



Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge),  
Mr. Vijay Goel with Indian Men and Women Hockey Team at Rio Olympics 2016

# Newsletter

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Message from  
**Mr. Rajinder Singh,**  
**Treasurer, Hockey India**

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The women team marked their very first appearance at the Games since 1980 and went into the Olympics, the lowest ranked of all the teams. They held Japan in a draw in the opening fixture to take their first points of the tournament.

This was a great moment for the entire nation and a huge life experience for the players. In every game, the teams pushed the opponents to the very end. This is a proof of a high quality and evolved team. Sometimes the results don't accurately display the performance. Nevertheless, there is a lot to learn and achieve. We will leave no stone unturned in the betterment of our players and of the game.

It has been an extremely proud moment for us and we would like to congratulate our hockey players, VR Raghunath and Rani, who were conferred with the prestigious Arjuna Award After they were recommended by a 12-member selection committee. These players have done India proud by earning several accolades internationally and also played a crucial role at the recently concluded Olympic Games 2016. I am confident that the award will further inspires them to achieve greater heights in hockey.

I am also extremely delighted on the true legend, Mr. Sylvanus Dung Dung receiving the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award and Mr. K Arumugam for his persistent contribution towards Indian Hockey and grassroots level development via the Hockey Citizen Group, conferred with the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

At Hockey India our prime motto is to keep moving forward with the same spirit and passion that we have devoted so far to reach this new level of recognition and commitment.

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## XXXI – OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO

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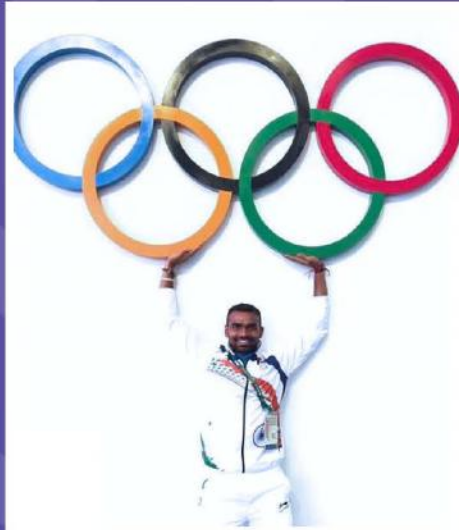


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The Indian Women's Hockey Team Arrive at Rio for XXXI Olympics Games, Rio 2016



# INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM'S VISIT TO THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE



## FIRST TRAINING SESSION OF THE INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM IN RIO



## TEAM INDIA'S VISIT TO RIO'S CHRIST THE REDEEMER

The Indian Men's Hockey Team visited Rio de Janeiro's famous statue of Christ the Redeemer on 2 August 2016.



## FIH PRESIDENT VISITS THE INDIAN EVES

FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre on 4 August 2016 visited the Indian Women's Hockey Team during their training session at the Olympic Village to wish them good luck for Rio 2016.



# OPENING CEREMONY XXXI – OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO

2016 Olympic Games on 5 August 2016, featuring our Women's Hockey Team and the Indian contingent led by Abhinav Bindra



**01**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
INDIA vs IRELAND  
Score - 3 : 2

# MEN'S TEAM



**02**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs GERMANY**  
Score - 1 : 2





**03**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs ARGENTINA**  
Score - 2 : 1

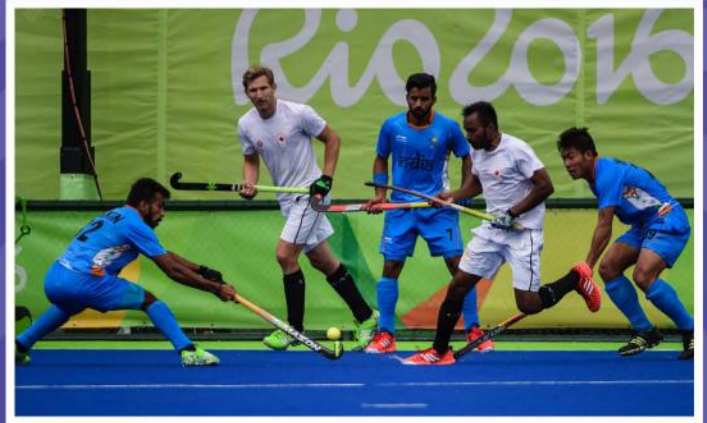


**04** XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
INDIA vs NETHERLANDS  
Match Score - 1 : 2



**05**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs CANADA**  
Score - 2 : 2



**06** XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs BELGIUM**  
QF - Match      Score - 1 : 3



**01**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
INDIA vs JAPAN  
Score - 2 : 2

# WOMEN'S TEAM



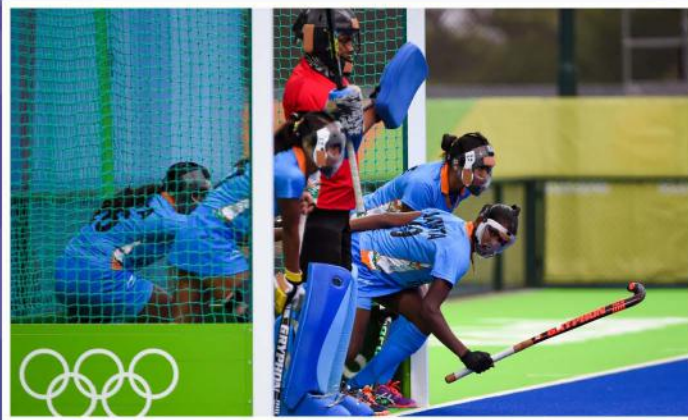
**02**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs GREAT BRITAIN**  
Score - 0 : 3



**03**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs AUSTRALIA**  
Score - 1 : 6



**04**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO

INDIA vs USA

Score - 0 : 3





**05**  
Match

XXXI - OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO  
**INDIA vs ARGENTINA**  
Score - 0 : 5





# Match Results

## Rio Olympics 2016































































### Rio Olympics Hockey Match Results - Men

#### Pool A

 Australia	 New Zealand
 Great Britain	 Spain
 Belgium	 Brazil

#### Pool B

 Netherlands	 India
 Germany	 Ireland
 Argentina	 Canada

Match No	Date	Pool	Time	Pitch	Match	Results
M01	Saturday 6 August	B	10:00	1	 Argentina v  Netherlands	3-3
M02	Saturday 6 August	B	11:00	2	 India v  Ireland	3-2
M03	Saturday 6 August	A	12:30	1	 Belgium v  Great Britain	4-1
M04	Saturday 6 August	A	13:30	2	 Australia v  New Zealand	2-1
M05	Saturday 6 August	B	18:00	1	 Canada v  Germany	2-6
M06	Saturday 6 August	A	19:30	2	 Spain v  Brazil	7-0
M07	Sunday 7 August	A	17:00	2	 Great Britain v  New Zealand	2-2
M08	Sunday 7 August	B	18:00	1	 Netherlands v  Ireland	5-0
M09	Sunday 7 August	A	19:30	2	 Brazil v  Belgium	0-12
M10	Sunday 7 August	A	20:30	1	 Australia v  Spain	0-1
M11	Monday 8 August	B	11:00	2	 Germany v  India	2-1
M12	Monday 8 August	B	12:30	1	 Canada v  Argentina	1-3
M13	Tuesday 9 August	A	10:00	1	 New Zealand v  Spain	2-3
M14	Tuesday 9 August	B	11:00	2	 Argentina v  India	1-2
M15	Tuesday 9 August	B	12:30	1	 Germany v  Ireland	3-2
M16	Tuesday 9 August	B	13:30	2	 Netherlands v  Canada	7-0
M17	Tuesday 9 August	A	18:00	1	 Brazil v  Great Britain	1-9
M18	Tuesday 9 August	A	20:30	1	 Belgium v  Australia	1-0
M19	Wednesday 10 August	A	19:30	2	 New Zealand v  Brazil	9-0
M20	Wednesday 10 August	A	20:30	1	 Great Britain v  Australia	1-2
M21	Thursday 11 August	B	10:00	1	 Netherlands v  India	2-1
M22	Thursday 11 August	B	11:00	2	 Ireland v  Canada	4-2
M23	Thursday 11 August	B	12:30	1	 Argentina v  Germany	4-4
M24	Thursday 11 August	A	13:30	2	 Spain v  Belgium	1-3
M25	Friday 12 August	B	12:30	1	 India v  Canada	2-2
M26	Friday 12 August	B	13:30	2	 Germany v  Netherlands	2-1
M27	Friday 12 August	A	17:00	2	 Great Britain v  Spain	1-1
M28	Friday 12 August	A	18:00	1	 Belgium v  New Zealand	1-3
M29	Friday 12 August	B	19:30	2	 Ireland v  Argentina	2-3
M30	Friday 12 August	A	20:30	1	 Australia v  Brazil	9-0

#### Quarter Finals

M31	Sunday 14 August	QF <sup>1</sup>	10:00	1	 Spain v  Argentina	1-2
M32	Sunday 14 August	QF <sup>1</sup>	12:30	1	 Belgium v  India	3-1
M33	Sunday 14 August	QF <sup>1</sup>	18:00	1	 Netherlands v  Australia	4-0
M34	Sunday 14 August	QF <sup>1</sup>	20:30	1	 Germany v  New Zealand	3-2

#### Semi Finals

M35	Tuesday 16 August	SF <sup>2</sup>	12:00	1	 Argentina v  Germany	5-2
M36	Tuesday 16 August	SF <sup>2</sup>	17:00	1	 Belgium v  Netherlands	3-1

#### Final

M37	Thursday 18 August	Bronze	12:00	1	 Netherlands v  Germany	1-1 (so 3-4)
M38	Thursday 18 August	Gold	17:00	1	 Belgium v  Argentina	2-4

# XXXI OLYMPIC GAMES 2016



**GOLD MEDAL WINNER - ARGENTINA**



**SILVER MEDAL WINNER - BELGIUM**



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


























































### Rio Olympics Hockey Match Results - Women

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 Netherlands	 Germany
 New Zealand	 Korea
 China	 Spain

#### Pool B

 Argentina	 USA
 Australia	 Japan
 Great Britain	 India

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**SILVER MEDAL WINNER - NETHERLANDS**



**BRONZE MEDAL WINNER - GERMANY**

# PLAYER MILESTONE

## SARDAR SINGH COMPLETES 250 INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR INDIA

India's Sardar Singh completed 250 international matches when he took to the field in the opening game of the Olympics hockey tournament against Ireland.

Sardar, made his debut in 2006 against Pakistan, and has also Captained the country at various tournaments over the years. The midfielder played his first international match with the junior national team during India's 2003-04 tour of Poland. Sardar has been an integral part of the Indian team since 2006 and is also the youngest player to Captain India when he led the side at the 2008 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.

He was awarded Player of the Tournament in the 2012 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, 2012 Olympic Qualifiers and 2010 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. In 2010, Sardar was included in the 18-men FIH All-Star Team and won the Asian Men's Player of the Year 2012.

He was also signed by Dutch club HC Bloemendaal to play in the Euro Hockey League in 2013 and has won the Coal India HIL trophy twice, with the Delhi Waveriders (2013) and Jaypee Punjab Warriors (2016) teams.



## NAMITA TOPPO COMPLETES 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR INDIA

India's game against Australia saw defender Namita Toppo complete 100 International matches for the country. The 21-year-old has proved to be an important member in the India Women Hockey team putting up a strong performance and a testament to her consistency and completed her 100 International caps in a period of four years.

A product of the famed Sundargarh belt, which has churned out several legends for Indian hockey, Namita made her debut in the 2012 FIH Champions Challenge 1 in Dublin, Ireland. Since then she has represented the country in major events including the FIH World League Round 2, 2013 held in India, 8th Women's Asia Cup 2013 in Malaysia, 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy, 2013 in Japan, FIH Champions Challenge 1, 2014 in Glasgow, the Commonwealth Games 2014 and is now an integral part of the Olympic team in Rio.

She was also part of the Indian team which bagged the historic Bronze medal in the Hockey Junior Women World Cup, 2013 in Germany and a Bronze at the Asian Games in Incheon in 2014.



# PLAYER MILESTONE

## S.K UTHAPPA COMPLETES 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR INDIA

Prolific midfielder S.K Uthappa completed his 100th International match for India at the Rio Olympics against Netherlands. The 24-year-old from Coorg, Karnataka made his international debut against South Africa in January 2012 at the Karbonn Cup Hockey five-match test series.

In his debut match, he scored a brilliant goal in the 53rd minute mark that perhaps sealed his position in the team. Since then, the young player has matured as a team player and was also picked in the Indian team for the 2012 London Olympics.

He has been a reliable player in the midfield and has been part of the Indian team that has climbed up the ranks in the recent past. He represented the country in the 2013 Asia Cup when the team won the Silver Medal. He was also a part of the 2016 Silver medal feat in the Sultan Azlan Shah tournament and the Silver Medal achievement in the 2016 FIH Champions Trophy.



## RUPINDER PAL SINGH COMPLETES 150 INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR INDIA

Ace defender and drag-flicker Rupinder Pal Singh earned his 150th International Cap against Netherlands at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Appearing for his first Olympic Games, Rupinder has been a revelation with his impeccable penalty corner strikes. This lanky six-footer from Faridkot, Punjab, made his debut in May 2010 at the Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia. The Indian team went on to win the tournament that year.

The following year, Rupinder scored his first ever hat-trick in international hockey against Great Britain in the 2011 Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament. He also went on to win the Top-Scorer Award of the Tournament and was named in the Sultan Azlan Shah XI Team. At the 2013 Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament, Rupinder was again the Top Scorer of the Tournament. The same year he scored a maximum of six goals in the men's Hockey Asia Cup where India won the Silver Medal.

Rupinder was also a part of India's successful outing at the 2014 Commonwealth Games where India won the Silver Medal. He was named the Vice Captain for the 2014 World Cup and was a key member of the 2014 Asian Games Gold Medal winning team and also the Bronze Medal feat at the FIH World Hockey League in 2015.



# FIH WORLD RANKING



## FIH MEN'S HERO WORLD RANKINGS



#IndiaKaGame

#Hockey

The Indian Men's Hockey Team secure the 6th place in the latest FIH Hero World Rankings

\* As On 23 August 2016



## FIH WOMEN'S HERO WORLD RANKINGS



#IndiaKaGame

#Hockey

The Indian Women's Hockey climb a spot to claim the 12th place in the latest FIH Hero World Rankings

\* As On 23 August 2016



## INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN HOCKEY TEAMS RETURN FROM RIO OLYMPICS

The Indian hockey teams arrived back in the country after a strong and historic performance at the Olympic Games in Rio.

The women team was making its first appearance at the Games since 1980 and went into the Olympics, the lowest ranked of all the teams. They held Japan in a draw in the opening fixture to take their first points of the tournament.

The Men's team also created history by qualifying for the quarter finals. The Indian team were the only team to beat the eventual Gold medallists Argentina and also defeated Ireland in the group stage and drew with Canada, besides going down by very slim margins to Germany and Netherlands. In the quarter finals they went down to Silver medallists Belgium.

Speaking after arriving back in the country, Indian Men Team Captain, PR Sreejesh said, "For all of us the Olympic has been a great eye opener and a huge life experience. The people of Rio were unbelievably hospitable to us and it was a brilliant setting for the Games. As professionals we always dream of representing our country at the highest level and the Olympics is the highest. I'm proud of the team for the way we played. Barring some small moments, our performance was very good. Now we have to focus on correcting all the things we got wrong and believe in ourselves for the future."

Chief Coach Indian Men Team Roelant Oltmans also added, "The results were satisfactory if not ideal according to our preparations. But, looking back we can see that in every game we pushed our opponents to the very end. This is a team of high quality. Sometimes the results don't accurately display the performance. In this case, I think the team would have learnt a lot. So have we as coaching staff. The team deserves a short break, and then, very soon, it will be back to the grind."

Indian Women Team Captain Sushila Chanu said, "It was always a dream for us to represent India at the Olympics. There was a fear of getting overawed by the occasion, but we didn't and I am proud of the team for that. Ours is a young team and we have already made a small mark in the world stage. Now we have to try and get better and make that mark more and more visible."





## MRS. NITA AMBANI MEMBER INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Hockey India congratulates Mrs. Nita Ambani on becoming the first Indian Woman to be elected as Member of International Olympic Committee (IOC) on 4 August 2016.



## NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE MAJOR DHYAN CHAND STADIUM

National Sports Day celebrations in the presence of Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium on 29 August 2016.



# AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian hockey team's drag flick expert VR Raghunath and women's team striker Rani were conferred with the prestigious Arjuna Award by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee at a glittering ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on 29 August 2016.

Both Raghunath and Rani who were part of the Indian teams at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games were elated on receiving the Award. "This kind of recognition will only boost the morale of a player and also of the team. I am very happy that this time players from both the men and women's team have been recognised. Someone told me this is the first time after 1997 that a hockey player from Karnataka is getting the Arjuna Award so this is doubly special for me. Receiving the Arjuna Award from the honourable President is a matter of pride and this will only motivate me further in my career," stated Raghunath who has been a pillar of strength in the Indian team's defence structure for close to a decade now.

Meanwhile, Rani, too expressed her joy on receiving the award and said that being inside the Rashtrapati Bhavan itself was a big honour. "When I started my journey as a hockey player at the age of nine in Shahbaad, I had never imagined I would scale such heights and be part of the Indian team that would play at the Olympics after 36 years. To be part of the Rio contingent was like a dream. I would like to thank Hockey India for their support and the Government of India for recognising my efforts. To receive this award among such high profile dignitaries and fellow sports people inside the Rashtrapati Bhavan is a huge honour and my parents and family are very excited for me. This award will help me stay motivated and ensure the team qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics," Rani said.

Speaking on the awards, Md. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said, "We would like to congratulate all the winners including our hockey players. These awards recognise the sweat, toil and sacrifice the players have given to reach at this point in their careers and to bring laurels to our country. I congratulate both Raghunath and Rani for doing a great service to India and wish they continue to inspire generations to take up the sport. Also Dung Dung the hero of the 1980 Olympics, is a true legend and this award to him is well deserved too. I also extend my congratulations to Hockey Citizen Group and Mr. Arumugam for their relentless work for the betterment of hockey in India."

The ceremony also saw Sylvanus Dung Dung being presented with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement award. S Dung Dung, an unsung hero of Indian hockey, had struck the golden goal against Spain that brought home the elusive Gold Medal in the 1980 Olympic Games.

Hockey Citizen Group, a Delhi-based NGO, was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar, for identifying and nurturing young talent in the field of hockey.



## ARJUNA AWARDEE 2016



**VR RAGHUNATH**



**RANI**

## MAJOR DHYAN CHAND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016



**SYLVANUS DUNG DUNG**

## RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURASKAR 2016



**HOCKEY CITIZEN GROUP**

## HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES ALL THE NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDEES 2016

A big congratulations from Hockey India to all the National Sports Awardees, who received the honour at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 29 August 2016. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel meeting the awardees on 28 August 2016.

