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## Message from **Ms. Mariamma Koshy** **President - Hockey India**

Hello Friends,

2018 is a huge year for Indian hockey as all our teams play a host of major tournaments around the world. The Senior Men's team have a packed schedule throughout the year with Gold Coast 2018 XXI Commonwealth Games, Rabobank Men's Hockey Champions Trophy Breda 2018, 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games and the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018. The team started the year with positive results at the Four Nations Invitational Tournament in New Zealand and the 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018 in Malaysia, where we tried


and tested all the players of our Core Group. The team will now be taking part in the Commonwealth Games in Australia, and I would like to wish them the best.

While the expectation from all spheres is on the Men's team lifting the World Cup this year in our homeland, I see our Women's team aiming for the same when they take part in the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup in London in July-August as they have started the year with promising performances during their South Korea Tour where the team won the five-match series 3-1. We will also have our Junior teams participate at the Youth Olympic Games Qualifiers in Thailand in April where they will take part in an exciting format which is the 5-a-side competition. I would like to wish them the best and will hope they can qualify for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.


The new season also saw action in the domestic circuit with the 8<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Senior and Sub Junior National Championships taking place throughout the country. The 8<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Junior National Championships 2018 will commence in April. I would like to congratulate the winners for producing excellent performances throughout their respective campaigns and I am sure that the other teams will come back stronger next year.


In February, we signed a new sponsorship deal with the Government of Odisha which further enhances the connection between the state and the sport. It is an instrumental deal for Indian hockey as we look to bring back the days of glory to the nation with the support of the passionate hockey fans. Given the success of the Odisha Men's Hockey World League Final Bhubaneswar 2017, we are all very excited to welcome fans and players from around the world to experience hockey in the arms of Odisha this year.


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# HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 20-MEMBER SQUAD FOR 2018 FOUR NATIONS INVITATIONAL TOUR IN NEW ZEALAND

On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 20-member Indian Men's Hockey Team was named by Hockey India for the 2018 Four Nations Invitational Tournament in New Zealand held from 17 January 2018. India was set to compete against Belgium, Japan and hosts New Zealand at Tauranga and Hamilton.

The team was led by 25-year-old midfielder Manpreet Singh while Chinglensana Singh Kangujam shouldered the responsibility of Vice Captain.



<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	PR SREEJESH	KRISHAN BAHADUR PATHAK	
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	HARMANPREET SINGH	SURENDER KUMAR	GURINDER SINGH
	VARUN KUMAR	RUPINDERPAL SINGH	BIRENDRA LAKRA
<b>MIDFIELDERS</b>	MANPREET SINGH(C)	CHINGLENSANA SINGH KANGUJAM (VC)	
	VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD	HARJEET SINGH	NILAKANTA SHARMA
	SIMRANJEET SINGH	SATBIR SINGH	
<b>FORWARDS</b>	DILPREET SINGH	RAMANDEEP SINGH	MANDEEP SINGH
	LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY	ARMAAN QURESHI	

# ASSAM HOCKEY WIN 8TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR (MEN) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (B DIVISION)

Playing in front of an energetic crowd, after going down by 2 goals from Rajasthan scored by Shivam & Romit Pal, Assam Hockey made a fantastic comeback to win the Finals of the National Championship with a score line of 3-2. For Assam Hockey, it was Manish Sahani's goal off a penalty stroke first and later an equalizer that kept Assam Hockey's hope alive. However, Abdullah Khan's goal in the last few minutes helped the home team seal the deal on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

In the third and fourth place match, Hockey Himachal beat Hockey Him 1-0 in a closely-fought encounter. It was Harpal (5') who scored the lone goal of the match.



## 4 NATIONS TOURNAMENT, HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND

- A. Leg 1: While the Indian Men's team recorded a comfortable victory against Japan in their first encounter in New Zealand, they lost to Belgium 2-0 and eventually recovered by beating the Hosts 3-1 in the first leg of the tournament. Despite a good show by the Indian boys, Belgium beat the Indian team in the finals of the 1st leg by 2-1.
- January 17, 2018: Dominant Indian Men's Hockey Team scored a comfortable 6-0 win against Japan
  - January 18, 2018: Indian Men's Hockey Team went down 0-2 against Belgium.
  - January 20, 2018: Impressive Indian Men's Hockey Team beat New Zealand 3-1
  - January 21, 2018: Belgium beat Indian Men's Hockey Team 2-1 in a tense Final encounter.
- B. Leg 2: India remained unbeaten as they beat Hosts New Zealand, Japan and Belgium with close margins in the second leg of the tournament.
- January 24, 2018: Determined Indian Men's Hockey Team beat New Zealand 3-2
  - January 25, 2018: Indian Men's Hockey Team beat Belgium 5-4 in a thriller
  - January 27, 2018: Indian Men's Hockey Team beat Japan 4-2 to remain unbeaten in the second leg of the tournament.









### 4 Nations Invitational Tournament (M)

17 - 28 Jan 2018

Tauranga & Hamilton (NZL)

Match Results

Match	Description	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
<b>Tauranga (NZL)</b>					
1	RR	17 Jan 2018	10:15	IND - JPN	6 - 0
2	RR	17 Jan 2018	12:00	BEL - NZL	4 - 5
3	RR	18 Jan 2018	10:15	IND - BEL	0 - 2
4	RR	18 Jan 2018	12:00	NZL - JPN	4 - 1
5	RR	20 Jan 2018	04:45	NZL - IND	1 - 3
6	RR	20 Jan 2018	06:30	BEL - JPN	4 - 1
7	3rd/4th Place	21 Jan 2018	04:30	NZL - JPN	5 - 4
8	Final	21 Jan 2018	06:30	IND - BEL	1 - 2
<b>Hamilton (NZL)</b>					
1	RR	24 Jan 2018	10:15	BEL - JPN	3 - 2
2	RR	24 Jan 2018	12:00	NZL - IND	2 - 3
3	RR	25 Jan 2018	10:15	IND - BEL	5 - 4
4	RR	25 Jan 2018	12:00	NZL - JPN	6 - 2
5	RR	27 Jan 2018	06:45	IND - JPN	4 - 2
6	RR	27 Jan 2018	08:30	NZL - BEL	0 - 4
7	3rd/4th Place	28 Jan 2018	06:30	NZL - JPN	1 - 1 (1 - 4 SO)
8	Final	28 Jan 2018	08:30	IND - BEL	4 - 4 (0 - 3 SO)

Locations

Ga -Ho -Ce Gallagher Hockey Centre

## CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF THE 8TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (B DIVISION)

Central Reserve Police Force were crowned as Champions of the 8th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2018 (B Division) defeating Kerala Hockey by a score line of 7-0 in the Finals on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Steel Plant Sports Board defeated Bengaluru Hockey by 4 goals to earn the 3rd position.

In the Final match, Central Reserve Police Force produced a performance worthy of becoming Champions. Following an early goal by Pragya Mourya, the team dominated the game to have a score line of 4-0 by the end of the second half. They scored 3 more goals in the following 2 halves to etch the trophy in the name of Central Reserve Police Force. It was Pricilia Tirkey's fantastic performance scoring 4 goals along with goals scored by Pragya, Siddhi Singh & Bharti Thakur that brought glory to the team.

For Steel Plants Sports Board, all 4 goals came in the 2nd Quarter within 6 minutes. It was a matter of defending well in the last two quarters and they proved to be good defenders too as they sealed the game with a score line of 4-0. The goal scorers for Steel Plant Sports Board were, Chanda Singh (23', 25'), skipper Shikha Sharma (19') and Shweta Singh (21').





## RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD WINS 8TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (A DIVISION)

The Railway Sports Promotion Board proved to be a Champion Squad as they remained unbeaten to lift the 8th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2018 (A Division) at the Astro Turf Hockey Stadium on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The women representing Railway Sports Promotion Board played their 'A' Game to beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh 4-0. Railway Sports Promotion Board's first goal was scored in the third quarter through captain, Vandana Katariya's field goal in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute. The captain got 2 more goals in her name in the 41<sup>st</sup> minute and 59<sup>th</sup> minute respectively. Priyanka Wankhede, who was the second top goal scorer of the tournament behind her teammate Anupa Barla, scored a scintillating field goal to not only put the Railway Sports Promotion Board 3-0 ahead in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute but also took her total goals scored to 12 in the tournament.

In the Bronze Medal match, Hockey Haryana beat home team Hockey Jharkhand 2-0. It was the experience of Rani (19') and Deepika (41') whose goals helped their team secure the third position.



## ASSAM HOCKEY WIN FINAL OF THE 8TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR (WOMEN) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (B DIVISION)

The Assam Hockey Sub junior Girls follow example set by the Assam Hockey Sub Junior boys in January and go on to win the Final of the 8th Hockey India Sub Junior [Women National Championship 2018 ( B Division)] beating Hockey Coorg with a score line of 4-0 on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

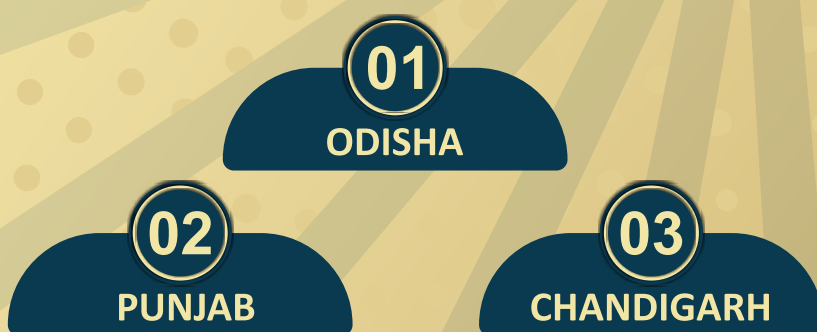
Hockey Uttarakhand defeated Vidarbha Hockey Association by a margin of 6-1 in the 3rd/4th classification match.

Assam Hockey displayed an impressive attacking game while Hockey Coorg failed to matchup. Maxima Xalxo managed to get the ball past the goalkeeper thrice in the finals while Munmuni Das scored 1 goal. The goal scorers for Uttarakhand were Khushi Katariya(1'), Swati(10'), Shruti Mangain (63'), Hema Singh Bisht (67') and Prachi (69'). However, Vidarbha Hockey Association managed to get their maiden goal in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute through Vaishnavi Gulhane.

## THE 1ST KHELO INDIA SCHOOL GAMES CONCLUDED ON 8TH FEBRUARY WITH ODISHA AND HARYANA LIFTING THE TITLE IN THE BOYS AND GIRLS CATEGORY RESPECTIVELY

The first edition of the week long sports extravaganza, Khelo India School Games saw the boys from Odisha emerge victorious over Punjab with a score line of 2-1. With the same score line, in the girls category the team from Haryana made a fantastic comeback to beat Jharkhand.

### BOY'S FINAL STANDINGS



### GIRL'S FINAL STANDINGS



## NEW JERSEY, NEW PARTNERSHIP AND NEW DREAMS FOR THE SENIOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM

Govt of Odisha to support Indian Hockey: Announced 5 year association with National Team on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Along with announcing the first of its kind association, the state also unveiled its logo that will don the new jerseys of Team India Men's and Women's Hockey teams. The launch was graced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Navin Patnaik along with, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, FIH & President, IOA and legends of Indian Hockey including Dilip Tirkey, Dhanraj Pillay & Viren Rasquinha and the Indian Men and Women Hockey teams.



# HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 18-MEMBER SQUAD FOR THE 27TH SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Hockey India named the 18-member Indian Men's Hockey Team for the prestigious 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup which commenced on 3 March 2018 in Ipoh, Malaysia. The tournament saw World No.1 Australia, World No.2 Argentina, England, India, Ireland and hosts Malaysia in an exciting contest that ended on March 10.

The Team was led by the experienced, Sardar Singh while Ramandeep Singh was the Vice-Captain for the tournament.



<b>GOALKEEPERS</b>	SURAJ KARKERA	KRISHAN B PATHAK	
<b>DEFENDERS</b>	AMIT ROHIDAS	DIPSAN TIRKEY	VARUN KUMAR
	SURENDER KUMAR	NILAM SANJEEP XESS	MANDEEP MOR
<b>MIDFIELDERS</b>	S.K. UTHAPPA	SARDAR SINGH (CAPTAIN)	
	SUMIT	NILAKANTA SHARMA	SIMRANJEET SINGH
<b>FORWARDS</b>	GURJANT SINGH	RAMANDEEP SINGH (VICE-CAPTAIN)	
	TALWINDER SINGH	SUMIT KUMAR (J.)	SHILANAND LAKRA

## HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 20-MEMBER INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM FOR KOREA TOUR

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, Hockey India named the 20-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for the Korea Tour that was held between March 3 – 12 where they played five matches against the hosts at the Jinchun National Athletic Centre, Jinchun, Korea.

The team was Captained by India's ace striker Rani while defender Sunita Lakra was her deputy for the season opener.



GOALKEEPERS	RAJINI ETIMARPU		SWATI
DEFENDERS	DEEPIKA	SUNITA LAKRA (VC)	DEEP GRACE EKKA
	SUMAN DEVI THOUDAM	GURJIT KAUR	SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM
MIDFIELDERS	MONIKA	NAMITA TOPPO	NIKKI PRADHAN
	NEHA GOYAL	LILIMA MINZ	UDITA
FORWARDS	RANI (C)	VANDANA KATARIYA	LALREMSIAMI
	NAVJOT KAUR	NAVNEET KAUR	POONAM RANI

# GLIMPSES FROM THE IOA PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2018 AHEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES



Hon'ble Sports Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore addressing the attendees at the IOA Press Conference



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, FIH and IOA addressing the attendees at the IOA Press conference



Dignitaries unveiling the Indian Hockey team uniform for the CWG Games



Dignitaries unveiling the uniform of the Indian Contingent at the IOA Press Conference



Dignitaries at IOA Press conference

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD WINNERS OF THE TIMES OF INDIA SPORTS AWARDS 2018 (27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018)







Hockey Player of the year - Male  
(Jury's Choice): Harmanpreet Singh



Hockey Player of the year- Female  
(Jury's Choice): Savita Punia



Hockey Player of the year Award  
(People's choice)- Male: Manpreet Singh



Team of the Year:  
Indian Men's Hockey Team

## TEAM DEPARTURES

Indian Men's Hockey Team led by Sardar Singh departed for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



Indian Women's Hockey Team departed from Bengaluru for the South Korea Tour on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP, IPOH, MALAYSIA

### Spirited Indian Men's Hockey Team lose 2-3 to Argentina (3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018)

Indian Men's Hockey Team went down 2-3 against Olympic Champions Argentina in a rain-affected opening match. All goals were scored from penalty corners with Argentina's Gonzalo Peillat (13', 24', 33') scoring a hat-trick while Amit Rohidas (26', 31') scored twice for India.



### Indian Men's Hockey Team draw 1-1 against England (4<sup>th</sup> March)

A young Indian Men's Hockey Team could not register their first win of the 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018. It was India who scored the first goal as Shilanand Lakra found the back of the net in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute but Mark Gleghorne's Penalty Stroke in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute meant that the match ended with a goal a piece.



## World No.1 Australia beat Indian Men's Hockey Team 4-2(6<sup>th</sup> March)

The World No.1 Australia put India out of contention for a place in the Final as they beat the Sardar Singh-led squad 4-2 in their third round-robin match. Late goals by Ramandeep Singh (52', 53') were simply not enough to defeat table toppers Australia. It was goals by Mark Knowles (28'), Aran Zalewski (35'), Daniel Beale (38') and Blake Govers (40') that ensured Australia the easy win.



**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**TUE, 6 MAR**  
**FIXTURES**

1:30 PM (IST)	ENGLAND	VS	IRELAND
3:30 PM (IST)	INDIA	VS	AUSTRALIA
6:00 PM (IST)	MALAYSIA	VS	ARGENTINA

LIVE ON   



**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**2** INDIA **FT** **4** AUSTRALIA

(RAMANDEEP SINGH 52', 53')  
(MARK KNOWLES 28')  
(ARAN ZALEWSKI 35')  
(DANIEL BEALE 38')  
(BLAKE GOVERS 40')

## Determined Indian Men's Hockey Team beat Malaysia 5-1 (7<sup>th</sup> March)

The Indian Men's Hockey Team rode on splendid goals by Shilanand Lakra (10'), Gurjant Singh (42', 57'), Sumit Kumar (48') and Ramandeep Singh (51') to beat hosts Malaysia 5-1 and kept their hopes alive to play in the Final.



**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**WED, 7 MAR**  
**FIXTURES**

1:30 PM (IST)	AUSTRALIA	VS	IRELAND
3:30 PM (IST)	ARGENTINA	VS	ENGLAND
6:00 PM (IST)	INDIA	VS	MALAYSIA

LIVE ON   



**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**5** INDIA **FT** **1** MALAYSIA

SHILANAND LAKRA (10')  
GURJANT SINGH (42', 57')  
SUMIT KUMAR (48')  
RAMANDEEP SINGH (51')  
FAIZAL SAARI (33')

## Ireland stun Indian Men's Hockey Team with 3-2 win (9<sup>th</sup> March)

Having grabbed the lead on two occasions (1-0 in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute and 2-1 in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute), Indian Men's Hockey Team fumbled in the end as they lost 3-2 to Ireland in their last round-robin match. Ramandeep Singh (10') and Amit Rohidas (26') scored for India while Shane O'Donoghue (24'), Sean Murray (36') and Lee Cole (42') scored the winner for Ireland.

**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**FRI, 9 MAR**  
**FIXTURES**

1:35 PM (IST)		VS	
	ARGENTINA		AUSTRALIA
		VS	
	INDIA		IRELAND
3:35 PM (IST)			
6:05 PM (IST)		VS	
	ENGLAND		MALAYSIA

LIVE ON

**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**2** **FT** **3**

**INDIA**  
RAMANDEEP SINGH (10')  
AMIT ROHIDAS (26')

**IRELAND**  
SHANE O'DONOGHUE (24')  
SEAN MURRAY (36')  
LEE COLE (42')

## Indian Men's Hockey Team beat Ireland 4-1 to secure 5<sup>th</sup> Position in the 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018 (10<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

A resilient Indian Men's Hockey Team beat Ireland 4-1 to end their campaign at the 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018 at 5<sup>th</sup> position. It was goals by Varun Kumar (5', 32'), Shilanand Lakra (28') and Gurjant Singh (37') that ensured India finished with a win.

**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**SAT, 10 MAR**  
**FIXTURES**

6:00 PM (IST)		VS	
	AUSTRALIA		ENGLAND
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE PLAY-OFF			
		VS	
	ARGENTINA		MALAYSIA
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> PLACE PLAY-OFF			
1:00 PM (IST)		VS	
	INDIA		IRELAND

LIVE ON

**27<sup>th</sup> SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2018**  
IPOH, MALAYSIA

**4** **FT** **1**

**INDIA**  
VARUN KUMAR (5', 32')  
SHILANAND LAKRA (28')  
GURJANT SINGH (37')

**IRELAND**  
JULIAN DALE (48')

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Men's International Hockey Tournament

 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Result

### Participating Teams

Australia / Argentina / England / India / Ireland / Malaysia

Date	Match	Indian Time	Teams	Results
<b>03 Mar 2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13:30</b>	<b>Argentina v India</b>	<b>3 - 2</b>
03 Mar 2018	2	15:30	Australia v England	4 - 1
03 Mar 2018	3	18:00	Malaysia v Ireland	4 - 1
<b>04 Mar 2018</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13:30</b>	<b>India v England</b>	<b>1 - 1</b>
04 Mar 2018	5	15:30	Ireland v Argentina	3 - 5
04 Mar 2018	6	18:00	Malaysia v Australia	1 - 3
<b>05 Mar 2018</b>	<b>REST DAY</b>			
06 Mar 2018	7	13:30	England v Ireland	4 - 1
<b>06 Mar 2018</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>India v Australia</b>	<b>2 - 4</b>
06 Mar 2018	9	18:00	Malaysia v Argentina	2 - 1
07 Mar 2018	10	13:35	Australia v Ireland	4 - 1
07 Mar 2018	11	15:35	Argentina v England	1 - 1
<b>07 Mar 2018</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18:05</b>	<b>India v Malaysia</b>	<b>5 - 1</b>
<b>08 Mar 2018</b>	<b>REST DAY</b>			
09 Mar 2018	13	13:35	Argentina v Australia	1 - 3
<b>09 Mar 2018</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15:35</b>	<b>Ireland v India</b>	<b>3 - 2</b>
09 Mar 2018	15	18:05	England v Malaysia	7 - 2
<b>10 Mar 2018</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Ireland v India</b>	<b>1 - 4</b>
10 Mar 2018	17	15:30	Argentina v Malaysia	3 - 2
10 Mar 2018	18	18:00	Australia v England	2 - 1

## SOUTH KOREA TOUR: INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM 2018

### Resilient Indian Women's Hockey Team defeated South Korea 1-0 in the first match of South Korea Tour (March 05)

Indian Women's Hockey Team started their tour of South Korea with a morale-boosting 1-0 win over the hosts in the first match of the five match series at the Jinchun National Athletic Center on 5th March where a 5th minute goal from Lalremsiami contributed to the victory.



### Indian Women's Hockey Team defeated South Korea 3-2 in second match of Korea Tour (March 06)

Indian Women's Hockey Team registered their second consecutive victory of their South Korea Tour as they defeated hosts South Korea by 3-2 in the second match of their five-match series. Goals for India were scored by Poonam Rani (6'), skipper Rani (27') and Gurjit Kaur (32') while Yurim Lee (10') and Jungeun Seo (31') scored for the hosts.



### South Korea defeated Indian Women's Hockey Team 2-1 in a hard-fought third match of South Korea Tour (March 08)

A determined Indian Women's Hockey Team slipped to their first defeat of South Korea Tour as the hosts registered 2-1 victory over the visitors in the third match. Two goals in the first quarter from South Korea's Seoul Ki Cheon (12') and Yurim Lee (14') were enough for the hosts as India's fight back, led by Lalremsiami's goal in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute, was not enough on the day.



## Confident Indian Women's Hockey Team beat South Korea 3-1 in fourth match of South Korea Tour (March 09)

Indian Women's Hockey Team produced a splendid all-round performance to register a well-deserved 3-1 win in the fourth match. The victory for World No. 10 India saw them take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the series. Two goals in the first quarter by Gurjit Kaur (2') and Deepika (14') put India in a commanding position while Poonam Rani's field goal in the 47th minute secured the victory for the visitors



## Indian Women's Hockey Team play out 1-1 draw with South Korea; win the series 3-1 (March 11)

The Indian Women's Hockey Team played out a 1-1 draw against hosts South Korea in the last match of the series at the Jinchun National Athletic Centre. Both the teams scored a goal each in the final quarter of the match which saw them locked at a goal apiece at the full-time whistle. It was Vandana Katariya who found the net in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute for India but the visitors' joy was cut short when South Korea's Bomi Kim (50') scored an equalizer two minutes later.





## MILESTONES

8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the third match of Indian Women's Hockey Team Tour of Korea was special for the Team Captain Rani who achieved the milestone of completing 200 international caps.

She made her International debut in 2008 at the Olympic Qualifiers held in Kazan, Russia. After representing India at 2010 Commonwealth Games and 2010 Asian Games, Rani was included in the FIH Women's All Star Team of 2010. She was also included in the All Star team of the Asian Hockey Federation based on her performance in 2010 Asian Games at Guangzhou.



8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the third match of Indian Women's Hockey Team Tour of Korea saw yet another milestone with Midfielder Monika completing 100 International caps. The 24-year-old Midfielder, who made her International debut in 2012 against New Zealand in Naples, has been an integral part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team.



## HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 18-MEMBER INDIAN MEN'S TEAM FOR THE GOLD COAST 2018 XXI COMMONWEALTH GAMES (March 13)

The team will be Captained by midfielder Manpreet Singh while the responsibility of Vice-Captain will be shouldered by Chinglensana Singh Kangujam.

The Indian team is grouped in Pool B along with Pakistan, Malaysia, Wales, England and will begin their campaign on April 7 against Pakistan.



## HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 18-MEMBER INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM FOR THE GOLD COAST 2018 XXI COMMONWEALTH GAMES (March 14)

*Rani will Captain the side while Savita will shoulder the duties of Vice-Captain ~*

The Indian team is grouped in Pool A along with Malaysia, Wales, England and South Africa and will begin their campaign on April 5 against Wales.



# HOCKEY PUNJAB CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF 8TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (A DIVISION)

The Final of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2018 (A Division) saw Hockey Punjab being crowned as the Champions of the competition after they came from a goal down to defeat Petroleum Sports Promotion Board 2-1 in a well-fought encounter. In the Bronze medal match, Railway Sports Promotion Board defeated Air India Sports Promotion Board 5-3 in the Penalty Shootout after the scores were tied at 1-1 after regulation time.



## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCE FROM COURSES ATTENDED IN MALAYSIA

**The FIH Hockey Academy Train the Trainer Programme held in Ipoh, Malaysia, between 4 March to 6 March 2018 was attended by Mr Ripudaman Sharma and Mr GS Sangha from India.**

When you are involved in International Hockey, it is always good to stay up to speed with what's happening across the globe pertaining to the sport. The FIH Programme was not only informative but I believe it will help build on my skill-set further. The three-day course provided a lot of insight into new techniques and I have learnt different aspects which will prove beneficial for me. The programme touched upon how a Coach should deliver his ideas to his team with and without any equipment. They also elaborately guided us on how to construct questions to raise awareness about umpiring skills. How to help freshers/ umpires to identify areas to be worked on for improvement, was another significant area that was spoken of. While there were many more areas that were discussed, this programme will undoubtedly help in my growth and I also applied all that I learnt here in my recent stint at the Men's Asian Games qualifying in Oman, stated Ripudaman.

**The AHF-FIH Academy Umpire Manager Seminar from 6 March to 8 March 2018 was attended by Mr Javed Shaikh and Mr Gandham Harshavardhan from India.**

I would like to thank Hockey India for nominating me and allowing me to be part of the seminar held at Ipoh (Malaysia). This course was very well-organised and this was a very good exposure for me in order to enhance my knowledge to work for betterment of Umpires.

Mr. Henrik Ehlers, Chairman, FIH Umpiring Committee & Mr. Ray O'connor, FIH Representative, shared their knowledge and made valid points to be considered while analyzing the umpires' performances. Mrs. Sheila Brown, FIH Representative and Mr. Gavin Hawke, TD of ongoing Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Tournament discussed about the working relation between TD & UM in the tournaments and its significance.

This seminar will certainly help me in improving my communication skills with umpires, coaches, managers; as I gained knowledge from experts. It has also helped me renew my motivation and confidence in my abilities not only as Umpires' Manager but also as an Umpire, stated Javed.

**FIH Hockey Academy/ AHF Raja Ashman Shah Hockey Academy Level 2 Umpiring Course from 6 March to 8 March 2018 was attended by Ms Neha Singh and Mr Sourabh Singh Rajput from India.**

I find great pleasure in thanking Hockey India for giving me such a great opportunity to learn and improve myself through Level 2 Umpiring Course held at Ipoh, Malaysia. It was very knowledgeable and I actively participated in group discussion, Personal assessment, assignments to observe the matches, video sessions, question answers and interactions/ discussion with umpires.

I learnt some key points in Umpiring such as How to maintain consistency in the match from start to end, the importance of body language and how to communicate with players, player. Player safety was also one of the integral discussions we had. I feel extremely grateful for all the guidance and support. Looking forward to get more opportunities and serve Hockey India, stated Sourabh.

## INSIGHT FROM THE UMPIRE WORKSHOP CONDUCTED IN GWALIOR FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

### 63 Students of LNIPE attend Technical Officiating Workshop at LNIPE, Gwalior

Hockey India in collaboration with LNIPE Gwalior organised a three-day workshop on Technical Officiating and Umpiring which began on 16 March 2018 that saw 63 students from LNIPE attend the workshop conducted by Mr. Harsha Vardhan, FIH Potential for International Umpire Manager. As the workshop was held at the LNIPE, Gwalior Center in Madhya Pradesh, which also features a hockey pitch, it was convenient to demonstrate umpiring skill sets with Physical Education Students. The facilities provided at the LNIPE campus was of high standard and sessions were conducted with the use of latest IT equipment at the venue.

The workshop commenced with theory session as the attendees were explained about the interpretation of Hockey Rules as well as Interpretation of latest Rules by showing slides and videos while the Technical Officials were taught about match report sheet along with the duties before/during and after the match of a Technical Official were also explained. Practical sessions were conducted with on-field activities elaborating the positioning of umpires during the set play, penalty corners, penalty stroke positions positioning of the umpires during the game and signalling for various fouls and umpiring decisions were explained.

Attendees were put through a physical fitness test and were also explained about Yo-Yo Intermittent Recovery Test and importance of being physically fit.

The Workshop was interactive with questions and queries after every session making it further more informative.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## FIH PROMOTES DURGA DEVI, DEEPA AND ANIL KUMAR TO FIH PROMISING LIST OF UMPIRES FOR OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Hockey India International Female Umpires Durga Devi, Deepa and International Male Umpire Anil Kumar promoted to the FIH Promising List of Umpires (Outdoor Hockey) by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 2 February 2018 and 14 March 2018, respectively.

Durga Devi started her career in hockey back in 2003 from the Sports Authority of India Hostel in Dharamshala. She even represented the Himachal Pradesh state team before taking up umpiring. "It is a proud moment for me to be named in the FIH Promising List. This is a result of years of hard work and Hockey India's efforts in promoting women as Tournament Officials which was otherwise mostly dominated by men. Hockey India Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee has trusted my abilities as an Umpire, given me opportunities and the right direction to achieve in this profession. I would also like to thank my family for allowing me to pursue my passion in hockey even after marriage," expressed Durga Devi who also works as a Physical Education Teacher at the Savithri Bai Girls School in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.



On the other hand, 26-year-old Deepa is the youngest official from India to be promoted to FIH Umpires Promising List. "It was back in 2010 that I began officiating. I always wanted to represent my country at the international level though my playing career did not take off the way I wanted to. Officiating gave me another chance at pursuing my dreams and it is a proud moment for me today that FIH has recognized my efforts," stated Deepa, who is pursuing her masters in physical education from Rohtak University. She was part of the team that officiated at the 2013 Women's Asia Cup (U16) in Bangkok, Thailand followed by a Tour of New Zealand for the Hawke's Bay Cup in 2015.



Anil Kumar who hails from Sonapat, Haryana and was a former national-level hockey player. Though tough competition to make the Indian Team kept him from donning India colours, he saw an opportunity in umpiring – a livelihood he thoroughly cherishes today. He took up umpiring in the year 2009-10 and with constant support from Hockey India, the national governing body for the sport, he found umpiring opportunities not just in the domestic circuit but also internationally. "A busy domestic schedule with regular National Championships at different levels ensured I got a lot of exposure. I benefited from Hockey India's professional approach in promoting umpires across the country through development programmes for upcoming and currently registered umpires. Until Hockey India came into existence, it was not easy to become an umpire. I thank Hockey India for their constant support. I hope their continued encouragement will prompt umpires like me to improve our skills and represent India at various international events," stated Anil Kumar.



## FIH PROMOTES JAVED SHAIKH TO FIH WORLD PANEL OF UMPIRES FOR OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Hockey India registered FIH World Development Panel Umpire, Javed Shaikh promoted to the FIH World Panel of Umpires for Outdoor Hockey by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 2 February 2018.

The 41-year-old Shaikh from Mumbai began his career as an umpire in 2000. In 2002, he was called-up as a national umpire followed by an opportunity at the 2003 Under-21 Invitational Cup in Poland. Over the last decade, Shaikh has umpired at major events such as Commonwealth Games, Asian Games as well as the 2014 Men's World Cup in Hague, The Netherlands and also officiated as an umpire during the 2016 Rio Olympics. "This is an emotional moment for me. I see this as a recognition for my hard work over the past 15 years. Being in the World Panel is very prestigious and I am grateful to Hockey India for their constant support," expressed Javed Shaikh.



Shaikh further stressed upon the role of Hockey India in promoting umpires and their extensive programs that has helped several enthusiasts to take up umpiring as a career. "As an umpire it is extremely important to get support from national federation and I am fortunate that Hockey India promotes umpires in a big way. It's not just the exposure in terms of round-the-year umpire clinics and domestic assignments to give us match experience but they also send us programs on fitness which is essential for an umpire at any level," he stated.

## FIH PROMOTES HARSHA VARDHAN GANDHAM TO FIH POTENTIAL UMPIRE MANAGER FOR OUTDOOR HOCKEY

Hockey India National Umpire Manager Harsha Vardhan Gandham promoted to the FIH Potential Umpire Manager for Outdoor Hockey by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 23 March 2018.

Harsha Vardhan Gandham, a former hockey player himself, hails from Guntur in Andhra Pradesh. He began his umpiring career in 2005 which has seen him officiate at major domestic tournaments for more than a decade. Gandham's good officiating at the domestic circuit saw him being given his first international assignment in 2008 when he officiated in an 8-Nations Tournament in Germany. It was post that tournament that Gandham was given the FIH Umpire Badge, and after having completed assignments such as the 2013 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Malaysia, Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia, 8 Nations Tournament in Malaysia in 2011 and 4 Nations Tournament in Malaysia in 2012, the 37-year-old had to switch to the duties of umpire manager after suffering an injury in 2017. Post the injury, 37-year-old Gandham has officiated in six tournaments as an Umpire Manager, including the 7th Hockey India National Championships held last year.



The 37-year-old expressed his delight at the news, he said, "It has been a different experience for me as an Umpire Manager as it is interesting as well as challenging. But it is always nice to share my experience with the young and upcoming umpires from India. It is an opportunity for me to mould these umpires and I would like to see as many umpires from India receive FIH appointment in the future. I would like to thank Hockey India and its Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee for providing us with the right facilities and encouraging us to do better each day."

# BIRTHDAYS

## MEN

### APRIL

Harmanjit Singh	03
Vishal Antil	10
Rahul	10
Ajay Yadav	16

### MAY

Nilakanta Sharma	02
Shivam Anand	03
Shilanand Lakra	05
Sanjay	05
SV Sunil	06
Vikas Dahiya	08
PR Sreejesh	08
Amit Rohidas	10

### JUNE

Pardeep Mor	03
Manpreet Singh	26

## WOMEN

### APRIL

Rojita Kujur	07
Reena Khokhar	10
Lilima Minz	10
Vandana	15
Ishika Chaudhary	15
Umra Saifi	19
Mariana Kujur	20

### MAY

Sushila Chanu	05
Alka Dung Dung	05
Swati	14
Chanchal	28

### JUNE

Deep Grace Ekka	03
Namita Toppo	04
Rajani Etimarpu	09
Manju Chorsiya	10
Sunita Lakra	11
Preeti Dubey	13
Hlunte Lalhlunmawii	21