



XX Commonwealth Games 2014 Special Edition



HOCKEY INDIA

Newsletter



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

At the outset on behalf of Hockey India, I would like to congratulate the Indian Men Hockey Team for their performance in the recently concluded XX Commonwealth Games 2014 at Glasgow and making the country proud by winning the Silver Medal.

The Indian Hockey Teams are improving day by day, it was evident during India's matches with its higher ranked teams in the Commonwealth Games. Though, the Women's Team was not able to have a podium finish, their performance against higher ranked team was much appreciative. The continuous efforts being put in by all stakeholders will ensure that we see both the Men and Women Teams on the podium in the next Commonwealth Games

In our constant effort to uplift hockey at grass root level, Hockey India has further appointed Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal as Manager, High Performance (North Zone), this is in addition to the earlier appointment of Manager, High Performance (South Zone).

We welcome Hockey Patiala and Kerala Hockey in our Hockey family as Associate Members and I also congratulate the newly elected office bearers of our three state member units who have recently conducted their elections.

Friends, the next one and a half months are going to be very important for our Men's and Women's team. The teams will be participating in the 17th Asian Games 2014 at Incheon, South Korea where they will further show their strengths. I would like to convey my heartiest gratitude to all the stakeholders for their contributions in the preparations of the teams for the forthcoming Asian Games. 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.



Silver Medalist Indian Men Hockey Team at the XX Commonwealth Games

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Send-off Ceremony of Indian Men Hockey Team



Send-off Ceremony of Indian Women Hockey Team



Indian Men Hockey Team for XX Commonwealth Games 2014



47
Caps
18
Goals

Akashdeep Singh
Forward



77
Caps
07
Goals

Birendra Lakra
Defender



58
Caps
03
Goals

Chinglensana Singh
Midfielder



117
Caps
24
Goals

Danish Mujtaba
Midfielder



81
Caps
26
Goals

Dharamvir Singh
Midfielder



170
Caps
06
Goals

Gurbaj Singh
Defender



103
Caps
24
Goals

Gurwinder Singh Chandi
Forward



77
Caps
03
Goals

Kothajit Singh
Defender



103
Caps
08
Goals

Manpreet Singh
Midfielder



17
Caps
03
Goals

Nikkin Thimmaiah
Forward



106
Caps
NA
Goals

P R Sreejesh (VC)
Goalkeeper



17
Caps
05
Goals

Ramandeep Singh
Forward





95
Caps

37
Goals

Rupinder Pal Singh
Defender



191
Caps

13
Goals

Sardar Singh (C)
Midfielder



143
Caps

51
Goals

S V Sunil
Forward



166
Caps

113
Goals

V R Raghunath
Defender

Team Officials



Terry Walsh
Chief Coach



M K Kaushik
Coach (Manager)




Jude Felix
Coach



Jince Thomas Mathew
Physiotherapist



Adithya Chakravarty
Video Analyst



Arup Naskar
Masseur

(All caps and goals are after CWG 2014)





Indian Men Hockey Team Wins Silver Medal

The Indian Men's Hockey did us proud yet again in the XX edition of Commonwealth Games. Coming into the Games ranked 9th, the team still aspired to reach the finals and win the Gold. While the team missed out on the Gold, what cannot be missed here is the showcase of play by the entire team which is commendable. Some positive takeaways from the just culminated Games will be the teamwork and the seamless coordination amongst each one of them. They scored and outclassed in each department of the game and this article will be incomplete without mentioning each one of them. Be it PR Sreejesh's big saves which gave a frustrating time to the opponents forwards on the field or be it the strong defense with names like Rupinder Pal Singh, V R Raghunath, Gurbaj Singh, Birendra Lakra and Kothajit Singh leaving the opponents confused on how to penetrate through, to enter the D of India. Or the mid-field which had the likes of Sardar Singh, Danish Mujtaba, Manpreet Singh, Dharamvir Singh and Chinglensana Singh for creating the right balance between both the defence as well as the forward and ofcourse the forwards with names like Ramandeep Singh, Akashdeep Singh, SV Sunil, Gurwinder Singh Chandi, Nikkin Thimmaiah who always kept the opponents defence and goalkeepers busy from trying to keep us at bay and away from their semi-circle.





Also this article will be incomplete without remembering those moments of beautiful goals scored at important junctures in the game and which helped India win those all important matches, paving the road to the Finals. Be it the semifinal match against New Zealand where India was trailing 2-0 at one point of time and what turned the tables for India was the first goal scored in 28th minute of the first half when Rupinder's hard hitting strike to convert the penalty corner ended in D Couzins trying to save the goal, eventually handing us a penalty strike and our opening goal and a ray of hope that we can get back into the game. Or Rupinder Pal Singh's and V R Raghunath's double goals converted through penalty corners during their match against Scotland or the diving goal by Manpreet Singh against South Africa which even registered his sole goal for the Games.

All in all, a tournament which gives hockey a new high and expectations of more such good performances by the team in the future.

RESULTS

Date	Match	Result
25 July 2014	Vs Wales	3-1
26 July 2014	Vs Scotland	6-2
29 July 2014	Vs Australia	2-4
31 July 2014	Vs South Africa	5-2
2 August 2014	Vs New Zealand (Semi-final)	3-2
3 August 2014	Vs Australia (Final)	0-4

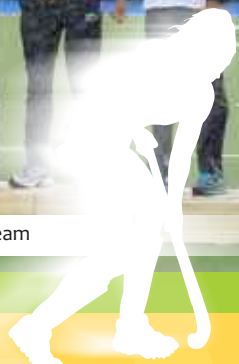


Action Moments



- 3 SINGH RUPINDER
- 5 KHADKANGARI KOTHAJIIT
- 7 SINGH HARPREET
- 8 SINGH SARDAR
- 10 SINGH DHARANUJIR
- 12 UOKKALIGA RAVACHANDRA RAG

Mr Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation (FIH) presenting Silver Medals to the Indian Men Hockey Team



Silver Medalist Indian Men Hockey Team Welcomed at IGI Airport Delhi





Mr. Jiji Thomson, DG Sports Authority of India, Mr. Rajyavardhan Rathore, MP- Lok Sabha, Mr. Anurag Thakur, MP- Lok Sabha, Mr. Kiren Rijju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs & Sports (Independent Charge), Cricket Legend Sachin Tendulkar, MP- Rajya Sabha and Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports with the XX Commonwealth Games Silver medalist Indian Men Hockey Team during the felicitation ceremony.

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports felicitates Silver Medalist Indian Men Hockey Team

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports felicitated Indian Men Hockey Team for winning Silver medal at the XX Commonwealth Games 2014 at Glasgow, Scotland. In the felicitation ceremony organised at Vigyan Bhawan on 8 August 2014, Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs & Sports, (Independent Charge) & cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar presented the memento and prize money of Rs. 10 Lakh to each of the 16 players of Indian Men Hockey Team.

Mr. Kiren Rijju, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr. Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament & Associate Vice- President, Hockey India, Mr. Rajyavardhan Rathore, Member of Parliament, Mr. Ajit M Sharan, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General, Sports Authority of India were also present during the felicitation ceremony.



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Hon'ble Mrs. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with the medal winners of XX Commonwealth Games 2014. She honoured members of Silver medalist Indian Men Hockey Team P R Sreejesh (First from left) and Rupinder Pal Singh (First from Right) with a cash award of Rs 30 Lakhs each.



Indian Women Hockey Team for XX Commonwealth Games 2014



38
Caps
10
Goals

Anupa Barla
Forward



67
Caps
09
Goals

Anuradha Devi
Forward



62
Caps
02
Goals

Deep Grace Ekka
Defender



131
Caps
12
Goals

Deepika (VC)
Defender



62
Caps
19
Goals

Jaspreet Kaur
Defender



144
Caps
01
Goals

Kirandeep Kaur
Defender



33
Caps
02
Goals

Lilima Minz
Midfielder



51
Caps
01
Goals

Namita Toppo
Defender



27
Caps
02
Goals

Navjot Kaur
Midfielder



118
Caps
19
Goals

Poonam Rani
Forward



116
Caps
64
Goals

Rani
Forward



184
Caps
14
Goals

Ritu Rani (C)
Midfielder





20
Caps

06
Goals

Ritusha Arya
Forward



84
Caps

NA
Goals

Savita
Goalkeeper



76
Caps

03
Goals

Sushila Chanu
Midfielder

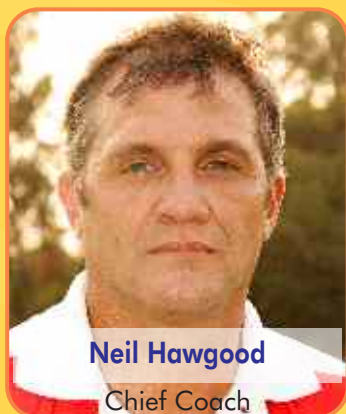


104
Caps

20
Goals

Vandana Kataria
Midfielder

Team Officials



Neil Hawgood
Chief Coach



C R Kumar
Coach (Manager)



Tingongleima Chanu
Coach



Gaurav Mehra
Physiotherapist



Amutha Prakash
Video Analyst



Matthew Tredrea
Scientific Advisor

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Indian Women Hockey Team Team finishes fifth at the XX Commonwealth Games 2014

While the Indian Women Hockey team finished 5th in the recently concluded XX Commonwealth Games, the young team will still be remembered for the strong fight it gave to teams like New Zealand and South Africa as well as the convincing wins against Trinidad & Tobago, Canada and Scotland. The most memorable match for this young brigade was their encounter against South Africa where they went down fighting with 2-3 on the score board. Though the end result was a loss what was the most inspiring part of that game was the moments when they converted brilliant opportunities which left the opponents stunned. First was the penalty strike taken by Jaspreet Kaur and the confidence with which she struck past the goalkeeper and scoring the first goal is laudable and the second was the penalty corner that was brilliantly converted by the Rani giving the opponents a frustrating time on the field.

Also the 14-0 score against Trinidad & Tobago where the girls rained goals on the opponent's goal leaving them sore. With Rani, Deepika and Jaspreet Kaur scoring 3 goals each and which was equally contributed by Anupa Barla, Ritusha Arya, Ritu Rani, Anuradha Devi and Vandana Katariya by their one goal each the team registered their massive win of the tournament.

While the Indian Women Hockey team did not end the tournament on a winning note but the young girls have made many proud by their performances and from here many would be looking forward to see them grow and win matches.

Date	Match	Result
24 July 2014	Vs Canada	4-2
27 July 2014	Vs New Zealand	0-3
28 July 2014	Vs Trinidad & Tobago	14-0
30 July 2014	Vs South Africa	2-3
1 August 2014	Vs Scotland	2-1



Action Moments



Indian Women Hockey Team Welcomed at IGI Airport Delhi



Indian Men Hockey Team blanks Bangladesh; Wins series 3-0

In sync with the preparations of the upcoming Asian Games 2014, scheduled to take place from 19th September 2014 in Incheon (South Korea), the Indian Men Hockey team toured Bangladesh for a three-match test series.

The tour that commenced on 6th August 2014 proved to be a massive success for Team India as they outperformed Bangladesh and recorded three consecutive wins with 2-1 in the opening match, 5-1 in the second, and 3-1 in the last match of the tournament to register a clean sweep over the hosts.

These young members of the core probables for the Asian Games 2014, showed excellent on-field skills while reciprocating positively to the new set pieces and experiments as guided by Coach Tushar Khandker showing promising results.

The squad led by Captain Vickram Kanth showcased exceptional talent with the likes of S K Uthappa, Yuvraj Walmiki, Gurjinder Singh, Devinder Sunil Walmiki and Harjeet Singh putting their best foot forward during the tournament and this young squad will be looking at carving their way to make it to the final team for the Asian Games 2014.



Captain Sardar Singh and Gurwinder Singh Chandi took part in the torch lighting ceremony for 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea which started from MDC National Stadium, New Delhi the venue of 1st Asian Games on 9 July 2014



Hockey India appoints Sukhvir Singh Grewal as Manager High Performance (North Zone)



Post appointing Mr. V Baskaran as a Manager High Performance in the South Zone, Hockey India took a step forward in appointing former coach Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal as a Manager, High Performance (North Zone) to ensure its commitment towards development of hockey at the grass root level in the North Zone of the country. With this Hockey India also aims to put in place similar initiative in Central, East and West zone soon. The Manager High Performance of each zone will work under Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans.

Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal took charge on 1 August 2014, with the North Zone comprising of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh, Rajasthan and Delhi.

This initiative by Hockey India will also help our State Member Units and Academies to get in place a more robust system towards the player development in individual regions. Having coached the Indian Men team for five years 1987 - 1992, Mr. Grewal understands the nuances of identifying, understanding and then developing a player in the right manner. 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. Sukhvir Singh Grewal will create, maintain and develop technical content for dissemination.

Speaking on the new appointment, Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General, Hockey India said “Hockey India welcomes Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal and I would like to tell him that we are very happy that he accepted our proposal to be the Manager High Performance in the all important North Zone. In the past we have seen that this zone has brought to the forefront many world class players and who have made us proud. Hence this zone becomes very important for us as we are sure that there is a dearth of talent in this zone which needs to be skillfully developed”.

Speaking on his appointment, Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal said “I thank Hockey India for starting the initiative of High Performance Development Programme at grassroots level in the country. Hockey has totally changed in the past few years, by starting this initiative at grassroots level, we can expect better results from Indian hockey in the coming years at international levels and even it will help us to create a greater pool of players”.

Mr. Sukhvir Singh, former coach for the Indian team had represented India at the World Cup in Buenos Aires 1978 and Asian Games in the same year. He was also the Director of Coaching and Development Committee formed by Hockey India for both Men and Women team in 2011. He was assistant coach of Indian team in 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games and the coach of the Indian Men Hockey team from 1987-1992. He has also worked with Punjab Government as an Incharge of Hockey Development from 2005 to 2013.

Raghu Prasad upgraded to World Panel of Umpires by FIH



International Umpire R. V Raghu Prasad has been upgraded to the World Panel of Umpires by International Hockey Federation during FIH Men's World Cup held at Hague in June this year. Raghu Prasad who was selected for World Development Panel of Umpires by FIH in 2009 officiated well in the major international events including FIH Men's World Cup in Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010, Olympic Games in London 2012 and FIH Junior Men World Cup 2013. He also officiated in the recently concluded XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.

R V Raghu Prasad said “I would like to thank FIH, Hockey India, family and friends who have supported me in achieving this success. It's a dream come true for me. I started my career as an ordinary player but my passion about hockey made me close to umpiring and received recognition as an international panel umpire in 2003. Thereafter I never looked back. I would like to see more Indians to come at this level.”



FIH delegation inspects Kalinga Stadium to review preparations for Champions Trophy 2014

A two member delegation from International Hockey Federation (FIH) visited Kalinga Stadium at Bhubaneswar on 14 – 15 July 2014 which has been chosen as a venue for the 35th edition of the FIH Champions Trophy Men's Hockey Tournament 2014 to review the preparations for the eight team event which would be played from 6-14 December 2014.

From FIH Ms. Yasemin Bay, Events Coordinator and Mr. Rupert Rumney, Broadcast Manager were accompanied by Ms. Elena Norman, CEO and Mr. B N Bhushan, Joint Director from Hockey India.

FIH delegation inspected the Kalinga Stadium and advised few restructuring at the venue to the Odisha Government. The delegation also visited few hotels in the city to check the facilities for the players and officials.

“The connectivity from the airport to the venue and the hotels are better. The infrastructure here at the stadium is of international standards but need few restructuring. Otherwise we are extremely satisfied with the facilities. Kalinga Stadium will have two astroturfs for the event, one is ready while work on the other is going on and Odisha Government assured us that all construction work will be completed before schedule” said event coordinator of FIH Ms. Yasemin Bay.

Mr. Saswat Mishra, Secretary State Sports and Youth Services assured full support to International Hockey Federation and Hockey India in the successful conduct of the event in December this year.

Eight top international hockey teams-host India, defending champions Australia, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Belgium, Argentina, England and Germany would lock horns in the Champions Trophy this year at Kalinga Stadium. Kalinga Stadium also hosted Hero Hockey India League 2014. Mr. Pratap Satpathy, General Secretary, Hockey Odisha was also present.



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Mr. Saswat Mishra, Secretary State Sports & Youth Services Odisha and Co - Chairman Organising Committee Champions Trophy 2014 briefing Ms. Yasemin Bay, Events Coordinator FIH, Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India and other officials regarding arrangements for the Champions Trophy at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.



Hockey India 'Team, Coaching And High Performance Evaluation Committee' Met to Evaluate the Performance of Indian Team during World Cup 2014

The 10 Member 'Team, Coaching and High Performance Evaluation Committee' formed by Hockey India after the Rabobank Hockey World Cup held its first meeting at Hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 3rd and 4th July 2014 to evaluate the performance of the Indian Men Hockey team during the tournament. The committee briefed media regarding the outcomes of the meeting on 5th July 2014.

The two day meeting comprised of discussion, detailed presentations by Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Chief Coach (Men) Mr. Terry Walsh and Scientific Advisor Mr. Mathew Eyles wherein highlighting team initiatives taken for the build up to the World Cup 2014. Each element was put under extensive scrutiny and a detailed analysis to assist the forthcoming performance was done during the meeting. The analysis highlighted video sessions and match strategies for pre and post half time during every match, and preparation on the fitness of players.

Further to this, Mr. Roelant Oltmans and Mr. Terry Walsh also presented their constructive plans on improving the performance of the team in the future major events happening this year including the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. The former Olympians and international players who are part of this Committee also shared their inputs during this meeting on which Hockey India will work closely with the Coaches during future camps.

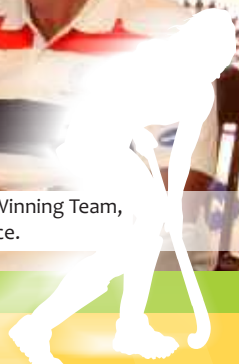
During the press conference, Committee member and former Captain of the 1975 World Cup Winning Team Mr. Ajit Pal Singh said “We analysed the positives alongwith the negatives during the World Cup. The penalty area is an area of concern and it has been taken into consideration and we will be working on it and improving on it for the upcoming tournaments. We know we will see good times in this year itself.”

Another member and former Olympian Mr. Harbinder Singh “We hope through these meetings we will be successful in working on our weak spots. The physical tests of the players have been outstanding which will help us do better in Asian Games which is important to qualify for the Olympics.”

Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans said “We discussed the insights into the way we prepare the team for future and make sure that we keep on improving. Outcome was not what we hoped for but we are in a transition phase and it will take some time to witness a spike in our performance which we all are looking forward to. The team performed as a unit and the second half during all the matches were high class when compared to other countries.”



Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Director High Performance, Mr. Harbinder Singh (Member), Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, Former Captain 1975 World Cup Winning Team, Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India and Mr. Terry Walsh, Chief Coach, Indian Men Hockey Team during a press conference.



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

Hockey India Disciplinary/ Disputes Committee (Athletes & Members) held four meetings on 26 July 2014 to recent review cases of breaches in the Hockey India Code of Conduct by players, coaches, officials and office bearers of State Member Unit.

Date	Decisions taken in the meeting	Period of Ban
26 July 2014	Ramesh. N, player of I.C.F Chennai has been banned for 3 months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct during Laxmi Ammal Memorial 6th All India Hockey Tournament 2014 held at Chennai.	27 July 2014 – 26 Oct. 2014
	Five players of Punjab Police team have been banned for a period of 9 months for breaching Hockey India Code of Conduct and committing a level 2 offence during 92nd All India Trades Cup Hockey Tournament 2014 held at Uttarakhand. The names of the players are Simranjit Singh, Jasbir Singh, Satvinder Singh, Baljit Singh and Amit.	27 July 2014 - 26 April 2015
	In the above mentioned case, the Team Manager Mr. Jaspreet Singh and Coach Mr. Surjeet Singh of Punjab Police have been banned for a period of one year for violating Hockey India Code of Conduct and not controlling their players.	27 July 2014- 26 July 2015
	The resignation of Mr. Kuku Walia from the post of Vice-Chairman of Hockey India Umpire, Technical and Competitions Committee has been accepted by the review committee as he tried to influence and change the results of the physical tests (beep tests) of two international umpires in their favour. The tests were conducted on 2 July 2014.	
	The review Committee recommended to the Hockey India Executive Board that President, Vice-President and General Secretary of Tripura Hockey should immediately resign on the matter of the selection of 5 players for their team during 4th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2014 (Division B) held at Haldwani, Uttarakhand. The players selected by Tripura Hockey were from outside of the state jurisdiction and did not obtain an NOC for the player's participation. The Committee placed on record that although several reminders had been sent to the Working President/ Senior Vice-President and General Secretary of Tripura Hockey for clarification on the matter but no details were submitted till the review Committee meeting.	

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



Hockey India inducts Kerala Hockey and Hockey Patiala as its new Associate Members

Post disaffiliating Hockey Kerala, Hockey India announced the approval of Kerala Hockey as its new Associate Member. The approval is subject to ratification by the Hockey India Executive Board.

The decision to approve the application of Kerala Hockey for the state was taken post disaffiliating Hockey Kerala for irregularities in its functioning and not clarifying them within sufficient time. Hockey Kerala was earlier relegated to Associate Member category by Hockey India Disciplinary Committee in May this year.

The new body Kerala Hockey has Hockey India President Ms. Mariamma Koshy as its President and Mr. Francis K Paul as the General Secretary.

Hockey India in its bid to develop hockey further at grassroot level, affiliates Hockey Patiala as its new Associate Member. The decision to affiliate Hockey Patiala was approved after taking into consideration the fact that Hockey Patiala is a unit of Patiala Union Hockey Association which has in the past successfully conducted various domestic events in both men and women categories. This commendable work of developing the game in the region made Hockey India take the easy decision of inducting Hockey Patiala in its fold.

Mr. Rajinder Singh Mann is the President and Ms Sukhwinder Kaur is the General Secretary of Hockey Patiala.

Hockey India currently has 25 Permanent Members, 22 Associate Members, 2 Members through State Olympic Associations, 6 Academy Members and 1 Hoc-Key Member.

Hockey India State Units held its Elections

Three state member units of Hockey India held their elections in their respective states and elected their new office bearers.

Assam Hockey



Nazrin Hussain
President



Tapan Kumar Das
General Secretary



Mohan Ch. Bora
Treasurer

Hockey Bihar



Jyoti Mehta
President



Mustaque Ahmad
General Secretary



Md Iqbal Akhtar
Treasurer

Hockey Karnataka



S V S Subramanya Gupta
President



A B Subbaiah
General Secretary



Gayathri Shetty
Treasurer

Milestones



Forward Vandana Katariya completed her 100th international cap during match against Canada in the XX Commonwealth Games played at Glasgow, Scotland on 24 July 2014



Defender Namita Toppo completed her 50th international cap during match against South Africa in the XX Commonwealth Games played at Glasgow, Scotland on 30 July 2014



Forward Gurwinder Singh Chandi completed his 100th international cap during match against Australia in the XX Commonwealth Games played at Glasgow, Scotland on 29 July 2014



Midfielder Manpreet Singh completed his 100th international cap during match against Australia in the XX Commonwealth Games played at Glasgow, Scotland on 29 July 2014

Hero Hockey India League 2014 facebook contest 'Hockey Ka Sangram' winners Aakanksha Sehrawat, Praful Tembhurne and Prabhat Lakra during their Trips to Goa



Aakanksha Sehrawat



Praful Tembhurne



Prabhat Lakra



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