



HOCKEY INDIA

# Newsletter



## Message from Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General -Hockey India & Chairman-Hero Hockey India League

The last one month has been a whirlwind of activities in hockey. As the Indian team was leaving for World Cup, Hockey India organized a special program to felicitate the Legends of the Gold Medal winning 1975 World Cup Team. Thirteen Living Legends and families of remaining three were present on the occasion to bless the young Indian Team in their future endeavours.

Our Senior Women's hockey team which toured Malaysia brought much accolades for the country for beating Malaysia 6-0 in a clean sweep to win the series.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge). I am confident that under his mentorship, the face of Indian sports will be transformed and we will see more dynamism in promotion and development of sport in the country.

Hockey India recently concluded the 4th Hockey India Junior Men, Sub-Junior Men and Sub-Junior Women National Championships 2014 which saw participation from 1740 players coming from every corner of the country. The National Championships had 97 teams fighting for the top slots and we surely have some marquee players being identified for further grooming. This was the first time that we saw such high level of participation from sport enthusiasts.

The appointment of Mr. V Baskaran as Manager, High Performance (South Zone) Hockey India is another step toward the grassroots development of the sport.

We welcome Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in our fold as Associate Member and HIM Academy becoming of Hockey India Academy Member.

Friends, the next three months are going to be very important for Indian Hockey. The teams would be participating in the 20th Commonwealth Games at Glasgow, Scotland and the 17th Asian Games at Incheon, Korea where they will display their strengths of transformation. I would like to convey my heartiest gratitude to all stakeholders who are forthcoming in reviving hockey and are contributing in preparations of the teams for the forthcoming international events. A special mention is required for Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sports Authority of India for their continuous support for the sport of hockey.



## FELICITATION OF LIVING LEGENDS OF 1975 WORLD CUP WINNING TEAM

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## Hockey India Honours Legends with a Cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 each at a Glittering Ceremony in Delhi

An effort which started in 2012, of felicitating Legends who contributed through their performance on the field, Hockey India continued this initiative on the occasion of the Indian Men Hockey Team announcement which was held in Delhi on 14 May 2014 for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014. Hockey India invited and felicitated Legends who played and brought home the only World Cup for India in the year 1975 held at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Also present on the occasion were eminent guests Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member Advisory Board Hockey India League & Union Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Minister, Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India and Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association and Associate Vice President Hockey India.

The grand felicitation cum team announcement event witnessed the presence of all the 13 Living legends alongwith the wives of Late Shri Surjit Singh and Late Shri Shivaji Parwar, brother of Late Shri. Mohinder Singh converge at the Hotel Holiday Inn, New Delhi on 14 May 2014. Hockey India felicitated each one of them with a one-time payment of Rs. 1,75,000.

The lists of invitees included Mr. Ajit Pal Singh who captained and led the team to victory during the 1975 World Cup. He has to his credit of representing the prestigious tournament on three occasions where he represented the team for 1971 World Cup, Barcelona wherein the team bagged the Bronze and in 1973 World Cup, Amsterdam where they bought back the Silver. He was part of two Olympics Games in Mexico 1968 (Bronze) and 1972 (Bronze). He won the Arjuna Award in 1970 and Padamshree in 1992 for his contribution to the sport from the Government of India. Mr. Ashok Kumar, son of legendary Late Major Dhyhan Chand is the first of two Indians who represented India for 4 World Cup tournaments which included Barcelona 1971 (Bronze), 1973 Amsterdam (Silver), Kuala Lumpur 1975 (Gold) and Buenos Aires 1978. He was also instrumental in scoring the winning goal for India against Pakistan in the finale of the 1975 World Cup. Mr. Ashok Kumar also participated in the two Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze) and Montreal 1976.

Amongst other invitees, were Mohd. Aslam Sher Khan, defender and his contribution during the 1975 World Cup cannot be forgotten. He represented India during the Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze), Brig. Harcharan Singh VSM also represented India at three World Cups in Barcelona 1971 (Bronze), Amsterdam 1973 (Silver) and Kuala Lumpur 1975 (Gold) alongwith one Olympic bronze medal in Munich 1972. Mr. Leslie Fernandez whose goalkeeping is still talked about after so many years was also part





of the World Cup winning squad. Dhyhan Chand Life Time Achievement Awardee Mr. Varinder Singh was also part of the Indian Team that won Silver Medal at the World Cup in Amsterdam 1973 and represented India at two Olympic Teams in 1972 (Bronze) and 1976. Mr. Ashok Diwan a Dhyhan Chand Life Time Achievement Awardee in 2002. Mr. Michael Kindo who played at the full back position and was honored with the Arjuna Award for his achievements. He represented India at 3 World Cups which also included Barcelona 1971 (Bronze) and Amsterdam 1973 (Silver) along with one Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze). Mr. B.P. Govinda, current Chairman of the Selection Committee of Hockey India apart from being a part of the winning team in 1975 was also in the team of World Cup in Amsterdam 1973 (Silver) along with two Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze) and Montreal 1976, Brig. HJS Chimni who played at the centre forward position during the World Cup and whose contribution was vital for the win. Mr. V J Phillips who captained India at the Buenos Aires World Cup in 1978 was crucial member of 1975 World Cup winning team and also represented India at the two Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze) and Montreal 1978. Mr. Onkar Singh, youngest member of the World Cup 1975 winning team, later participated in the 1981 World Cup held at Mumbai. Mr. Kaliah P.E. the talented inside forward was also a part of the winning squad.

Late Shri. Surjit Singh who played three World Cups in Amsterdam 1973 (Silver), Kuala-Lumpur 1975 and Mumbai 1982 has to his credit of ensuring that the team won the tournament in 1975. He also played two Olympic Games in Munich 1972 (Bronze) and Montreal 1976. He was one of those players who scored 4 Olympic goals. He was also part of the 1978 Asian Games where the team bagged the Silver medal. For his important contribution to Indian Hockey, Late. Shri Surjit Singh was honored with Arjuna Award in 1998. Late Shri. Shivaji Pawar the great center forward was also instrumental in the win of the 1975 World Cup. Late Shri. Mohinder Singh was also one of the key player of the 1975 winning squad.

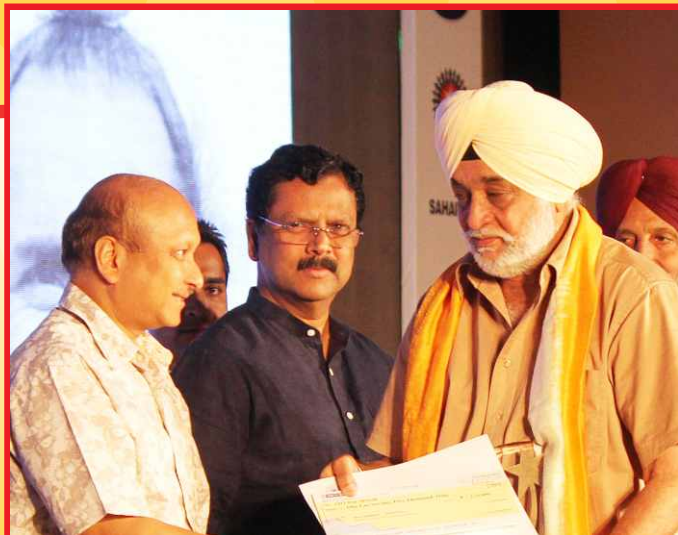
While all the Living Legends were present for the felicitation ceremony, on behalf of Late Shri. Surjit Singh Randhawa and Late Shri. Shivaji Pawar their wives Mrs. Chanchal Randhawa and Mrs. Sheela Pawar respectively were honored along with Mr. Satpal Singh, brother of Late Shri. Mohinder Singh.







Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Ashok Kumar



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, Captain of 1975 World Cup Winning Team



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mohd. Aslam Sher Khan



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Kalaiah P E



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Ashok Diwan



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Brig. Harcharan Singh







Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Brig H. S Chimi



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Leslie Fernandes



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. B P Govinda



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Michael Kindo



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mr. Satpal Singh, brother of Late. Shri Mohinder Singh



Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India presenting a memento to Mr. Onkar Singh







Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India presenting a memento to Mr. Varinder Singh



Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India presenting a memento to Mr. V J Phillips



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mrs. Chanchal Randhawa, wife of Late. Shri Surjit Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,75,000 to Mrs. Sheela Pawar, wife of Late. Shri Shivaji Pawar





## Hockey India felicitates players for Winning Individual Awards

During the felicitation ceremony of 1975 World Cup Winning Team, Hockey India also felicitated four players of the senior men and women team for their individual achievements in the recent tournaments. Forward Mandeep Singh, member of the Senior Men Hockey team was presented a cheque of Rupees One Lakh for winning Junior Player of the Tournament Award in the FIH World League Final at New Delhi from 10-18 January 2014. Goalkeeper Rajani Etimarpu, member of the Senior Women team was presented a cheque of Rupees One Lakh for winning Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award in the 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2013 held at Japan from 2-10 November 2013. Also, Poonam Rani and Chanchan Devi members of the Senior Women team were presented a trophy for completing their 100 international caps during Europe Tour at Ireland on 15 April 2014 and match against Korea in the FIH Champions Challenge 1, Glasgow (Scotland) on 27 April 2014 respectively.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a cheque of Rupees One Lakh to Mandeep Singh for winning Junior Player of the Tournament Award in the FIH World League Final at New Delhi



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a cheque of Rupees One Lakh to Rajani Etimarpu for winning Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award in the 3rd Women Asian Champions Trophy 2013 held at Japan



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a memento to Poonam Rani for completing 100 international caps during Ireland Tour



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a memento to Chanchan Devi for completing 100 international caps against Korea in the FIH Champions Challenge 1 at Glasgow (Scotland)







## Indian Men Hockey Team for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 announced

Hockey India announced the Indian Men Hockey Team for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 in New Delhi on 14 May 2014. Sardar Singh was the Captain while Rupinder Pal Singh was the Vice-Captain.

A total of 33 players selected as the probables for the World Cup two months ago, went under rigorous training sessions and worked on new set of skills and techniques under Chief Coach Terry Walsh. The selection trials were conducted at Major Dhyana Chand National Hockey Stadium in the capital on 5th and 6th of May 2014, wherein the selection committee comprising of Mr. B.P Govinda, Dr. R.P Singh, Mr. Arjun Halappa along with Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans and Chief Coach Men Hockey Team Mr. Terry Walsh selected best of the 18 players with respect to their exceptional performance and adaptability to new experiments and techniques.







<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	P.R Sreejesh   Harjot Singh
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	Gurbaj Singh   Rupinder Pal Singh (Vice-Captain)   V.R Raghunath   Birendra Lakra Kothajit Singh Khadangbam   Manpreet Singh
<b>MIDFIELDER</b>	Sardar Singh (Captain)   S.K Uthappa   Dharamvir Singh   Jasjit Singh   Chinglensana Singh
<b>FORWARD</b>	S.V Sunil   Ramandeep Singh   Akashdeep Singh   Nikkin Thimmaiah   Mandeep Singh



Mr. Arun Jaitley,  
Member Advisory Board HIL, & Union Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Minister  
wishing good luck to Captain Sardar Singh



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association  
wishing good luck to Captain Sardar Singh







Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member Advisory Board HIL & Union Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Minister, Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India and Mr. Harbinder Singh, Selector during felicitation ceremony of 1975 World Cup winning team







Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Mohit Taneja, Manager Branding Cairn India



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Rajesh Kurup, DGM Corporate Branding Cairn India



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Cmde. Sudhir Setia, Executive Director (Teams) Sports Authority of India







Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India welcoming  
Dr. B K Sinha (IPS), ADGP Haryana Police.



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
presenting a jersey to Captain Sardar Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
presenting a jersey to Vice-Captain Rupinder Pal Singh







Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Jasjit Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to S V Sunil



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Manpreet Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Dharamvir Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to V R Raghunath



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Gurbaj Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Ramandeep Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Birendra Lakra







Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Kothajit Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to P R Sreejesh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Mandeep Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to S K Uthappa



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Nikkin Thimmaiah



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Akashdeep Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Chinglensana Singh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports presenting a jersey to Harjot Singh







Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India wishing good luck to Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports wishing good luck to Chief Coach Mr. Terry Walsh



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports wishing good luck to Coach Mr. M.K Kaushik



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports wishing good luck to Coach Mr. Sandeep Sangwan



Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India wishing good luck to Scientific Advisor Mr. Matthew Eyles



Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports wishing good luck to Video Analyst Mr. A C Satahkopan



Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member Advisory Board HIL & Union Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Minister wishing good luck to Physiotherapist Mr. Jince Thomas Mathew



Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member Advisory Board HIL & Union Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Minister wishing good luck to Masseur Mr. Arup Naskar





## Legend Sachin Tendulkar meets the Indian Men Hockey Team ahead of their departure for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014

A day prior to the departure of the Indian Men Hockey team for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014, Sachin Tendulkar – the little master of the cricket world visited the team in New Delhi on 20 May 2014 and motivates them for the World Cup. He wished the Indian Men Hockey Team goodluck for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup.

Sachin Tendulkar met and shared his experiences of his cricketing days with the Indian Men Hockey Team and motivated the team to face the challenges of the upcoming tournament. He said “do not allow pressure to come to you irrespective how strong you feel the team is. Start each match with a positive attitude and do a thorough preparation on each team that you are meeting, understand their weaknesses and strengths and accordingly prepare yourself. You have to keep your mind positive all through as hockey is a fast game hence you have to keep yourself free of pressure. Always remember no team is stronger than you. Visualize this in your mind and you will realise that your body automatically starts responding positively”

He further motivated the team by saying “do not take failure to heart as everyone fails. But with those failures and experiences you will learn and grow. We all are here because we have a passion for what we are following. Stick to that passion for all the times to come”.

Talking about his first international match “my first match of my career was not that great as I could not score and because of which I had sleepless nights. I finally spoke to my seniors and they motivated me to not take pressure and be at ease and control of my game which helped me score 58 in my next match. I still follow this and share the same with every youngster that I meet”







## Sports Authority of India wishes good luck to Indian Team for Rabobank Hockey World Cup

Extending its full support to the Indian Men Hockey Team, Sports Authority of India organized a ceremony at Hotel The Ashoka in New Delhi on 20 May 2014 to wish good luck to the team heading for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 held at The Hague, Netherlands.

Chief Guest Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India, Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association & Associate Vice President Hockey India, Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India wished good luck to the Indian Team for the World Cup.

Sardar Singh, Captain of the Indian Men Hockey Team presented a jersey autographed by all the 18 members of the team to Chief Guest Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India.



Captain Sardar Singh presenting an autographed jersey to Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India

at  
The Hague, Netherlands



Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India, Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Captain Sardar Singh and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India watching a video on Indian Sports during a ceremony organized by SAI to wish good luck to the Indian Men Hockey Team for Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014







## Indian Team prepared in Europe, ahead of Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014

Before participating in the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 last month, Indian Men Hockey team travelled to The Hague, Netherlands from 9-19 April 2014 to play five build up games in preparations for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014. Indian team played two matches against Dutch National Clubs (Leiden & HGC), one against Belgium and two against The Netherlands. Indian team started its campaign on a winning note defeating Leiden (Dutch National Club) 7-0 in its first match. In the second match, India played 3-3 draw against HGC (Dutch National Club). In its next three matches India lost to Belgium and Netherlands with a margin of 1-2 goals.

### Result

Date	Match	Result
11 April 2014	Vs Leiden (Dutch National Club)	7-0
14 April 2014	Vs HGC (Dutch National Club)	3-3
15 April 2014	Vs Belgium	1-2
17 April 2014	Vs The Netherlands	2-4
19 April 2014	Vs The Netherlands	1-2





The Rabobank Hockey World Cup which commenced on the May 31, 2014 saw Indian team giving a tough fight to their opponents in most of the games.

The level of game was comparatively high as two of the matches ended in a narrow-margin loss where India lost in the dying minutes of the game. This, although, weighed down the team for some time, the squad were anxious to put an end to the inclination by giving their best. Their hard work and focussed play was evident as they routed Korea in the play offs.

Playing at the World Cup, along with the best teams and talents of the world, has helped the team set practical goals and identify and assess their potential and weaknesses. With a strong midfield and an energetic forward line, the team lacked a bit of perfection in penalty corners which costed them better position in the tournament. This is however a big learning for the team and they will surely work to better their performance in times to come.

Indian team will now focus on their next assignment of Commonwealth Games 2014 commencing on 23 July in Glasgow (Scotland).

## India finishes 9th at the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014

Date	Match	Result
31 May 2014	Vs Belgium	2-3
2 June 2014	Vs England	1-2
5 June 2014	Vs Spain	1-1
7 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	3-2
9 June 2014	Vs Australia	0-4
14 June 2014	Vs Korea	3-0





## Hockey India 'Team, Coaching and High Performance Evaluation Committee'

Post the performance of the Indian Men Hockey team during the recently concluded Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014, Hockey India has decided to appoint 'Team, Coaching and High Performance Evaluation Committee', to evaluate each tournament that India plays. The newly formed 11 member committee will start this evaluation process with the recently concluded Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 wherein the coaches and other members of the support staff will be asked for a complete report card on their performance and reasons for failure.

The Committee will comprise of-

- (1) **Dr. Narinder Batra (Chairman)**
- (2) **Ms. Elena Norman (Convenor)**
- (3) **Mr. Harbinder Singh**
- (4) **Mr. Ajit Pal Singh**
- (5) **Col. Balbir Singh**
- (6) **Mr. B P Govinda**
- (7) **Mr. Ashok Kumar**
- (8) **Mr. S S Grewal**
- (9) **Mr. A B Subbaiah**
- (10) **Mr. Samir Dad**

**The sports Authority of India will be the Invitee Member of this Committee.**

The first meeting of the 'Team, Coaching and High Performance Evaluation Committee' will span over 2 days and is scheduled from 3-4 July 2014. The meeting will comprise of discussion and presentation by Mr. Roelant Oltmans, High Performance Director, Mr. Terry Walsh, Chief Coach and Mr. Mathew Eyles, Scientific Advisor wherein they will present before the committee detailed analysis of team build up to World Cup 2014, video sessions during the build up and event time, match strategy pre and post half time, penalty corners during preparations and event time, fitness of players during preparations and event time, player wise detailed analysis alongwith the process adopted to reach the levels and any other area where the committee members or the invitee from SAI would like to take up. The committee with names to reckon within the game of Hockey, Hockey India is looking at bringing the much required difference and in the process ensuring that learning's are taken from performances and implementations are made in the upcoming events.

### Ramandeep & Nikkin injuries upset Team India



Team India faced a major setback when two of its forward players Ramandeep Singh and Nikkin Thimmaiah sustained injury before the start of the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014. Ramandeep Singh sustained serious injury when ball hit him on his cheek bone and eye socket during warm-up game against Argentina. Ramandeep underwent surgery and was ruled out of the World Cup. Two days after this incident, another talented forward Nikkin Thimmaiah sustained a tear in his hamstring muscle and had to be ruled out of the World Cup. Forward Lalit Upadhyay replaced Ramandeep Singh and Yuvraj Walmiki replaced Nikkin Thimmaiah in the squad.





## Indian Women Hockey Team defeats Ireland 2-0 in a test series

Date	Match	Result
15 April 2014	Vs Ireland	3-1
17 April 2014	Vs Ireland	2-1
18 April 2014	Vs Ireland	2-2

Before participating in the 8th Champions Challenge 1 Scotland, Glasgow, Indian Women Hockey Team defeated Ireland 2-0 in a three match test series played in Dublin, Ireland from 15 – 18 April 2014. This test series was in preparations for the Champions Challenge 1. Indian team performed well in the test series winning 2 out of 3 matches with one draw against the home team. Two forwards Naveet Kaur and Neha Goel played their debut international matches in the first test against Ireland. Experienced forward Poonami Rani completed her 100 international caps in the first test match.



## Indian eves finishes 8th in the Champions Challenge 1



Indian Women Hockey team finished 8th in the Champions Challenge 1 played at Glasgow, Scotland from 27 April – 4 May 2014. Also in the same match, our experienced midfielder Chanchan Devi Thokchom completed her 100 international caps. The Champions Challenge 1 was played at the same venue which will host the Commonwealth Games from 23 July – 3 August 2014, so it was a good chance for Indian team to understand the turf and playing conditions in Glasgow.

### Results

Date	Match	Result
27 April 2014	Vs Korea	2-4
28 April 2014	Vs Scotland	0-4
30 April 2014	Vs Belgium	0-5
1 May 2014	Vs USA	0-1
3 May 2014	Vs Belgium	2-4
4 May 2014	Vs Scotland	3-4





# 'Chak de' moment for Indian Women Hockey Team; Wins Malaysian series 6-0

The Malaysian Tour 2014 of the Indian Women Hockey Team that commenced on 9th June 2014 proved to be a massive success after Team India swept the tournament with six straight wins. The consistent and focussed efforts of the team were marked on the field by their beautiful display of perfected shots and well crafted strategy to overpower the opponent.

With a strong midfield and near perfect penalty corners Indian women confirmed their degree of preparation for the upcoming international events. Under the able leadership of midfielder and Captain Ritu Rani and the Chief Coach Neil Hawgood the team's morale and energy is at all time high as they look forward to performing likewise in the forthcoming tournaments.

This tour was in preparations for the Commonwealth Games to be held at Glasgow (Scotland) from 23 July – 3 August 2014.

### Result

Date	Match	Result
9 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	5-0
10 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	2-0
12 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	4-0
14 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	3-0
15 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	2-0
17 June 2014	Vs Malaysia	5-2





## Indian Men & Women preparing for Commonwealth Games 2014

The preparatory camps of the senior men and women team for the Commonwealth Games 2014 to be held at Glasgow (Scotland) from 23 July - 3 August 2014 are underway at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium in New Delhi and NSNIS, Patiala respectively. Both the senior men and women players are working hard for Commonwealth Games.

### Schedule of Commonwealth Games 2014 (Hockey)

Date	Category	Match	Local Time	Indian Time
24 July 2014 (Thursday)	W	Australia vs Malaysia	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	W	England vs Wales		
	W	South Africa vs Trinidad and Tobago	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	<b>W</b>	<b>India vs Canada</b>		
	M	England vs Trinidad and Tobago	19:00 –22:30	23:30–03:00
	M	New Zealand vs Canada		
25 July 2014 (Friday)	<b>M</b>	<b>India vs Wales</b>	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	M	South Africa vs Scotland		
	W	Australia vs Wales	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	W	Scotland vs Malaysia		
	W	New Zealand vs Trinidad and Tobago	19:00 –22:30	23:30–03:00
	W	South Africa vs Canada		
26 July 2014 (Saturday)	M	New Zealand vs Trinidad and Tobago	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	M	Malaysia vs Canada		
	M	Australia vs Wales	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	<b>M</b>	<b>India vs Scotland</b>		
27 July 2014 (Sunday)	W	Scotland vs Australia	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	W	England vs Malaysia		
	W	Canada vs Trinidad and Tobago	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	<b>W</b>	<b>India vs New Zealand</b>		
	M	Canada vs Trinidad and Tobago	19:00 –22:30	23:30–03:00
	M	Malaysia vs England		
28 July 2014 (Monday)	M	South Africa vs Australia	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	M	Scotland vs Wales		
	W	Australia vs England	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	W	Wales vs Scotland		
	<b>W</b>	<b>Trinidad and Tobago vs India</b>	19:00 –22:30	23:30–03:00
	W	South Africa vs New Zealand		
29 July 2014 (Tuesday)	M	New Zealand vs England	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	M	Trinidad and Tobago vs Malaysia		
	<b>M</b>	<b>India vs Australia</b>	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	M	Wales vs South Africa		
30 July 2014 (Wednesday)	W	Scotland vs England	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	W	Malaysia vs Wales		
	W	New Zealand vs Canada	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	<b>W</b>	<b>India vs South Africa</b>		
31 July 2014 (Thursday)	M	England vs Canada	09:00 – 12:30	13:30–17:00
	M	Malaysia vs New Zealand		
	M	Australia vs Scotland	14:00 – 17:30	18:30–22:00
	<b>M</b>	<b>South Africa vs India</b>		
	W	Classifications (2 matches)	19:00 –22:30	23:30–03:00
1 August 2014 (Friday)	W	Classification match	10:00–16:15	14:30–20:45
	W	Semi-finals (2 matches)		
	M	Classifications (2 matches)	18:00–22:00	22:30–02:30
2 August 2014 (Saturday)	M	Classification match	10:00–16:15	14:30–20:45
	M	Semi-finals (2 matches)		
	W	Gold & Bronze medal matches	18:00–22:30	22:30–03:00
3 August 2014 (Sunday)	M	Gold & Bronze medal matches	10:00–14:30	14:30–19:00





# 4th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2014



**HOCKEY INDIA**

## Hockey Punjab retain the 4th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2014 Title

### AWARDS -

- Best Goalkeeper- Jugraj (Hockey Punjab)
- Best Defender- Nilam Sanjeev Xess (Hockey Odisha)
- Best Midfielder- Sumit (Hockey Haryana)
- Best Forward- Joseph Toppo (Hockey Odisha)
- Man of the Tournament- Harjeet Singh (Hockey Punjab)

Hockey Punjab closed the championship in style, as they defeated Hockey Odisha 6-2 in the finals of the 4th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2014 (Division A), played at Mayor Radhakrishna Hockey Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and retained the championship title on 6 April 2014.

Earlier, Hockey Haryana defeated Sports Authority of India 7-3 to finish at the 3rd spot in the championship.

Total 32 teams participated in the championship, including 15 top teams in Division A and 17 teams in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams of Division A, Chandigarh Olympic Association and Delhi Hockey have been relegated to Division B of the 5th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2015.





## Steel Plant Sports Board defeats Manipur Hockey 5-1 to finish at the Top Spot of Division B

Steel Plant Sports Board defeated Manipur Hockey 5-1 in the finals of the 4th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2014 (Division B) played at Mayor Radhakrishna Hockey Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 31 March 2014.

Earlier, Services Sports Control Board beat Bengal Hockey Association 3-1 to finish at the third spot.

Steel Plant Sports Board, Vidarbha Hockey Association and Hockey Gangpur-Odisha participated for the first time in the championship.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Steel Plant Sports Board and Manipur Hockey have qualified for Division A of the 5th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2015





## 4th Hockey Sub- Junior Women National Championship 2014

### Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeats Hockey Jharkhand 5-2 to clinch Title



HOCKEY INDIA

#### AWARDS -

Best Goal Keeper – Alfa Kerketta (Hockey Jharkhand)

Best Defender – Neeraj Rana (MPHA)

Best Forward – Ekta Kaushik (Hockey Haryana)

Best Half – Sitamani Topno (Hockey Jharkhand)

Promising Player of the Tournament –

Mahima Choudhary (Hockey Haryana)

Promising player of Maharashtra –

Akshata Dekhale (Hockey Maharashtra)

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Hockey Jharkhand 5-2 in the finals of the 4th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Hockey Championship 2014 hosted by Hockey Maharashtra at Balewadi Sports Complex in Pune, Maharashtra on 27 May 2014.

In the match for third place, Chandigarh Olympic Association overcame defending champions Hockey Haryana 3-1.

Total 32 teams from different parts of the country participated in the championship including 16 teams in Division A and 16 teams in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams of Division A, Assam and Kerala have been relegated to Division B in 5th Hockey India Junior Sub Junior Women National Championship 2015.





## Hockey Gangpur- Odisha defeats Sports Authority of India 2-1 in the final of Division B

Hockey Gangpur-Odisha defeated Sports Authority of India 2-1 in the final of the 4th Sub Junior Women National Hockey Championship 2014 – Women (Division B) played at Sports Stadium Haldwani, Uttarakhand on 25 May 2014.

Earlier, Hockey Punjab finished at 3rd place by defeating Hockey Bhopal by a huge margin of 13-0. Vidarbha Hockey Association and Hockey Gangpur- Odisha participated for the first time in the championship.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Hockey Gangpur-Odisha and Sports Authority of India have qualified for Division A of the 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2015.





# 4th Hockey Sub Junior Men National Championship 2014



**HOCKEY INDIA**

## Hockey Odisha wins title of the 4th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Hockey Championship 2014

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS -

Best Goalkeeper- R. Zohmingliana (Hockey Mizoram)

Best Defender- Mandeep Mor (Hockey Haryana)

Best Forward- Petrus Tiru (Hockey Jharkhand)

Hockey Odisha emerged as the champions as they defeated Hockey Haryana 3-1 in the 4th Sub Junior Men National Hockey Championship 2014 being played at Morabadi Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

In the hard-line match, Hockey Punjab finished 3rd place by defeating Hockey Jharkhand with a score of 3-1 on board. In division A, 16 best teams of the country compete for the title and 17 teams compete against each other in Division B.

The two bottom finishing teams of Division A, Hockey Kerala and Hockey Bhopal have been relegated to Division B of the 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2015.





## Hockey Gangpur-Odisha overcome Delhi 5-2 to finish top spot in Division B

Hockey Gangpur- Odisha overcame Delhi Hockey 5-2 in an exciting final of the 4th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship (Division B) played at Kala Bhavan Hockey Ground in Vadodara, Gujarat.

In the hard line match, Sports Authority of India books the 3rd spot as they defeated Hockey Gujarat by a huge margin 11-2. Hockey Gangpur- Odisha, Hockey Citizen XI and Vidarbha Hockey Association participated for the first time in the championship.

The two top finishing teams of Division B, Hockey Gangpur-Odisha and Delhi Hockey have qualified for Division A of the 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2015.







## Hockey India meets Hon'ble Minister Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal

Secretary General Hockey India Dr. Narinder Batra and CEO Ms. Elena Norman met Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) on 25 June 2014 to congratulate him on his assumption of office. During this meeting Hon'ble Minister Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal and Dr. Narinder Batra had a discussion on the development of hockey in the country.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a stick and jersey autographed by Indian Hockey Team to Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports



Dr Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India presenting a memento to Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports





## V Baskaran appointed as Manager, High Performance (South Zone) Hockey India



Hockey India appoints Mr V Baskaran as the Manager, High Performance (South Zone) from 1 July 2014. Olympic Gold Medalist, Baskaran will be working under Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans.

Former coach of the Senior Men Hockey Team, V Baskaran will implement the overall High Performance programme of Hockey India men and women at the grassroots level including school, college and district level hockey in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar, Puducherry, Telangana and Seemandhra. Mr. Baskaran will closely work with Hockey India State Member Units to ensure consistency in training and performance. He will also monitor and evaluate the performance of coaches in Hockey India Member Units and Academies and identify the talent for elite coaching opportunities. In consultation with Director, High Performance, Mr. Baskaran will create, maintain and develop technical content for dissemination.

Mr. Baskaran was the captain of the team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. He has 287 international caps and has represented India in the Olympic Games in 1976 Montreal, two World Cups in 1973 Amsterdam (Silver) and in 1978 Buenos Aires, two Asian Games in 1974 Tehran (Silver) and in 1978 Bangkok (Silver) and Champions Trophy in 1978 Pakistan (Bronze).

Mr. Baskaran coached the senior men national team for ten years. Under his coaching India had played 187 matches including major tournaments such as the Olympic Games in 2000 (Sydney), two World Cups in 1998 in Utrecht and 2006 in Germany, Asian Games 2006 in Doha, Junior World Cup in 1997 in Milton Keynes (Silver) and Champions Trophy in 1997 in Chennai. In 1980, he received the Arjuna Award and in the next year he received the Padamshri Award.

## Hockey India appoints Harendra Singh as Coach of the Junior Men Hockey Team



Hockey India appointed Mr. Harendra Singh as the coach of the Junior Men Hockey Team for grooming the Junior Men squad ahead of the Junior Men World Cup 2016 to be held in India.

Harendra Singh joined the training camp of the junior men hockey team from 25 April 2014 for preparations of the Junior Men World Cup 2016.

As a coach, Harendra Singh will work towards sprucing up the squad's abilities and strength and help them in molding them to perform well on the global platform.

Starting his coaching career in 1998, Harendra Singh till date has a total coaching experience of 379 matches which includes Sydney Olympic (2000), World Cup (2005-Jr, 2006 and 2010), Asian Games (2006 and 2010), Asia Cup (2004-Jr and 2009), Champion's Challenge (2009) and various other tournaments. His achievements as a coach already includes 8 Gold medals with the Senior & Junior teams, 5 Silver medals with Senior and Junior teams, and 9 Bronze medals with Senior & Junior teams in various international tournaments.

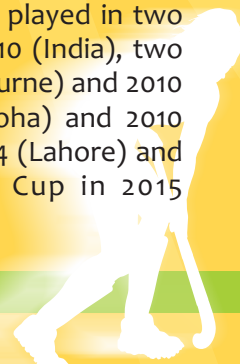
## Hockey India appoints Tushar Khandker as Coach of the Junior Men Hockey Team



Hockey India has appointed Tushar Khandker as a coach of the Junior Men Hockey Team. He joined the training camp of the Junior Men Hockey team from 26 April 2014 for preparations of the Junior Men World Cup 2016 to be held in India. He is currently working on grooming the forward players of

the Junior Core probables.

Tushar Khandker who last participated in the London Olympic Games 2012, had represented the country in 229 international matches. He has also played in two World Cups in 2006 (Germany) and 2010 (India), two Commonwealth Games in 2006 (Melbourne) and 2010 (India), two Asian Games in 2006 (Doha) and 2010 (China), two Champions Trophy in 2004 (Lahore) and 2005 (Chennai) and Junior World Cup in 2015 (Rotterdam).





## Technical Appointments

The participation of Indian Umpires and Technical Officials in the international events is increasing event by event. International Hockey Federation (FIH) has recently appointed Indian officials for its major events World League Round 1, Singapore, 20th Commonwealth Games Glasgow, Scotland, World League Round 1, Dhaka and 17th Asian Games, Korea. Hockey India also wishes success to the officials for their appointment.

### Two Indian Officials appointed for 20th Commonwealth Games 2014

The Two Indian technical officials including One Judge and One Umpire have been appointed for the 20th Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July – 3 August 2014.



**Raghu Prasad**

The 34 year old international Umpire Raghu Prasad who recently officiated at the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 in The Hague, Netherlands has been appointed as Umpire for the 20th Commonwealth Games 2014. Earlier he officiated in the FIH Junior Men World Cup in Delhi last year, FIH World League Round-3 in Malaysia last year, Olympic Games in London 2012, FIH Champions Trophy (2005, 2009 & 2012), FIH World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Junior World Cup Championships (2005 & 2009).



**Anjali Sharma**

The 38 year old Technical Officer Anjali Sharma has been appointed as a Judge for the 20th Commonwealth Games 2014. She has been appointed by FIH in some major events in the recent past, including FIH World League Round 2, 2013 in Delhi, FIH World League Semi-finals 2013 in Rotterdam, 6th Junior Asia Cup 2012 in Bangkok.

### Six Indian officials appointed for Asian Games 2014

The six Indian Technical Officials including one Umpire's Manager, one Technical Officer, 2 Judges and 2 Umpires have been appointed for the 17th Asian Games to be held in Korea from 19 September - 4 October 2014.



**Shakeel Qureshi**

Shakeel Qureshi has also been appointed as Umpire's Manager of the 17th Asian Games to be held in Korea from 19 September – 4 October 2014.



**Mohamed Muneer Moghul**

Mohamed Muneer Moghul has been appointed as Technical Officer for the 17th Asian Games to be held in Korea from 19 September – 4 October 2014. Mr. Muneer has officiated in many FIH tournaments including FIH World League Round 1, 2012 in Singapore, World Cup 2010 in Delhi, Commonwealth Games 2010 in Delhi, Asian Games 2010 in Guangzhou and many other FIH events



**Anjali Sharma**

Anjali Sharma has been appointed as a Judge for the 17th Asian Games 2014. She has also been appointed as a Judge of the 20th Commonwealth Games 2014.



**Rakesh Bhatia**

Rakesh Bhatia has been appointed as a Judge of the 17th Asian Games 2014. He has also officiated in the Asian Champions Trophy held at Japan in 2013. Mr. Bhatia who started his career in 2009, officiated in many domestic events including Hero Hockey India League 2013 and 2014.





## Technical Appointments



**Nirmal Dagar**

An International Umpire from Haryana, Nirmala Dagar has been appointed as an Umpire for the Commonwealth Games 2014. Nirmala who started Umpiring in 2006 has also officiated in the Women's Asia Cup 2007 Hongkong, 4th AHF Cup 2011 Thailand, 1st Asian Champions Trophy 2011 China and FIH World League Round 1, 2012 Malaysia.



**Javed Shaikh**

International Umpire Javed Shaikh who recently officiated in the Rabobank Hockey World Cup in The Hague, Netherlands has now been appointed to the panel of Umpires for 17th Asian Games to be held in Korea from 19 September – 4 October 2014. Javed who officiated in the Hero Hockey Junior Men World 2013 has stood in more than 85 internationals and achieved Grade-1 level from FIH in 2009. He is also the second Indian Umpire who was recently appointed in the FIH World Development Panel of Umpires. He officiated in the FIH World League Round 2 in New Delhi 2013, FIH Champions Challenge 1, 2012, Olympic Qualifiers in New Delhi 2012, Asia Cup 2009, Commonwealth Games 2006 and Asian Games 2006.

### Shakeel Qureshi appointed Umpire Manager for World League Round 1, Singapore



Shakeel Qureshi has been appointed as an Umpires Manager for FIH World League Round 1 to be played in Singapore from 21-27 June 2014 by International Hockey Federation (FIH). Shakeel Qureshi who started his career as an umpire in 1986, officiated in 90 international matches. He officiated in many FIH tournaments including FIH World League Round 2, 2013 in Delhi, Junior Women Asia Cup 2012 in Thailand, World Cup 2010 in Delhi, Commonwealth Games 2010 in Delhi, Commonwealth Games 1998 in Malaysia, Champions Trophy 1996 in India, Champions Trophy 1993 in Germany.

### Two Indian officials appointed for World League Round 1, Dhaka



**Claudius De Sales**

The 48 Year Old Claudius De Sales who officiated in the recently concluded Rabobank Hockey World Cup at The Hague, Netherlands, is now appointed as Tournament Director for World League Round 1, Dhaka from 2-7 September 2014. Claudius has been officiating in FIH tournaments for the past eight years including the FIH Junior Men World Cup 2013, Olympic Games in London 2012, Asian Champions Trophy 2011, World Cup in Delhi 2010, Commonwealth Games in Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Asia Cup in 2006.



**Shakeel Qureshi**

Shakeel Qureshi who is recently appointed to officiate in the World League Round 1 in Singapore, is also appointed as Umpires Manager for World League Round 1 in Dhaka.

### Shakeel Qureshi appointed Competitions Director for 35th National Games



Shakeel Qureshi has also been appointed as Competitions Director for the 35th National Games to be held at Kerala from 31 January - 14 February 2015.





## Hockey India's Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee emphasizes on development of Young Umpires & Officials

The first meeting of the Umpiring, Technical and Competition Committee emphasised on the importance and need to have world class umpires and technical officials and ways of enhancing their skills in their area of expertise. This initiative by Hockey India has been put in place keeping in mind the fact that India is proving to be an important destination for holding International tournaments by FIH and hence having world class officials in place is the need of the hour.

The committee decided, the first step towards this initiative will be for the state members to nominate 2-3 best Umpires both men and women under the age of 25 and 2-3 technical officials both men and women under the age of 35. Post this the selected umpires and technical officials will be closely monitored during matches that they are officiating and each will be given individual report card which will include feedback on their performance alongwith ways of improving oneself for further tournaments.

The Committee during the meeting also emphasised on the importance of fitness of international Umpires and decided that the result of the fitness report will be circulated to all international Umpires and those who do not reach the desired minimum standards will be given six weeks to complete the tests.

The meeting also came to the decision that those International Umpires who have reached international retirement age of 47 years will be considered for Umpire Manager but incase, those who would not be interested in taking up the offer then they can even be considered for appointment as an Umpire for next 3 years (up to the age of 50) at a sub-junior level only.

## Meet the Upcoming Umpires of India



**Archana Tiwary**

**Passionate Archana journeyed from being a Young Player to a National Umpire in 2 years**

The 23 year old Archana Tiwary who played as a centre half represented Bengal Hockey Association in the 2nd Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2012 played at Lucknow, two years later she carved her path out to become a national umpire. Archana Tiwary has to her credit umpiring in most of the games in the recently concluded 4th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2014 (Division A) held at Pune and 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014 held at Mysore.

Archana hails from Kolkata and is currently pursuing her degree in Bachelor of Arts (History). She started playing hockey during her school days when she was just 13 years old. The desire to take-up the role as that of an umpire, struck her after the conclusion of the 2nd Hockey India National Championship 2014 held at Lucknow, in 2012, where she represented West Bengal. Under the guidance of her coach Surabhi Mitra in Kolkata, Archana debuted as an umpire at the 19th Jawahar Lal Nehru Hockey Tournament (U-17) along with other national umpires and did an excellent job on field.

Having lost her father in November last year and despite of having financial crunch in the family, Archana continues her passion for umpiring with the help of her coach Surabhi Mitra who bears some expenses of her studies. When not studying, Archana likes to spend time on maintaining her fitness, reading FIH rules book and watching videos of the latest international matches to understand the standards of umpiring in all circumstances.

Archana dreams of becoming an international umpire. She feels that in the last two years domestic events have increased and young umpires like herself are getting more opportunities. She wanted to officiate in more events so as to groom herself for future. Archana also thanked the senior Umpires alongwith the members of Hockey India Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee for their support during the events and helping her in understanding the FIH rules in a better way.





### The youngest umpire of India aspires to go international



**Tarun Yadav**

At the age of 22 years, Tarun Yadav is the youngest umpire in India. Hailing from Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh), Tarun aims to become an international umpire someday. He initially desired of becoming a Hockey player and thus started playing at a tender age of 13. In 2009, due to the monetary situation of the family, he refrained from continuing his passion and in due course stopped playing.

In the same year, a golden opportunity awaited Tarun in the form of a prospect of umpiring at the state level championship. There has been no looking back for the young man since then. He, after that, regularly umpired state level events.

Early this year, Tarun cleared his umpiring exam conducted by Chhattisgarh Hockey and was offered a chance as an umpire in the 4th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2014 (Division B) held at Vadodara from 10-18 May 2014.

Tarun is currently pursuing his Degree of Bachelor in Arts (Final year). He also works part time to earn some extra money for his family. His passion for Hockey and umpiring encouraged him to spare one hour daily from his work in the evenings to keep him fit and learn the skills of umpiring. Tarun feels that the initiative of providing opening to young umpires in India is a welcoming step by Hockey India. He is working hard to learn the rules of FIH umpiring.

### A player, an umpire, now nurturing budding talents



**Dhaval Prajapati**

Dhaval comes from Vadodara in Gujarat. Currently 24, he started playing Hockey at a young age of 8 years. Since then he has been minutely observing umpires, both domestic and international. Dhaval was very much affected by the South African umpire John Wright when he finally decided that his career was brighter in umpiring than playing.

In 2011, barely out of his teenage, Dhaval umpired at the 1st Hockey India Junior Men National Championship, Pune. A computer teacher at Shree Ambe Vidyalaya, Vadodara, he usually gets free around 4 in the evening after which he likes nurture young talent by playing hockey with the kids, taking part in their game and teaching them the fundamentals of the game. Dhaval not only moderates these matches amongst the kids but also analysis archival online videos to better his near perfect umpiring skills, when not on the playground.

Dhaval has a very supportive family back home who loves to watch him on the television screens officiating at national events. Sultan of Johar Cup played at Malaysia last year, was his first international assignment as an umpire.

### Volunteering at CWG and a keen observation proves to be a turning point for Deepa



**DEEPA KUMARI**

The 23 years old Delhi girl, Deepa first time officiated in the Under-17 Nehru Girls Championship in the year 2010. A Hockey player as well, Deepa started playing in 2004 and participated in the Senior Women National Championship 2009. She volunteered at the 2010 Commonwealth Games held at New Delhi, where she keenly observed the umpires for the first time. It was then when she decided to go for umpiring instead of just playing.

Deepa also officiated as an umpire in the 1st Hockey India Junior Women National Championship in 2011. The Asia Cup Under-16, played at Bangkok last year, was her first international tournament as an umpire.





## AROUND INDIA

### Jaipur wins first Cairn India Rajasthan Women's Hockey Cup 2014

As a part of its association with Hockey India, the first 'Cairn India Rajasthan Women's Hockey Cup 2014' was organized at Banasthali Vidyapeeth in Jaipur from 8-12 April 2014. Cairn India, co-sponsor of India's national hockey teams, has associated with Banasthali Vidyapeeth, District Tonk for this event, which saw participation of eight district level teams.

In the final, Jaipur defeated the hosts Banasthali 7-0 to lift the title of the trophy and cash award of Rs 1 lakh and runners-up were awarded Rs 75,000 with a trophy.

During the closing ceremony of the tournament Mr. Rajesh Kurup, DGM Corporate Branding Cairn India, Dr. Shobha Singh, Vice-President Hockey India and Ms. Joydeep Kaur, Senior International Player were also present.

The other participating teams in the event include Ganganagar, Churu, Ajmer, Hanumangarh, Alwar and Bharatpur.



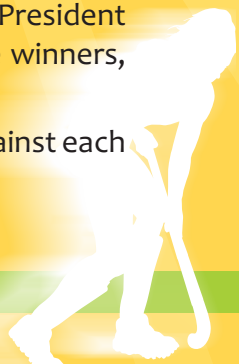
### South East Central Railway, Nagpur lifts 1st All India VHA – Nagpur Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2014

South East Central Railway, Nagpur defeated Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sundergarh (Odisha) 2-1 in an exciting final of the 1st All India VHA- Nagpur Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2014 organised by Vidarbha Hockey Association under the aegis of Hockey India from 20-26 April in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Earlier in the hardline final, Sports Hostel Pomposh, Rourkela defeated Maharashtra XI 2-0.

The chief guest of the closing ceremony Olympian Ashok Kumar and Mr. B C Bhartia, President Vidarbha Hockey Association presented trophy and a cheque of Rupees One lakh to the winners, while runners-up received cheque of Rs. 50,000.

In the six days of the tournament 18 teams from different parts of the country compete against each other for the title.





## AROUND INDIA

### Sundargarh wins the title of 12th Nalco Cup State Hockey Championship 2014

Star-studded Sundargarh won the title of the 12th Nalco Cup State Hockey Championship 2014 hosted by Hockey Odisha as they registered a 2-0 win over East Coach Railway in the final played under floodlights at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on 24 May 2014.

Earlier in the hard-line match, Defending Champions Rourkela Steel Plant finished third, edging out Paradeep Port Trust 3-2. All together 20 teams participated in the championship which commenced on 17 May 2014. The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony Mr. Saswat Mishra (IAS), Secretary, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Odisha handed over the trophy to the winning team. Mr. S C Padhy, Director Nalco (HR), Mr. Brigu Srinivasan, IG CRPF (Bhubaneswar), Mr. Asirbad Behera, Secretary Odisha Olympic Association, Justice Retd. A S Naidu, President Hockey Odisha and Mr. Pratap Satpathy, General Secretary Hockey Odisha were present on the occasion.



### Sundergarh eves retain Hockey Odisha State Women Championship 2014

Sundergarh thumped Cuttack 6-1 in the lop-sided final to retain the title in the 4th Hockey Odisha State Women Championship 2014 at Panposh Sports Hostel astro-turf ground in Rourkela on 23 April 2014.

Mr. Rabindra Nath Mishra, Additional Collector of Sundergarh handed over the trophy to the winners in the closing ceremony. Hockey Odisha General Secretary Mr. Pratap Satpathy was present on the occasion. Altogether eight teams participated in the three-day championship.



### Imphal Hockey Stadium, Manipur gets new synthetic turf



The Sports Department of Government of Manipur has replaced the old synthetic turf of the Imphal Hockey Stadium in Manipur. This is a new generation turf installed with TX artificial grass system and similar turf was used during FIH Men's World Cup at The Hague, Netherlands. The Imphal Hockey Stadium has a capacity to accommodate 8000 spectators and there is also a provision to accommodate 100 players at one time in the sports complex building which is next to the stadium.

Manipur has contributed a lot to Indian Hockey as it has produced players like Brojen Singh, Thoiba Singh, P Nilkomol Singh, Tingongleima Devi and Surjalata Devi,

L. Tiken Singh, M. Kulajit Meitei and many others who have represented the country at major events. Even players like Kothajit Singh, Chinglensana Singh, P Sushila Chanu, Pinky Devi, Lily Chanu, Mayengbam and N. Sanarik Chanu from Manipur are currently representing the country.





## AROUND INDIA

### UP XI wins 20th Abhilashi HIM Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2014

The UP XI lifted the winner's trophy of the 20th Abhilashi Him Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2014 defeating Haryana 3-1 played at Solan on 11 May 2014.

Governor of Himachal Pradesh Mrs. Urmila Singh presided over the closing ceremony and distributed the prizes to winners and other teams. The four day event saw participation of 6 teams from India and Pakistan.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Him Gold Hockey Association Solan Mr. Madan Chauhan and Vice-President of the association Mr. Lokinder Chauhan were also present on the occasion.

HIM Gold Cup Society is also running the HIM Academy which is an Academy Member of Hockey India.



### Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy wins World Youth Hockey Tournament 2014 Title

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Zoetermeer 4-1 in the final to lift the trophy of the World Youth Hockey Tournament 2014 played at HC Zoetermeer, The Netherlands on 8 June 2014. In the U-18 age category tournament which commenced on 7 June 2014, Madhya Pradesh Hockey team remained unbeatable in all the six matches played against top club teams of the different countries. On day-1, MPHA overcame Victoria 2-0 in their first match, followed by a big win over the hosts Zoetermeer 4-0 in the second match and then beat Rotterdam 3-1 in the last match played on 7 June 2014.

Having won all three matches on the opening day of the championship, the confidence level of MPHA was high on day-2 where they defeated GTHEGC 3-1 in their first match and before playing the final match of the tournament, they registered a big win of 4-0 over Robshort Canada.

Before playing the World Youth Hockey Tournament, MPHA girls played three build-up games against club teams of The Netherlands and Canada. In the first build-up match played on 30 May 2014, MPHA defeated Club Spirit Schiedam 5-1. In their second match on 3 June 2014, MPHA girls beat HIC Amstelveen 2-0 and then on 4 June 2014, they triumph over Robshort Canada 7-0 in their last build-up match. After winning the build-up matches, MPHA girls attended the coaching clinic in The Hague and received tips from the Australian and The Netherlands Coach.







Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India handing over hockey sticks, balls and goalkeeper pads to Mr. Jagroop Singh, Representative of Afghanistan Hockey Federation.

## Hockey India gives aid to Afghanistan Hockey Federation

With the aim of promoting hockey as a sport across the world, Hockey India provided aid to Afghanistan Hockey Federation. Considering the request received from Afghanistan Hockey Federation, Hockey India in its 22nd Board Meeting held on 29 March 2014 in New Delhi made a strategic decision and agreed to send Hockey Sticks, Balls and Goalkeeper Pads to them.

## Hockey India recommends names of Coaches & Players for the National Sports Awards 2014

Hockey India recommended the names of its coaches and players for the National Sports Awards 2014 which includes the prestigious Arjuna Award, Dhyan Chand Life Time Achievement Award and Dronacharya Award.

Names of Dharamvir Singh, VR Raghunath, Tushar Khandekar and Bharat Chetri's were recommended for the Arjuna Award. These names have been recommended keeping in mind their performance.

For the Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2014, Hockey India has put forward the name of the Indian Women team's former captain and currently a coach of the Senior Indian Women's Hockey Team Sumrai Tete and has accolades to her credit.

Romesh Pathania's name who is currently a coach of the Junior Indian Women's Hockey Team's has been recommended for the Dronacharya Award 2014.



### Player's Milestone

**P R Sreejesh**- Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh completed his 100th international cap during match against Korea on 14 June 2014 at The Hague, Netherlands.

**S K Uthappa**- Midfielder SK Uthappa completes his 50th international cap during India's clash against England on 2 June 2014 in the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 at The Hague, Netherlands.



**Chinglesana Singh**- The 23 years old Manipur boy Chinglensana Singh Kanjugam playing at midfield position completed his 50th international cap during India's match against Malaysia in the recently concluded Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 played at The Hague, Netherlands on 7 June 2014.

**Jasjeet Singh**- Midfielder Jasjeet Singh made his international debut against England on 2 June 2014 in the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 at Rotterdam, Netherlands.

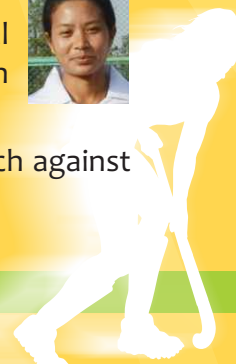


**Poonam Rani**- Forward Poonam Rani completed her 100 international caps against Ireland during Europe Tour on 15 April 2014.

**Chanchan Devi**- Midfielder from Manipur Chanchan Devi completed her 100 international caps during match against Korea in the FIH Champions Challenge 1, Glasgow (Scotland) on 27 April 2014



**Gurjit Kaur**- Defender Gurjit Kaur scored a goal in her debut international match against Malaysia in the first test played on 9 June 2014 at Kuala Lumpur





## Hockey India Disciplinary/Disputes Committee (Athletes & Members) Meetings

Hockey India Disciplinary/Disputes Committee (Athletes & Members) held 12 meetings on several occasions in the last three months to discuss breaches of the Hockey India Code of Conduct by players, coaches, technical officials and office bearers of state units and Age Fraud Policy by players, team managers, and the support staff. The Committee further took action on the basis of the available reports and facts related to the different incidents.

Date	Decisions taken in the meeting	Period of Ban
1 April 2014	Devesh Chauhan, player from Uttar Pradesh Hockey and Tournament Director Mr. R.V Shelar has been banned for 3 months for Disrupting the Game of Hockey during the 4th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2014 in Lucknow.	1 April 2014 – 30 June 2014
	International Umpire Anupama Puchimanda has been banned for 2 months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct during 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014 in Mysore	1 April 2014- 31 May 2014
	18 Members of the Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy Women's Hockey team have been banned for a period of one month for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct by Walking off the Field during match of the 4th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2014 at Bhopal.	1 April 2014 – 30 April 2014
	Mr. Paramjit Singh, Coach of MPHA has been banned for two months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct by Walking off the Field and Ms. Usha Nimbalkar, Team Manager of MPHA has also been banned for two months for not performing her duties of a Team Manager	1 April 2014- 31 May 2014
6 May 2014	Rahul Yadav, player of Rajnandgaon XI has been banned for 12 months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct by Physical Assault on Opponent and team manager Mr. Koshor Diwar has also been banned for 12 months for Breach of Hockey India Code of Conduct by using Abusive Language towards Match officials and Walking off the Field during match of the 1st All India VHA – Nagpur Gold Cup Tournament 2014.	6 May 2014- 5 May 2015
	Rajnandgaon XI team has also been banned for 6 months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct by Walking off the Field during match of the 1st All India VHA – Nagpur Gold Cup Tournament 2014. The players falling under the ban are – Deepesh Chabay, Mithlesh Panday, Rukesh Nishad, Rohit Rajak, Veshnu Yadav, Naveen Tirkey, Kartik Yadav, Sunil Kullu, Rajesh Nimbalkar, Shakil Ahmed, Taqfik Ahmad, Sukhdev Nimbalkar, Khilesh Pandya, Abhinav Mishra and Khemraj Sinha	6 May 2014- 5 November 2014





Date	Decisions taken in the meeting	Period of Ban
	<p>Mr. S. Jalaluddin Rizvi, General Secretary of Hockey Bhopal has been issued warning for Disrupting the Game of Hockey during the 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014</p> <p>Ms. Davinder Bhatia, Tournament Director of the 4th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2014 held at Mysore has been given a warning for Integrity and Unbiased towards any other officials. She will be on probation from 6 May 2014 - 5 May 2015</p>	
18 June 2014	<p>Dheeraj Vats, player from Hockey Himachal Pradesh, Vashu Dev, player from Delhi Hockey and Mr. Arun Rawat, Team Manager from Delhi Hockey have been banned for a period of 6 months for committing a level 2 offence of physical assault.</p> <p>Nisha Rajak, player of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy has been banned for a period of 12 months for violating Hockey India Age Fraud Policy.</p> <p>In the same case, Ms. Vandana Uikey, Team Manager of MPHA has been banned for 2 years for conspiring to misprint the players age.</p> <p>Mr. Gyanchand Jain, Coach (Chhattisgarh Hockey), Mr. Laxmidhar Mohanty, Manager (Hockey Odisha) and Mr Paramjeet Singh Coach (Uttar Pradesh Hockey) have been banned for 3 months for Violation of Hockey India Code of Conduct during the the 4th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship, held in Ranchi.</p> <p>In the same case, Mr Muneer Moghul Mohammed, Tournament Director was given an official warning and will be on probation from 18 June 2014 to 17 June 2015.</p> <p>Six players of Hockey Haryana have been banned for 9 months for breaching Hockey India Age Fraud Policy during 4th Hockey Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2014 (Division A), being played in Ranchi. Players are Dilawar – s/o Dalel Singh, Pardeep Kumar – s/o Bahadur Singh, Jasbir Antil – s/o Anand Singh, Amit – s/o Richpal Deshwal, Ravi – s/o Mewa Singh and Amit – s/o Raj Kapoor.</p> <p>In the same case Mr. Shamsher Singh, Team Manager and Mr. Kuldeep Siwach, Coach of Hockey Haryana have been banned for 9 months for conspiring to misrepresent the age of players.</p> <p>Fajish P.K and Sabari Sasidharan players of Hockey Kerala have been banned for 2 years for breaching Hockey India Age Fraud Policy during the 4th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2014 held at Vadodra.</p>	<p>18 June 2014- 17 December 2014</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 June 2015</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 June 2016</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 September 2014</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 March 2015</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 March 2015</p> <p>18 June 2014- 17 June 2016</p>

All the above will each have a chance to appeal against the decision within 30 days with an appeal to Hockey India Athletes Dispute & Grievance Redressal Committee.





## Hockey India, saddened by the demise of Sultan of Perak, HRH Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah



Hockey India on the demise of HRH Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, President Asian Hockey Federation on 28 May 2014 felt deeply saddened and expresses its grief on losing a figure who was known for his immense contribution towards Hockey.

Speaking on the sad demise, Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General, Hockey India said "with great grief and sorrow, Hockey India would like to express its condolence for the departed soul of Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah. It's a sad day for the game of hockey across the world. May his soul Rest In Peace".

## Hockey India inducts CISF as its Associate Member

Hockey India inducted Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as its new Associate member, who from now on will take part in all the national championships in future.

CISF is a paramilitary force under Ministry of Home Affairs providing integrated security cover to the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). Over the past few years, it has grown several folds and has a

number of teams with international/national level sports persons. Last year, CISF came up with an initiative of CISF Sports Person Recruitment which contributed immensely to Indian sports.

Mr. R C Huria (DIG/TRG) is the President and Mr. K T Joseph (Asstt. Comdt/Sports) is the General Secretary of Central Industrial Security Force.

## Hockey India welcomes HIM Academy as an Academy Member

Hockey India inducted HIM Academy as its new Academy Member. Being a part of Hockey India, HIM Academy now has the opportunity to be part of further activities being organized by Hockey India.

HIM Academy is based in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh and is run by HIM Gold Cup Society and has already started plans for the installation of own astro turf very soon in the Solan district.

It currently provides training to 45 boys and 35 girls within the sub-junior category from across the country. For the past 20 years, HIM Gold Cup Society has successfully organised the HIM Gold Cup Hockey Tournament wherein they engage top countries to participate in the tournament.

Hockey India currently has 25 Permanent Member units, 21 Associate Members, 2 Members through State Olympic Associations, 6 Academy Members and 1 Hoc-Key Member.

## HOCKEY CHHATTISGARH HELD ITS ELECTIONS



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## IOA Secretary General Rajeev Mehta Meets IOC and FIH President

Indian Olympic Association Secretary General (IOA) and Hockey India Associate Vice- President Mr. Rajeev Mehta met International Olympic Council (IOC) President Mr. Thomas Bach and International Hockey Federation (FIH) President Mr, Leandro Negre in The Hague on 14 June 2014. During this meeting Mr. Rajeev Mehta discussed with Mr. Bach about the plans of the Indian Olympic Association for the development of sports in India.



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association, Mr. Thomas Bach, President International Olympic Council, Mrs. Deepa Mehta, Wife of Mr. Rajeev Mehta and Mr. Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation during their meeting in The Hague.



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General Indian Olympic Association meeting Mr. Thomas Bach, President International Olympic Council in The Hague.

## Hockey Kerala relegated to Associate Member by Hockey India

Hockey India Disciplinary/Disputes Committee (Athletes & Members) met on 28 May 2014 to discuss the Governance of Hockey in Kerala and operations of Hockey Kerala and investigate alleged irregularities in its functioning.

The Committee members reviewed the report and the documentation provided by Hockey Kerala during the meeting. The committee members agreed that there were irregularities in its functioning of the Member Unit.

With effect from 28 May 2014, Hockey Kerala was relegated to Associate Member category of Hockey India.

As the President, Hockey Kerala was not available for the meeting he was represented by Senior Vice President Mr. M A Kareem and General Secretary Mr. Ramesh Kolappa.





# Birthday Celebrations



Mr. Sudesh Mahato, Vice-President Hockey India and President Hockey Jharkhand cuts cake on his birthday during Hockey India Executive Board Meeting.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India giving a present to Mr. Sudesh Mahato, Vice-President Hockey India on his birthday.



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1. Indian Hockey Fans in World Cup 2014 at The Hague 2&3. Lucky Winners of Hockey India Facebook Contest during World Cup 2014 with the Hockey sticks and balls autographed by Indian Team

## Player's Birthday

### Men

### Women

#### July

Pawan Kumar	5	Anuja Singh	7
Sardar Singh	15	Savita	11
Jarmanpreet Singh	18	Karishma Singh	17
Varun Kumar	25	Renuka Yadav	18
		Amandeep Kaur	24
		Shilpi Dabas	26

#### August

Dharamvir Singh	5	Yogita Bali	5
Kothajit Singh	17	Anu Bala	9
Manpreet Singh (Jr)	21		

#### September

Sushant Tirkey	1	Soundarya Yendala	16
Gurbaj Singh	9		

**Hockey India congratulates Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh and Selector Arjun Halappa for being blessed with baby girls last month.**



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