributed Hockey Equipment and Safety Gear Worth 8 Crores

In March 2023, Hockey India initiated a ground-breaking campaign aimed at distributing hockey equipment to State Member Units and Hockey Academies nationwide. Over 11,000 hockey sticks, 3,300 hockey balls, and various safety gear, totalling more than INR 8.00 Crore, were successfully distributed by July 2023. Even remote districts and taluks were reached in this extensive distribution effort.

This initiative, part of Hockey India's 'Hockey India ka Abhiyan Har Ghar Ho Hockey Ki Pehchan' program, seeks to foster hockey at the grassroots level and inspire underprivileged children to embrace the sport. Recognizing the vital role of State Member Units and Hockey Academies in nurturing young talent, Hockey India aims to provide essential resources to aspiring athletes, empowering them to pursue their hockey dreams.

State Units, Member Units, and prestigious hockey academies like Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club, Dhyan Chand Hockey Academy, Republican Sports Club, Naval Tata Hockey Academy Jamshedpur, Him Academy, Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy, among others, benefited from this drive, which spanned several months. After receiving equipment from Hockey India, State and Member Units distributed the gear in their respective districts.

Praising Hockey India's endeavour, Hockey Maharashtra's Senior Vice President Manoj V Bhore lauded the initiative's impact on underprivileged players and its role in promoting the sport nationwide. Similarly, Hockey Kerala President V Sunil Kumar commended Hockey India's distribution drive for motivating young players and enhancing their performance in national championships.

Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, highlighting its contribution to building a strong foundation for hockey development in India. Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh emphasized the initiative's potential to benefit numerous aspiring players, thereby shaping the future of Indian hockey.

India win Gold at Men's Asian Champions Trophy Chennai

In August 2023, the Indian Men's Hockey Team clinched the Gold at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai. Riding on the emphatic support for the home team, India sealed their berth as Champions following a high-octane 4-3 victory against Malaysia in the Final. Jugraj Singh (9'), Harmanpreet Singh (45'), Gurjant Singh (45') and Akashdeep Singh (56') scripted India's victory in a tense but thrilling showdown.

Competing alongside Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, China and Japan, the Indian Men's Hockey Team began their campaign with a 7-2 victory against China. While India drew 1-1 against Japan, they went on to secure victories against Korea, 3-2, Malaysia, 5-0, and Pakistan, 4-0 to find themselves in the Semi-Final where Japan was downed by the home team, 5-0.

Following the triumph, Hockey India announced cash awards of Rs 3.00 lakhs to each member of the Indian Men's Hockey Team and Rs 1.50 lakh to the Support Staff.

Making up the 18-member squad, PR Sreejesh and Krishan Bahadur Pathak were the designated goalkeepers. Defensively, the team was driven by Jarmanpreet Singh, Sumit, Jugraj Singh, Harmanpreet Singh (C), Varun Kumar, and Amit Rohidas. Orchestrating the midfield were Hardik Singh (VC), Vivek Sagar Prasad, Manpreet Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, and Shamsher Singh. While the forward line featured Akashdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, and S Karthi.



HOCKEY INDIA

OLYMPIC DAY 2023 CELEBRATIONS

Hockey India celebrated Olympic Day with a series of activities aimed at promoting the values of sportsmanship. Hockey India Members Units organized various events to strengthen the connection between individuals of all ages and sports. These activities served as a platform to bring people from diverse backgrounds together, transcending gender and physical barriers, and providing them with the opportunity to engage in their first sports experiences.

The celebrations across different member units featured an array of exciting events. Friendly tournaments, exhibit matches, and Olympic Day runs were among the highlights of the festivities. Also, in line with the year's Olympic Day celebrations theme 'Let's Move', Hockey India's Member Units organized a range of activities to showcase the power of physical activity, centred around the sport. Embracing the Olympic Day theme, the activities included exhibition hockey matches, mini hockey tournaments, engaging quizzes, creative drawing competitions, and thought-provoking essay writing competitions, all focused on Olympic Day and its values.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team met with kids from the Bhumi NGO at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru to honour the 75th Olympic Day and to emphasise the importance of diversity and inclusivity in sport. This exercise allowed the youngsters to interact with the Indian Team, some of whom came from humble backgrounds and tried to demonstrate to the children that sports can become a way of life.

The Sishu Mandir kids carried out a unicycle performance to express their appreciation to the Indian players for inviting them and even assisted the senior player in trying out a unicycle. The Indian players taught the kids the basics of hockey.










HOCKEY INDIA CONVENES

100TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

In the year 2023-24, Hockey India marked its 100th Executive Board Meeting, reaffirming its commitment to the growth and development of hockey in the country.

The historic gathering was chaired by the Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey along with Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh and Hockey India Treasurer Shri Sekar J Manoharan, to discuss crucial matters shaping the future of the sport.

The momentous occasion was also graced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) President Dato Tayyab Ikram and Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) President Fumio Ogura, the duo was also honoured with commemorative mementoes.

At the meeting, the Hockey India Executive Board also officially approved the financial model proposed by the commercial agency Big Bang Media Ventures Pvt Ltd for the Hockey India League following which, the agency will formally go into the market for the Hockey India League.











SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL CAMPS DAWN

A NEW BEGINNING FOR INDIAN HOCKEY

In August 2023, the maiden Sub-Junior National Camps began at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, a significant moment for Indian hockey. 80 players, 40 boys and 40 girls from across India gathered at the stadium, which was host to the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. Led by a seasoned support staff of former players turned coaches, the camp aimed to strengthen grassroots hockey.



Legendary players Sardar Singh and Rani, Khel Ratna awardees, coached the boys and girls respectively, providing invaluable guidance both on and off the field. Accompanying them were former India Women's Captain Asunta Lakra, local star Lilima Minz, Lazarus Barla, and Adrian D'Souza, enriching the coaching staff with their expertise.

Certified coaches from the Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway and skilled physiotherapists ensured a comprehensive approach to training, focusing on injury prevention.
The initiative, led by Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey and supported by Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh, aimed to align grassroots development with the national program for Junior and Senior Teams. Dr Tirkey expressed gratitude for Odisha's support in providing facilities at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

Shri Bhola Nath Singh echoed Dr. Tirkey's sentiments, highlighting the potential of the program to revolutionize Indian hockey. He emphasized the meticulous planning behind the initiative, from equipment provision to skill development, reaffirming the commitment to elevate grassroots hockey.



sunehra safar

Hockey India Felicitates Hangzhou Asian Games-bound Men's and Women's Hockey Teams

Hockey India on 31 August 2023 hosted a special send-off ceremony, 'Sunehra Safar' for the Hangzhou Asian Games-bound Indian Men and Women Hockey Teams. The federation invited parents and family members of the players to be part of the occasion, which also involved the teams and their family members getting felicitated. The event was graciously attended by Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister For Electronics and IT, Sports & Youth Services and Home, Government of Odisha, Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Executive Members of Hockey India, former players and also technical officials and umpires from India who have been named to officiate at the Hangzhou Asian Games.

Former players and Olympians such as AB Subbaiah, and Sabu Varkey were also present on the occasion. While there was as much fun, frolic and joyous celebrations with some enticing performances of yakshagana – a traditional dance-drama with origins in Dakshina Karnataka, Rajasthani folk and a fusion ensemble – the event also underlined the team's preparedness to bag the top honours in the quadrennial extravaganza. During the event, Hockey India also officially announced the members of the Men and Women Teams for the marquee event.





HOCKEY INDIA

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES
RAGHUPRASAD R. V. ON BEING APPOINTED
AS UMPIRE FOR THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES



In September 2023, Hockey India extended their congratulations to Raghuprasad R. V. on his appointment as an Umpire for the discipline of hockey at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

With 186 international matches officiated, Raghuprasad R. V. expressed his gratitude stating, "It is truly a great honour for me to get an opportunity to officiate at the Paris Olympic Games." He acknowledged FIH's selection and thanked Hockey India, saying, "I thank FIH Technical Officials and Umpiring Committee for selecting me and I also thank Hockey India for all their support over the past decade."

Highlighting the surge in the number of umpires and technical officials in India, Raghu emphasized, "Over the past few years, there is a surge in the number of umpires and technical officials who have been representing India at various international events and this is purely because of Hockey India's efforts to educate and equip officials. More women are coming up the ranks and this is a great moment for the country."

Raghu, who started umpiring in 2001, has officiated in major events including the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. Dr Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India, also praised Raghu's appointment, stating, "I congratulate Raghu Prasad on being appointed by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) to officiate at the 2024 Paris Olympics." Dr Tirkey commended Raghu's dedication and wished him success in preparing for the Games, emphasizing the rigorous training required for umpires to officiate at such high-profile events.

Harman flagbearer for Asian Games opening ceremony



Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh expressed delight for being chosen as the country's joint flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony of the prestigious 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022, which took place in September-October 2023.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced that Harmanpreet Singh, the celebrated Indian Captain, will lead the 655-member Indian contingent alongside renowned Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain as the joint flag-bearers for the upcoming 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022.

In the recent past, Dhanraj Pillay (1998, 2002), Jyoti Sunita Kullu (2006), Gagan Narang (2010), Sardar Singh (2014), and Neeraj Chopra (2018) were India's flag bearers at the prestigious event.
Harmanpreet Singh, known for his exceptional skills as a drag-flicker and his inspiring leadership, has made a significant impact on the global hockey stage. His journey to being named the joint flag-bearer is a testament to his remarkable contributions to Indian hockey.

A key member of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, Harmanpreet played a pivotal role in India's triumphant campaign at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where the team secured a historic Bronze medal. His prowess as a drag-flicker shone brightly as he emerged as India's top scorer, netting six crucial goals during the elite event.

Harmanpreet Singh's leadership extends beyond individual accomplishments, as he steered the Indian team to title victory at the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, showcasing his ability to inspire and motivate his teammates to achieve excellence.

Harmanpreet Singh expressed his profound honour and excitement for being named as the flag-bearer and said, "Being named as the joint flag-bearer alongside Lovlina Borgohain for the Asian Games was a moment of immense pride for me. It is an opportunity to represent my country on an even larger scale, and I am truly humbled by this honour. I also congratulate our boxing star Lovlina for the same."

HOCKEY INDIA

INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WON GOLD AT 19TH ASIAN GAMES HANGZHOU

The Indian Men's Hockey Team, led by Captain Harmanpreet Singh, embarked for China on 18th September for the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022.

They got off to a thunderous start, beating Uzbekistan by 16-0, followed by a 16-1 rout against Singapore. Defending Champions Japan posed a threat but they were tactfully nullified on the way to a 4-2 victory. India rewrote history against rivals Pakistan, defeating them by 10-2, India's biggest win in terms of goal margin against Pakistan. India beat Bangladesh by 12-0 next and qualified for the knockout stages, ending the group stage as table toppers.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team faced Korea in the Semi-Final and emerged winners with a 5-3 scoreline. They went on and secured an incredible 5-1 win over the defending Champions Japan to clinch the Gold medal and also confirmed a spot for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This was India's fourth Gold medal in Men's Field Hockey at the Asian Games.

For their impressive performance, Hockey India announced a prize of Rs 5 Lakh for each player of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, along with Rs 2.5 Lakh each for the support staff.



INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WON BRONZE AT

19TH ASIAN GAMES HANGZHOU

In September 2022, the Indian Women's Hockey Team, under the leadership of Captain Savita, secured the Bronze medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. The journey began with the team's departure to China on 19th September.

Their campaign kicked off with a dominant 13-0 victory over Singapore, followed by a convincing 6-0 win against Malaysia. Despite a tough challenge from Korea, the match ended in a 1-1 draw. However, a comprehensive 13-0 victory over Hong Kong China in the final Pool A match ensured their qualification for the Semi-Finals as table toppers.

In the Semi-Finals, the Indian Women's Hockey Team faced hosts China and suffered a 4-0 defeat. Undeterred by this setback, the team displayed resilience and determination, bouncing back to secure a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Japan in the Bronze medal match, marking India's fourth Bronze in Women's Field Hockey at the Asian Games.

In recognition of their impressive performance and podium finish at the 19th Asian Games, Hockey India announced a prize of Rs 3 lakh for each player of the Indian Women's Hockey Team and Rs 1.5 lakh for each member of the support staff.



BRONZE

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

HOCKEY INDIA

PR SREEJESH

FLAGBEARER FOR ASIAN GAMES CLOSING CEREMONY

Following the remarkable achievements of the Indian contingent at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 which included the Indian Men's Hockey Team's Gold medal. PR Sreejesh, the revered goalkeeper and seasoned member of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, was selected to carry the nation's flag during the closing ceremony of the prestigious sporting event.

The Indian contingent did amazingly well to win an unprecedented 107 medals, which is the most India has ever won in one edition of the competition. Among these medals are an impressive 28 Gold, 38 Silver, and 41 Bronze.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team's impressive Gold medal victory, not only secured their place at the 2024 Paris Olympics but also marked India's fourth Gold medal in Men's Field Hockey at the Asian Games, affirming its dominance in the sport on the continent.

Additionally, the Indian Women's Hockey Team contributed to the nation's delight by clinching a Bronze medal, highlighting the resurgence and notable advancement of Indian women's hockey on the global platform.

Expressing his pride and gratitude on being chosen as the flag bearer for the closing ceremony, PR Sreejesh, said, "It's a tremendous honour and privilege to represent my country as the flag bearer at the closing ceremony of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022. The success of our Indian contingent, especially the Indian Men's Hockey Team, has been an incredible journey filled with hard work and dedication. This moment signifies the unity and strength of our nation in the world of sports. I am humbled by this opportunity and look forward to carrying our flag with immense pride."



India win Gold at Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023

The Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 brought international hockey to the city of Ranchi for the first time with six top Asian teams – India, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand – competing in the tournament that took place at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astroturf Hockey Stadium Ranchi between 27th October 2023 and 5th November 2023. The tournament ended with the home team led by Savita claiming the trophy with a memorable 4–0 win over the defending Champions Japan on 5th November.

Shri Hemant Soren, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, on 13th October, unveiled the mascot for the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 at the Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi, Jharkhand. The mascot, named 'Juhi' was inspired by the popular elephant at Betla National Park. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren, FIH President, Dato Tayyab Ikram, Hockey India President, Dr Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India Secretary General, Shri Bhola Nath Singh, and Hockey India Treasurer, Sekar J Manoharan.

The event also marked the launch of the Trophy Tour for the tournament. The magnificent trophy for the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 travelled across all the districts of the state and finally returned to Ranchi on 25th October, 2023 ahead of the start of the tournament.

The 20-member strong Indian squad landed in Ranchi on the evening of 22nd October for the competition led by the spirited Skipper Savita.

India remained undefeated throughout the tournament, with the hosts beginning the tournament with a 7–1 victory over Thailand. India followed it up with a 5–0 victory over Malaysia and then demonstrated their attacking and defensive prowess with 2–1 victories over China and Japan. India finished the round-robin stage on top of the table with 15 points after defeating Korea 5–0. India advanced to the Semi-Finals by defeating Korea 2–0 to secure their place in the Final, where they triumphed over Japan to claim the trophy.



INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CLIMBED TO
6TH IN FIH WORLD RANKINGS

On the back of their performance in the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, the Indian Women's Hockey Team was ranked as the 6th best Women's Hockey Team in the world, with 2368.83 points. In recent times, the team was placed at 8th but clinching the bronze medal at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 and their victory at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 had catapulted the Indian Women's Hockey Team back to their best-ever placement, last achieved during the FIH Pro League in June 2022.

The Netherlands continued to be ranked as the best Women's Hockey Team in the world with 3422.40 points, followed by Australia in second place with 2817.73 points and Argentina at third with 2766.90 points. The other two teams ranked above India were Belgium at fourth with 2608.77 points and Germany at fifth with 2573.72 points.



FIH 6TH
WORLD RANKINGS
INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

Hockey India Launches Comprehensive Development Plan for Umpires and Technical Officials

In their bid to empower aspiring Umpires and Technical Officials in the country, Hockey India on 28 June 2023 launched a holistic Hockey India Match Officials Education and Development Plan. Through this initiative, Hockey India aimed to develop and educate the Umpires and Technical Officials currently officiating at the district and state level tournaments. The educational plan provided these officials with an opportunity to progress and be inducted into the Hockey India officiating system, enabling them to officiate in Hockey India sanctioned Sub Junior and Junior Level Zonal National Championships initially and also equipping them to be included in the Hockey India potential list.

Hockey India notified its Member Units to nominate their registered Umpires and Technical Officials through the Hockey India Member Unit Portal. As part of the development process, the nominated candidates were further selected by Hockey India as per their eligibility and attended the Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials workshops scheduled in July 2023. These courses were held in five zones: New Delhi, Pune, Andhra Pradesh, Jamshedpur, and North East.

To ensure equal representation by women, the Federation asked its members to nominate a maximum of 6 Technical Officials and Umpires each, with 3 female and 3 male. Altogether, a maximum of 12 nominations were requested from the Member Units. The candidates who enrolled for the Match Officials Education and Development Plan received interactive learning and study material to keep them updated with the latest FIH rules and regulations. To implement what they learned in theory, they will get a chance to officiate as Umpires/Technical Officials at the Hockey India sanctioned All India Sub Junior & Junior category Tournaments & National Championships. They are now also eligible to attend future FIH Academy, AHF, and Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Courses and workshops.

Hockey India Launches Comprehensive Coaching Course & Match Officials Education & Development Plan for Emerging Coaches & Match Officials

Hockey India has continued its extensive Coaching Course and Match Officials Education & Development Plan, aimed at nurturing emerging coaches and match officials. This initiative reflects Hockey India's dedication to fostering excellence across all levels of the sport.

Acknowledging the pivotal role of coaches in shaping the future of Indian hockey, Hockey India has taken steps to elevate coaching standards and involve more coaches. The Coaching Courses were conducted in three categories:

1. HI Level Basic Course
2. HI Level 1 Course
3. HI Level 2 Course

During these courses, match officials were provided with the necessary guidance and support to fast-track their development. Afterward, eligible candidates will be given the opportunity to officiate at the Hockey India sanctioned Sub Junior and Junior Level Zonal National Championships. Additionally, the candidates will be eligible to attend FIH Academy, AHF, and Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Courses/workshops.

Meanwhile, on the sidelines of the FIH Pro League 2023/24 in Bhubaneswar in February 2024, a notable enhancement in coaching proficiency occurred. Three participants completed the FIH Academy Level 1 Coaching Course, and an impressive 20 individuals immersed themselves in the FIH Academy Level 2 Coaching Course while 34 participants took part in FIH Level 3 Coaching Course.

Eligible candidates enrolled in the courses through an online application. One of the noteworthy participants in these courses was the esteemed former Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain, Rani. Rani participated in both the FIH Academy Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Courses and has also enrolled herself for the FIH Academy Level 3 Coaching Course.

Distinguished FIH Academy Educators, namely Herman Kruis, Hockey India High Performance Director Michael Vincent Irving, and Tsoanelo Pholo, were entrusted with the responsibility of imparting advanced knowledge and skills to the candidates, ensuring they are well-equipped for the challenges of coaching at higher levels.

Workshop on modern-day coaching techniques

Hockey India High-Performance Director Herman Kruis conducted a workshop focusing on contemporary coaching methods and grassroots hockey development on the sidelines of the 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2024 in Pune. The aim was to equip coaches in the domestic circuit with the skills to enhance the learning journey of young hockey players from the onset of their careers.

As a part of Hockey India's ongoing commitment to elevating coaching standards at the grassroots level, Herman Kruis led a workshop. During the session, he highlighted the significance of instilling a sense of ownership in young athletes and stressed the value of active learning as opposed to passive learning. Kruis also underscored the importance of promoting broad motor development, advocating for exposing players to diverse play styles and sports to establish a solid foundation of fundamental skills during their developmental stages.

In attendance for this workshop were coaches from Goans Hockey, Manipur Hockey, Hockey Association of Odisha, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Diu & Daman Hockey, Hockey Maharashtra, Assam Hockey, Hockey Bengal, Hockey Madhya Pradesh, Hockey Bihar, Hockey Jharkhand, Hockey Telangana, Hockey Uttar Pradesh, Kerala Hockey, Hockey Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh Hockey, Hockey Gujarat, Hockey Chandigarh, Hockey Delhi, Hockey Karnataka, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, and Le Puducherry Hockey. Also in attendance virtually were Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh, and Hockey India Treasurer Sekar J Manoharan.







Sreejesh appointed co-chair of FIH Athlete committee

The International Hockey Federation announced the appointment of the new FIH Athletes Committee, to be led by Co-Chairs Camila Caram of Chile and PR Sreejesh of India. While Camila Caram has been assigned Co-Chair and Athletes Committee Representative in the Executive Board, Indian Men's Hockey Team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh is the Co-Chair and he will lead the planning and meetings along with Caram.

The FIH Athletes Committee serves as a consultative body and makes recommendations to the FIH Executive Board, FIH Committees, Advisory Panels and other bodies. The roles also cover seeking and providing feedback to the FIH on behalf of all athletes, whilst developing and promoting resources and initiatives to athletes such as health and welfare, anti-doping, social media, creating stars to attract new fans, career preparation, and management. The Committee also plays a central role in liaising with the Athletes' Commission of the IOC and other sporting organisations to enable the sharing of information and research and ultimately develop the game of hockey.



HOCKEY INDIA

Grassroots PROGRAM



In March 2023, Hockey India unveiled its ambitious Grassroots Development Program, aiming to uncover young talent and bolster the National Senior and Junior teams for both men and women. Zonal championships at the Sub-Junior (U-16) and Junior (U-19) levels were planned to scout talent across the north, south, east, and west zones.

The inaugural Hockey India Junior Men and Junior Women Zonal Championships commenced on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Over 800 young hockey enthusiasts from 23 Junior Men's and 23 Junior Women's teams participated in the Championships, totalling 117 matches. The finals of each zone concluded on March 26.

Also, in March 2023, Hockey India launched a pioneering campaign to distribute hockey equipment nationwide. By July 2023, they had successfully delivered over 11,000 hockey sticks, 3,300 hockey balls, and various safety gear, valued at more than INR 8.00 Crore, reaching even remote districts and taluks. This initiative, under the 'Hockey India ka Abhiyan Har Ghar Ho Hockey Ki Pehchan' program, aimed to nurture grassroots hockey and encourage underprivileged children to embrace the sport.

Furthermore, in June 2023, Hockey India welcomed Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Nanpara (Uttar Pradesh), and Cuddalore Hockey Academy (Tamil Nadu) as new Academy Members, alongside Union Bank of India, Nariman Point (Mumbai) as a new Associate Member Unit.

July 2023 saw Hockey India extend financial aid to District and State Member Units, aligning with the 'Hockey India ka Abhiyan Har Ghar Ho Hockey Ki Pehchan' program. A grant of INR 2 lakh was disbursed to each State Member Unit, with an additional INR 1 lakh earmarked upon fulfilling compliance requirements. An extra incentive of INR 10 lakh was offered to State Member Units organizing State Level Championships and District Championships in 2023.



In August 2023, the inaugural Sub-Junior National Camps kicked off at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, marking a milestone for Indian Hockey. With 80 players, 40 boys, and 40 girls nationwide, the camp utilized the venue of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. Led by seasoned former players turned coaches, including legends Sardar Singh and Rani, Khel Ratna awardees, the camp aimed to fortify grassroots hockey with invaluable mentorship both on and off the field.

In November 2023, Hockey India announced Southern Alpha Sports Academy and Ritu Rani Hockey Academy as new Academy Members, continuing its mission to cultivate young talent at the grassroots level.



Moving forward to March 2024, Hockey India's High-Performance Director, Herman Kruis, led workshops focusing on contemporary coaching methods and grassroots hockey development. The initiative aimed to empower domestic and academy coaches with skills to enrich the learning journey of budding hockey players.

Moreover, in March 2024, Hockey India launched a ground-breaking initiative targeting young drag-flickers and goalkeepers nationwide. This strategic investment prioritized nurturing talent from the grassroots level, with a specialized focus on identifying and refining promising players in these pivotal positions.

As per this program, Hockey India assembled a dedicated pool of former goalkeepers and drag-flickers, who will lead intensive 3-day training sessions at top national academies throughout India. Afterward, they'll carefully pinpoint promising young talents. These selected athletes will then undergo specialized training from Hockey India, customized to boost their abilities and foster their potential.



HOCKEY INDIA

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

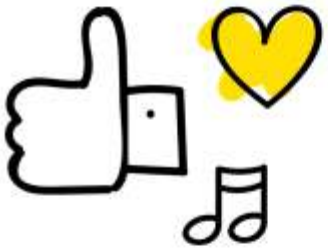
Initiatives

Asian Champions Trophy



Trophy Tour

Chennai Chronicles





TROPHY TOUR

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur unveiled the coveted trophy for the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi on 13 July 2023. The Union Minister also launched the 'Pass the Ball Trophy Tour' campaign on the occasion.

The trophy unveiling event turned out to be a spectacular celebration of Asian hockey, featuring a vibrant programme and attended by distinguished guests including, Anurag Thakur, Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh, and Hockey India Treasurer and President Hockey Unit and Tamil Nadu (Host State) Sekar Manoharan.

Moreover, some prominent former international hockey players and Olympians including the likes of Harbinder Singh, Ashok Diwan, Zafar Iqbal, Romeo James, MP Singh, HPS Chimani, and Vineet Kumar also graced the occasion with their presence.

After Delhi, the trophy travelled to Chandigarh, Guwahati, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Bangalore and the host city Chennai, before visiting districts throughout the state of Tamil Nadu.



Delhi

Hero ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY CHENNAI 2023



Chandigarh



Guwahati



Patna



Bhubaneswar



Ranchi



Bangalore



Chennai

CHENNAI CHRONICLES



There was palpable excitement among hockey fans as international hockey returned to Chennai after 16 long years, with the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 that began on 3rd August at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore. Adding to the excitement, Hockey India's Chennai Chronicles Series revisited some of the city's iconic matches.

In the first episode of the Chennai Chronicles Series, we walked down memory lane with former India defender VR Raghunath, regarded as one of India's most lethal drag flickers and two-time Olympian. Talk about hockey and Chennai, and Raghunath was instantly reminded of the Asia Cup in 2007 when India outclassed a formidable South Korean side 7-2 to defend their title.



In the second episode of the Chennai Chronicles Series, we walked down memory lane with former India Captain Tushar Khandker, who joined as Coach of the Indian Junior Women's Team.

He was nostalgic about the Indian team's outing in Chennai during the Asia Cup in 2007 and his regular appearance at the annual All India MCC Murugappa Gold Cup.



In the third episode of the 'Chennai Chronicles Series', we sat down with former India centre forward Shivendra Singh, who has joined as Coach of the Indian Men's Team. Shivendra was part of the Indian Team that lifted the 2007 Men's Asia Cup Trophy in Chennai, where the Indian Team won 7-2 against South Korea.

In the fourth episode of the 'Chennai Chronicles Series', we took a trip down memory lane with the legendary Vasudevan Baskaran, under whose leadership the Indian team won a Gold Medal in the 1980 Moscow Olympics. "In 2007, Asia Cup was played here and we beat Korea 7-2 in the final to lift the trophy. As usual, a crowd of around 10,000 fans attended the match in the stadium. It was raining by half-time during the Final but no one left the stadium. I can't forget those moments," he said.



In the final episode of Chennai Chronicles, Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey spoke about his drive and ambition to reinvigorate hockey across India.He also spoke candidly about his 2007 Asia Cup victory and how the Chennai fans cheered for India despite the heavy rain during the Final, and how he expects them to support all the teams during the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023.



HOCKEY INDIA

HOCKEY INDIA MATCH OFFICIALS



MATCH OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS 2023 - 2024



YOGITA PASI

In the past year, Yogita Pasi's career as a Umpire soared with her promotion to FIH International Umpire for Outdoor Hockey. She demonstrated her prowess at major events like the Women's Junior Asia Cup in Japan and the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy in India.

BISWARANJAN SARANGI

Biswaranjan Sarangi's career as a Technical Official has flourished in the past year. Officiating as a Technical Official at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, and later as a Technical Delegate at the Men's and Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier in Salalah, Oman.





FAHEEM MOHD. KHAN

Faheem Mohd. Khan's career as a Technical Official in hockey has been marked by notable appointments over the past year. He appointed as a Technical Official at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier in Ranchi, India. Prior to this, he appointed as a Technical Official at the Hero Asia Cup in Jakarta, Indonesia.

SONIA BATHLA

Sonia Bathla assumed the role of Match Manager for the FIH Hockey Pro League (Men & Women) held in Bhubaneswar - Rourkela, India, from 6th December 2023 to 30th June 2024.





ROHINI BOPANNA

Rohini Bopanna has been actively contributing to the field of hockey officiating with several key appointments in the past year. As a Technical Officer, she played crucial roles at major events including the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, and the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, India. Additionally, her involvement as a Technical Official at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup in Oman further solidified her expertise in managing and ensuring the smooth conduct of international hockey competitions.

ZEESHAN MALIK

Zeeshan Malik appointed as a Technical Official at the Men's Junior Asia Cup held in Salalah, Oman, from 23 May to 1 June 2023.





RAMA POTNIS

Rama Potnis showcased her umpiring skills at significant hockey events in the past year. As a National Umpire, she officiated at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, India, in October–November 2023. Following this, she continued to excel in her role by umpiring at the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup held in Spain from 3 to 9 June 2024.

DEEPA DAHIYA

Deepa Dahiya officiated as a Neutral Umpire at the SEA Games in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, overseeing both the Men's and Women's Field Hockey competitions from 9th May 2023 to 16th May 2023. Continuing her role, she officiated at the Men's and Women's Central Asia Championship held in Andijan from 26th February 2024 to 2nd March 2024.





DURGA DEVI

Durga Devi officiated as an umpire at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, overseeing both the Men's and Women's Hockey competitions from 24th September to 6th October 2023. Continuing her impactful role, she officiated as an Umpire at the 2023 FIH Junior World Cup for Women in Santiago from 29th November to 10th December 2023.

DEEPAK JOSHI

Deepak Joshi demonstrated his umpiring skills on the international stage at the 13th African Games in Accra, Ghana. He officiated as an Umpire for both the Men's and Women's competitions from 17th to 22nd March 2024.





SOURABH RAJPUT

Sourabh Rajput officiated as an Umpire at two prestigious hockey tournaments in the past year. He officiated at the Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai, India, from 3rd to 12th August 2023. Later in the year, he continued to make significant contributions as an Umpire at the 2023 FIH Junior World Cup for Men in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 5th to 16th December 2023.

HARSHA VARDHAN

Harsha Vardhan played a pivotal role as Umpires Manager in overseeing umpiring standards at significant hockey tournaments over the past year. He officiated in this capacity at the Men's Junior Asia Cup in Salalah, Oman, from 23rd May to 1st June 2023, ensuring the smooth and fair conduct of matches. Additionally, he continued his impactful role at the 2023 Sultan of Johor Cup in Johor, Malaysia, from 27th October to 4th November 2023.





MOHAMMED MOGHUL MUNEER

Mohammed Moghul Muneer contributed to the smooth functioning of the 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (Men) from 28th October 2022 to 5th July 2023 as a Match Manager. Following this, he officiated as a Technical Delegate at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, ensuring the proper conduct of the Men's and Women's Hockey competitions from 24th September to 6th October 2023. Most recently, Muneer acted as a Technical Official at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers 2024 (Men) in Muscat, Oman, from 15th to 21st January 2024.

GURINDER SINGH

Gurinder Singh officiated as Umpires Manager at the Men's Junior AHF Cup in Muscat, Oman, from 6th to 12th January 2023. Continuing his impactful role, he managed umpiring affairs at the Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from 3rd to 12th August 2023. Additionally, he played a crucial role as Umpires Manager at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, overseeing the Men's & Women's Hockey competitions from 24th September to 6th October 2023.





RAGHUPRASAD R. V.

Raghuprasad R. V. has officiated as an Umpire at two prominent hockey events in recent times. He officiated as an Umpire at the 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (Men & Women) from 6 December 2022 to 30 June 2024. Additionally, he oversaw both men's and women's hockey competition as an umpire at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, from 24 September to 7 October 2023. Raghuprasad has served as an Umpire in 194 matches so far.

HOCKEY INDIA MATCH OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-24

HOCKEY INDIA OFFICIALS EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2024 - STATE LEVEL COURSES

S.No.	Course Name	Description	Dates	Venue	Educators
1	State Level Courses	North Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	15th July to 17th July 2023	Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi	Mr. Moghul Muneer Mr. PL Murugappan Mr. Gurinder Sangha Mr. Javed Shaikh
		West Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	19th July to 21th July 2023	Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune, Maharashtra	Mr. DigvijayNaik Ms. Sonia Bathla Mr. Raghuprasad RV Ms. Rama Potnis
		South Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	23rd July to 25th July 2023	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	Mr. Muneer Ms. RohiniBopanna Mr. Harsha Vardhan Mr. Raghuprasad
		East Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	27th July to 29th July 2023	Naval Tata, Hockey Academy Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	Mr. DigvijayNaik Ms. RohiniBopanna Mr. Raghuprasad Ms. Durga Devi

HOCKEY INDIA OFFICIALS EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2024 - ZONAL LEVEL COURSES

S.No.	Course Name	Description	Dates	Venue	Educators
1	Zonal Level Courses	North Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	11th to 13th March 2024	Lakshmibai National Institute Of Physical Education, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Mr. PL Murugappan Mr. Faheem Mohd Khan Mr. Gurinder Sangha Mr. Satinder Sharma
		West Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	15th to 17th March 2024	Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune, Maharashtra	Mr. DigvijayNaik Ms. RohiniBopanna Mr. Javed Shaikh Mr. Raghuprasad RV Ms. Rama Potnis
		South Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	18th to 20th March 2024	Pullivendalla, DSA Sports Complex, YSR Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh	Mr. Muneer Mr. Anil PK Mr. Harsha Vardhan Mr. Raghuprasad
		East Zone (Technical Officials & Umpires)	22nd to 24th March 2024	Naval Tata, Hockey Academy Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	Mr. DigvijayNaik Mr. Raghuprasad
2	**Hockey India Technical Delegate & Umpires Manager Course**	All Zone (Technical Delegates & Umpires Manager)	27th to 30th March 2024	Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi	Mr. Muneer Mr. Harsha Vardhan Mr. Raguhuprasad RV



HOCKEY INDIA

HOCKEY INDIAN COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

Since 2019, Hockey India has successfully organized the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Courses annually. Continuing this tradition in the fiscal year 2023–24, Hockey India held three key courses: FIH Level 1, FIH Level 2, and FIH Level 3. These courses were conducted in Bhubaneswar during the India leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023–24.

HOCKEY INDIA

COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

Since the launch of Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway in 2019, over 1300 coaches from across India have benefitted from the programme which is a simplified education structure that consists of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process, which helps the Coaches in progressing to higher levels.

A simplified education structure aims to help in developing coaches from the grassroots level into world-class coaches of the high performance/international level.

Once a candidate progresses from the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, they are then eligible to enrol for the FIH Academy Level 1 Course, and so on. Hockey India making these courses accessible and holding the certification program round-the-year in different zones, it has become easier than ever to get certified. Previously coaches had to travel abroad to get certified by FIH.

It was cost-heavy as they would have to spend from their own pocket for travel and accommodation etc. But with Hockey India launching this program and subsequently organizing FIH Level 1, FIH Level 2 and higher levels here in India and FIH Educators coming to impart their knowledge, it has become so much easier to get certified









FIH COACHING COURSES LEVEL 1, 2 & 3
10 TO 19 FEBRUARY 2024 AT BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA

DETAILS OF COURSE/ TRAINING AND OUTCOME REPORT

S.No.	Course	Dates	Name of Educators
1	FIH Level '1' Coaching Course	10 to 12 February 2024	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo
2	FIH Level '2' Coaching Course	10 to 12 February 2024	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo
3	FIH Level '3' Coaching Course (Batch 1)	13 to 16 February 2024	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo 4. Ms Helena Johana Van Der Ben
4	FIH Level '3' Coaching Course (Batch 2)	16 to 19 February 2024	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo 4. Ms Helena Johana Van Der Ben





DETAILS OF COURSE/ TRAINING AND OUTCOME REPORT

Course	Conductor	Is She/he certified instructors from FIH (Yes/No)	Total No. of Candidates attend the Courses	Total No. of Candidates Pass the Courses	Will this Course help in upgradation of Level of Coaches
FIH Level 1	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving - England 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo - South Africa	Yes, FIH certified	3	3	Yes
FIH Level 2	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving - England 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo - South Africa	Yes, FIH certified	20	20	Yes
FIH Level 3 (Batch 1)	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving - England 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo - South Africa 4. Ms Helena Johana Van Der Ben - Netherlands	Yes, FIH certified	18	18	Yes
FIH Level 3 (Batch 2)	1. Mr Herman Kruis, High Performance Director Hockey India 2. Mr. Michael Irving - England 3. Ms Tsaonelo Pholo - South Africa 4. Ms Helena Johana Van Der Ben - Netherlands	Yes, FIH certified	16	16	Yes



Appointments

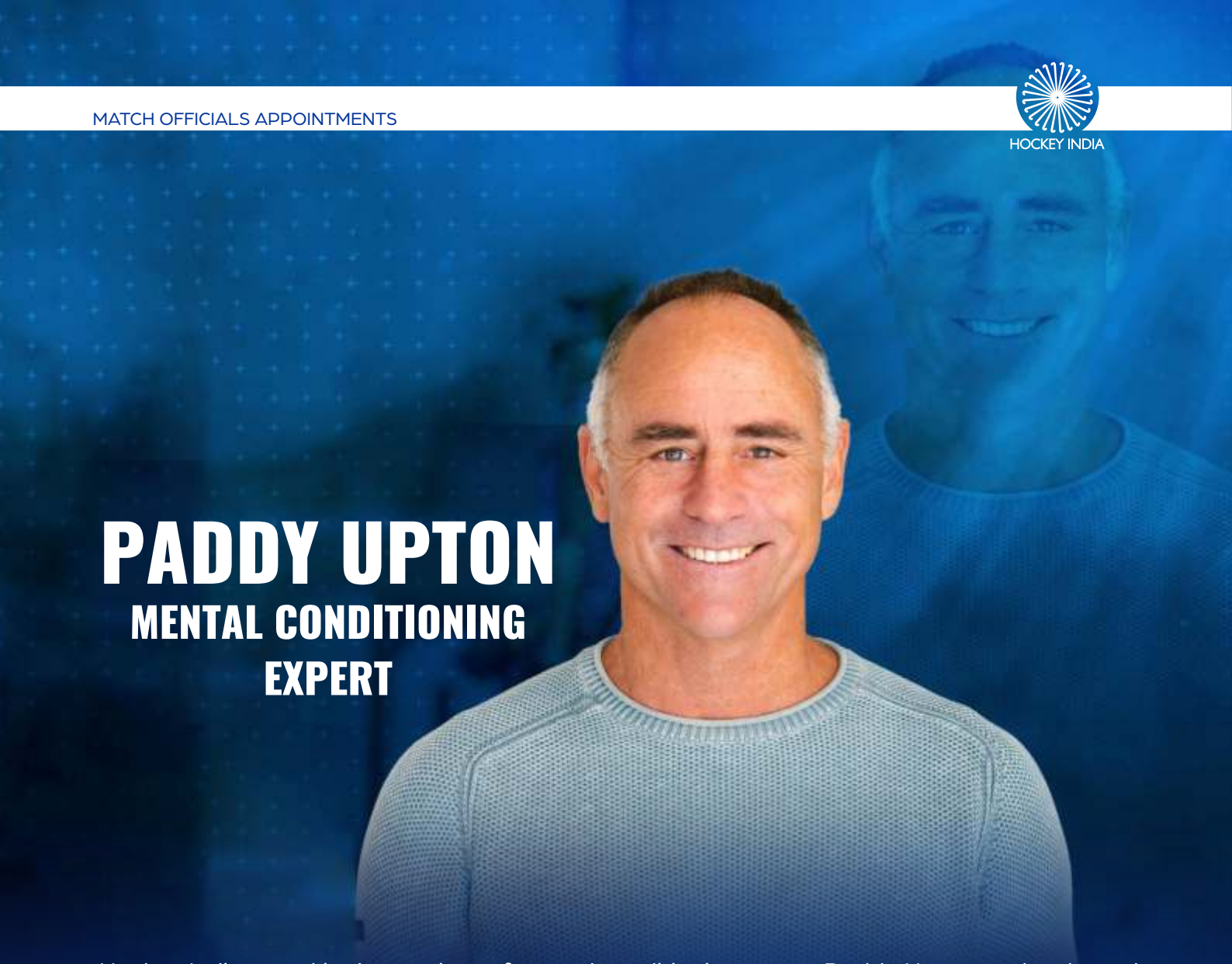
TUSHAR KHANDKER
JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM



Hockey India on 27th June 2023, named former India Captain Tushar Khandker as the new Coach for the Junior Women's Team. Khandker's credentials are backed by a prolific career in International hockey; he has over the last decade developed a strong portfolio in coaching. Between 2014 and 2016, he was part of the Indian Men's Team in the capacity of Coach and has tasted numerous feats including a historic Champions Trophy 2016 Silver Medal in London, a Gold at the Asian Champions Trophy, a Bronze at the World Hockey League 2015 in Raipur among others. He was also part of the team's coaching staff for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

In his recent stint as Janneke Schopman's deputy for the Women's side, Khandker helped the team prepare for the Asian Champions Trophy 2021 in South Korea, they also played the Asia Cup, Oman in 2022 where the team won Bronze and also qualified for the World Cup. He was also part of the Women's Team support staff for their maiden FIH Pro League 2021–22 season.

On his appointment, Khandker said, "I am grateful to Hockey India for entrusting me with this responsibility. I have always been inclined towards coaching after my playing career. Over the years, I have worked under some renowned coaches in world hockey and have learnt a lot working with them. I look forward to using my knowledge of the sport to help these young and talented players to elevate their performance in international hockey."



PADDY UPTON
MENTAL CONDITIONING EXPERT

Hockey India roped in the services of mental conditioning expert Paddy Upton to closely work with the Indian Men's Hockey Team for their campaign in the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 as well as in the Hangzhou Asian Games 2023. The South African held three-part mental conditioning sessions starting 1st July at the National Coaching Camp for Indian Men's Core group in SAI, Bengaluru.

With an illustrious career in high-performance coaching, Paddy brings a wealth of experience and expertise. The Cape Town-based high-performance coach, author, speaker, and professor, has an extensive background in sports psychology and leadership coaching. With over two decades of experience working with professional athletes and teams across various sports, the 54-year-old mental conditioning coach has earned a stellar reputation for his ability to unlock the potential of individuals and foster a winning mindset within teams.

Paddy has also provided mental training workshops to the Indian Men's Cricket Team, South African Men's Hockey Team, Australia Men's Hockey Team, Indian Super League (ISL) sides FC Goa and FC Hyderabad, England Men's Rugby Team and many other sports teams.

Sharing his enthusiasm to work closely with the Indian Men's Hockey Team, Paddy said, "I am honoured to be given this opportunity to work with Hockey India and the Indian Men's Hockey Team. I have witnessed the tremendous growth of Indian hockey in recent years, and I am excited to contribute to the team's success by enhancing their mental resilience and psychological skill set. Together, we will work towards achieving the highest level of performance and excellence."

RANI

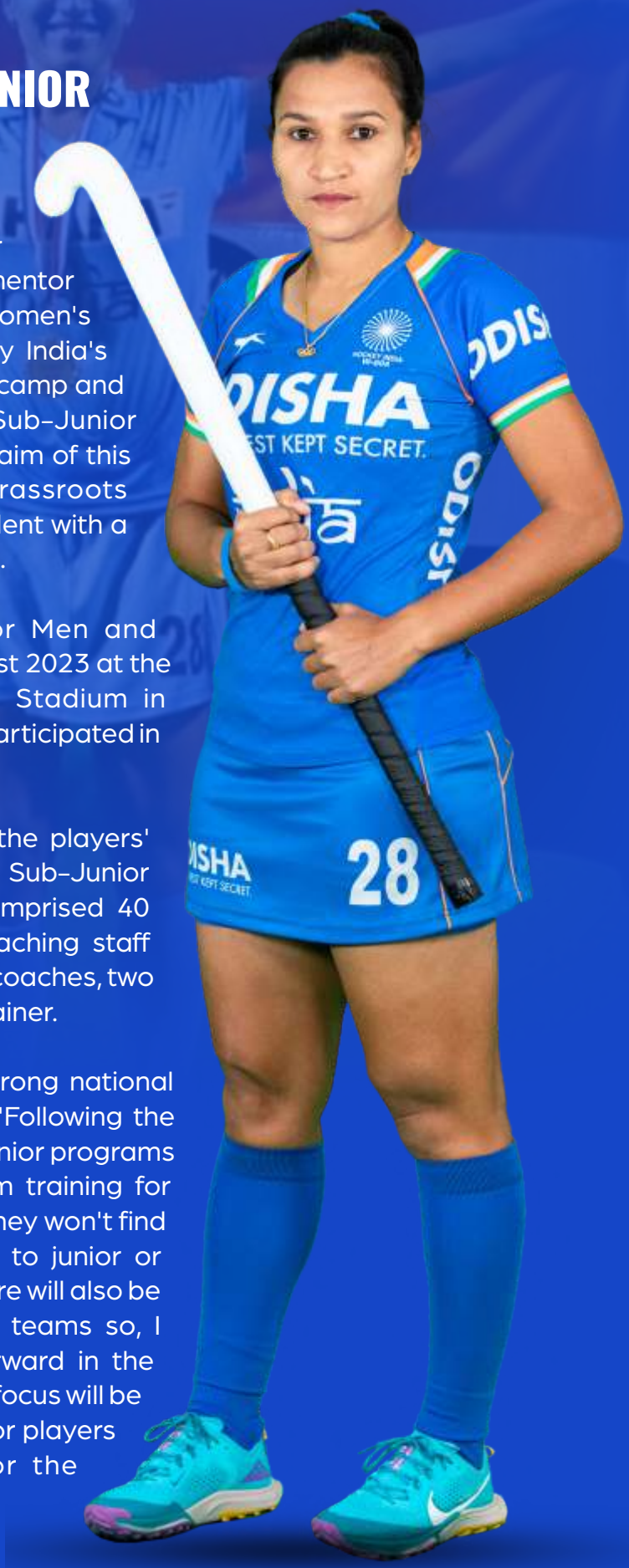
MENTOR AND COACH SUB JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

In August 2023, Hockey India made a significant move by appointing former India Women's Team Captain Rani as the mentor and Coach of the Indian Sub-Junior Women's Team. This development followed Hockey India's announcement of a specialized coaching camp and international matches for the Indian Sub-Junior Men's and Women's Teams. The primary aim of this coaching camp was to bolster the grassroots structure of hockey and provide young talent with a conducive high-performance environment.

Spanning 45-50 days, the Sub-Junior Men and Women's camps commenced on 21 August 2023 at the state-of-the-art Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. Following the camp, the teams participated in international matches in Europe.

Selection for the camps was based on the players' recent performances in the Hockey India Sub-Junior National Championships. Each camp comprised 40 players, accompanied by a qualified coaching staff consisting of a head coach, two assistant coaches, two physiotherapists, two masseuses, and a trainer.

Rani emphasized the importance of a strong national program in this age category and said, "Following the same methods as that of the junior and senior programs is a big step forward in creating uniform training for grassroots level players, so in the future, they won't find it difficult to adapt when they progress to junior or senior national camps. The playing structure will also be similar to what's followed by the senior teams so, I believe this camp will be a big step forward in the growth of the sport. All in all, our complete focus will be on the all-round development of sub-junior players and we will aim to prepare them for the challenges that lie ahead."



HOCKEY INDIA

SARDAR SINGH

COACH OF A SPECIAL COACHING CAMP INDIAN SUB-JUNIOR MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM.

Sardar Singh was appointed as Coach of a special coaching camp for the Indian Sub-Junior Men's Hockey Team.

Hockey India on 10 August 2023 announced a special coaching camp and international matches for the Indian Sub-Junior Men's Hockey Team that saw former India Captain Sardar Singh take up the mentorship and Coach's role.

The camp was held in August 2023 followed by international matches in Europe.

Speaking on the new role, Sardar Singh said, "This is a wonderful initiative by Hockey India. It is very important to have a uniform program at the national level for this age group. I have always enjoyed working with youngsters."



ARTUR LUCAS
AS COACH, VIDEO ANALYST

In September 2023, Hockey India officially introduced Mr Artur Lucas as the Coach and Video Analyst, marking his collaboration with all four Indian Hockey Teams – Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, and Junior Women at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru.

Upon his arrival in New Delhi, Mr Artur Lucas received a warm welcome from Hockey India's Officer Bearers, including President Dr Dilip Tirkey, Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh, and Treasurer Shri Sekar J Manoharan.

Hailing from Belgium, Lucas brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as the Performance Analyst for the U18 National Team under the Royal Belgium Hockey Association from 2018 to 2023.

Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey expressed enthusiasm, stating, "We are delighted to welcome Artur Lucas to the Hockey India family. His extensive experience and expertise as the Coach, Video Analyst will undoubtedly improve the performance of our teams."
Echoing this sentiment, Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh added, "Artur Lucas brings a fresh perspective and a wealth of knowledge to our teams. We are confident that his analytical skills will play a pivotal role in our players' development and in achieving success on the global stage."






PETER HABERL

SR. WOMEN'S MENTAL TRAINER

Hockey India in October welcomed Mr Peter Haberl as the Mental Conditioning Coach for the Indian Women's Hockey Team, joining then Chief Coach Janneke Schopman. Hailing from Colorado Springs, USA, Haberl, a licensed psychologist, brings expertise from nine Olympic Games, aiding medal-winning athletes with innovative mindfulness techniques and team-building strategies.

He was associated with the team during the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi from the 13th to the 19th January. A former professional ice hockey player, his first-hand experience equips him to handle athletes' pressures. Haberl has a rich history, serving as a Sports Psychology Consultant for the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team (1996–2006) and in senior roles at the U.S. Olympic Committee (2001–2023).

Dr Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India, expressed excitement about Haberl's addition, anticipating enhanced team performance. Haberl conveyed eagerness to contribute, envisioning a stellar future for the Indian Women's Hockey Team, aiming to elevate them to the pinnacle of the sport.



HERMAN KRUIS

APPOINTMENT AS HIGH-PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Hockey India on 9th January 2024 announced the appointment of Herman Kruis as the new High-Performance Director. He assumed the role till September 2024, overseeing the National Junior and Senior programs of Hockey India, including the Coaches Education Pathway among other tasks.

Kruis, who is from the Netherlands, has over two decades of coaching experience and was earlier appointed as Coach of Indian Men and Junior Women's Hockey Teams to oversee their preparations for the coveted FIH Men's Junior World Cup and FIH Women's Junior World Cup respectively.

In his vast coaching experience, Kruis has worked with Den Bosch ladies – a club based out of the Netherlands – as their Head Coach and during his tenure the team won the European Cup eight times in a row. He was also the National Head Coach for the Netherlands Indoor Women's Hockey Team from 2006 to 2008 and he was also the National Head Coach for the Netherlands Outdoor team from 2008 to 2010.

In his most recent stint, he was the National Head Coach of the Belarus Indoor and Outdoor team from 2016 to August 2023. Kruis is a certified FIH Coach-Educator.

Expressing his delight on being appointed as the High-Performance Director, Kruis said, "I am looking forward to this new stint with Hockey India. The Indian teams are on the cusp of creating history and I look forward to utilizing my expertise in helping the teams and Hockey India in achieving their goals for this year."



BALJEET KAUR

MIDFIELDER, INDIAN WOMEN HOCKEY TEAM




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NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

On 21st December 2023, Hockey India congratulated Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Shivendra Singh, and Vineet Kumar Sharma for their outstanding achievements and well-deserved recognition.

Krishan Bahadur Pathak and Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam were awarded the Arjuna Award for their outstanding performances in Sports and Games 2023, while Shivendra Singh was conferred with the Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games 2023. Additionally, former Indian Men's Hockey Team player Vineet Kumar Sharma was awarded the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games 2023.



KRISHAN BAHADUR PATHAK



SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM



SHIVENDRA SINGH



VINEET KUMAR SHARMA

FIH HOCKEY STARS AWARDS

Securing significant recognition for both the senior national hockey teams, Savita Punia, Captain of the India women's team, and Hardik Singh, Vice-Captain of the men's team, clinched the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2023. Savita was honoured with the women's Goalkeeper of the Year award for the third consecutive time, while Hardik was bestowed with the men's Player of the Year award.

FIH WOMEN'S GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARD



SAVITA

FIH MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HARDIK SINGH



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The highly anticipated Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023 took place in New Delhi on 31st March 2024, where the National Federation celebrated India's best hockey stars, officials and legends of the sport. This year, at the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023, the total prize pool was an unprecedented amount of INR 7.56 crores.

Shri Ashok Kumar won the prestigious Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award, while Hardik Singh and Salima Tete were honoured with the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year 2023 awards in Men's and Women's categories, respectively.

In the second category of Individual Achievement Awards, Deepika, Mohith H S, Annu, Anjali Barwa, Maninder Singh, Deepika Soreng, Mandeep Singh, Salima Tete, Sangita Kumari, Harmanpreet Singh, were awarded a cash prize of INR 1 Lakh and a trophy for their spectacular individual performances in various tournaments. Savita, who was awarded FIH Goalkeeper of the Year at the Star Awards 2023, was presented with a prize of INR 5 Lakhs, while Hardik Singh, who was awarded FIH Player of the Year at the Star Awards 2023, was presented a cash prize of INR 10 Lakhs.

The Gold medal-winning Indian Men's Hockey Team for Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup Salalah 2023, and the Gold medal-winning Indian Women's Hockey Team for Women's Hockey 5s Asia Cup Salalah 2023 were felicitated at the ceremony, with each player earning a cash prize of INR 2 Lakh and all the members of the support staff earning a cash prize of INR 1 Lakh each.

The Gold medal-winning Indian Men's Hockey Team of Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, and the Gold medal-winning Indian Women's Hockey Team of Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 were also felicitated with INR 3 Lakhs for each player and INR 1.5 Lakh for all members of the support staff each.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team was also honoured for their Gold medal-winning performance at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022, China, with a cash prize of INR 5 Lakh for each player and INR 2.5 Lakh for each member of the support staff. The Indian Women's Hockey Team that won the Bronze medal in the tournament were awarded INR 3 Lakh for each player and INR 1.5 Lakh for each member of the support. The Silver-medal winning Indian Women's Hockey Team of FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup 2024 Muscat Oman, were presented with INR 3 Lakh for each player and INR 1.5 Lakh for all members of the support staff.

Meanwhile, the final category of Hockey Indian Annual Award Categories for the year 2023 began with Hockey Haryana winning the award for Hockey India Best Member Unit of the Year Award 2023, earning a prize of INR 2.5 Lakh. Hockey India President Award for Umpire/Umpires Manager of the Year 2023 was presented to G Harsha Vardan, with a prize of INR 2.5 Lakhs. The Hockey India President Award for Technical Official of the Year 2023 worth INR 2.5 Lakh was presented to Sonia Bathla. Hockey India President Award for Outstanding Achievement 2023 worth INR 5 Lakh was presented to SAIL Hockey Academy, Rourkela. Hockey India Jaman Lal Sharma Award for Invaluable Contribution 2023 was presented to Dr Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, and he was presented with a cheque of INR 5 Lakh along with a trophy.

The award ceremony saw PR Sreejesh winning the prestigious Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year, earning a cash prize of INR 5 Lakh along with a trophy. For his consistent performances throughout the year, Harmanpreet Singh won the Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year, earning himself a cash prize of INR 5 Lakh along with a trophy.

Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year was won by Hardik Singh, while Abhishek won the prestigious Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year, both earning themselves INR 5 Lakh and a trophy each.
The next generation was also honoured with youngster Deepika Soreng winning the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Women – Under 21) earning a cash prize of INR 10 Lakh and a trophy. Araijeet Singh Hundal was named the Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men – Under 21), winning a cash prize of INR 10 Lakh and a trophy.

Hardik Singh, and Salima Tete, won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year Awards for men and Women respectively, each earning a cash prize of INR 25 Lakh along with a trophy. Speaking on the win, Hardik Singh said, "It is a matter of great pride for me to win the prestigious award. This is truly reflective of the hard work and the commitment that our team displayed over the past year. I am thankful to each and everyone for their support and I will continue to work even harder in the coming year to justify the honour."

KEY WINNERS OF THE HOCKEY INDIA 6TH ANNUAL AWARDS 2023:

HOCKEY INDIA BEST MEMBER UNIT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023

WINNER: HOCKEY HARYANA

INR 2,50,000







HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT AWARD FOR UMPIRE/UMPIRES MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: G HARSHA VARDHAN

INR 2,50,000







HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT AWARD FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: SONIA BATHLA

INR 2,50,000







HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 2023

WINNER: SAIL HOCKEY ACADEMY, ROURKELA

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA JAMAN LAL SHARMA AWARD FOR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION 2023

WINNER: DR. BIBHU KALYAN NAYAK

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA BALJIT SINGH AWARD FOR GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: PR SREEJESH

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA PARGAT SINGH AWARD FOR DEFENDER OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: HARMANPREET SINGH

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA AJIT PAL SINGH AWARD FOR MIDFIELDER OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: HARDIK SINGH

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA DHANRAJ PILLAY AWARD FOR FORWARD OF THE YEAR 2023

WINNER: ABHISHEK

INR 5,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA ASUNTA LAKRA AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023 (WOMEN UNDER 21)

WINNER: DEEPIKA SORENG

INR 10,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA JUGRAJ SINGH AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023 (MEN UNDER 21)

WINNER: ARAIJEET SINGH HUNDAL

INR 10,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH SENIOR AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023 WOMEN

WINNER: SALIMA TETE

INR 25,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH SENIOR AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023 - MEN

WINNER: HARDIK SINGH

INR 25,00,000







HOCKEY INDIA MAJOR DHYAN CHAND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2023

WINNER: MR. ASHOK KUMAR

INR 30,00,000








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HOCKEY INDIA

PLAYER MILESTONES

S.NO	PLAYER NAME	MILESTONE
1	Nikki Pradhan	150 International Caps
2	Monika	200 International Caps
3	Savita	250 International Caps
4	Deep Grace Ekka	250 International Caps
5	PR Sreejesh	300 International Caps
6	Amit Rohidas	150 International Caps
7	Lalit Kumar Upadhyay	150 International Caps
8	Hardik Singh	100 International Caps
9	Sumit	100 International Caps
10	Nilakanta Sharma	100 International Caps
11	Krishan B Pathak	100 International Caps
12	Vandana Katariya	300 International Caps
13	Navneet Kaur	150 International Caps
14	Udita	100 International Caps
15	Salima Tete	100 International Caps
16	Neha	150 International Caps
17	Manpreet Singh	350 International Caps
18	Harmanpreet Singh	200 International Caps
19	Gurjant Singh	100 International Caps

The third match of India's Tour of Australia on 21 May 2023 witnessed Nikki Pradhan reaching the 150 international caps milestone. Nikki made her international debut during the South Africa Tour in 2016 and since then she has represented the women's team with aplomb at every important tournament.

Nikki was a member of the Indian team that won Gold at the 2017 Women's Asia Cup, Silver at the 2018 Women's Asian Champions Trophy, and Silver at the 2018 Asian Games. She also helped the team win the FIH Women's Series Finals in Hiroshima in 2019 and the inaugural FIH Women's Nations Cup in Spain in 2022. The third match of India's Tour of Australia on 21 May 2023 witnessed Nikki Pradhan reaching the 150 international caps milestone. Nikki made her international debut during the South Africa Tour in 2016 and since then she has represented the women's team with aplomb at every important tournament.

Nikki was a member of Indian Team that participated in the Rio Olympics, making her the first player from Jharkhand to participate in the Summer Games. She was also a member of the Indian Team that finished fourth in the Tokyo Olympics.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

NIKKI PARDHAN

ON COMPLETING

150

INTERNATIONAL CAPS



Veteran midfielder Monika achieved the milestone of completing 200 international caps during the opening match of India's Tour of Australia on 18 May 2023.

Hailing from Chandigarh, Monika cemented her berth in the team, following an impressive international debut in 2012, against New Zealand. She went on to win bronze at the 2014 Asian Games and represented India at the historic 2016 Rio Olympics, where the team qualified after 36 years. She also played a key role in India's victory at the 2017 Women's Asia Cup and secured silver at the 2018 Asian Games. Furthermore, Monika became a double Olympian with a notable fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics.



THE SAVIOUR

Indian Captain Savita on 21 May 2023 reached the 250 international caps milestone. She achieved this feat during India's third match of their tour to Australia held at the Mate Stadium in Adelaide.

Savita has risen through the ranks and cemented her place in the team since making her debut at the SPAR Cup Four Nations Tournament in Durban in 2009. Her outstanding performances include a historic fourth-place finish in the Tokyo Olympics 2020, a Bronze medal in the 2013

Asia Cup, a Gold medal in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in 2016, and a Bronze medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022. She also led the Indian team to the FIH Nations Cup title, which helped them qualify for the FIH Pro League 2023-24.



HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

SAVITA

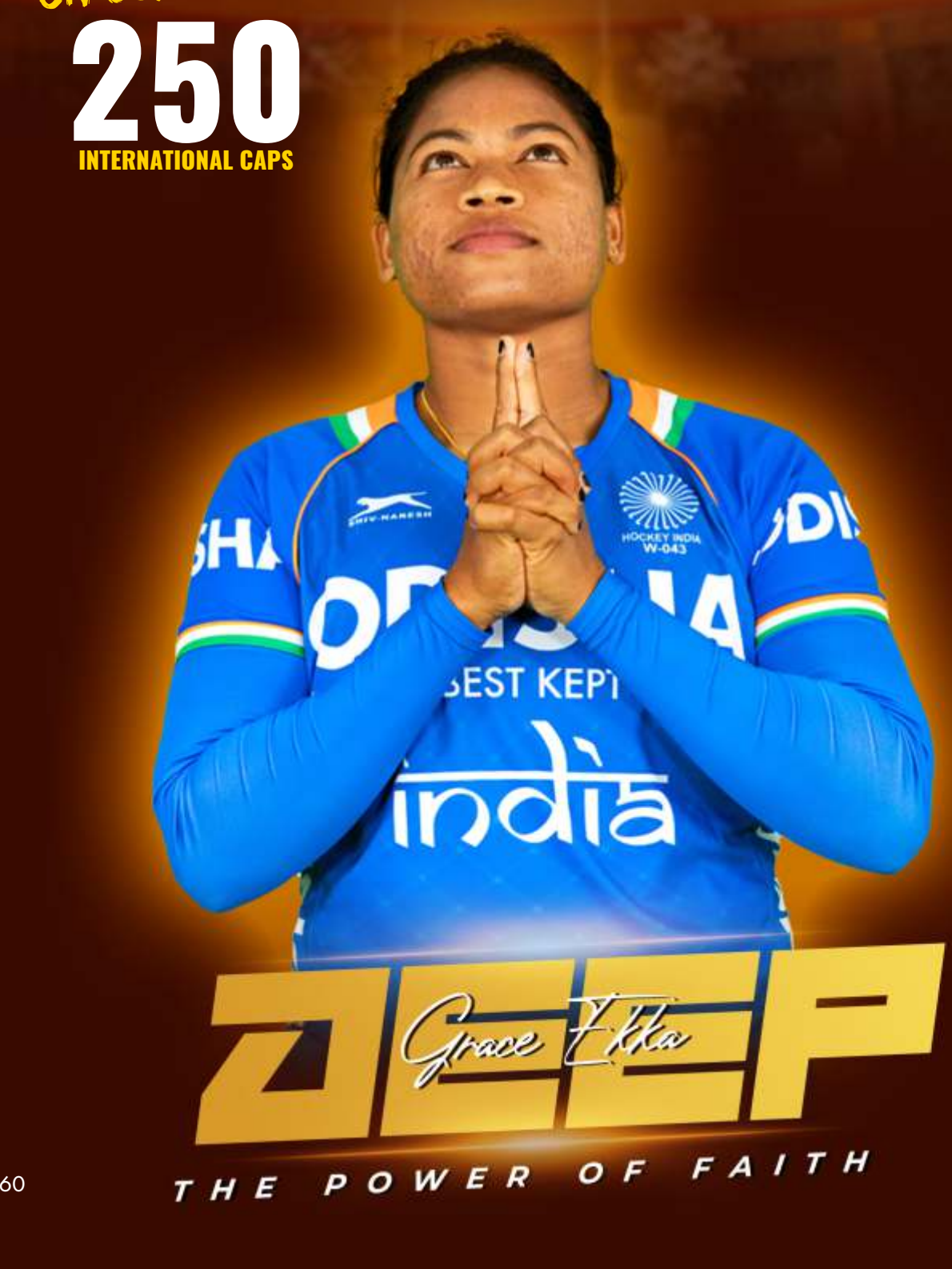
ON COMPLETING

250

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Hockey India congratulated experienced defender Deep Grace Ekka on reaching the milestone of 250 international caps on 20 May 2023 during India's second match against Australia in Adelaide during their tour of Australia in May 2023.

Hailing from Lulkidihi village in Sundargarh district, she debuted in 2011 during the Four-Nation Tournament in Argentina and has since been a vital part of the national team. An Arjuna awardee, Deep Grace Ekka went on to represent India in the Rio Olympics and Tokyo Olympics, marking the team's first appearance since 1980. Her achievements also include winning the Bronze medal at the Women's Asia Cup 2013, Gold at the 2016 Asian Champions Trophy, Gold in the Asia Cup 2017, Silver at the Asian Champions Trophy 2018, Silver at the 18th Asian Games Jakarta-Palembang, and Bronze at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Her notable contributions also extend to India's Gold Medal victory at the inaugural FIH Women's Nations Cup in Spain in 2022.



Hockey India congratulated the Indian Men's Hockey Team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh for earning his 300th International Cap. The goalkeeper, who hails from Kizhakkambalam, Kerala, achieved the feat during India's Semi-Final match of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 against Japan.

The legendary goalkeeper is one of the most experienced players in the current Indian squad. Sreejesh has four appearances at the prestigious FIH Hockey World Cup. Sreejesh made his India debut at the 2010 World Cup in New Delhi and since then he has been a pivotal member of the team. He represented the country at almost all the major international tournaments including the 2010, 2014, and 2018 Hockey Men's World Cup and 2023 Hockey Men's World Cup, Commonwealth Games in 2014, 2018 and 2022; and three Olympic Games – London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020, where he helped the team clinch the historic Bronze medal.

He was also part of India's Bronze Medal feat at the 18th Asian Games Jakarta-Palembang, joint winners of Hero Asian Champions Trophy in 2018, Gold Medal winning team of 2019 FIH Men's Series Finals in Bhubaneswar and Silver Medal winning team at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. He was instrumental in India's third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22. Sreejesh was awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021 and is only the second sportsperson from India to win the World Games Athlete of the Year 2021. He has also won back-to-back FIH Goalkeeper of the Year awards in 2021 and 2022, respectively. Prior to the Hero Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, Sreejesh was part of the Indian Men's Hockey Team which went to Spain to play in the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation-International Tournament.



HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

SREEJESH

ON COMPLETING

300

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

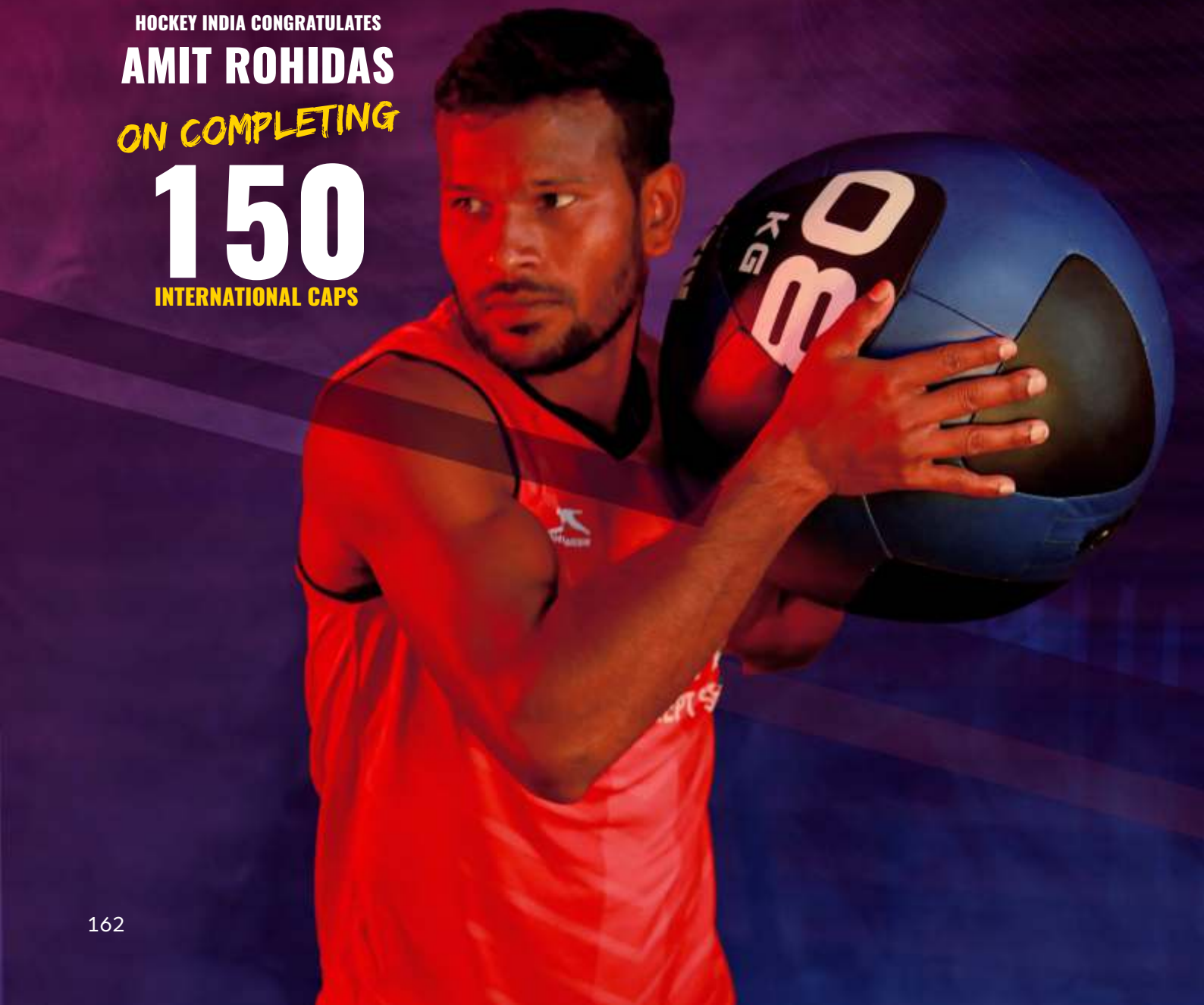
THE GREAT WALL

On 3rd August 2023, Indian Men's Hockey Team defender Amit Rohidas achieved a significant milestone by earning his 150th International Cap. This achievement occurred during India's opening match against China in the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023.

Rohidas, who plays the key role of the first rusher in the Indian defence line-up, made his debut in the Indian Senior Men's Hockey Team at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2013 in Ipoh, Malaysia after an impressive display for the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team at the 2011 Sultan of Johor Cup, and 2012 Sultan of Johor Cup. Rohidas, 30, was part of the Indian Men's Hockey Team that won the Silver medal in the 2013 Asia Cup.

Rohidas, who honed his hockey skills at Panposh Sports Hostel, Rourkela, represented India at the 2013 FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup held in New Delhi. He also played at the 2014 Hockey Men's World League Final 2014. Rohidas made a comeback to the National side after putting up a solid show in the Hockey India League in 2017 and went on to become a mainstay in the Indian team.

Rohidas also represented India at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018 and played a vital role in India's Bronze medal-winning success at Tokyo Olympics 2020. He also helped India attain a third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 and win the Silver medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. He was conferred with the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his historic performance in Tokyo. Rohidas also represented India as the Vice Captain at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela and was also a part of the Indian Men's Hockey Team that finished fourth in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23.



LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY

Hockey India congratulated Indian Men's Hockey Team forward player Lalit Kumar Upadhyay for earning his 150th International Cap. Lalit achieved the feat during India's match at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 against arch-rivals Pakistan. He made his India debut at the 2014 Hockey World Cup. He was part of the squad that won the 2016 Men's Asian Champions Trophy and played a key role in India's 2017 Asia Cup victory, scoring as many as four goals.

Lalit was also part of the Indian team that won the Bronze medal at the Odisha Men's Hockey World League Final Bhubaneswar 2017 and the Silver medal at the FIH Men's Champions Trophy 2018. The 29-year-old's consistent performances have seen him become a mainstay in the Indian team's success in recent years. He was a part of the team that won the Bronze Medal at the 2018 Asian Games, and Gold Medal at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2018. Lalit also featured for India at the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Odisha 2018 and in 2023. Lalit has to his credit an Olympic Bronze Medal and a Commonwealth Games Silver Medal. He was also a crucial part of the Indian squad that came third at the FIH Pro League 2021-22.



Hockey India congratulated India midfielder Hardik Singh on completing 100 International Caps. The Indian Vice Captain achieved the milestone during India's third match against England in the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation – International Tournament being played in Barcelona, Spain.

The youngster has risen through the ranks, becoming one of the key figures in India's midfield over the past few years. Hardik made his Senior Team debut at the 2018 Men's Asian Champions Trophy where India and Pakistan were declared joint-winners and thereafter he went on to represent India in almost all the major tournaments. He was part of India's Gold medal-winning feat at the 2019 FIH Men's Series Finals in Bhubaneswar as well as the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers.

The flamboyant midfielder has played a vital role in India's recent success, which includes a historic Bronze medal feat at Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. He was also part of the third-place finish at the FIH Pro League 2021/22 and a Silver medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Hardik was also honoured with the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022 at the 5th Hockey India Annual Awards 2022 held in March 2023 in New Delhi.



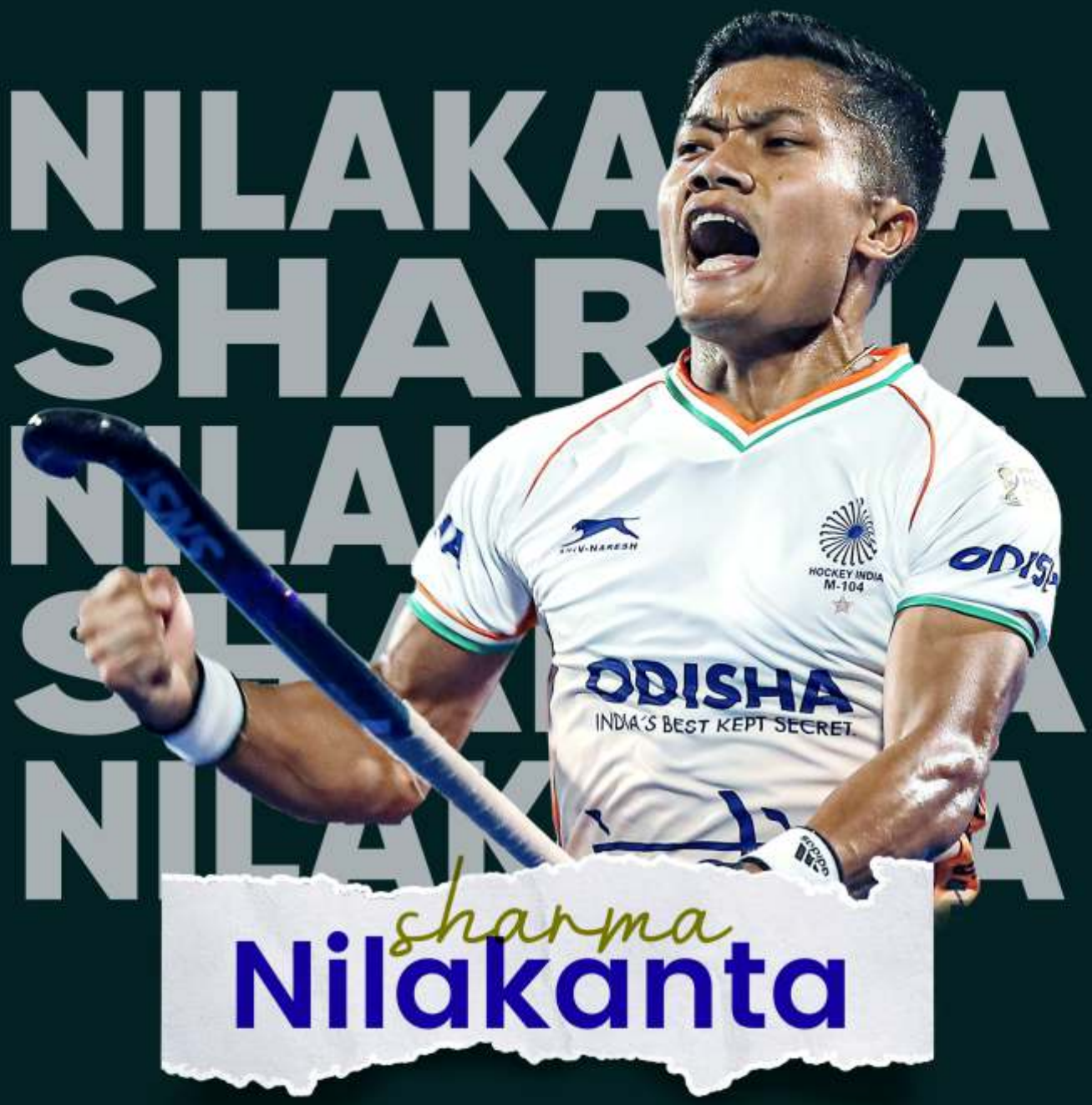


On 3 August 2023, Indian Men's Hockey Team midfielder Sumit achieved a significant milestone by earning his 100th International Cap. The landmark moment came during India's opening match against China in the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023.

Sumit, who hails from Sonipat, Haryana, made his debut for the India Junior Men's Hockey Team at the 2014 Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia. He made a name for himself after his splendid performance in India's Gold medal–winning performance at the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup Lucknow 2016.

After making his debut for the Indian Senior Men's Hockey Team at the 2017 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Sumit became a regular member of the Indian team and was a part of the Indian squad at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018.

After helping the team win the Gold medal in the FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019, Sumit became a part of the Indian Men's Hockey Team that won the historic Bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. He also represented India at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2020/21 and helped India attain third place in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 as well. Sumit also represented India at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23, before being named in the squad for the prestigious Hero Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023.



The Indian Men's Hockey Team's fourth match of the 100th Anniversary Spanish Hockey Federation – International Tournament against the Netherlands saw midfielder Nilakanta Sharma achieve the milestone of completing 100 International Caps for India.

Hailing from Imphal, Manipur, Nilakanta rose through the ranks of junior set-up, where he won a Gold medal at the 2015 Junior Asia Cup and the Junior World Cup title in 2016. He then made his Senior National debut against Belgium during India's tour of Europe in 2017 and went on to become a mainstay in India's midfield.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

NILAKANTA

ON COMPLETING

100

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

He featured in the 2018 Asian Champions Trophy where the team lifted the title as joint-winners with Pakistan and was part of Gold medal win at the FIH Men's Series Finals in Bhubaneswar in 2019. Nilakanta was also an integral part of India's historic Bronze medal win at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020, a third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 and the Silver medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The midfielder was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his contributions to the team's historic feat in Tokyo.

On 7 August 2023, Hockey India celebrated Indian Men's Hockey Team goalkeeper Krishan B Pathak for achieving his 100th International Cap. The milestone came during India's match against Korea in the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023.

Pathak made his debut for the Gold-medal winning Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team at the Uttar Pradesh Hockey Junior World Cup Men Lucknow 2016 and showcased his talent. He made his Senior debut at the 4-Nations tournament against Japan in January 2018 and became a regular member of the squad. He was part of the Indian team that won the joint gold medal with Pakistan at the Men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2018 and was named in the Indian squad for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

KRISHAN B PATHAK

ON COMPLETING

100

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

He became a key figure for India at the goalpost during the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2020/21 and played a crucial role in helping India attain the third-place finish at the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2021/22. His spectacular performance at the 2022 Commonwealth Games helped India win the coveted Silver medal and his strong performances at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela further cemented his role in the team. During the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022/23, Krishan B Pathak was named as the Player of the Match against Spain for his match-winning performance at the nets for India.





THE QUEEN
NAVNEET KAUR

Hockey India congratulated Navneet Kaur on completing 150 International Caps. She achieved this remarkable milestone during India's match against New Zealand, the ninth-ranked team in the world, in the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers 2024 at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Navneet Kaur, who hails from Haryana, has been one of the most consistent midfielders for the Indian Women's Hockey Team. She played a significant role in the team that won the 9th Women's Asia Cup in November 2017 scoring four goals. She was also a part of the Bronze Medal winning team at the Junior Women's Hockey World Cup in Germany in 2013.



HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

NAVNEET KAUR

ON COMPLETING

150

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Hockey India on 31st October congratulated Indian Women's Hockey Team forward Vandana Katariya for earning her 300th International Cap. Vandana, who hails from Roshnabad, Uttarakhand, achieved the feat during India's match against Japan at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. With this, Vandana also became the first woman player from India to play 300 international games.

Vandana came into the spotlight after she finished as the top scorer for the Indian Team at the Junior Women's World Cup in Monchengladbach, Germany and played a key role in helping the team secure the Bronze medal. She also played an important role in India's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. She is also the first Indian Women's Hockey Player to score a hat-trick in the Olympic Games.

She has also been honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 2022. The veteran forward was a member of the Indian Team that won the Asian Champions Trophy in 2016 and the 2017 Women's Asia Cup. She helped the team clinch the Bronze medal at the 2022 Asia Cup, finished third in the FIH Pro League 2021/22 and then won the FIH Nations Cup 2022. She also has the 2022 Commonwealth Bronze medal to her name.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

VANDANA KATARIYA

ON COMPLETING

300

INTERNATIONAL CAPS



Hockey India congratulated Udita on completing 100 International Caps when India took on Italy in their final Pool B match of the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers 2024 at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium on 16 January 2024 in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Udita made her debut in 2017 and since then she has played a significant role in the team that won the Silver Medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and was also a part of the squad that finished second in the 2018 Asian Champions Trophy at Donghae. Udita represented India at the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup in London where India finished in eighth place.

The speedy defender was a part of India's fourth-place finish in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Her contribution was crucial in India winning the Bronze medal at the 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup held in Muscat, Oman. The 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England saw the Indian Women's Hockey Team finishing in third place and Udita was a part of the squad.

In December 2022, India beat the host nation Spain in the Women's FIH Hockey Nations Cup Final at Valencia to win the Gold medal. Udita's equalizer in the Semi-Final against Ireland was critical to the team's success. She was also a part of the squad that won the Bronze medal in the Asian Games in Hangzhou which ended in October 2023. Her latest achievement was winning the Gold medal with the Indian team at the 2023 Women's Asian Champions Trophy at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



Hockey India, on 03 February 2024, congratulated Salima Tete on making her 100th appearance for the Indian Women's Hockey Team in their first match of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 against China at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

Salima, known for her blistering pace, made her debut for India in the 2016 Test Matches: AUS v IND (W) that was held in Melbourne in November 2016.

She attained the status of an Olympian at 19 years of age, as she was part of the historic squad that finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. The invaluable experience from the Olympics saw her bloom as a player. Soon after, she was named the Rising Player of the Tournament of the Women's Asia Cup 2022, held in Muscat, where the team finished third.
A confident Salima then went on to captain the team that finished fourth at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2021 held in Potchefstroom, South Africa. In the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Salima scored a crucial goal in the 3rd/4th place match against New Zealand which enabled the team to register their first official victory against New Zealand, through shootouts and claim the Bronze medal.
Salima was also an integral part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team that was crowned Champions of the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022 in December 2022. She was also a part of the squad that won the Bronze medal in the Hangzhou Asian Games which ended in October 2023.

The young player scored 5 goals across 7 matches of the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, where India clinched the title.

In addition to her exploits on-field, Salima was appointed as an AHF Athletes Ambassador in March 2023, enabling her to play a leadership role in international representation, development, and advocacy of athletes.



SALIMA TETE

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

SALIMA

ON COMPLETING

100

INTERNATIONAL CAPS



HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

NEHA

ON COMPLETING

150

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Hockey India congratulated Neha on completing 150 International Caps when India took on the Netherlands in their second match of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 04 February 2024.

Having made her debut in 2014, Neha was a part of the squad that won the Gold in the 2016 South Asian Games that took place in Guwahati, India. She was also part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team when they struck Gold at the 2017 Women's Hockey Asia Cup in Gifu, Japan where they beat China in the Final.

The midfielder played a significant role in the team that won the Silver medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and was also a part of the squad that finished second in the 2018 Asian Champions Trophy at Donghae. Neha represented India at the 2018 Women's Hockey World Cup in London where the team finished eighth and was also in the team that finished fourth in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

Neha was also a part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team when they narrowly missed out on a medal as they finished fourth in the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Her contribution was crucial in India winning the Bronze medal at the 2022 Women's Hockey Asia Cup held in Muscat, Oman. The 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England saw the Indian Women's Hockey Team finishing in third place after beating New Zealand in the Bronze medal match and Neha was a part of the squad.

In December 2022, Neha was a part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team that beat the host nation Spain in the Women's FIH Hockey Nations Cup Final at Valencia to win the Gold medal. She was also a part of the squad that won the Bronze medal in the Asian Games in Hangzhou in October 2023. Winning the Gold medal with the Indian Women's Hockey Team at the 2023 Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, Jharkhand was Neha's most recent achievement.



Hockey India congratulated Manpreet Singh on completing 350 International Caps when India took on Spain in their first match of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 10 February 2024.

He made his debut for the Indian Men's Hockey Team in 2011 at the age of 19. He was a part of the Indian squad that won the 2011 Men's Asian Champions Trophy held in Ordos, China as well as the squad that won the Silver medal in the 2013 Men's Hockey Asia Cup in Malaysia. Manpreet also won the Gold medal with the Indian team at the 2014 Asian Games in South Korea.

Manpreet won the Silver medal with the Indian Team at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the Bronze medal in the 2014–15 Men's FIH Hockey World League. This was followed by Silver medals in the 2016 South Asian Games in Guwahati and the 2016 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in London. He then went on to win the Gold medal with the Indian Team in the 2017 Men's Hockey Asia Cup in Dhaka, Bangladesh before helping India finish in third place at the 2016–17 Men's FIH Hockey World League.

In 2018, the midfielder won the Silver medal with the Indian Team at the Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in Breda, Netherlands, the Bronze medal at the Asian Games in Jakarta and the Gold at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat, Oman.

Under his captaincy, India won the Bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. He was part of the Indian Men's Hockey Team that won the Silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, England. He won the Gold medal with the Indian team at the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy held in Chennai before winning yet another Gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou later that year.

Hockey India congratulated Harmanpreet Singh on completing 200 International Caps when India took on the Netherlands in their second match of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 11 February 2024.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

HARMANPREET

ON COMPLETING

200

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Harmanpreet Singh, the Captain of the Indian Men's Hockey Team made his debut in 2015 and has been a pivotal part of the Indian defence ever since. He won the Gold medal with the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team at the 2015 Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup in Malaysia later that year as well as the Gold in the 2016 Men's Hockey Junior World Cup.

This was followed by a Silver medal for the deft defender with the Indian Men's Hockey Team in the 2016 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in London. He then went on to win the Gold medal with the Indian Team in the 2017 Men's Hockey Asia Cup in Dhaka, Bangladesh before helping India finish in third place at the 2016–17 Men's FIH Hockey World League.

Harmanpreet, in 2018, won the Silver medal with the Indian Team at the Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in Breda, Netherlands, the Bronze medal at the Asian Games in Jakarta and the Gold at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat, Oman.

He was one of the key architects of the Indian Men's Hockey Team's Bronze medal win at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. He then went on to win another Bronze medal, this time at the 2021 Men's Asian Champions Trophy in Dhaka.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team won the Silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, England with Harmanpreet playing a significant role. Under his captaincy, India won the Gold medal at the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy held in Chennai before winning yet another Gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou later that year.





HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES

GURJANT SINGH

ON COMPLETING

100

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Hockey India extended heartfelt congratulations to Gurjant Singh as he achieved the remarkable milestone of completing 100 International Caps during India's riveting encounter against the Netherlands in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24, held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 11th February 2024.

Gurjant Singh, the 29-year-old forward hailing from Amritsar, made his debut for the Indian Men's Hockey team in 2017, quickly establishing himself as a pivotal member of the squad. A celebrated player, Gurjant played a crucial role in the team's triumph, securing the Bronze medal at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, where he showcased his skills in seven matches and netted three goals.



HOCKEY INDIA

HOCKEY TE CHARCHA

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Hockey Te Charcha is a special podcast series initiated by Hockey India – the governing body for Hockey in India – to provide the fans with a unique experience of engaging with and getting inspired by the icons of Indian hockey.

Achieving the landmark feat of 50 episodes, as many as 15 podcasts were released in the last year, featuring some stalwarts like Ashok Kumar, Eliza Nelson, Adrian D'Souza and current members of Indian squads.



EPISODE 39

GURBUX SINGH

In episode 39 of Hockey Te Charcha, legendary Gurbux Singh appeared as the guest following the Hockey India 2022 Awards where he was honoured with the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022. In the episode reminisced about his playing days and thanked Hockey India for carrying on the legacy of the sport by putting the right development programmes in place to bring back the sport's golden era.

HARDIK SINGH

In the 40th episode, Indian Men's Hockey Team midfielder Hardik Singh made his appearance after winning the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022. In this episode, the youngster opens up on how he always dreamt of winning the prestigious award and how hard work helped him overcome the setbacks in his career including his untimely exit from the 2023 Hockey World Cup in Odisha due to an injury.



EPISODE 40



EPISODE 41

MUMTAZ KHAN

In the next episode, Mumtaz Khan, who won the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year 2022, shared her journey from the KD Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow to winning the FIH Rising Star of the Year 2021–22. She recalled battling with major injuries while braving societal pressures on her way to winning these awards and being named in the Indian team for the Hero FIH Hockey 5s Lausanne 2022.



EPISODE 42

UTTAM SINGH

In the next episode, Uttam Singh, who was awarded the Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year 2022, shared his journey from humble beginnings to leading the Junior Men's Hockey Team on successful campaigns in the Sultan of Johor Cup and Junior Men's Asia Cup.

SAVITA

In the next episode, Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain and ace goalkeeper Savita made an appearance following her Hockey India Balbir Singh Senior Award for Player of the Year 2022 win. She spoke about the progress that the Indian Women's Hockey Team has made in the last decade and how hockey has improved the livelihood of women players.



EPISODE 43



EPISODE 44

CRAIG FULTON

In the 44th episode, Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach Fulton shared his coaching philosophy, the Indian team's determination, and the crucial role of mental conditioning in achieving excellence. Throughout the podcast, Fulton's positive outlook shined through as he discussed his belief in seeing potential rather than limitations.

HARMANPREET SINGH AND HARDIK SINGH

In the following episode of Hockey Te Charcha, the focus was on the Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh and Vice-Captain Hardik Singh. The duo talked about the significance of special camps held by Goalkeeping Coach Dennis van de Pol and Mental Health Conditioning Coach Paddy Upton, and the team's preparations for the tournaments including the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 and the all-important Hangzhou Asian Games.



EPISODE 45



EPISODE 46

JANNEKE SCHOPMAN

In a candid conversation on the latest episode of Hockey Te Charcha, a podcast series launched by Hockey India, Indian Women's Hockey Team Chief Coach Schopman discussed the team's preparations and how the players and coaching staff deal with the pressure of being the favourites.

SUKHJEET SINGH

In the next episode, Indian Men's Hockey Team forward Sukhjeet Singh spoke at length about his hockey journey thus far.



EPISODE 47



EPISODE 48

ADRIAN D'SOUZA

In the next episode of Hockey Te Charcha, former Indian Men's Hockey Team goalkeeper, Adrian D'Souza, praised the Hockey India Sub-Junior National program for its remarkable efforts in nurturing budding hockey talent. Adrian, had joined the coaching staff at the Sub Junior National Camp, shares his enthusiasm for his new role and the profound impact of this initiative on young players.

C R KUMAR

In the following episode, the esteemed Indian Junior Men's Team Coach, C R Kumar made his appearance. He spoke about his transition from a hockey player to a coach and various other aspects relating to the preparations for the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup.



EPISODE 49



EPISODE 50

PREETI

In the landmark 50th episode of Hockey Te Charcha, Preeti, who led the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023, made her appearance. She spoke about the Women's Junior Asia Cup gold medal win and the preparations for the World Cup.

ELIZA NELSON

In the 51st episode, Hockey India caught up with the former Captain of the Indian Women's Hockey Team and Padma Shri Award recipient, Eliza Nelson, who spoke about her journey in the sport and the culture of women's hockey back in the day.



EPISODE 51



EPISODE 52

MM SOMAYA

In episode 52, MM Somaya shared insights into the current state of Indian hockey, with a specific focus on women's hockey and the 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship.

ASHOK KUMAR

In the 53rd episode of Hockey Te Charcha, we sat down with Shri Ashok Kumar, the son of the legendary Major Dhyan Chand and recipient of the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023. He expressed his emotions upon receiving the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award. He took us through the nerve-wracking 1975 World Cup Final against Pakistan through his eyes and shared anecdotes from the life of his father, Major Dhyan Chand.



EPISODE 53

THE DEFENDER

HARMANPREET SINGH

CAPTAIN, INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



HOCKEY INDIA

NATIONAL CAMPS



With major international competitions in the pipeline, Hockey India conducted numerous National Camps in SAI, Bengaluru for Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, and Junior Women as well as Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha for the Senior Men's Team. For the very first time, Hockey India also conducted a National Camp for the Sub Junior Men and Sub Junior Women at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela.

In April 2023, the Core Probable groups of Indian Hockey Teams – Senior Men and Senior Women, returned to the National Coaching Camp at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. For the Indian Men's Hockey Team, the camp which ran till 21st May was a crucial step in their preparations for the final mini-tournament of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 season. While, the Indian Women's Hockey Team were in SAI Centre, Bengaluru to gear up for a tour of Australia from 9th April to 13th May.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team was back in camp from 11th June to 11th July to prepare for the Hangzhou Asian Games that were held in Hangzhou, China. While the Men's Team, to prepare for the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 trained in camp from 26th June to 19th July.

The Junior Men's Team returned from their Junior Asia Cup victories on 21st June and trained in the SAI Centre till 31st July to fine-tune their preparations for the FIH Junior Hockey Men's World Cup. The Junior Women's Hockey Team returned to Bengaluru to prepare for their World Cup from 8th July to 14th August.



The Women's Team had a final Hangzhou Asian Games preparatory camp from 13th August to 18th September, after which they went on to claim the Bronze medal. The Men's Team had their final preparatory camp from 21st August to 18th September as well, leading to a Gold medal finish.

For the first time, Hockey India conducted a 40-member Sub Junior camp for Men and Women each, at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela from 21st August, post which the selected players flew to the Netherlands to play a series of matches with their U-18 teams.

The Women's Team, on 16th October, returned to Bengaluru to train for the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, till 22nd October. After being crowned Champions the 34-member Women's core group came back to SAI Centre to prepare for the 5 Nation Tournament from 22nd November till 10th December. A 39-member Men's core group returned to Bengaluru on 29th November to prepare for the 5 Nation Tournament starting 15th December 2023 in Valencia.

With their next big test, the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024, imminent the Women's core group trained in SAI Centre, Bengaluru from 27th December but failed to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

A 39-member core group reported for the Men's National Coaching Camp that began on 3rd January 2024 at Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru. The short 11-day camp was held ahead of the team's departure for Cape Town, South Africa where they took part in a 4 Nation Tournament, played against France, the Netherlands, and hosts South Africa.
After the Junior World Cups, a new 41-member core probable group returned for the Junior Women's National Coaching Camp that began on 8th January 2024 in the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru. A 40-member core group reported to camp for the Junior Men's National Coaching Camp on 29th January.

A 29-member Men's core probable group was named to train from 12th March to 30th March, at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, for a crucial Test of Australia.



SENIOR MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training and preparation camp for FIH Pro League 2022 - 23	1-Apr-2023 to 21-May-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training Camp of Non Selected players for FIH PRO League Matches	22-May-2023 to 9-Jun-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3	Training and preparation camp for 4 Nation Tournament	26-Jun-2023 to 19-Jul-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	Training and preparation camp of NSP for Asian Games & Olympic 2024	20-Jul-2023 to 31-Jul-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5	Training and preparation camp of Asian Hockey5s Men	6-Aug-2023 to 26-Aug-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6	Training and preparation Camp for 19th Asian Games 2022	21-Aug-2023 to 19-Sep-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7	Rehab Camp	20-Sep-2023 to 30-Sep-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8	Rehab Camp	6-Nov-2023 to 28-Nov-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9	Training & Preparation Camp of 5 Nations Tournament	29-Nov-2023 to 10-Dec-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10	Training camp of non - selected players for FIH Hockey5s Men's World Cup 2024, Muscat, Oman	11-Dec-2023 to 2-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
11	Training & Preparation Camp for South Africa Tour	3-Jan-2024 to 13-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
12	Training & Preparation camp for FIH Hockey5s World Cup 2024	14-Jan-2024 to 24-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
13	Training Camp for Preparation of Paris Olympic Games 2024.	12-Mar-2024 to 31-Mar-2024	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar



SENIOR WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Rehabilitation	26-Mar-2023 to 8-Apr-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training and Conditioning Camp for test series with Australia	9-Apr-2023 to 13-May-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3	Training Camp of Non Selected players for Australia Tour	14-May-2023 to 28-May-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	Rehabilitation Camp	29-May-2023 to 10-Jun-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5	Training and preparation Camp for Germany Tour & Spain Tour for 4 Nation Tournament	1-Jun-2023 to 11-Jul-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6	Training Camp of Non Selected Players for Germany & Spain Tour	12-Jul-2023 to 31-Jul-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7	Rehab Camp	1-Aug-2023 to 12-Aug-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8	Training and preparation camp for Asian Hockey 5s Women	6-Aug-2023 to 22-Aug-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9	Training and preparation Camp for 19th Asian Games 2022	13-Aug-2023 to 19-Sep-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10	Rehab Camp	20-Sep-2023 to 15-Oct-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
11	Training and preparation camp for the Asian Champions Trophy 2023	16-Oct-2023 to 22-Oct-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
12	Rehab Camp	23-Oct-2023 to 7-Nov-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
13	Training & Preparation Camp of 5 Nations Tournament	22-Nov-2023 to 10-Dec-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
14	-	18-Dec-2023 to 26-Dec-2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
15	Training Camp for FIH Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024	27-Dec-2023 to 3-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
16	Training Camp for FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup 2024	4-Jan-2024 to 21-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
17	Rehab Camp	4-Jan-2024 to 27-Jan-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
18	-	28-Jan-2024 to 31-Mar-2024	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

JUNIOR MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	TOPS NCOE Camp	1-Apr-2023 to 30-Apr-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
2	Training Camp for Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023	1-May-2023 to 18-May-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
3	Training Camp of Non Selected Players for Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023	19-May-2023 to 3-Jun-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
4	Training Camp for Tour of Spain and Netherlands	4-Jun-2023 to 11-Jun-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
5	TOPS NCOE Camp	21-Jun-2023 to 1-Jul-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
6	TOPS NCOE Camp for preparation of 4 Nation Tournament.	2-Jul-2023 to 13-Aug-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
7	Training Camp of Non Selected players	14-Aug-2023 to 23-Aug-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
8	TOPS NCOE Camp	24-Aug-2023 to 24-Oct-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
9	Training Camp of Non Selected Players Sultan of Johor Cup 2023	25-Oct-2023 to 5-Nov-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
10	Traning and preparation camp for FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023	6-Nov-2023 to 2-Dec-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
11	Training camp of Non Selected players of FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023	3-Dec-2023 to 16-Dec-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
12	TOPS NCOE Assessment Camp	17-Dec-2023 to 4-Jan-2024	NCOE Bengaluru
13	NCOE Training Camp	29-Jan-2024 to 17-Feb-2024	NCOE Bengaluru
14	NCOE Training Camp	18-Feb-2024 to 15-Mar-2024	NCOE Bengaluru



JUNIOR WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Rehabilitation	27-Mar-2023 to 9-Apr-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
2	Training and Conditioning Camp for Junior Women Asia cup 2023	10-Apr-2023 to 27-May-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
3	Training Camp of non- selected players for Women's Asia Cup 2023.	28-May-2023 to 12-Jun-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
4	Training and Conditioning Camp	13-Jun-2023 to 23-Jun-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
5	Rehab Camp	8-Jul-2023 to 13-Aug-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
6	Training Camp for 4 Nation Tournament	14-Aug-2023 to 20-Aug-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
7	Training Camp of Non Selected players	31-Aug-2023 to 28-Sep-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
8	TOPS NCOE Training Camp	29-Sep-2023 to 22-Nov-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
9	TOPS NCOE Training Camp	23-Nov-2023 to 13-Dec-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
10	TOPS NCOE Training Camp of NSP	14-Dec-2023 to 17-Dec-2023	SAI Centre Bengaluru
11	TOPS NCOE Training Camp	18-Dec-2023 to 24-Dec-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
12	TOPS NCOE Assessment Camp	25-Dec-2023 to 8-Jan-2024	NCOE Bengaluru
13	Rehabilitation	25-Dec-2023 to 30-Dec-2023	NCOE Bengaluru
14	Training Camp for FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup 2024	31-Dec-2023 to 10-Jan-2024	NCOE Bengaluru
16	NCOE Training Camp	8-Jan-2024 to 6-Feb-2024	NCOE Bengaluru
17	NCOE Training Camp	7-Feb-2024 to 15-Mar-2024	NCOE Bengaluru

INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Sub Junior Men Coaching Camp	21-Aug-2023 to 7-Oct-2023	Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela



INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Sub Junior Women Coaching Camp	21-Aug-2023 to 7-Oct-2023	Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela



RETIREMENTS

DEEP GRACE EKKA

In January 2024, the renowned defender and penalty corner expert, Deep Grace Ekka, bid farewell to her remarkable career, prompting Hockey India to extend heartfelt congratulations to the two-time Olympian for her remarkable contributions to the Indian Women's Hockey Team. Ekka announced her retirement through a touching post on social media.

Ekka's journey in international hockey commenced in 2011 when she was just 17 years old. Her debut took place in the 4 Nation Tournament in Argentina, marking the beginning of a stellar career. Her exceptional performance in the U18 Girls Asia Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, quickly earned her a permanent spot in the National Camp.

Hailing from the quaint village of Lulkidihi in Sundargarh district, Odisha, Ekka left an indelible mark in the annals of hockey history. She made headlines when the Indian Junior squad clinched a historic Bronze medal at the 2013 Women's Junior Hockey World Cup in Germany. That same year, Ekka showcased her versatility by securing a Bronze with the Senior side at the Women's Asia Cup and a Silver at the Asian Champions Trophy.





Ekka's pivotal role in securing India's qualification for the Rio Olympic Games marked a significant milestone in her career. Her adept defensive skills were on full display at the Tokyo Olympics, where the team's valiant fourth-place finish won admiration from fans worldwide.

Hailing from the SAI-SAG Centre in Odisha, the 29-year-old Ekka served as a beacon of inspiration for numerous young players from her state.

Reflecting on Ekka's illustrious career, Hockey India President Dr. Dilip Tirkey remarked, "For over a decade, Deep Grace Ekka has been synonymous with women's hockey. Her achievements have not only inspired youngsters in Odisha but have also left a lasting impact on the entire nation. She has displayed exemplary sportsmanship and has played a pivotal role in the team's development over the past decade. On behalf of Hockey India, I extend my best wishes to her for the future and congratulate her on an extraordinary career."





HOCKEY INDIA Debuts

With important tournaments played throughout the 2023–24 season, several players made debuts for the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Senior Team.

INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



Sanjay, who was the third-highest goalscorer in the 2021 Junior Hockey World Cup, made his senior team debut during India's match against Belgium in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022–23 London mini-tournament on 26th May 2023.

SANJAY
DEFENDER

Araijeet Singh Hundal, who rose through the ranks of Junior set-up, made his debut against South Africa during a Test match held in Cape Town on 26th January 2024.



ARAIJEET SINGH HUNDAL

FORWARD



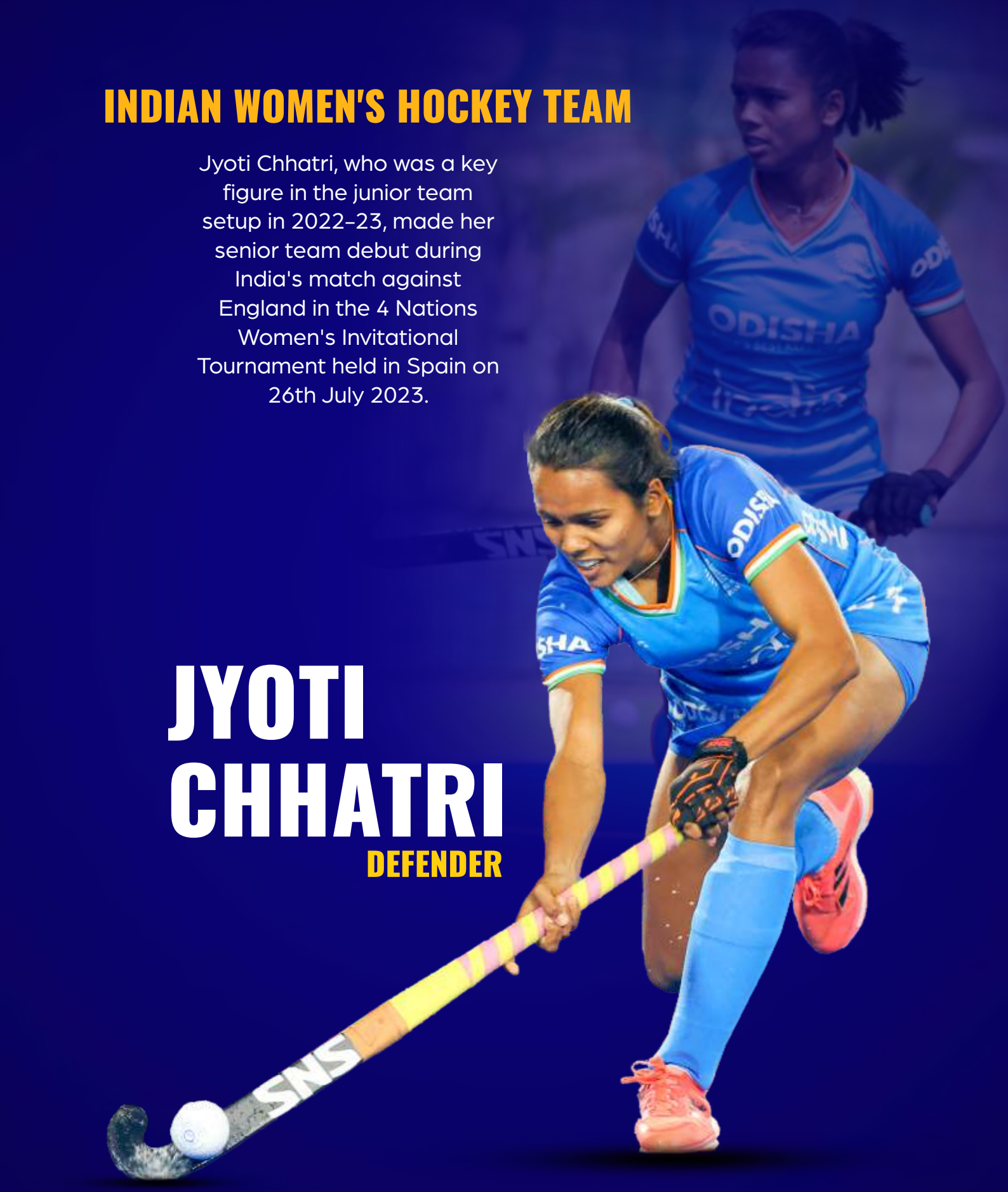
AMIR ALI

DEFENDER

Amir Ali, who played his maiden international match for the Indian Junior Team during the 2022 Sultan of Johor Cup, made his senior team debut during India's 1–0 win against Ireland at the FIH Pro League 2023–24 match held in Bhubaneswar on 16th February 2024.

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

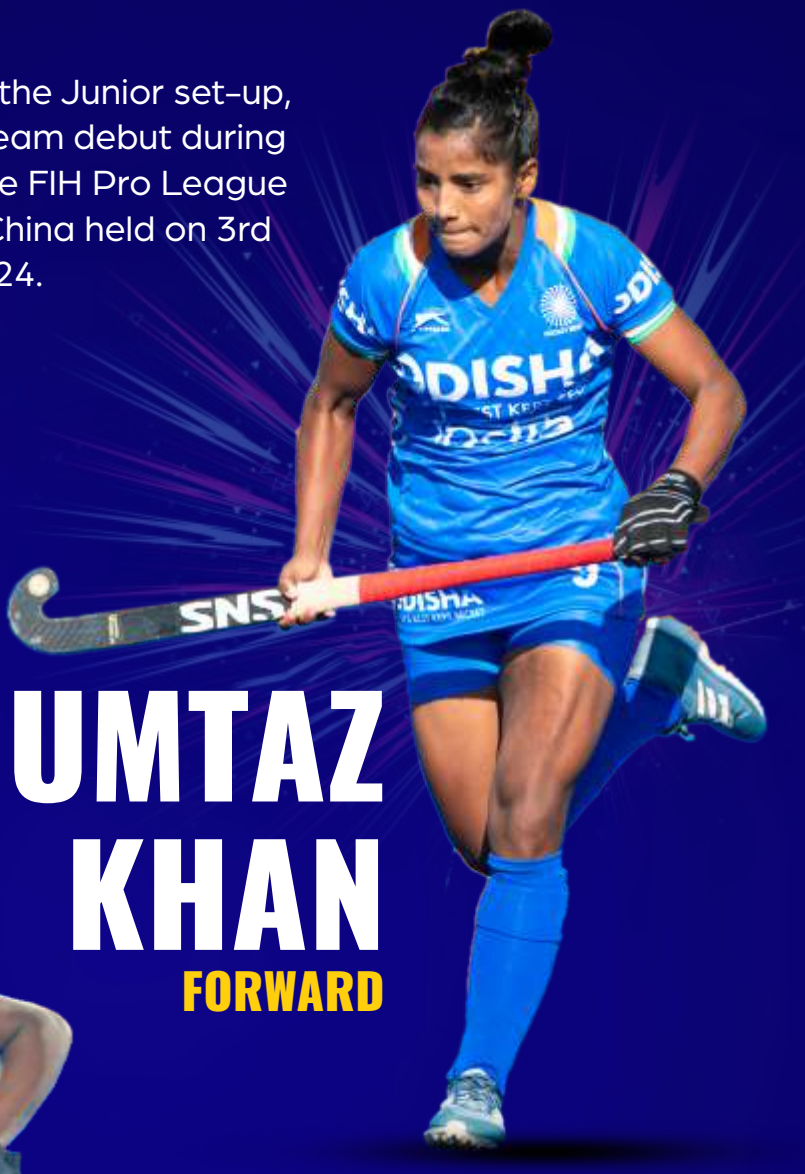
Jyoti Chhatri, who was a key figure in the junior team setup in 2022–23, made her senior team debut during India's match against England in the 4 Nations Women's Invitational Tournament held in Spain on 26th July 2023.



JYOTI CHHATRI

DEFENDER

A seasoned campaigner in the Junior set-up, Mumtaz made the Senior team debut during India's opening match of the FIH Pro League 2023/23 season against China held on 3rd February 2024.



MUMTAZ KHAN

FORWARD



The 17-year-old Sunelita who was part of the Asia Cup title-winning Indian Junior team, was fast-tracked to the senior team in 2024. She made her debut for the Indian women's hockey team on 3rd February 2024 against China in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24.

SUNELITA TOPPO

MIDFIELDER

HOCKEY INDIA

MEMBER UNITS

PERMANENT MEMBERS

- HOCKEY ANDHRA PRADESH
- HOCKEY ARUNACHAL
- ASSAM HOCKEY
- HOCKEY BENGAL
- HOCKEY BIHAR
- HOCKEY CHANDIGARH
- CHHATTISGARH HOCKEY
- DELHI HOCKEY
- GOANS HOCKEY
- HOCKEY GUJARAT
- HOCKEY HARYANA
- HOCKEY HIMACHAL
- HOCKEY JAMMU & KASHMIR
- HOCKEY JHARKHAND
- HOCKEY KARNATAKA
- KERALA HOCKEY
- LE PUDUCHERRY HOCKEY
- HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH
- HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA
- MANIPUR HOCKEY
- HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA
- HOCKEY PUNJAB
- HOCKEY RAJASTHAN
- HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU
- TELANGANA HOCKEY
- HOCKEY UTTARAKHAND
- UTTAR PRADESH HOCKEY

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- NAGALAND
- VIDARBHA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
- AIR INDIA SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD
- CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE (CISF)
- CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE (CRPF)
- CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICES CULTURAL & SPORTS
- COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
- FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
- MAJOR PORTS SPORTS CONTROL BOARD
- PUNJAB & SIND BANK
- PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
- SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL
- SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

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STEEL PLANTS SPORTS BOARD	MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY
PETROLEUM SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD	NAMDHARI SPORTS ACADEMY
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF GUJARAT – HOCKEY ACADEMY	TAMIL NADU HOCKEY ACADEMY
CANARA BANK	MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH HOCKEY ACADEMY (REGD.)
BSES (DELHI)	ANANTAPUR SPORTS ACADEMY
SERVICES SPORTS CONTROL BOARD	HUBLI HOCKEY ACADEMY (REGD.)
RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD	MANAPARAI HOCKEY ACADEMY
TRIPURA HOCKEY	MATA SAHIB KAUR HOCKEY ACADEMY JARKHAR – LUDHIANA
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UCO BANK	RV ACADEMY OF HOCKEY
I.T.B.P. CENTRAL HOCKEY TEAM	SDT HOCKEY NILGIRIS ACADEMY
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Congratulations to the Allahabad University – JK Institute – Hockey Main Field, Prayagraj, India for being granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

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Congratulations to the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) School, Kochi have been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificates.





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Congratulations to the Karnal Hockey Stadium, Karnal, Haryana as they have been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificates.





SAI TRAINING CENTRE, HAZARIBAGH, JHARKHAND

Congratulations to the SAI Training Centre, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand as they have been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificates.

INDIAN AIR FORCE JALAHALLI HOCKEY FIELD, BANGALORE

Congratulations to the Indian Air Force Jalahalli Hockey Field, Bangalore as they have been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificates



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Hockey India extends heartfelt appreciation to their sponsors for their unwavering support for yet another year, aiming to propel the sport to greater heights within the nation. The 2023/24 season has been marked by memorable achievements for both Hockey India and the Indian Hockey Teams, all made possible through the steadfast backing of their sponsors.

Foremost among them, the Odisha State Government stands as a key supporter, contributing significantly to the team's success in numerous ways including top-notch stadiums, world-class facilities and promoting the game across India.

Additionally, Hockey India acknowledges the invaluable support of the Government of India, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India, and Fit India. These entities have collaborated seamlessly, leveraging their respective strengths to address any challenges, big or small, encountered by the Indian Hockey Teams.

We also extend a warm welcome to Coca-Cola, our newest sponsor, for their commitment to empowering hockey in India.

Furthermore, Hockey India expresses sincere gratitude towards Shiv Naresh for their pivotal role in advancing the sport nationally, consistently delivering high-quality and comfortable team uniforms.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Message



Cdr R.K. Srivastava
Executive Director , Hockey India

Over the years, Hockey India has strived towards developing hockey in the country and at the same time revolutionize the sport keeping in mind the thousands of potentially talented young stars who can look at making hockey a viable profession.

Last year, the emphasis was a lot on the development of grassroots hockey and robust work was done at the state and zonal level to give children the right opportunity. The Zonal Championships and Har Ghar mein ho Hockey Ka Abhiyaan were initiatives that were conceptualized keeping this in mind..

The idea was also to make this a platform for youngsters from every state and union territory in India. In our endeavour to implement this developmental progress, and at the same time ensure our national teams have all that is necessary in their preparations for big-ticket events, we have been immensely supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India and the Odisha State Government. Without their guidance and support, we could not have achieved the result we have today. I am also grateful to all our stakeholders and state member units that are united in their efforts to see through Hockey India's vision and ideas.

I also thank my team here in Hockey India for their dedication and passion for the sport. I am very proud to note that we continue to remain the most professionally-run federation in the country today and this is possible because of your hard work.

Thank you

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