

# Newsletter

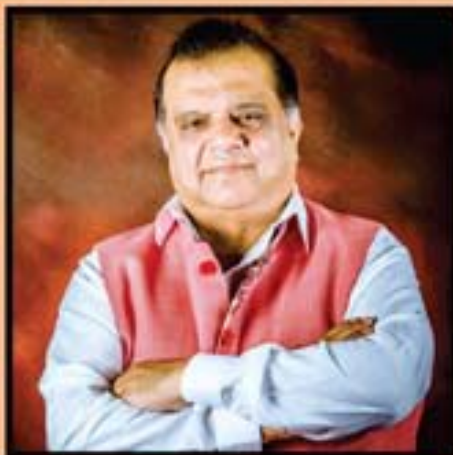
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Indian Women's Hockey team  
Qualified for Rio Olympics



Message from

**Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra**

**President - Hockey India &**

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It was yet another two months of action for hockey in India. The month of August witnessed a historic moment when the Indian Women Hockey team qualified for the RIO Olympics 2016, a feat, achieved after 36 years. The team has rightfully earned a place in the Games through a rigorous qualification process. The Indian Women Hockey team last time featured in the Moscow 1980 Olympics, where they finished at a respectable 4th position. The Indian Men team were not behind in making news as they successfully conquered

two European teams during the Europe Tour wherein they faced the challenge of France and Spain. While the team won both the matches against France, they lost one and won the remaining two matches against Spain, going on to take the Series against Spain. The same month we saw activities being initiated for the upcoming edition of the Hockey India League where all six existing franchisees retained their choice of minimum six players while releasing the rest of the squad.

This was followed by the League announcing new regulations in the month of September which became a talking point across the world. We are proud that this was initiated by Hockey India and has the approval of both the Rules and Competition Committees. Right after this announcement, Hockey India conducted a successful HIL 2015 Auction wherein all six franchises bid and picked up their team for the 4th edition of the Hockey India League. On the international front, the Junior Women National team made us proud as they grabbed the fourth position in the 7th Women's Asia Cup.

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## Hockey India Applauds The Indian Women Hockey Team For Sealing Their Place In The Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Hockey India applauded the historic achievement of the India Women Hockey Team for booking their berth in the upcoming 2016 Rio Olympics. The team is featuring in the all important tournament after a gap of 36 years. The team has rightfully earned the place in the Games through a rigorous qualification process. The Indian Women Hockey team last time featured in the Moscow 1980 Olympics, where they finished at a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> position.

The team posted a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 in Antwerp, Belgium to ensure that they remained in contention for the Olympics. The berth was confirmed when Spain lost the semi final clash between England and Spain during the Unibet Euro Hockey Championships 2015 (Women). While the former already had a confirmed seat at Rio, a win for Spain would have meant they would have progressed through to the final and stayed in contention for qualification for the Olympic Games. Other semi-finalists of the Euro Hockey Championships (Women) – The Netherlands and Germany – had also already sealed their places during the FIH Hockey World League Semi-Final Round 2015.

Congratulating the India Women Team, an elated Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said, "It is a proud moment for Hockey India and the whole country. We have been waiting for this for the last 36 years and this achievement is the sweetest and the most memorable among all our previous feats in recent times. I congratulate all the players and coaching staff who made this dream real and this achievement also shows their





commitment toward their responsibilities. Hockey India thanks all the coaches who trained these players at their respective academies, parents, sponsors and the entire hockey fraternity, who continuously motivated the players and without their support, we could not have achieved this success. I am sure the girls will make us proud at the Olympics."

Hockey India Secretary General Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad added: "The Olympics qualification is indeed a great achievement for the India Women Team and the Indian hockey fraternity. The players and the Coaching Staff have done a commendable job and they are still training hard for the 2016 Olympic Games. Hockey India is doing its part and fulfilling all the requirements of the team. I congratulate the whole team and the people who have been working hard behind the scene to achieve this success. However, the job is still half done and the team now has to set a new aim of clinching the first Olympic medal."

Among the final 12 places in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, ten teams have booked their berths till now. Korea (2014 Incheon Asian Games champion), Great Britain, China, Germany, Argentina, The Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand (top finishers of the 2015 FIH HWL Semi-Final Round which took place in Antwerp and Valencia) and United States (2015 Toronto Pan-American Games champion) and India now becoming the 10<sup>th</sup> team to qualify. The last two participating teams will be confirmed in the 2015 African Qualifying Tournament in Egypt and 2015 Oceania Cup in New Zealand.

The 2016 Summer Olympics will start with a glittering Opening Ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> August at Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro and the Women team will commence its outing from 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016.



## The Indian Women Hockey Team Ecstatic On Their Qualification To RIO Olympics 2016

A very happy Captain Ritu Rani said, "It's a dream come true. I am still in the process of realizing that we have made it to the Olympics. We were aware that the outcome of the match between England and Spain will confirm our position for the Games next year and we had been waiting for the results. We were overjoyed when we came to know that we have qualified. This is a lifetime moment for each player and we will ensure that we make it more memorable by giving it a podium finish."

Overjoyed on the qualification, Rani Rampal added: "This is just so unbelievable. While we were sure of a berth but now that this has happened it is still hard to believe. We had been playing and practicing for this moment for many years now. Many in the team were aware that it would be the last opportunity to achieve our dream and play in the Olympics and this time we were adamant that we will make this happen. What adds more joy to this feat was my goal against Japan during the FINTRO FIH Hockey World League Semi-Final at Antwerp which helped us put the pressure on them and finally nailing the game in our favor."

Speaking on the qualification, Goalkeeper Savita said "I still remember the game against Japan during the FINTRO FIH Hockey World League at Antwerp. We knew a win would keep us in contention and so in a way I had to ensure that Japan did not find the nets. While we had scored early, the job from there was to defend that one goal. Each one of us took it on oneself that we will defend it and not allow them to score. I think it was everyone's effort that day which has allowed us to see this beautiful day today. From here there is no looking back. We will make this qualification count and will make the country proud".

Vice Captain Deepika said "This year we had taken it on ourselves that we will not let this opportunity go and when we were playing the 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> position of the FINTRO FIH Hockey World League we knew that it is a 'do or die' situation for us and a win would keep us in contention. Before the match each one of us were aware that we have to stand up tall today and not allow the pressure to take over us. The first aim was to score the initial goal and which thanks to Rani we did it and the second aim was to defend that goal without losing focus. It was not an easy game as Japan was also playing with the same goal but it was possible because we stood up as a unit. Next year we will ensure that we add another feather by aiming for a podium finish".

Speaking on the qualification, Chief Coach Mathias Ahrens said "When I came on board my immediate focus was to see that the team qualifies for the Games next year. During every game at Antwerp I reminded the players that this is their chance to RIO. They have to deliver to see their dreams come true. I am happy that I was able to motivate and guide them, which has ensured us this spot in the RIO Olympics 2016. From here now my job will be to see that they make the country proud through their performance".













## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Congratulates Indian Women Hockey Team



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प्रिय डॉ. बत्रा जी,

भारतीय महिला हॉकी टीम के 36 वर्षों के लंबे अंतराल के बाद ओलंपिक प्रतियोगिताओं के लिए चयनित होने पर मैं हॉकी टीम एवं आपको प्रदेशवासियों की ओर से हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ। पिछले 8 वर्षों में मध्यप्रदेश के योगदान को आपने सराहा है, इसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

आपके कुशल मार्गदर्शन, प्रयासों तथा खिलाड़ियों द्वारा की गयी कड़ी मेहनत का प्रतिफल है कि भारतीय महिला टीम ने ओलंपिक के लिए क्वालीफाई कर देश का गौरव बढ़ाया है। मैं आपके प्रयासों एवं टीम की मेहनत की सराहना करता हूँ।

हॉकी को पुनः सर्वोच्च शिखर पर पहुंचाने के उद्देश्य से ही हमने पुरुष और महिला हॉकी अकादमी की स्थापना मध्यप्रदेश में की है।

मैं भारतीय हॉकी को विश्व में नंबर 1 के स्थान पर पहुंचाने के लिए हर संभव मदद देने को तैयार हूँ।

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(शिवराज सिंह चौहान)

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## Raipur, India Confirmed As The Host Of The 2015 Men's Hero Hockey World League Final

- Raipur International Hockey Stadium will host the 2015 Men's Hero Hockey World League Final
- First international hockey event to be held in city of Raipur
- Recently completed stadium to host eight team competition

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has announced that the 2015 men's Hero Hockey World League Final will be hosted by the Indian city of Raipur, Chhattisgarh between 27 November and 6 December 2015. The event will be held in the 3,000 capacity Raipur International Hockey Stadium which was opened as a dedicated hockey facility in August 2014.

The event will feature eight national hockey teams who qualified through the Hockey World League Semi-Finals in Buenos Aires and Antwerp. They include Australia, ranked number one in the FIH World Rankings, Netherlands (2), Germany (3), Belgium (4), Great Britain (5), Argentina (6), hosts India (8) and Canada (13). This will be the first international hockey event to be staged not only in the newly built Raipur International Hockey Stadium, but also in the city of Raipur, the capital of India's Chhattisgarh state.

"The Hero Hockey World League Final is going to be an extremely exciting event, with all eight teams having qualified for the 2016 Olympics. This will be one of the last opportunities to test themselves against one another in international competition before they head out to Rio for the Games later next year," said Leandro Negre, FIH President.

He continued: "India has a strong connection with the sport of hockey and we are delighted to be taking this showcase competition to a city that has shown a great desire to host international hockey tournaments. We have no doubt that the local organisers and the people of Raipur will put on a fantastic event for athletes, spectators and TV viewers around the world."

Speaking about this announcement, Dr. Raman Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh, said: "It is a proud moment for the State of Chhattisgarh. When we started work on the stadium the aim was to make a world class stadium which meets international standards and I'm happy that we have successfully achieved that. Chhattisgarh is known for its love for hockey and this stadium is a step towards giving those requisite facilities to the aspiring players who want to make their mark on the international platform. I welcome hockey fans from across the world and invite them to come and experience the exhilarating hockey set to be witnessed here in November and December."

### INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM RAIPUR







Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, President of Hockey India, added further support to the host confirmation. He said: "It's great news for the Indian hockey fraternity as Raipur will host an international level tournament for the first time. This will be a huge motivation not only for Hockey India but also for the officials at the Raipur stadium. Yet again this proves our capabilities to host tournaments of this stature, effortlessly and perfectly. This will provide a huge opportunity for the people of Chhattisgarh to watch incredible hockey skills as teams compete to grab the tournament title. Tournaments like these will inspire the young generation to take up hockey as a career, which we hope will enhance our talent pool in the future."

This is the second edition of the Hockey World League. The inaugural Hockey World League men's Final was held in New Delhi, India and was won by the Netherlands.





## India Outplays Spain 4-2 To End The Series With Spain

After winning the second match, the Indian Men Team registered their second win against Spain in the third and last match of the Europe Tour. India forward player Ramandeep Singh's two spectacular goals within a minute helped the Indian team to outplay Spain by 4-2 in the match played in Terrassa, Spain.

The squad returned with many positives that also give them a boost of confidence for the upcoming FIH Hockey World League Final, to be held in India in December. The team enjoyed an impressive winning campaign as they stepped up defensively on the field and took good control of the game in every match that they played against France and Spain.

Speaking from the IGI Airport, Roelant Oltmans, Director, High Performance and Indian Men Team Chief Coach stated, "The team performed exceptionally well in the European Tour which proves that our players are ready to take on greater challenges. The highlight was that we did not give away the ball possession easily to the opponents and with the FIH Hockey World League Final scheduled to take place towards the end of this year, I hope the team do its best and display high-level performances."

DATE	MATCH	RESULT
03 August 2015	FRANCE	2 – 0 WIN
05 August 2015	FRANCE	4 – 1 WIN
10 August 2015	SPAIN	1 – 4 LOSS
12 August 2015	SPAIN	2 – 0 WIN
13 August 2015	SPAIN	4 – 2 WIN



Speaking post landing, Captain Sardar Singh said, "We are in high spirits after the win in the European Tour and have come back with many learnings along with the weaknesses that needs to be worked upon. I think we need to work on converting scoring opportunities through penalty corners and which will be our emphasis before the FIH World League Final later in December. The young players played exceptionally well which is gradually adding to our strengths as we have a bigger pool of players to choose from before each tournament."

















# 12th Hockey India league Franchise Workshop held on 3rd Aug 2015





## Hockey India League Announces New Rules & Regulations For The Upcoming HIL 2016

After three highly competitive seasons of the Hockey India League (HIL), the Governing Committee will now bring new rules and regulations to make the world's best league more competitive and intense. The announcement of the new rules was made at a press conference addressed by Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Chairman, Hockey India League.

From the 2016 season of Hockey India League, franchisees can have a squad of 20 players with a composition of 12 Indian players and eight foreign players. The squad must have minimum two goalkeepers sitting on the bench and all the players of 20-member squad will be mentioned in the Match Sheet and must be present at their respective team's dug-out during the HIL matches.

As per the new goal-scoring points system, the HIL 2016 will be known as the most competitive and first of its kind in any hockey competition where field goals will be given more priority than penalty corners. In the HIL 2016 matches, 2 goal points will be awarded for every Field Goal to encourage more skilful and tactical hockey. To curb rough tackles and maintain discipline among players, 2 goal points will awarded to every Penalty-Stroke Goal scored other than resulting from penalty corner.

Two goals will also be awarded for every goal scored from a Penalty-Stroke resulting from a Penalty Corner where a goal being scored is prevented by a deliberate foul. The new goal-scoring system is approved by the FIH Competitions Committee and Rules Committee, which will promote spirited hockey and fair play among all players.

The rest of the Goal-Scoring point system remains the same where Penalty Corner goals, goal scored from a Penalty Stroke resulting from a Penalty Corner (where a goal being scored is prevented as a results of the ball hitting a foot or body) as well as a goal from a direct shoot-out and Penalty Stroke goals in a shoot-out competition will be considered as 1 goal point.

With the new rules and regulations, the Hockey India League will see the worlds best players showcase their hockey skills to score more goals through field goals. The new regulations will also reduce the aggressive moves and maintain discipline among players.

Speaking on the announcement Hockey India President and Hockey India League Chairman Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra said, "Penalty Corners give undue advantage to those teams which have penalty corner specialists. The teams also fight to earn penalty corners rather than scoring goals through field penetration. The new system will encourage teams and players to play to score goals instead of looking for penalties. The system will surely enhance players' skills and mentality of playing good hockey. HIL is committed to promoting the worlds best hockey and with this new rules, players will improve themselves in a competitive environment. We expect Hockey India League to continue its legacy of high-class hockey and take the sport to a new level."

Hockey India League 2015 auction is all slated for 17th September wherein 135 Indian and 136 Foreign Players will go under the hammer. Earlier in August 2015, Hockey India League had provided all the franchisees the option to retain upto 3 Indian and 3 Foreign players, while releasing the rest of the squad. With 271 players to get auctioned, each franchisee will be looking at a strong team with the hope of having the required edge over others.







## HIL 2016 Rules and Regulations

### > TEAM COMPOSITION

- o Squad of 20 players
- o 12 Indian players
- o 8 Foreign players
- o Minimum of 2 goalkeepers in the squad and sitting on the bench

### > PLAYING COMPOSITION

- o All players will be on the Match Sheet for each match and allowed on the bench

### > PLAYER REPLACEMENT

- o A Franchise can now make immediate replacements by selecting a player from the HIL Reserve List 2016.
- o Complete the Replacement Player Application Form as per the HIL Player Replacement Policy 2016

### > SCORING

- o New goal-scoring points
- o The first time played in any hockey competition
- o Approved by the FIH Competitions Committee and Rules Committee

For every Field Goal and Penalty Stroke Goal scored in a match other than resulting from a Penalty Corner	2 Goals
For every goal scored from a Penalty Stroke resulting from a Penalty Corner where a goal being scored is prevented by a deliberate foul	2 Goals
For every Penalty Corner scored in a match	1 Goals
For every goal scored from a Penalty Stroke resulting from a Penalty Corner (where a goal being scored is prevented as a results of the ball hitting a foot or body)	1 Goals
In a shoot-out competition a goal from a direct Shoot-out and a Penalty Stroke	1 Goals



# 13th Hockey India league Franchise Workshop held on 15th Sep 2015





## Hockey India League Successfully Concludes 2015 Players Auction

**Moritz Fuerste taken by Kalinga Lancers for a whopping USD 105000**  
**Akashdeep Singh successfully picked by Uttar Pradesh Wizards for USD 84000 making him the highest bid Indian player**

**Jaypee Punjab Warriors nail Jasjit Singh Kular for USD 65000**  
**Young goalies Akash Chitke, Suraj Karkera and Krishan B-Pathak bagged by Ranchi Rays, Uttar Pradesh Wizards and Dabang Mumbai respectively**

The 2015 auction of Hockey India League witnessed an intense and nail biting day as the six franchisees picked their team from the 271 players which went under the hammer at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi. With 135 Indian and 136 foreign players, the day started with Kieran Govers who was bought by Dabang Mumbai at USD 36000 post an intense round of bidding. This set the tone for the auction and there was no looking back for each franchisee as each one got into business to strategically bid and build the right mix of player combination for their teams.

Kelly Fairweather, CEO, FIH who was present for the auctions said "The League has attained a unique position in the world of hockey. There is considerable excitement in the fraternity for the event which is growing in stature year after year. The auctions are being held in the most professional manner and are throwing many surprises in terms of bidding and choice of players. The increasing choice of opting for younger player is an indication that the teams are keen to experiment with fresh talent."

Talking on the League and the Auction Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Chairman Hockey India League and President Hockey India said "There was no predefined criteria for the selection of players, so there was no restriction on the base price of the players and this decision was left with the players. The auctions have concluded successfully and I am happy to see the excitement amongst franchisee to build fresh teams."

Commenting on the League, Cam Vale, CEO Hockey Australia said "HIL is a very important League across the world. Hockey Australia did not give it a second thought to sign a MOU with Hockey India for the test series and releasing its players for HIL. We are committed to provide our players for the League as this also gives them a wonderful platform to play and learn from other players from across the world."

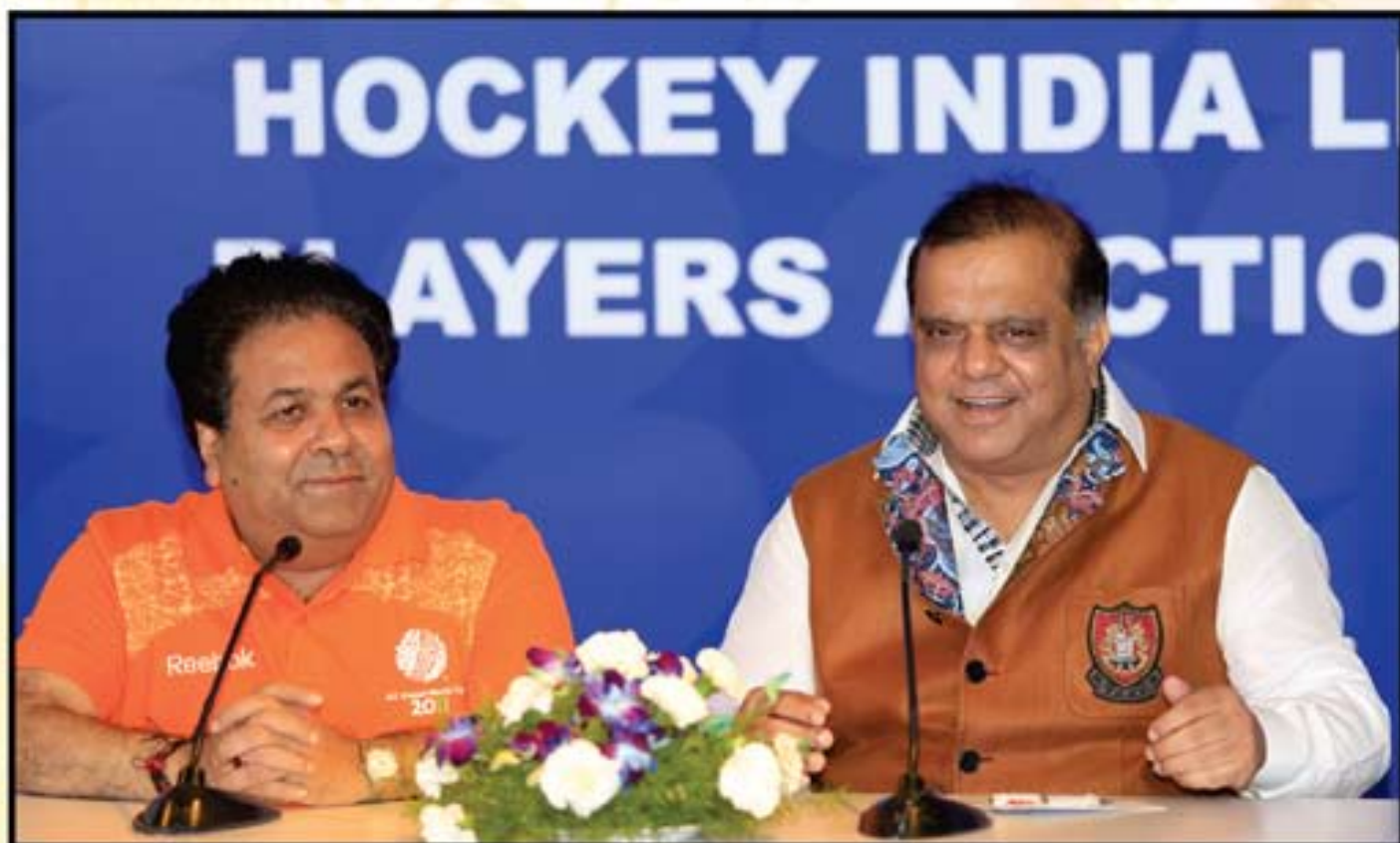
Chaitanya Diwan, Sr. Vice President, Star Sports said "Hockey India League has been growing year by year in terms of its popularity and viewership. We are really confident and the kind of support Hockey India is putting behind this event and the kind of support FIH is providing is a big boost to the game as well as the League. Star Sports is extremely excited about the event and we are proud of the fact that we are broadcasting the League. We will make sure we put this across all our platforms and will be presented absolutely in the best fashion possible".

Present for the auctions, Mr Rajiv Shukla, IPL Chairman said "Hockey India League is as good as IPL auctions. While IPL's base price is in lakhs, I think the way hockey is growing; the price will soon be in lakhs of dollars. The amount allocated to the players is appropriate and I believe over a period of time, there will be more eyeballs for this League".

Hockey India League 2016 will have its inaugural match in Bhubaneswar and the Finale will be played in Ranchi.



















# DABANG MUMBAI SQUAD



### GOALKEEPERS

KRISHAN B PATHAK	DAVID HARTE
	XAVI TRENCHS

### MIDFIELDERS

SH NILAKANTA SHARMA
DANISH MUJTABA
VIKAS SHARMA
TYRON PEREIRA
MANPREET

### DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS

MATTHEW SWANN
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### DEFENDERS

HARMANPREET SINGH	JEREMY HAYWARD
GURMAIL SINGH	SHEA MCALEESE

### FORWARDS

ROSHAN MINZ	FLORIAN FUCHS
AFFAN YOUSUF	JOHAN BJÖRKMAN
CA NIKKIN THIMMAIAH	
GURJANT SINGH	

### MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS

KIERAN GOVERS
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DOMESTIC PLAYERS
  FOREIGN PLAYERS



# DELHI WAVERIDERS SQUAD



### GOALKEEPERS

HARJOT SINGH	DEVON MANCHESTER
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### FORWARDS

TALWINDER SINGH	SIMON CHILD
YUVRAJ WALMIKI	
PARVINDER SINGH	
MANDEEP SINGH	
PRABHDEEP SINGH	

### MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS

BENJAMIN STANZL
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### DEFENDERS

SURENDER KUMAR	IAIN LEWERS
RUPINDER PAL SINGH	JUSTIN REID-ROSS
VICKRAM KANTH	
AMIT GOWDA	

### MIDFIELDERS

SANTA SINGH	STEVEN EDWARDS
HARJEET SINGH	

### DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS

TRISTAN WHITE
AUSTIN SMITH

DOMESTIC PLAYERS
  FOREIGN PLAYERS





# JAYPEE PUNJAB WARRIORS SQUAD



## GOALKEEPERS

JUGRAJ SINGH

NICOLAS JACOBI

## FORWARDS

SV SUNIL

JACOB WHETTON

SATBIR SINGH

JASJIT SINGH KHULAR

ARMAAN QURESHI

GURWINDER SINGH CHANDI

NITHIN THIMMAIAH

## MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS

MATT GOHDES

## DEFENDERS

VARUN KUMAR

CHRIS CIRIELLO

HARBIR SINGH SANDHU

MARK KNOWLES

## MIDFIELDERS

SARDAR SINGH

SIMON ORCHARD

BALJEET SINGH BOPARA

MARK GLEGHORNE

 AIYAPPA MUKKATIRA  
BIDDAPPA

## DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS

NICK HAIG

DOMESTIC PLAYERS

FOREIGN PLAYERS



# KALINGA LANCERS SQUAD



## GOALKEEPERS

ABHINAV KUMAR PANDEY

ANDREW CHARTER

## FORWARDS

DEVINDAR WALMIKI

GLENN TURNER

LALIT UPADHYAY

STANLI VICTOR MINZ

MALAK SINGH

## DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS

ARAN ZALEWSKI

MATTHEW WILLIS

MATTHEW DAWSON

## DEFENDERS

GURJINDER SINGH

ANAND LAKRA

AMIT ROHIDAS

DIPSAN TIRKEY

PARDEEP MOR

## MIDFIELDERS

DHARAMVIR SINGH

MORITZ FUERSTE

S.K UTHAPPA

## MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS

ADAM DIXON

QUIRIJN CASPERS

DOMESTIC PLAYERS

FOREIGN PLAYERS





# RANCHI RAYS SQUAD



GOALKEEPERS		DEFENDERS	
AKASH CHIKTE	TYLER LOVELL	BIRENDRA LAKRA	FERGUS KAVANAGH
MIDFIELDERS		KOTHAJIT SINGH	
MANPREET SINGH	ASHLEY JACKSON	SANDEEP SINGH	
VIKRAMJIT SINGH		DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS	
IMRAN KHAN		TIMOTHY DEAVIN	
SIMRANJEET SINGH		MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS	
SUMIT		BARRY MIDDLETON	
FORWARDS		TRENT MITTON	
SUMIT KUMAR		FLYNN OGILVIE	
SARVANJIT SINGH		DANIEL BEALE	
MOHD AMIR KHAN			

■ DOMESTIC PLAYERS
 ■ FOREIGN PLAYERS



# UTTAR PRADESH WIZARDS SQUAD



GOALKEEPERS		DEFENDERS	
PR SREEJESH		VR RAGHUNATH	WOUTER JOLIE
SURAJ KARKERA		GURINDER SINGH	GONZALO PEILLAT
FORWARDS		SUNIL YADAV	
RAMANDEEP SINGH	JAMIE DWYER	MIDFIELDERS	
AKASHDEEP SINGH	KENNY BAIN	CHINGLENSANA SINGH KANGUJAM	EDWARD OCKENDEN
P R AIYAPA		VIKAS VISHNU PILLAY	
JASKARAN SINGH		DEFENDERS / MIDFIELDERS	
M GUNASEKAR		TOBIAS HAUKE	
MIDFIELDERS / FORWARDS		NICHOLAS SPOONER	
AGUSTIN MAZILLI			

■ DOMESTIC PLAYERS
 ■ FOREIGN PLAYERS







## 7th Women's Junior Asia Cup 2015

India and Korea playing for the 3rd / 4th position match at the 7th Women's Junior Asia Cup 2015 witnessed an intense clash between both the teams as each looked at finishing the tournament on a high. It was Korea who managed to win the game 3-2 and India took the 4th position in the tournament.



DATE	MATCH	RESULT
5 Sep 2015	Vs DPR Korea	13 - 0
6 Sep 2015	Vs Singapore	12 - 0
09 Sep 2015	Vs China	2 - 4
10 Sep 2015	Vs Malaysia	19 - 1
12 Sep 2015	Vs Japan	2 - 2 (2 - 3)
13 Sep 2015	Vs Korea Rep	2 - 3









## Hockey India and Hockey New Zealand Announces Six-Match Test Series

Hockey India and Hockey New Zealand announced a six match series between India and New Zealand scheduled to take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The matches will be played in Auckland, Nelson and Christchurch. While India will play the first two matches against the New Zealand A team the last four matches will be played against the New Zealand senior men team. For India the Tour will be in preparation for the all important FIH Hockey World League Final 2015 to be held in Raipur in December, followed by the Rio Olympics slated in 2016 while for New Zealand they will prepare for the upcoming 2015 Oceania Cup wherein a win there would confirm a berth for them in the RIO Olympics 2016.

After a successful Europe Tour in August, where India defeated France and Spain, India Men Team is upbeat to continue their good form and expect positive results from the New Zealand Tour. Indian players are going through an intense training session in New Delhi and getting ready for the series. India would look at using the experience to prepare for the forthcoming tournaments in the next one year.

In June 2015, New Zealand playing in the FIH Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 in Buenos Aires, Argentina finished at 6<sup>th</sup> position after an unfortunate loss against Canada in the quarter-final match. With this set-back and another defeat against Spain in 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classification Match, they missed the opportunity to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympics. However, New Zealand still has a chance to qualify for the Olympics if they win the 2015 Oceania Cup, which will be held at their home-turf coming October and hence their clash against India will be an important ground to gear up for the upcoming challenge.

India and New Zealand A will be playing their first match on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 and which will be played in Auckland.





## India Men Hockey Team Departs For New Zealand

The India Men Hockey Team departed in the early hours of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 for the upcoming New Zealand Tour where they are scheduled to play four matches against New Zealand National Team and two matches against New Zealand A Team. The series is in preparation for the upcoming FIH Hockey World League Final, to be held in Raipur later this year where India will be seen clashing against top hockey teams of the world.

Speaking during the departure, Roelant Oltmans, Director, High Performance & India Men Chief Coach stated, "The New Zealand tour is important for us as we will get a good opportunity to play against a top-rated team and which helps us to prepare for the upcoming tournaments in the next one year before going into Rio 2016 Olympics. The team has worked on all areas, which even included team combination and keeping the defence structure strong. In the present day hockey, conceding less number of goals is a positive factor and we aim to do this from here on".

Speaking at the IGI Airport, Captain Sardar Singh added "Playing against New Zealand will be a good experience for our players and the Series will help us to rectify our loopholes. The Black Sticks are known for speed and quick passes. They have good players and some of them we have played with during the Hockey India League. We know their playing style and have prepared ourselves according to conditions there. The Preparatory Camp was productive for us and we have improved ourselves in various areas. We want to implement our learning and expect positive results."

India will be playing their first match on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 against New Zealand A at 06.30 IST at Auckland.



### Match Schedule

Date	Team	vs	Team	City
2 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand A	Auckland
3 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand A	Auckland
6 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand	Nelson
7 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand	Nelson
9 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand	Christchurch
11 Oct. 2015	India	vs	New Zealand	Christchurch



## Awards And Honours

### Romeo James Conferred With Prestigious Dhyan Chand Award

Hockey India congratulated Romeo James former Goalkeeper & Head Coach of the Indian Men Hockey Team for being nominated to receive the prestigious Dhyan Chand Award this year for outstanding contribution to the Indian Hockey.

The endowed goalkeeper had a great career both as a player and later as a coach. He was part of Indian hockey team who won the silver medal at the 1982 Asian Games held at Delhi. He was the lead goalkeeper for India at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where India



finished fifth. At the National front, he was the Captain of the Services Team which lifted the National Hockey Championship in 1982 & 1985.

Romeo James also has an outstanding coaching career to his credit and passed on his knowledge and experience to the teams from National to International levels. He coached the Indian Hockey team at 2010 FIH Hockey World Cup. Under his guidance, Indian Hockey team won silver medal at the 1994 Asian Games held at Hiroshima. He was even instrumental in shaping-up the Indian Hockey Team where they won Indira Gandhi International Gold Cup at Lucknow in 1994. At the National level he guided Bharat Petroleum Team from 1994 to 2008 in which they won the Major Tournaments such as Nehru Gold Cup, MCC Murugappa Chennai, Surjit Singh Jalandhar, Gurmit Chandigarh, Lal Bhadur Shastri, New Delhi, Bombay Gold Cup, Ranjit Singh Delhi & Petroleum Sports Promotion Board.

Congratulating Romeo James on the momentous occasion, Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said "It has been a great journey working with Romeo James. He has tremendously contributed to Indian Hockey and has been exceptional on the field both as a player as well as a coach. He has successfully served Indian Hockey for more than four decades and has helped groom many star goalkeepers like Bharat Chetri and Adrian D'Souza during his tenure. He has been a great motivation for the young Indian talent and we congratulate him on this wonderful achievement".

### PR Sreejesh Received The Prestigious Arjuna Award

Hockey India congratulated PR Sreejesh the Vice Captain of the Indian Men Hockey team and who is even regarded as the Wall of Indian hockey in recent times, for being nominated to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award this year.



PR Sreejesh the goalkeeper and Vice Captain of the team, hails from Kerala and made his debut with the Indian Men team in the year 2006 at the South Asian Games held in Colombo that year. Since then there is no looking back for the versatile and agile goalie, as he has gone on to be regarded as the backbone of the Indian defence and has successfully held the fort strong on many occasions. It was because of his vital contribution that India won the Gold in the 17th Asian Games last year, when the Final match against Pakistan



entered the nail biting penalty shoot out phase. His coolness and not allowing pressure to take the better of him resulted in the opponents unable to find the nets, resulting in the shootout and the game going in India's favour by 4-2. The win ensured that India not only won the Gold but even booked a berth to the upcoming RIO Olympics 2016. PR Sreejesh was also part of the Silver Medal finishing team during the XX Commonwealth Games held in 2014.

Congratulating PR Sreejesh on the momentous occasion, Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said "Sreejesh has always made us proud of him, be it his strong play on the field or his cool under pressure situations or his way of motivating his team members during the game, everything about him gives a very positive energy. On this occasion where he has been the chosen one for the prestigious Arjuna Award, we at Hockey India take this opportunity to congratulate him and hope to see him winning more such awards in the future".

## PNB Hockey Academy inducted as the Academy Member of Hockey India

Continuing in its effort to get new members on their board and in the process of reaching out to new talent at grass roots level, Hockey India announced PNB Hockey Academy as the new Academy Member

## Hockey India inducts Punjab National Bank as its new Associate Member

Continuing its mission to take hockey to all parts of the country, Hockey India announced Punjab National Bank as its Associate Member



## India Junior Men Team Announced For 5th Sultan Of Johor Cup To Be Played In Johor Bahru, Malaysia

Hockey India announced the India Junior Men squad for the upcoming 5th Sultan of Johor Cup to be played in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The Junior Men Team, led by proficient Captain Harjeet Singh with the support of Dipsan Tirkey as the Vice- Captain, is all geared up for the all important tournament and will be seen playing alongside Australia, Great Britain, Argentina, Pakistan and Malaysia. Being the two times defending champions the team will look at retaining its title by giving a tough fight to the opponents.

The 18-member squad, post finishing fourth in the recently culminated Volvo Invitational U-21 (Men) Tournament 2015 will be looking to bounce back to claim the title in the upcoming 5th Sultan of Johor Cup. The inaugural match will be etched in the minds of the spectators as India will contest their first match against arch-rival Pakistan, aiming to open the tourney on an endearing note.

Date	Match	Time	Indian Time	Match	Match	
Sunday 11 Oct	1	1635	14:05	Argentina	v	Australia
	2	1835	16:05	India	v	Pakistan
	3	2035	18:05	Malaysia	v	Great Britain
Monday 12 Oct	4	1635	14:05	Australia	v	Pakistan
	5	1835	16:05	Great Britain	v	India
	6	2035	18:05	Malaysia	v	Argentina
<b>Tuesday 13 Oct</b>					<b>Rest Day</b>	
Wednesday 14 Oct	7	1635	14:05	Great Britain	v	Pakistan
	8	1835	16:05	Argentina	v	India
	9	2035	18:05	Australia	v	Malaysia
Thursday 15 Oct	10	1635	14:05	Pakistan	v	Argentina
	11	1835	16:05	Great Britain	v	Australia
	12	2035	18:05	India	v	Malaysia
<b>Friday 16 Oct</b>					<b>Rest Day</b>	
Saturday 17 Oct	13	1635	14:05	Argentina	v	Great Britain
	14	1835	16:05	Australia	v	India
	15	2035	18:05	Pakistan	v	Malaysia
Sunday 18 Oct	16	1505	12:35	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Placing		
	17	1735	15:05	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Placing		
	18	2005	17:35	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Placing		





## FIH Announces Officials Appointed For Rio 2016 Olympic Games

FIH announced the officials appointed for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The Appeal Juries, Technical Delegates, Assistant Technical Delegates, Judges, Medical Officers, Umpire Managers, Umpires and Video Umpires for both the men's and women's hockey events at the 2016 Olympics are now confirmed.

All appointed officials have extensive experience in international hockey, with many having taken part in previous Olympics and others set to make their Games debuts.

From India Judge Anjali Sharma and International Umpire Javed Shaikh appointed as the Match Officials for the Rio Olympics 2016.

## FIH Promotes Deepak To International Outdoor Umpire

Hockey India National-level Umpire Deepak Joshi has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The FIH took the decision after seeing his performance in the recently concluded U-21 Volvo Invitational Tournament, held in Breda, The Netherlands in July 2015.

Deepak started his career as a hockey umpire from the SAIL National College Championship in 2012 and from there he has officiated at the 35th National Games held in Kerala this year. He was a regular umpire in the Hockey India National Championships including the Senior Men National Championship 2015, Division A and Division B.

27-year-old Deepak was a hockey player earlier and had represented Uttarakhand state hockey team in the National Championships from 2007 to 2010. In 2011, he completed a Diploma in Sports Coaching from the National Institute of Sports, Patiala and in 2012, he started working as a Coach at the MDC National Stadium, New Delhi. Presently, he is a regular coach for Delhi Hockey.

Deepak is among those young umpires from India who have recently been upgraded to international-level tournaments. In this year, 24-year old Deepa has also been promoted as International Outdoor Umpire in the Women's Hockey by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). With Deepak and Deepa, a total of 13 Indian umpires (9 Men, 4 Women) are now in the category of International-level umpires and officiate FIH tournaments around the world.



## Hero Confirmed Title Sponsor Of The 'Hero Hockey World League Final', Raipur

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) is pleased to announce Hero as the title sponsor of the 2015 men's Hockey World League Final.

Taking place in the Indian city of Raipur, Chhattisgarh between 27 November and 6 December 2015, the event will be called the 'Hero Hockey World League Final'.





# Men's Hero Hockey World League Raipur 2015

## 27th Nov 2015 to 06th Dec 2015

### MATCH SCHEDULE

#### Hero Hockey World League Raipur 2015

##### Participating Teams

Pool A	Pool B
Australia	Netherlands
Belgium	Germany
Great Britain	Argentina
Canada	India

##### Match Schedule

Date	Match No	Time	Pool	Match
Friday 27 November	1	18:30	B	Argentina v India
	2	20:30	B	Germany v Netherlands
Saturday 28 November	3	14:30	A	Great Britain v Canada
	4	16:30	A	Australia v Belgium
	5	18:30	B	Germany v India
	6	20:30	B	Netherlands v Argentina
Sunday 29 November	7	18:30	A	Belgium v Canada
	8	20:30	A	Australia v Great Britain
Monday 30 November	9	18:30	B	Netherlands v India
	10	20:30	B	Argentina v Germany
Tuesday 1 December	11	18:30	A	Australia v Canada
	12	20:30	A	Great Britain v Belgium
Wednesday 2 December		18:30	QF <sup>1</sup>	
		20:45	QF <sup>1</sup>	
Thursday 3 December		18:30	QF <sup>1</sup>	
		20:45	QF <sup>1</sup>	
Friday 4 December		18:30	Losing Q/Finalists match <sup>2</sup>	
		20:45	SF <sup>2</sup>	
Saturday 5 December		18:30	Losing Q/Finalists match <sup>2</sup>	
		20:45	SF <sup>2</sup>	
Sunday 6 December	21	18:30	Bronze	
	22	20:45	Final	



## Independence Day Celebrations

Indian Junior Men Hockey Team Celebrated Independence Day at SAI Center Shilaroo, Himachal Pradesh.



## Major Dhyan Chand Birth Anniversary Celebrations

India's Junior Men's Team celebrated Major Dhyan Chand's birth anniversary at the SAI Centre in Shilaroo.





Fascinating article on health tips given by India Captain Sardar Singh in the autumn edition of Cairn India's d'finder magazine!



## Inspection of International Hockey Stadium, Raipur

A THREE-MEMBER team of International Hockey Federation(FIH) inspected the International Hockey Stadium in Raipur and issued directives for necessary developments ahead of the World league Final to be hosted in the stadium from 27th November 2015. The team comprised of FIH Events Head of Event Delivery Hilary Atkinson, Broadcast Manager Rupert Rumney and Event Manager Yasemin Bay. The FIH officials, accompanied by Chhattisgarh Hockey President Dr. Anil Verma, Sports Deputy Director O P Sharma and other officials inspected the stadium.



## Men

### October

Karan Thakur	08
Suraj Karkera	14
Dipsan Tirkey	15
Satbir Singh	22

### November

Raghunath Vokkaliga Ramachandra	01
Prabdeep Singh	05
Nilam Sanjeeep Xess	07
Mandeep Antil	11
Rupinder Pal Singh	11
Rajat Sharma	22
Surender Kumar	23
Yuvraj Walmiki	29

## BIRTHDAY'S

## Women

### October

Lalhmun Mawii Fanai	21
Gurjit Kaur	25
Ponnamma Mallamada Narendra	25

### November

Monika Malik	05
Neha Goyal	15
Kanti Pradhan	16
Inderpreet Kaur	21