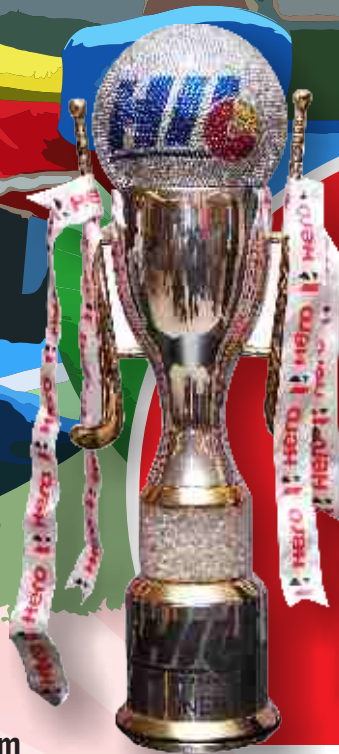




# Newsletter

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## Debutant Ranchi Rays Win the 3rd Edition of HHIL



**Message from  
Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra**  
President - Hockey India &  
Chairman - Hero Hockey India League

It has been an eventful first couple of months in the year 2015. We successfully completed the third edition of the Hero Hockey India League and our eyes had a very successful tour of Spain.

First of all I would like to thank everyone for making the third edition of the Hero Hockey India league a grand success. It is humbling to see the overwhelming response we received from hockey lovers across the country. The victory for the Ranchi Rays in its debut season is a reflection of the competitiveness of the league. Ranchi Rays deserve the win as they produced some scintillating performances throughout the tournament and produced an inspired performance and came back twice from a goal down to beat favourites Jaypee Punjab Warriors in a shootout. Defending champions Delhi Waveriders, after the initial struggle, came back strongly to clinch the third spot beating Uttar Pradesh Wizards.

While the tournament witnessed some great team efforts, there are always some individuals who play a pivotal role and spearheaded their teams to glory. I congratulate the Hero Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, Ashley Jackson (Ranchi Rays) who was instrumental in his team's success in its very first season. The Ponty Chadha Upcoming Player of the Tournament winner Harmanpreet Singh (Dabang Mumbai) deserves all the accolades he has received for his brilliant performance this season and I hope he continues to grow from here and win many laurels for the country also. PR Sreejesh (Uttar Pradesh Wizards), who won the Dhruv Batra Motivator of the Tournament was an inspirational figure for his team and deserves all the accolades he received.

Another important development was the bilateral agreement signed between Hockey India and Hockey Australia that will see a strategic partnership between the two Federations over the next three years.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all our Franchisees, sponsors and other stakeholders for their support in the successful completion of HHIL 2015, without your contribution, such a feat would not have been possible.

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# Opening Ceremony Hero HIL - 2015



Chief Guest, Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik unveiling the HHIL Trophy and declaring the 2015 League open





HHL Chairman Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra welcomes Chief Guest, Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik



# HHIL 2015

## A Grand Success

The third edition of the HHIL saw some brilliant performances on ground which was amplified by the tremendous support the players got throughout the tournament. It was indeed a hugely successful third edition of the tournament. 139 goals were scored in 34 matches played over 27 days across 6 cities.

Ranchi Rays emerged the Champions of Hero Hockey India League 2015 post an exciting and intense game of hockey in the finals. They beat Jaypee Punjab Warriors in a penalty shoot-out to emerge as the winners and lifted the glittering trophy and the Rs 2.5 crore prize purse in their debut season. Runners-up Jaypee Punjab Warriors took home Rs 1.25 crore, while defending champions Delhi Waveriders pocketed Rs 75 lakh for finishing third.

Adding glamour to the intensity of the games were bollywood stars like John Abraham, Ayushman Khurana and Parizad Zorabian. Performances by Oriya film stars Sabyasachi Mishra and Archita Sahu during the opening ceremony was a great hit amongst the crowd.





Delhi Waveriders Captain Sardar Singh with Co-owner and Bollywood heartthrob John Abraham



Bollywood Actor Ayushman Khurana during HHIL 2015





# HHIL 2015 Final Presentation Ceremony



**Mr. Jan Albers,  
Member Executive Board,  
International Hockey Federation  
Presents the winner's cheque of  
**Rs. 2,50,00,000/-**  
to Mr. Abhjit Sarkar, Ranchi Rays**



**Mr. Rajeev Mehta,  
Secretary General IOA  
Presents the runners-up  
cheque of  
**Rs. 1,25,00,000/-**  
to Mr. Sameer Gaur,  
Jaypee Punjab Warriors**



**Mr. Md. Mushtaque Ahmad  
Secretary General, Hockey India  
Presents the 3rd place  
cheque of  
**Rs. 75,00,000/-**  
to Captain J S Randhawa,  
Delhi Waveriders**

## HHIL 2015 Final Presentation Ceremony



Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal  
(Hon'ble Union Minister of State  
for Sports & Youth Affairs –  
Independent Charge) Presents  
the cheque of  
**Rs. 25,00,000/-**  
to Ashley Jackson, Ranchi Rays  
for winning the  
Hero Player of the Tournament



Mr. Arun Jaitley  
(Hon'ble Union Minister for  
Finance, Corporate Affairs and  
Information & Broadcasting)  
Presents the Trophy to  
PR Sreejesh, UP Wizards  
for winning the  
Dhruv Batra Award for  
Motivator of the Tournament



Mr. Arun Jaitley  
(Hon'ble Union Minister for  
Finance, Corporate Affairs and  
Information & Broadcasting)  
Presents the cheque of  
**Rs. 20,00,000/-**  
to PR Sreejesh, UP Wizards  
for winning the Dhruv Batra Award  
for Motivator of the Tournament



## HHIL 2015 Final Presentation Ceremony



Mrs Jatinder Kaur Chadha Presents the cheque of **Rs. 20,00,000/-** to Harmanpreet Singh, Dabang Mumbai for winning the Ponty Chadha Award for Most Promising Player of the Tournament



Mr Anupam Goswami, Senior Vice President and Head-of-Business for Hockey, Star India Presents the Star Sports Fairplay Award to Uttar Pradesh Wizards Captain, VR Raghunath



Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal (Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Sports & Youth Affairs – Independent Charge) Presents the Airtel Maximum Goal of the Tournament to Jaypee Punjab Warriors Captain, Jamie Dwyer

**AWARDS  
2015**

**Winners :** Ranchi Rays - Prize Money Rs 2,50,00,000/-

**Runners-up :** Jaypee Punjab Warriors - Prize Money: Rs 1,25,00,000/-

**Third Place :** Delhi Waveriders - Prize Money: Rs 75,00,000/-

**Star Sports Fair-Play Award :** Uttar Pradesh Wizard

**Hero Most Valuable Player of the Tournament :** Ashley Jackson - Rs 25,00,000/-

**Ponty Chadha Award for Upcoming Player of the Tournament :**

Harmanpreet Singh - Rs 20,00,000/-

**Dhruv Batra Award for Motivator of the Tournament :** PR Sreejesh - Rs 20,00,000/-

**Airtel Award for Most Goals in the Tournament :** Jaypee Punjab Warriors - Rs 10,00,000/-

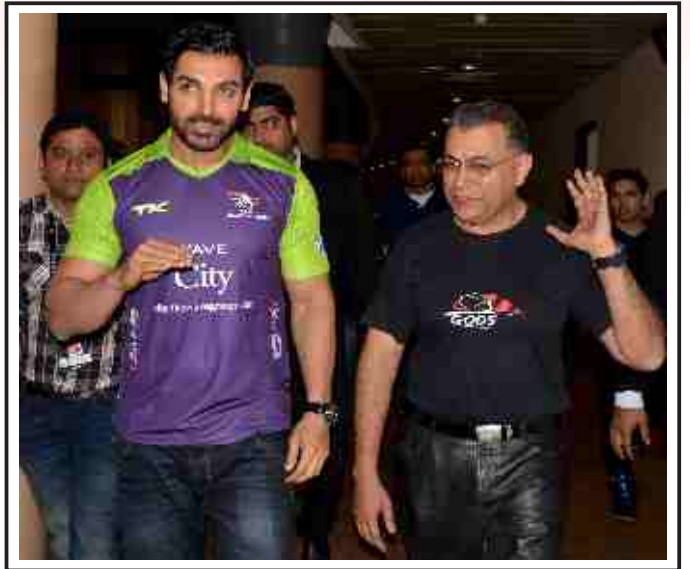
## Ranchi Rays Winner of the Hero Hockey India League 2015



**Mr. Arun Jaitley,  
Hon'ble Union Minister for  
Finance, Corporate Affairs  
and Information & Broadcasting  
handing over the winners trophy to  
Ranchi Rays.**



# Dignitaries at HHIL 2015



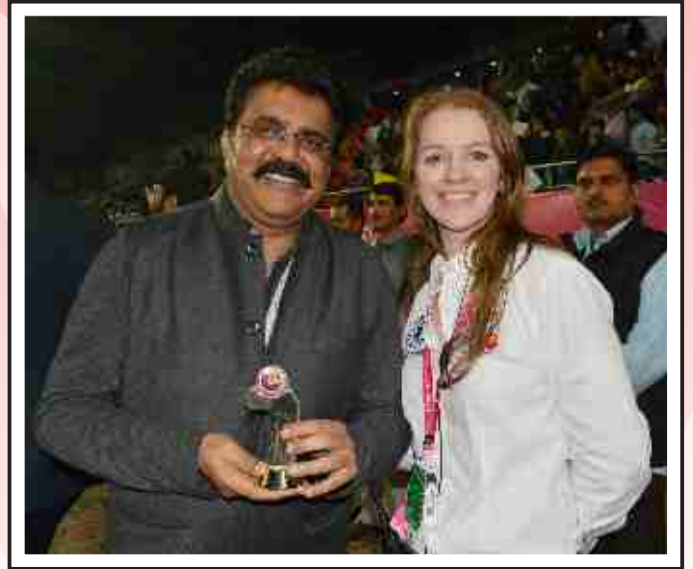


HHIL Chairman Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra presenting a memento to Mr. Injeti Srinivas, Director General Sports Authority of India



HHIL CEO, Ms Elena Norman with Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan (Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas – Independent Charge) and Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal (Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Sports & Youth Affairs – Independent Charge)









Mr. Abhijit Sarkar and Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra taking a Hockey Selfie



# Hockey Stick Selfie



John Abraham taking a Hockey Selfie with team members





Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Member of Parliament



Mr. Ajit M. Sharan, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports



Bob De Voogd of Uttar Pradesh Wizards



Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav taking a Hockey Selfie



# Cheering for HHIL 2015



# HHIL 2015 - Action at a glance









# HHIL 2015 - Results

Match #	Description	Date	Time	Pitch	Teams	Score
1	-	22 Jan	19:00	Bhubaneswar	KL Vs RR	6-3
2	-	23 Jan	15:00	Lucknow	UPW Vs DWR	2-2
3	-	23 Jan	19:00	Mumbai	DM Vs JPW	3-3
4	-	24 Jan	19:00	Mumbai	DM Vs RR	1-2
5	-	25 Jan	19:00	Mohali	JPW Vs KL	4-2
6	-	26 Jan	17:00	Ranchi	RR Vs DWR	2-2
7	-	26 Jan	19:00	Mohali	JPW Vs UPW	3-2
8	-	28 Jan	19:00	Ranchi	RR Vs DM	2-2
9	-	29 Jan	15:00	Lucknow	UPW Vs KL	5-1
10	-	30 Jan	19:00	Delhi	DWR Vs JPW	1-3
11	-	31 Jan	19:00	Bhubaneswar	KL Vs UPW	0-2
12	-	1 Feb	17:00	Delhi	DWR Vs DM	3-1
13	-	1 Feb	19:00	Bhubaneswar	KL Vs JPW	1-2
14	-	3 Feb	15:00	Lucknow	UPW Vs RR	0-2
15	-	4 Feb	15:00	Lucknow	UPW Vs JPW	2-1
16	-	5 Feb	19:00	Mumbai	DM Vs DWR	1-3
17	-	6 Feb	19:00	Ranchi	RR Vs KL	4-0
18	-	7 Feb	19:00	Mohali	JPW Vs DWR	7-0
19	-	8 Feb	17:00	Ranchi	RR Vs UPW	1-0
20	-	8 Feb	19:00	Mumbai	DM Vs KL	2-1
21	-	10 Feb	19:00	Ranchi	RR Vs JPW	3-2
22	-	11 Feb	19:00	Mumbai	DM Vs UPW	1-5
23	-	12 Feb	19:00	Bhubaneswar	KL Vs DWR	2-2
24	-	13 Feb	19:00	Bhubaneswar	KL Vs DM	2-1
25	-	14 Feb	19:00	Delhi	DWR Vs RR	2-0
26	-	15 Feb	15:00	Lucknow	UPW Vs DM	3-2
27	-	15 Feb	19:00	Delhi	DWR Vs KL	1-2
28	-	17 Feb	19:00	Mohali	JPW Vs RR	2-3
29	-	18 Feb	19:00	Delhi	DWR Vs UPW	3-3
30	-	19 Feb	19:00	Mohali	JPW Vs DM	3-2
31	Semi - final 1	21 Feb	16:30	Delhi	RR Vs UPW	1-1 (9-8 SO)
32	Semi - final 2	21 Feb	19:00	Delhi	JPW Vs DWR	2-0
33	3rd/4th Place	22 Feb	16:30	Delhi	UPW Vs DWR	1-2
34	Final	22 Feb	19:00	Delhi	RR Vs JPW	2-2 (3-2 SO)



# HHIL 2015 - Bike Winners

Hero Hockey India League awarded 34 bikes to the lucky spectators during the league at all six venues Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Lucknow, Mohali, Mumbai and Ranchi. During every match one lucky spectator was awarded a Hero bike.

## BHUBANESWAR



**Raju Mahapatra**



**Sandeep Rawat**



**Subash Chandra  
Sahoo**



**Mohammed Ishtiaque  
Taher**



**Swadain Kumar  
Sethi**

## DELHI



**Gulshan Kumar  
Jain**



**Ramesh Thapa**



**Rahul**



**Sunil Kumar**



**Saurabh Sahni**

# HHIL 2015 - Bike Winners

## LUCKNOW



**Ashish Kumar**



**Vinay Saxena**



**Mohd. Riyaz**



**Paras Nigam**



**Swadain Kumar  
Sethi**

## MOHALI



**Shabbir Hussain**



**Vikas Kumar**



**Deepak Kumar**



**Kuljit Singh**



**Ankur Garg**

# HHIL 2015 - Bike Winners

## MUMBAI



**Manoj Kumar**



**Dhurwesh Nijap**



**Akshay Dhanu**



**Yogender Sonu  
Kounder**



**Praful Bhoir**

## RANCHI



**Pankaj Kumar  
Sinha**



**Nishikant Prasad**



**Naman Kandulna**



**Shailendra Kumar**



**Umesh Kumar  
Khandelwal**

# HHIL 2015 - Bike Winners

## HHIL FINAL - DELHI



**Nitesh Kumar**



**Montu**



**Mominoor**



**Akshay Aneja**



# Hockey Australia & Hockey India Sign Bilateral Agreement

Hockey Australia and Hockey India announced a landmark bilateral agreement that will see the Indian men's national hockey team tour to Australia in each of the next three years, 2016-2018. In return, Hockey Australia will release its senior men's national squad athletes for the Hockey India League for the next three seasons, including 2016, six months before the Olympic Games in Rio.



Mr. Cam Vale, CEO Hockey Australia and Ms. Elena Norman CEO Hockey India finalise the bilateral agreement

# Indian Women team Spain tour 2015

The Indian Women Hockey Team completed a successful tour of Spain which was in preparation for the FIH World League Round 2 to be held at New Delhi from 7 – 15 March, 2015. Playing five games at Valencia, two against Spain, one each against two Dutch hockey clubs – GCHC and HDM and one against Germany, the Indian women were seen giving a tough fight to their opponents on the foreign turf prior to the upcoming FIH World League Round 2. The team was appreciated for their on-ground skills and team coordination as they dished out some noticeable performances in Spain.



Date	Match	Result
14 February 2015	Vs Spain	0-0
16 February 2015	Vs Spain	1-0
19 February 2015	Vs GCHC Boys	1-4
20 February 2015	Vs HDM Boys	2-10
22 February 2015	Vs Germany	2-1





# 35th National Games

Kerala, 31 Jan to 14 Feb 2015

Hockey Event from 1-11 Feb 2015

New Hockey Stadium, Ashramam (Kollam)



## Result - Men (Hockey)

Pool A		Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkand, Kerala					
Pool B		Punjab, SSCB, Haryana, Karnataka					
Date	Time	Gender	Pool	Team A	VS	Team B	Results
01.02.2015	7.30 AM	M	B	Punjab	VS	SSCB	1 – 2
	9.30 AM	M	B	Haryana	VS	Karnataka	2 – 2
	2.30 PM	M	A	Uttar Pradesh	VS	Odisha	4 – 2
	4.30 PM	M	A	Jharkhand	VS	Kerala	10 – 1
04.02.2015	7.30 AM	M	A	Jharkhand	VS	Odisha	1 – 3
	9.30 AM	M	A	Kerala	VS	Uttar Pradesh	2 – 5
	2.30 PM	M	B	Haryana	VS	SSCB	2 – 1
	4.30 PM	M	B	Karnataka	VS	Punjab	0 – 2
07.02.2015	7.30 AM	M	A	Kerala	VS	Odisha	1 – 6
	9.30 AM	M	A	Uttar Pradesh	VS	Jharkhand	0 – 3
	2.30 PM	M	B	Karnataka	VS	SSCB	0 – 1
	4.30 PM	M	B	Punjab	VS	Haryana	0 – 2
<b>SEMI FINAL</b>							
10.02.2015	2.00 PM	M		Jharkhand	VS	SSCB	1 – 5
	4.00 PM	M		Odisha	VS	Haryana	SO 8 – 7
<b>3rd / 4th PLAYOFF</b>							
11.02.2015	9.30 AM	M		Jharkhand	VS	Haryana	SO 6 – 7
<b>FINAL</b>							
11.02.2015	3.30 PM	M		SSCB	VS	Odisha	8 – 2



# 35th National Games

Kerala, 31 Jan to 14 Feb 2015

Hockey Event from 1-11 Feb 2015

New Hockey Stadium, Ashramam (Kollam)



## Result - Women (Hockey)

Pool A		Haryana, Odisha, Kerala, Karnataka					
Pool B		Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand					
Date	Time	Gender	Pool	Team A	VS	Team B	Match No
02.02.2015	7.30 AM	W	B	Jharkhand	VS	Punjab	1 – 2
	9.30 AM	W	B	Maharashtra	VS	Uttar Pradesh	3 – 0
	2.30 PM	W	A	Haryana	VS	Karnataka	9 – 2
	4.30 PM	W	A	Odisha	VS	Kerala	3 – 0
05.02.2015	7.30 AM	W	A	Odisha	VS	Karnataka	5 – 1
	9.30 AM	W	A	Kerala	VS	Haryana	1 – 5
	2.30 PM	W	B	Maharashtra	VS	Punjab	0 – 2
	4.30 PM	W	B	Jharkhand	VS	Uttar Pradesh	2 – 1
08.02.2015	7.30 AM	W	A	Kerala	VS	Karnataka	1 – 4
	9.30 AM	W	A	Haryana	VS	Odisha	3 – 0
	2.30 PM	W	B	Punjab	VS	Uttar Pradesh	3 – 1
	4.30 PM	W	B	Jharkhand	VS	Maharashtra	5 – 2
<b>SEMI FINAL</b>							
10.02.2015	7.30 AM	W		Haryana	VS	Jharkhand	SO 3 – 2
	9.30 AM	W		Odisha	VS	Punjab	0 – 3
<b>3rd / 4th PLAYOFF</b>							
11.02.2015	7.30 AM	W		Jharkhand	VS	Odisha	2 – 0
<b>FINAL</b>							
11.02.2015	1.30 PM	W		Haryana	VS	Punjab	1 – 3

# India Men Captain Sardar Singh and former Women Captain Saba Anjum to be conferred with the Padma Shri Award

Bringing another laurel to Indian hockey, India Men Hockey Team captain Sardar Singh as well as the former captain for the India Women Team, Saba Anjum will be conferred with one of the most prestigious national honours – Padma Shri Award – by the Government of India. Both Sardar as well as Saba Anjum were even conferred with the Arjuna Award in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Both the awardees have to their credit of bringing laurels to the country for their contribution on the field and even guiding their teams to victories.



The 28-year-old midfielder Sardar has played a pivotal role for India and his skilful game which has even inspired the new generation of hockey players across the world. Sardar made his debut for the senior team against Pakistan in 2006 and since then he has played more than 200 international matches and has successfully contributed towards Indian hockey. Sardar is also the most sought player in the prestigious Hockey India League.

Saba in the other hand was one of the most prominent forwards and represented India during the Asian Games in 2002, Asia Cup in 2004, Commonwealth Games in 2002 and 2006, and Junior World Cup in 2001. Saba even had been conferred with the Chhattisgarh's top Gundadhur sports award for bringing honour to her state in the field of sports.

**Congratulating both of them, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said,** "Hockey India is extremely delighted for both Sardar Singh as well as Saba Anjum for being conferred with the Padma Shri Award. Since his debut, Sardar has brought many laurels to the team and Indian Hockey. As a captain, he is a hero and a mentor to whom young players look up to and learn the tricks of the game. Hockey India takes utmost pride in congratulating Sardar and wish him all the best for the upcoming tournaments and hope to see him bringing more laurels for Team India and thereby continues to make the country proud of him. As for Saba she was once regarded as one of the most prominent forward in the world of Hockey and seeing her play on the field many girls picked up the hockey stick. She has always made me proud with her play and I am happy her efforts on the field have found recognition through this prestigious award."

**A delighted and proud Captain Sardar Singh said,** "Receiving the Padma Shri Award is a great honour for me and I would take this opportunity to thank Hockey India for giving me the support which boosted my morale and that shows on the field. Also, credit of my success goes to the coaches who have mentored and guided me during my journey in hockey. I am proud to have been conferred with this award and will work harder to get more laurels for Team India."

**A very happy Saba Anjum said,** "I am honoured today for being chosen for this prestigious award. I have no word to show my happiness but I would like to thank the Government of India for recognizing my efforts, Hockey India and my family for all their support".

Sardar was appointed as the captain of the Indian hockey team in 2008 for the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup at the age of 22 years where India finished 2nd in the tournament and bagged the Silver medal. In 2010, Sardar Singh was nominated for the FIH All-Star team being the sole Indian to get the honour and a feat that was repeated again in 2012. In 2014, Sardar led India to a Silver medal finish in the 2014 Commonwealth Games at Glasgow and in the same year, Sardar steered his team to win the Incheon Asian Games Gold beating Pakistan in a highly-tensed finale and this feat of winning the Gold was achieved by the Indian team after 16 years. In the same year the India Hockey Team even beat Australia in a Test Series at home and also finished at a respectable fourth position in the Hero Men's Champions Trophy 2014.

In the 15 year long international career, Saba has to her credit of being a part of the team which won the bronze at 2006 Doha Asian Games. She is also known for striking six goals including the winning one in the final of Shastri Cup 2007 and went on to being the player of the tournament in the series

## APPOINTMENTS

### Paul van Ass to coach Indian men hockey team

Former Dutch national coach Paul van Ass was named the new coach of the Indian men hockey team.

The name was finalised at a special selection committee meeting headed by Secretary Sports Ajit Sharan, Hockey India (HI) President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, Olympian Harbinder Singh among other Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Hockey India officials.

Speaking on the Indian team and performance in the last few tournaments, Indian Men Hockey Coach, Paul van Ass said, "After 16 years India won the Asian Gold and last year they won it again. This is proof that they have risen and this gave me the motivation to come and join this team. This team has beat big teams in recent times and the gap is closing".

Commenting on the areas of improvement the coach added, "This team has improved and yes they can improve in many ways. The positive is the technical skill and they can improve and I think they need to inculcate that they need to be cooler under pressure. It's a process and I aim here to help them to reach there.

Speaking on the Indian style of playing he added, "Will keep the Indian way of play, keep the skill on the pitch and not try not make it a European style. But I will bring in the knowledge that I can provide which will add to their play and I feel India is like any international side today".

Talking on asking for 200% from his players he said, "Yes I demand 200% and I think every coach across the world asks for it. It depends where you put your emphasis. I will challenge each player to the maximum, you have to win first from yourself before you win the game. It is tough to win from yourself first and I will challenge them in that".

Talking on the plan of making the team stronger in their play, "I will not make them unlearn what they know and have learnt as it will go against their nature. But will try to make the chain stronger; the chain of defence, chain of control chain, of counter control and chain of attack and this is more of European and Australian style. The other part is the skilfulness which is what the team is known for and that's the strong point. I will work on the technical as well as the skilful play of the players".

Speaking on the aim for himself, "While I hope that India will do well in the Olympics but getting back to reality, the Indian team is climbing up which is the work of both the foreign as well as the Indian coaches. Seeing them play in the last few tournaments I can say we have a chance to get a medal in the Olympics. The real measure for me will be the Men's Hockey World League Final which will be played in India in December and that will give us enough time to create a high performance programme and I will take that tournament I will see where we stand for the Olympics and the areas of improvement required for 2016".



### Harendra Singh Appointed as a FIH Coach High Performance

FIH appointed Harendra Singh as a Coach high performance and welcomed him in group of FIH coaches.

He Started his coaching career in 1998, Harendra has an experience of 379 matches approximately 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 9 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze medals with senior and junior teams in various international tournaments.

Hockey India congratulate Harendra on his achievement



## Khalsa 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 announces Khalsa Hockey Academy as the new Academy Member.

Part of the Khalsa English High School under the Board of Management of Gurudwara Bara Sikh Sangat, the Academy has produced more than 300 hockey players since its inception and today have well settled jobs alongwith playing hockey.

Speaking on the newly inducted Academy Member, President Hockey India Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra said, "It is a proud moment for us as we welcome on board our tenth Academy member today. With their history of producing Hockey players since inception, Khalsa Hockey Academy matches our efforts of ensuring that such talent are identified and motivated to make it big in the game. I am sure our association will help us recognize more such talent who can aim for the international arena from here."

## Hockey India inducts Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association as its new Associate Member

Continuing its mission to take hockey to all parts of the country, Hockey India announced its affiliation of Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association as its 24th Associate Member. This association will help Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association to identify and nurture young and budding hockey players in this region.

Being a sports-mad territory, Dadra & Nagar Haveli has a good fan following of hockey and the sports is being played in many schools and colleges at all age-levels. Under the leadership of President Mr. Jagdish B Sarma, the Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association has been working on popularise hockey at all parts of the territory and build-up teams of all age-levels. With this induction the Hockey India, Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association will now emphasise more on the infrastructure, team build-up and coaching sessions.

Speaking on the new associate member, Hockey India Secretary General Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad said, "On behalf of Hockey India, I whole-heartedly welcome Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association in the Hockey India family. Working together with Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association will provide more opportunities in this region and Hockey India will help the Association at all areas. Our sole objective is to take the sport at the next level in this territory."

Hockey India currently has 22 Permanent Members, 27 Associate Members, 10 Academy Members and 2 Hoc-Key Member.

# BIRTHDAYS

## Men

### March

Harbir Singh Sandhu	27
Roshan Kumar	27

## Women

### March

Ashmita Barla	06
Navjot Kaur	07
Sonika	20
Ritusha Kumari Arya	23



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