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Newsletter



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

The last three months have been very important for Indian Hockey. To begin with, the Junior Women Team created history by winning its first ever Bronze in the FIH Junior Women's World Cup 2013. Subsequently, the Senior Men team won the Silver Medal in the 9th Men's Asia Cup and Junior Men team won the title of the 3rd Sultan of Johar Cup. Both of these wins have recognized the efforts which are being put in by all the stakeholders to revive Indian Hockey's past glory.

On behalf of Hockey India I would like to congratulate both the teams for their success in their respective events. I would also like to convey my sincere thanks to the Hon'ble Sports Minister Mr. Jitendra Singh, who found time to visit the National Coaching Camps twice within a short span of one month. Director General SAI Mr. Jiji Thomson has been a constant motivator to all of us, with his personal intervention the national coaching camps have been functioning very smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our yesteryear heroes, Olympian Syed Ali, Mr. Narender Singh Saini (Coach, Jr Women Team) and Former Captain Saba Anjum who have been awarded Dhyanchand Award, Dronacharya Award and Arjuna Award respectively in 2013.

The next few months are going to be a very busy phase for all of us, as Hockey India will be hosting two International events the FIH Junior Men's World Cup from 6 to 15 December and FIH World League Round 4 from 10 to 18 January 2014. Just after these events the 2nd edition of the Hero Hockey India League will commence from 23 January 2014. The successful conduct of these events will reflect our organisational capacity to the rest of the World. Therefore, I would urge all our stakeholders to put in their best efforts and make these events a grand success.

I wish each and every one of you Happy Dussehra, Happy Diwali and Happy Christmas for the coming months.

Juniors Women Achieve Podium Finish at World Cup 2013

India's junior women brought unparalleled joy to the nation after achieving their first-ever podium finish at the FIH Junior World Cup. The team, coached by Neil Hawgood, entered the tournament, played in Monchengladbach, as rank outsiders. But they surprised everyone with their rock-solid display and free-flowing hockey, notching up one big win after the other culminating with a win over a tough English side in the bronze medal match via penalty shoot-outs. From talented young striker Rani Rampal to 'Super Sub' Bigan Soy, every player stood tall when the situation demanded. This is the first time the women's team – senior or junior – has won a medal at the FIH tournament and is the biggest achievement since the senior women's side won the gold medal at the Manchester Commonwealth Games in 2002.



Junior Women Team in a group photo with Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India at the IGI Airport, New Delhi after winning bronze medal at the FIH Junior Women's World Cup in Germany.

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India wins historic Bronze Medal at Junior Women's World Cup 2013

The Indian Junior Women Hockey team won its first ever Bronze medal in the FIH Junior Women Hockey World Cup at Mönchengladbach, Germany on 4 August 2013. India defeated higher ranked England by 3-2 via penalty shoot-out in the third-fourth place play-off match. The tournament was played at Mönchengladbach, Germany from 27 July to 4 August 2013.

Goal Scorers of the 3rd/4th Place play-off Match

Regulation Time Rani 13th minute

Shoot-out Rani (2) and Navneet Kaur (1)



Captain Sushila Chanu and Poonam Rani celebrating their 4-2 victory over Spain in the league match. Players celebrating the victory.



Mr. Neil Hawgood, Chief Coach said "It means a lot to our girls psychology that they can actually win a medal. They have never been in those games before. Our goalkeeper Bigan Soy, who never played a minute in the whole tournament, did a great job. It was clear, when it comes down to shoot-outs, she will be in the goal."

Rani who was declared Player of the Tournament said "We are so happy and we have to thank our goalkeeper Bigan Soy who did very well in the shoot-outs. We were mentally prepared for shoot-outs which was good. This is our first-ever medal in a Junior World Cup, now we will celebrate!"

The Indian team played exceptionally well in the tournament and their performance progressed after every game as they defeated higher ranked teams like New Zealand and Spain.

The Netherlands won the final against Argentina 4-2 in the shoot-out and clinched the trophy for a record third time.

Results of Junior Women's World Cup

Date	Match	Result
27 July 2013	Lost to Australia	1-6
28 July 2013	Defeated New Zealand	2-0
30 July 2013	Defeated Russia	10-1
01 August 2013	Defeated Spain	4-2
02 August 2013	Lost to Netherlands	0-3
04 August 2013	Defeated England	4-2 SO





Mr. Leandro Negre, President FIH congratulating Indian Junior Women team at the FIH Junior Women's World Cup in Germany.



Players celebrating their victory against England with the Indian Flag.

Rani declared Best Player of the Junior Women World Cup 2013

Indian forward and Vice-Captain Rani Rampal was declared the Best Player of the FIH Junior Women Hockey World Cup 2013. Rani who comes from a small village in Shahbad in Haryana performed remarkably in all the six games played in the tournament. She scores four goals for her team, played a crucial role in the 3rd/4th place play-off match, as she scored one field goal in the regulation time and two goals in the shoot-out.



Rani Rampal receiving player of the tournament award from the officials of the Organising Committee

Hockey India felicitates Junior Women Hockey Team for winning Bronze Medal in the FIH Junior Women World Cup

-18 Players and Chief Coach Neil Hawgood awarded cheque of Rupees One Lakh each

-Vice-Captain Rani received additional cheque of Rupees One Lakh for being declared as Best Player of the Tournament

- Support Staff awarded cheque of Rupees Fifty Thousand each

Hockey India felicitated the Junior Women Hockey Team at hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 7 August 2013 for recognition of winning the bronze medal at the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2013 in Germany.

In the felicitation ceremony, Hockey India awarded cheques of Rupees One Lakh to each player of the Junior Women Hockey team and their Chief Coach Neil Hawgood. A cheque of Rupees Fifty Thousand was awarded to each member of the teams support staff.

The Vice-Captain of the team and forward Rani was awarded an additional cheque of Rupees One Lakh for winning Best Player of the Tournament Award in the FIH Junior Women World Cup.

On Congratulating the Junior Women's Hockey Team, Hockey India, Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra said "It's indeed a proud moment for us that our Junior Women team has won the bronze medal in the FIH Junior Women's World Cup."

Hockey India President Ms. Mariamma Koshy, Associate Vice-President Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Vice-President Mr. Pratap Satpathy, Joint Secretary Mr. Manoj Bhore, Joint Secretary Dr. Gurdeep Singh and Mr. Firoz Ansari, Member, Executive Board presented cheques to the players and support staff.

Also, Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary, Services Sports Control Board, Dr. P C Kashyap, Executive Director (Operations), Sports Authority of India, Mr. Rajesh Kurup, General Manager, Corporate Reputation and Branding, Cairn India presented the cheques to players and support staff.



Junior Women team during their Felicitation ceremony at hotel The Lalit in New Delhi

Felicitation Ceremony of Bronze Medalist Junior Women Team



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General HI, Mr. Gurdeep Singh, Joint Secretary HI, Ms Sudarshan Pathak (Team Manager) Mr. Manoj Bhore, Joint Secretary HI, Mr. Firoz Ansari, Member Executive Board HI, Dr. P C Kashyap, Executive Director (Operations) SAI, Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India, Mr. Sourav Das, DGM Corporate Affairs & Communications Cairn India, Mr. Pratap Satpathy, Vice- President HI, Group Captain R K Raksha, SSCB, Mr. Rajesh Kurup, General Manager, Corporate Reputation and Branding Cairn India, Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice- President HI, in a group photo with the Junior Women Team at the felicitation ceremony.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India presenting cheque of Rupees One Lakh to the Vice-Captain Rani



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India presenting bunch of flowers to Lily Chanu.



Mr. Manoj Bhore, Joint Secretary Hockey India presenting gift to defender Pinki Devi Thokchom.



Dr. P C Kashyap, Executive Director (Operations) Sports Authority of India felicitating midfielder Ritusha Arya.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India presenting cheque of Rupees One Lakh to the Captain Sushila Chanu.



Mr. Pratap Satpathy felicitating goalkeeper Bigan Soy.



Mr. Rajesh Kurup, General Manager, Corporate Reputation and Branding Cairn India presenting bunch of flowers to Anupa Barla.



Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary Services Sports Control Board presenting bunch of flowers to Vice-Captain Rani.



Mr. Firoz Ansari, Member Executive Board Hockey India presenting gift to Poonam Rani



Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Joint Secretary Hockey India presenting bunch of flowers to forward Poonam Rani



Sushila Chanu celebrating after receiving cheque of Rupees One Lakh



Senior Men Team attending felicitation ceremony of Junior Women team.

Hon'ble Sports Minister Jitendra Singh congratulates Junior Women Team

Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Mr. Jitendra Singh congratulated the Junior Women Team for winning a historic bronze medal in the FIH Junior Women World Cup held at Germany. The team met the Sports Minister in his office at Shastri Bhawan and where he announced a cash award of Rs. 50,000 for each player and Rs. 25,000 for each coach.



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports presenting appreciation letter to Captain Sushila Chanu.



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports cuts a cake along with the members of the Junior Women Team.



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr. PK Deb, Secretary Ministry of Sports, Dr Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India in a group photo with the Junior Women team and its support staff.

Hon'ble Sports Minister Jitendra Singh visits National Coaching Camp

Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) Mr. Jitendra Singh visited the Senior Men National Coaching Camp on two occasions within a span of one month. On his visits to SAI Centre, Bangalore and Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, he interacted very closely with the players and support staff to understand their training pattern. Five days before the team departed for participation in the 9th Men's Asia Cup at Malaysia Mr. Jitendra Singh took out time from his busy schedule to wish goodluck to the Indian Senior Men Team. Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India was accompanied with Sports Minister.



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports shaking hand with goalkeeper Sreenivasa Rao during national camp of the senior men team at MDC National Stadium in New Delhi.



Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Interim Coach of Senior Men team presenting Jersey of the Indian team to Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports



Sardar Singh, Captain of of Senior Men team presenting Jersey to Mr. Jiji Thomson, DG SAI.

Governor of Chhattisgarh Congratulates Bronze Medalist Indian Junior Women Hockey Team

His Excellency Shekhar Dutt, Governor of Chhattisgarh congratulated the Indian Junior Women Hockey team for winning the first ever bronze medal in the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2013 held at Monchengladbach, Germany in August.

In the letter sent to Hockey India, His Excellency Shekhar Dutt said "I take this opportunity to congratulate the Indian Junior Women Hockey team for their excellent performance. The team has indeed brought laurels to India."

His Excellency Shekhar Dutt also lauded the efforts of Hockey India. In his letter to Hockey India he said "The performance of the Junior Women Hockey team has become possible because of the excellent training provided by the Hockey India".

Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India thanked His Excellency Shekhar Dutt for his letter and said Hockey India will continue to put all out efforts to retrieve past glory of Indian Hockey.

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Dear Dr Batra

Kindly accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for winning first ever Bronze medal in the FIH Junior Hockey World Cup 2013 held at Germany. The Indian Junior Women Hockey team has created history by winning this medal. The team has indeed brought laurels to India.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Indian Junior Women Hockey team for their excellent performance. This has become possible because of the excellent training provided by the Hockey India.

I would appreciate if you could kindly convey my congratulations to the coach and players of the Indian Junior Women Hockey team for this great achievement.

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Yours sincerely

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Independence Day Celebrations ahead of the 9th Mens Asia Cup



Players and support staff of the Senior Men team celebrating Independence Day.



Mr. D V Batra ,Father of Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India presenting playing kit to Ramandeep Singh for his international debut in the 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013.



Mr. D V Batra ,Father of Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India presenting playing kit to Nikin Thimmaiah for his international debut in the 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013.

Young India wins Silver Medal at the 9th Men's Asia Cup

The Indian Men Hockey team won the Silver Medal at the 9th Men's Asia Cup held at Ipoh, Malaysia from 24 August to 01 September 2013. India lost to defending champions Korea 3-4 in a hard fought final played at Sultan Azlan Shah Stadium.

In the nine days of exciting Asia Cup action, the young team India played exceptionally well and they finished as runners-up. Indian team played as to a strategy and started the tournament with a big margin victory over Oman. In their second league match, India played a incredible game, as they defeated higher ranked Korea 2-0 and thus qualified for the semi-finals. In the semi-finals India defeated the hosts Malaysia 2-0. Youngsters Mandeep Singh, Ramandeep Singh and Nikin Thimmaiah played surprisingly well in every game which saw Ramandeep Singh and Nikin Thimmaiah making their debuts in the tournament.

Goalkeeper and Vice-Captain P R Sreejesh was adjudged Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament while V R Raghunath was selected as Outstanding Player of the Tournament.

Results

Date	Match	Result
24 August 2013	Defeated Oman	8-0
26 August 2013	Defeated Korea	2-0
28 August 2013	Defeated Bangladesh	9-1
30 August 2013	Defeated Malaysia (Semi-final)	2-0
01 September 2013	Lost to Korea (Final)	3-4



Goalkeeper Vice-Captain P R Sreejesh receiving Man of the Match award from officials of the 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013.

Members of the Indian team celebrating a goal against Korea.



Players and Support staff in a group photo with the officials after receiving the silver medal at the 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013.



Asia Cup 2013

Hockey India announces Cash Award of Rupees One Lakh - V R Raghunath, P R Sreejesh & Ramandeep Singh to get cash award

Hockey India announced a cash award for its three players who were part of the Indian Men's Hockey team that won Silver medal at the 9th Men's Asia Cup at Ipoh, Malaysia.

Hockey India awarded Rupees One Lakh each to defender V R Raghunath for winning Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament Award and Vice-Captain & Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh for Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award. Alongwith this Hockey India also award Rupees One Lakh to its debutant forward Ramandeep Singh for scoring a goal on debut for the national team. Ramandeep scored his first international goal against Oman in their opening match of the tournament.



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India congratulated the senior men team for winning silver medal at the Asia Cup. "Out of four individual awards at the 9th Men's Asia Cup, Indian players have won two of them. It speaks highly about the performance of Indian team. Debutant Ramandeep Singh also deserves a special mention for his maiden goal in his debut match" said Dr. Batra.

Ramandeep & Nikin make their international debut

Forwards Ramandeep Singh and Nikin Thimmaiah made their international debut in the 9th Men's Asia Cup. Ramandeep Singh from Punjab and Nikin Thimmaiah from Karnataka played their first international against Oman which was the opening game for the Indian team in the Asia Cup. Ramandeep Singh scored a goal in his maiden outing for the national team. Both the forwards played exceptionally well throughout the tournament.



Nikin Thimmaiah in action



Ramandeep Singh in action

Action Moments of Team India from recent Tournaments



Cairn India celebrates Independence Day with the Indian Hockey Team

Cairn India, co-sponsor of the Indian National Hockey Team, invited the entire Men's National Hockey team to their Gurgaon office just before the 9th Men's Asia Cup in an effort to encourage interaction and engagement between the players and their employees.

During the visit to the Cairn office, Cairn India employees and officials wished good luck to the Indian Men team for 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013. Cairn employees also congratulated the Captain of the Junior Women Hockey team Sushila Chanu and Vice-Captain Rani for winning the country's first ever bronze medal in the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup in Germany.

From Cairn India, Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Mr. Ananthkrishnan B, Director – Sub Surface and Mr. Sanjay Singh, Director – Human Resources and many more were a part of the felicitation of the players.



Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Cairn India presenting a bunch of flowers to Captain Sardar Singh.



Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Cairn India presenting a box with best wishes from their employees to Captain Sardar Singh and Vice-Captain P R Sreejesh. Captain of Junior Women Team Sushila Chanu, Vice-Captain Rani and Ms Elena Norman, CEO HI are also present



Indian Men Hockey Team in a group photo with Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Cairn India (back centre), Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India & employees of Cairn India at their office

India Wins Bronze defeating China 5-4 in shoot-out in the 8th Womens Asia Cup

India won the bronze medal in the 8th Women's Asia Cup 2013 as they defeated China 5-4 via shoot out in the 3rd/4th place play-off played at the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia today.

In the week long tournament, the Indian women team performed well and won three out of five matches. India lost its two games with a margin of only one goal.

India started the tournament on a winning note, as they defeated Hong Kong China 13-0 but in the next match India lost to higher ranked China with a margin of only one goal. India made a comeback in the next match with a convincing win over the hosts Malaysia 2-0 to enter the semi-finals. In the semi-finals India went down fighting against higher ranked Korea 1-2.

Goalkeeper Savita who played extremely well throughout the tournament was declared Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

Results

Date	Match	Result
21 September 2013	Defeated Hong Kong China	13-0
22 September 2013	Lost to China	0-1
24 September 2013	Defeated Malaysia	2-0
26 September 2013	Lost to Korea (Semi-final)	1-2
27 September 2013	Defeated China (Final)	5-4 SO



Indian Women Team in a group photo at the presentation ceremony

Hockey India Announce Rupees One Lakh for Goalkeeper Savita

Hockey India announced a cash award of Rupees One Lakh to Indian Goalkeeper Savita who won the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award in the 8th Women's Asia Cup.



Savita receiving Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award

Rani completes 100 International Caps



Forward Rani achieved milestone in the 8th Women's Asia Cup. She completed her 100 international caps in the league match played against Malaysia. She also scored six goals in the tournament.



India wins title of the 3rd Sultan of Johor Cup

Indian Junior Men Hockey team outplayed hosts Malaysia 3-0 to win the title of the 3rd Sultan of Johor Cup played at Johor Bahru in Malaysia last month.

India performed extremely well throughout the tournament remaining unbeaten.

India qualified for the final by finishing top of the league table with 13 points from four wins and a draw in five matches. India beat England 2-1 to open their campaign, followed by wins against Argentina (3-2), Pakistan (4-0) and South Korea (6-1). India's final league game against Malaysia ended in an exciting 3-3 draw.

Indian Midfielder Harjit Singh was declared Best Promising Player of the Tournament.

The team's next big assignment will be at home in New Delhi this December when India hosts the FIH Junior Men's World Cup from 6 - 15 December at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Result

Date	Match	Result
22 September 2013	Defeated England	2-1
23 September 2013	Defeated Argentina	3-2
25 September 2013	Defeated Pakistan	4-0
26 September 2013	Defeated Korea	6-1
28 September 2013	Drew Malaysia	3-3
29 September 2013	Defeated Malaysia (Final)	3-0



Indian Junior Men Team with the winner trophy

Hockey India Announce Cash Awards for Indian Junior Men Hockey Team

- All 18 Players to each get cash award of Rupees One Lakh & each member of the Support Staff Rupees Fifty Thousand

- Midfielder Harjit Singh to get Rupees One Lakh for winning Most Promising Player of the Tournament

Hockey India announced cash awards for the Junior Men team that won the Sultan of Johar Cup 2013 at Johar Bahru in Malaysia.

Hockey India will give Rupees One Lakh Lakh to each player of the team and Rupees Fifty Thousand to each of the members of the support staff. Additional cash award of Rupees One Lakh will be given to Harjit Singh for winning Most Promising Player of the Tournament Award.

Dr Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India said " I congratulate all the players and support staff for making everyone proud by winning this prestigious tournament. This is just the beginning for the Junior Men who are setting their target on winning the FIH Junior Men's World Cup to be held in New Delhi from 6-15 December 2013".



Hero Hockey India League has the potential to become an International Global Brand- Jaitley

Hero HIL organized the 5th Hockey India League & Franchise Workshop in New Delhi



Hero Hockey India League organised its 5th Franchise workshop at Hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 1 July 2013. The meeting was attended by representatives from each of the franchises.

In the workshop, Hero HIL made presentations and provided a detailed analysis on the results of the inaugural season of the Hero HIL 2013. Plans were also discussed on how to make the league more successful in the second season starting from 23 January 2014.

In the workshop, Hero HIL Advisory Board Members Mr. Arun Jaitley (Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha) and Mr. Rajat Sharma (Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, India TV) also gave their comments and opinions on how to make Hero HIL a global brand.

Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member, Hero HIL Advisory Board complimented Hero HIL teams and franchises for displaying their interest in organising the inaugural season of the league in such a professional manner. "Hero HIL has the potential of becoming an international global brand and is on the road to achieving it. With the introduction of Hero HIL, we see that fans and audience are watching and engaged in the sport. In the last 2-3 years, hockey is on the road to recovery in India" Mr. Jaitley said.

Mr. Jaitley further added that the inaugural season of Hero HIL was clean from controversy and played with good integrity which was a result of the strong administration of the sport and the league.

Mr. Rajat Sharma, Member, Hero HIL Advisory Board congratulated Hero HIL and all its stakeholders for the successful conduct of the inaugural season. "I was surprised after watching the first match of the Hero HIL, the crowd in the stadium was beyond my expectations and I think this league can play an important role in bringing back glory for the country" Mr. Sharma said.

Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero Hockey India League said "We are making our best efforts to present a more spectacular League in 2014, and through the workshop we obtain invaluable feedback from our franchise partners that we are taking on board for the sustainability and success of the league".

Mr. Abhinav Bindra (Olympic Gold Medalist Shooter), Ms. Manisha Malhotra (Former Lawn Tennis Player & CEO, Mittal Champions Trust) and Mr. Viren Rasquina (Former International Hockey Player & CEO, Olympic Gold Quest) were special guests who also attended the Hero HIL Workshop.



Mr. Rajat Sharma, Member- Advisory Board, Hero HIL, Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman, Hero HIL, Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member-Advisory Board, Hero HIL and leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha addressing franchise representatives during Hero HIL Franchise Workshop at hotel The Lalit in New Delhi. On his left Mr. Lokesh Sharma, Managing Director, TCM India.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting Oath Certificate to Mr. Maneck Kotwal from Uttar Pradesh Wizards.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting Oath Certificate to Mr. Vikram Jain from Ranchi Rhinos.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting Oath Certificate to Mr. Satya Tadimeti, CEO Dabur Mumbai Magicians.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting Oath Certificate to Mr. Askari Zaidi, CEO Jaypee Punjab Warriors.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting Oath Certificate to Mr. Amar Sinha, CEO Delhi Waveriders.



Hero HIL Presentation to Franchise representatives



Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member-Advisory Board, Hero HIL and leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman, Hero HIL in conversation with Olympian Gold Medalist Mr. Abhinav Bindra & Ms. Manisha Malhotra, CEO Mittal Champions Trust



Olympian Gold Medalist Mr. Abhinav Bindra in conversation with Former International Hockey Player Mr. Viren Rasquina & Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Coach Uttar Pradesh Warriors

Hero Hockey India League is appreciated globally in its Inaugural Season- Negre

Hero HIL organized the 6th Hockey India League & Franchise Workshop in New Delhi

The Hero Hockey India League organised its 6th Franchise workshop at Hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 12 August 2013. The meeting was attended by representatives from each of the five franchises.



In the workshop, Hero HIL presented and shared its plans with all the franchises for Season – 2 of the Hero Hockey India League.

The special guests for the workshop Mr. Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation (FIH) and Mr. Jons Hensel, Chairman European Hockey League (EHL) shared their views about Hero Hockey India League with the franchisee officials.

Mr. Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation (FIH) congratulated Hockey India and all the franchises for their contribution in making the inaugural season of Hero Hockey India League a big success. “The FIH is very clear about the importance of Hero HIL and that's why we have allotted a special window to it” said Mr. Negre

Mr. Negre said “After the inaugural season, the Hero Hockey India League is appreciated globally by everyone and I am hopeful that the league will prove to be a new milestone for the future of Indian Hockey”.

Mr. Jons Hensel, Chairman European Hockey League (EHL) said “Hero Hockey India League has gained the right momentum in the inaugural season and it has the potential to grow to a large scale in the coming years. All the Dutch players who played in the inaugural season of Hero HIL returned back with happy stories and rich experience”.

Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero Hockey India League thanked FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre and EHL Chairman Mr. Jons Hensel for attending the workshop and sharing their vision. “Hero HIL is putting in its best efforts to present a more spectacular League in 2014, and we obtain precious inputs in the workshop from our special guests and franchise members on which we will work in the coming days”.

During the workshop, the broadcasting partner of Hero HIL Star Sports also made their presentation. Mr. Anupam Goswami, Senior Vice-President Programming, Star Sports shared the plans for the second season.



Mr. Dhiraj Malhotra, Advisor Hero Hockey India League, Mr. Jons Hensel, Chairman European Hockey league
Mr. Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation, Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero Hockey India League addressing Franchise representatives.
On his left Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League and are also present.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting bunch of flowers to Mr. Jons Hensel, Chairman European Hockey League.



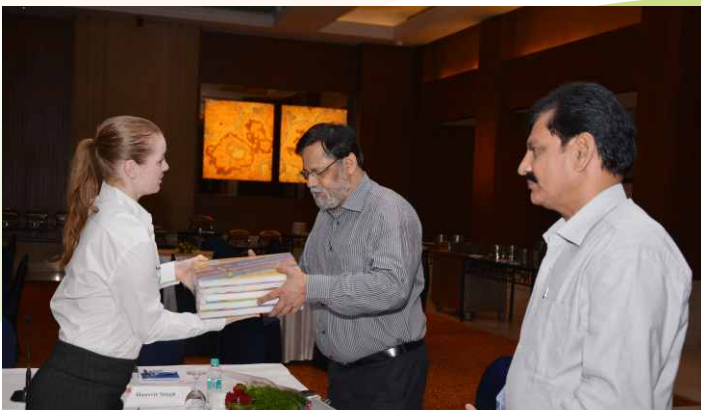
Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting bunch of flowers to Mr. Leandro Negre, President International Hockey Federation.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting Hero HIL Franchise Coffee Table Books to Mr. Suresh Chauhan, Owner Ranchi Rhinos.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting Hero HIL Franchise Coffee Table Books to Mr. Maneck Kotwal, Uttar Pradesh Warriors.



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Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting Hero HIL Franchise Coffee Table Books to Mr. Amit Burman and Mr. Mohit Burman, Owners Dabur Mumbai Magicians.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero Hockey India League presenting bunch of flowers to Mr. Anupam Goswami, Senior Vice-President Programming Star Sports.

Appointments

Hockey India appoints M K Kaushik as Coach of the Indian Men Hockey Team

Hockey India appointed Olympic Gold Medalist Mr. Maharaj Krishan Kaushik as coach of the Senior Men Hockey team. Mr. Kaushik assists Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Director, High Performance, Hockey India who took the charge in place of Mr. Michael Nobbs till the appointment of the new chief coach. Mr. Kaushik joined the senior men team just before the 9th Asia Cup 2013.

Mr. M K Kaushik who was a member of the team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow said "I am happy with my appointment with the senior men team. I have experience of working with different people from the coaching fraternity and will give my best".

Mr. Kaushik who retired as Deputy Director of Sports, Government of Haryana had earlier coached both the senior men and women teams. Under his coaching, India men team had won their last major international tournament, the 1998 Asian Games, Bangkok. In 1998, he received the Arjuna Award. Also, Indian women team had won bronze medal at the Doha Asian Games in 2006 under his coaching.

Ms. Elena Norman, CEO, Hockey India handed over an appointment letter to Mr. Kaushik.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India handing over appointment letter to Coach Mr. M K Kaushik.

Hockey India appoints Dave Staniforth as Strategic Analyst and Goalkeeping Coach for Senior & Junior Men Teams

Hockey India appointed Mr. Dave Staniforth as Strategic Analyst and Goalkeeping Coach of the Senior & Junior Men Hockey teams.

Mr. Dave Staniforth said "I am very happy with my new role with the Indian men teams and really look forward to preparing the goalkeepers for the busy hockey schedule ahead. Having spent a lot of time following the Indian team during the last two years, I have a good understanding of the goalkeepers strengths and weaknesses".

The 37 year old Mr. Staniforth worked as Goalkeeping coach with the South African national side for three years. He has also worked with Riverside Hockey Club and Dave Staniforth Academy as Goalkeeping Coach. He also holds an FIH Certificate in International Goalkeeper Coaching and has done two other Coaching Courses- Irish Hockey Association Level 1 and English Hockey Association Level 2.

As a player, Dave Staniforth has 65 international caps and has represented South Africa in the XXVII Olympic Games in Athens 2004, Commonwealth Games in Manchester 2002, 10th FIH Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur 2002, three times FIH Champions Challenge in Kuala Lumpur 2001, Johannesburg 2003 and Alexandria 2005 and 8th All Africa Games in Nigeria 2003.



Hockey India appoints Dhananjay Mahadik as Video Analyst of the Senior Men Team

Hockey India appointed Mr. Dhananjay Mahadik as Video Analyst of the Senior Men National Team.

Mr. Dhananjay said "I am excited to be a part of the national coaching set-up. Asia Cup is very important tournament for us. It was a good experience for me to work under the highly experienced Mr. Roelant Oltmans and Mr. M K Kaushik. I have played with many of the current player's of the Indian team and will try to guide them with the best of my knowledge".

"The inaugural season of Hero Hockey India League was a big learning experience for me as a video analyst of the Delhi Waveriders" said Mr. Mahadik.

As a player, Dhananjay Mahadik has 64 international caps and has represented the country in the FIH Hockey World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Commonwealth Games in New Delhi 2010, FIH Champions Challenge 1 in Argentina 2009, Asian Games in China 2010, South Asian Games in 2006 Sri Lanka and Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament in Malaysia 2010 and 2011.

Dhananjay joined Indian Senior Men Hockey team in July 2013 before the 9th Men's Asia Cup 2013.



Technical Appointments

Hero Hockey India League appoints Todd Faulds as its Director Competitions

Hero Hockey India League appointed the vastly experienced Mr. Todd Faulds as its Director Competitions. The second edition of the Hero Hockey India League will be played from 23 January – 23 February 2014.

Speaking on his appointment Mr. Todd Faulds said "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to join Hockey India and positively contribute to an organisation that is such a key figure in world hockey".

"The hosting of two world level FIH events in the Men's Junior World Cup and World League Round 4 will be a great opportunity for India to showcase its passion for hockey. And in addition to this, the second season of the Hero Hockey India League provides us with the opportunity to welcome the world's best players to India for one month of world class hockey played in various regions in India and promoted globally. I certainly look forward to working with everyone to ensure these events are a fantastic representation for Hockey India and for all involved" further added Mr. Faulds.

Mr. Faulds has worked with Hockey Australia on Continental Federation Committees and has also been Project Administrator at Sports Technology International in 2010 and Business Developer at Grassports Australia in 2009.

Mr. Faulds also worked as a coach of the numerous Club teams in Australia for more than 9 years and during this period he worked with Mentone Club, Hawthorn Club, Old Aquinians Club etc. As a player, he represented Western Australia (U-21), Victoria (U-21) and Camberwell.



Indian officials appointed for the Commonwealth Games 2014 in

Glasgow

Three Indian technical officials including one judge and two umpires have been appointed for the Men's event at the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow (Scotland) from 24 July to 4 August 2014. Hockey India congratulate them for their assignment.

Raghu Prasad

The 34 year old international umpire Raghu Prasad has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for the Men's event at the Commonwealth Games 2014. Earlier he officiated in the FIH World League Round-3 in Malaysia this year, Olympic Games in London 2012, FIH Champions Trophy (2005, 2009 & 2012), FIH World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Junior World Cup Championships (2005 & 2009).



Anupama Punchimanda

Anupama Punchimanda has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for the Women's event at the Commonwealth Games 2014. She officiated in the FIH World League Round 2 held at New Delhi early this year, Commonwealth Games (2006 & 2010), Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010, Asia Cup 2009, Junior Asia Cup (2004 & 2008) and Junior World Cup in 2005.



Anjali Sharma

The 34 year old Anjali Sharma has been appointed as Judge for the Men's & Women's event at the Commonwealth Games 2014. Anjali Sharma who will be officiating in her first Commonwealth Games assignment has earlier officiated in World League Semi-final Round at Rotterdam and World League Round 2 at New Delhi this year. She also officiated in the Junior Asia Cup at Bangkok in 2012.



Four Indian Technical officials appointed for Junior Men's World Cup 2013 in New Delhi

The The Four Indian technical officials including one technical official, two judges and one umpire have been appointed for the Junior Men's World Cup 2013 to be held in New Delhi from 6-15 December 2013. Hockey India wishes success to all for their appointments.

Claudius De Sales

The 48 year old Mumbaikar Claudius de Sales who has been officiating in FIH tournaments for the past six years has now been appointed as Technical Official for the Junior Men World Cup 2013 to be held in New Delhi. Earlier he has been appointed as Technical Official for the Olympic Games in London 2012, Asian Champions Trophy in 2011, World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Commonwealth Games in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Asia Cup in 2006.



Raghu Prasad

The 34 year old international umpire Raghu Prasad has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for the Junior Men's World Cup 2013 to be held in New Delhi. Mr. Raghu who is also appointed as umpire for the Commonwealth Games to be held in 2014 had earlier officiated in the FIH World League Round-3 in Malaysia this year, Olympic Games in London 2012, FIH Champions Trophy (2005, 2009 & 2012), FIH World Cup in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Junior World Cup Championships (2005 & 2009).



RV Shelar

RV Shelar has been appointed as a Judge for the Junior Men's World Cup 2013 to be held in New Delhi. He officiated in Junior Asia Cup at Malaka, Malaysia 2012, SAF Games in Dhaka 2010 and Sultan Azlan Shah Cup (2005 & 2007). He also officiated in the various top domestic tournaments including All India Police Games.



Javed Shaikh

International Umpire Javed Shaikh has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for the Junior Men's World Cup 2013 to be held in New Delhi. Javed Shaikh who stood in more than 85 internationals achieved Grade -1 from FIH in 2009. Javed is the second Indian Umpire who was recently appointed in the FIH World Development Panel of Umpires. He officiated in the Asian Games 2006, Commonwealth Games 2006, Asia Cup 2009, Olympic Qualifier 2012, FIH Champions Challenge 1, 2012, FIH World League Round 2 and many more tournaments.



AROUND INDIA

Khunti Tigers wins title of Under-14 Ranchi Rhinos Hockey League

Ranchi Rhinos, the team franchise of Hero Hockey India League is putting in its best efforts to find fresh talent in the villages of Jharkhand.

In the recently conducted under-14 Ranchi Rhinos Hockey League, Khunti Tigers defeated Khunti Kings 1-0 to claim the title. The tournament was organized by Ranchi Rhinos team management at Birsa College Ground in the district Khunti from 19-26 July 2013.

Eight teams from the different villages of district Khunti were divided in two groups. Out of 128 players who participated in this tournament 17 have been identified who can be groomed for future.

Ms. Diya Chauhan, Owner Ranchi Rhinos and Mrs. Rani Tuti, President Nagar Panchayat presented trophy to the winner's team. Ms. Diya Chauhan also presented one hockey stick to each player of the winner's team and Ms. Savitri Purti, General Secretary Hockey Jharkhand presented turf shoes to each player of the runners-up team.

Mr. Suresh Kumar, Treasurer Hockey Jharkhand and Mr. SK Mohanty, SAI Coach also attended the final day of the tournament.

Ranchi Rhinos conducted similar tournaments for boys under 14 at district Shimdega and Gumla last month.

Mr. Bunty Singh, CEO Ranchi Rhinos said the purpose of organizing this tournament is to identify promising players who can be trained for future.



Khunti Tigers winners of the Ranchi Rhinos League with the winners trophy. Ms Diya Chauhan, Owner Ranchi Rhinos with Ms. Rani Tuti, President Nagar Panchayat, Ms. Savitri Purti, General Secretary Hockey Jharkhand and Mr. Suresh Kumar, Treasurer Hockey Jharkhand also present.



Finalist Teams of the Ranchi Rhinos League

Dabur Mumbai Magicians sponsors MHAL Super League Hockey Tournament

Dabur Mumbai Magicians have sponsored the Super League Hockey Tournament conducted by Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd at Mahindra Stadium in Mumbai last month.

Dabur Mumbai Magicians is the Mumbai based franchise of the Hero Hockey India League which is owned by the Burman family, promoters of the consumer conglomerate Dabur India Ltd.

"We are a Mumbai-based franchise and we wanted to get associated with hockey. It is a popular sport in the country. There's no better way to do it than get involved with people who share our sentiments and are as passionate about hockey," Chief Operating Officer, Mumbai Magicians, Satya Tadimeti said and added: "It is not a one-off association with the MHAL. We are looking at long term plans and hopefully we will be able to drive the sport forward with our alliance."

Other than financial support to Mumbai Hockey Association Limited, Magicians in alliance with MHAL are also looking to set up an academy to unearth local talent.

Western Railway clinch Mumbai Magicians- MHAL Super League Hockey Tournament

Western Railway defeated India Navy 4-2 in the final to win the title of the Mumbai Magicians- MHAL Super League Hockey Tournament at Mahindra Stadium in Mumbai last month.

Western Railway scored through Kuldeep Singh (29th min), Chinglensana Singh (38th & 48th min), Stanli Minz 54th min) while Faheen Khan (39th & 68th min) scored for Indian Navy.

Chinglensana who played a major role in Western Railway's victory was awarded Man of the Match award.

Olympian Dr. Vece Paes was Chief Guest in the final match. The winners Western Railway walk home with a glittering trophy and cash award of Rs. 100,000 and Indian Navy received the Runners-up trophy and a cash award of Rs. 60,000/-.

Total nine teams from different departments participated in a three week long tournament.



Western Railway team with the Winners Trophy. Chief Guest Olympian Dr. Vece Paes, Mr. Ram Singh Rathore President MHAL and other office bearers are also present

Player of the Tournament	Devinder Walmiki (Central Railway)	Best Goalkeeper	Avdhoot Solankar (Central Railway)
Best Defender	Kuldeep Singh (Western Railway)	Best Midfielder	Ksh Wangamba (UBI)
Best Forward	Usaf ur Rehman (UBI)		

AROUND INDIA

V Purushotham Inter School Hockey State Championship commences at Secunderabad

Kendriya Vidyalaya (Gachibowli) won the boys and girls titles in the V.Purushotham Inter School Hockey State Championship conducted by Hockey Hyderabad at Gymkhana Hockey Ground in Secunderabad from 10-15 September.

In the Inter School Hockey State Championship 12 teams in the boy's category and 5 teams in the girl's category participated. The boy's teams played on the league cum knockout basis while girl's teams played round robin matches. The selected players in this tournament will get chance to participate in the KD Singh Babu U-14 National level Championship.

The state Inter School Championship was inaugurated by the chief guest, District Collector Mr. Mukesh Kumar Meena, former Indian Cricketer Mr. V V S Lakshman and Olympian Mr. N Mukesh Kumar, General Secretary Hockey Hyderabad on Tuesday.

India's women tennis star Sania Mirza was chief guest on the closing ceremony of the tournament.

Results- (Boys)- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Gachibowli) beat Balamrai High School 2-0

(Girls)- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Gachibowli) beat Ivy League Academy 6-0



Former Indian Cricketer Mr. VVS Laxman, Mr. Mukesh Kumar Meena, District Collector and Olympian Mr. N Mukesh Kumar at the inauguration ceremony of the tournament.



Tennis Star Sania Mirza giving autograph on hockey stick with Mr. N Mukesh Kumar, General Secretary Hockey Hyderabad

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd win 88th All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament

Defending Co-Champions Indian Oil Corporation limited claimed 88th All India MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament with a 6-4 win over Indian Overseas Bank at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai last month.

The winner received a cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakh while IOB was richer by Rs. 1.5 Lakh. Incidentally IOCL was the joint winner of the trophy with Air India last year.

Veteran Hockey Umpire and International Official Mr. PV Pandarinathan was given the 'MCC Murugappa Hockey Honourarium' for the long years of exemplary services rendered by him to the sport of Hockey.

During the course of the tournament, a special coaching camp was also conducted to select school students interested in hockey. 25 boys and girls learnt the skills of the game from stars Birender Lakhra, Mohammad Riaz and Raghu Prasad.

Mr. A Vellayan, Executive Chairman Murugappa Group and Mr. MM Murugappan, Vice-Chairman Murugappa Group attended the final match.

Result Final: IOCL 6 (Deepak Thakur 3, Prabhjot Singh 3) beat IOB 4 (Rupinder Pal Singh 2, Rafeeq 1 and Amandeep Ekka 1)

Special Awards

Player of the Tournament	V R Raghunath (IOCL)
Best Forward	Deepak Thakur (IOCL)
Best Midfielder	Dharamvir Singh (IOCL)
Best Defender	Birendra Lakra (BPCL)
Man of the Final	Prabhjot Singh (IOCL)



Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. with the winners trophy

AROUND INDIA

Punjab Chief Minister inaugurates World Class Hockey Stadium in Mohali

Chief Minister of Punjab Mr. Prakash Singh Badal inaugurated India's newest world class blue turf hockey stadium in Sector-63 Mohali on 27 September 2013.

Mr. Prakash Singh Badal said that his Government is committed to raising the profile of hockey which had lost its sheen with the passage of time, saying that our Government would focus efforts towards the promotion of hockey in a big way so that Punjab can once again shine in India's traditional sport.

"The newly built stadium would provide opportunities for young hockey players to excel and the portraits of the stalwarts of Punjab displayed in the stadium would give inspiration to the future generations" said Mr. Badal.

Deputy Chief Minister and President of Hockey Punjab Mr. Sukhbir Singh Badal said that the stadium was one of its kind across the globe. He said that there are plans to organise an international six-nation tournament in this stadium.

Hockey India President Ms. Mariamma Koshy also attended the inauguration ceremony.

Meanwhile, Punjab XI defeated the Rest of India 3-2 in an exciting exhibition match which offered a gala event to the hockey lovers. The Chief Minister announced a cash reward of Rs five lakh each to both the teams.

The world class stadium built on an area of 11.8 acres at an estimated cost of Rs. 42 crore and boasts a seating capacity of approximately 15,000 people will add another stroke of brilliance to the sporting facilities in the State. The hockey stadium has all the world class amenities including a club house, restaurant and gym.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India presenting a memento to Chief Minister Mr. Prakash Singh Badal



Look of newly constructed Hockey Stadium in Mohali



Chief Minister Mr. Prakash Singh Badal, Mr Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, MP-Rajya Sabha and others with Rest of India Team

AROUND INDIA

Bhubaneswar gets Blue Astro turf Hockey Stadium

The Capital city of Odisha, Bhubaneswar gets its first Synthetic turf Hockey Stadium at Kalinga Stadium Sports Complex. The stadium was inaugurated by Mr. Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha.

The 6,000 capacity newly constructed blue and pink synthetic turf hockey stadium is having all the facilities to conduct international hockey matches. Constructed at a cost of Rs 25 crores the stadium will be the centre of attraction for many new generation hockey players.

A Germany-based company has laid the new turf. The facilities of the stadium include an automatic sprinkler system for watering the ground, a player's lounge, medical and dope control rooms. This is the fifth synthetic turf for hockey in the state. The other four are in Sundergarh district.

"It is encouraging that the state capital now has a world-class hockey turf exactly similar to the one used during the London Olympic Games 2012. This will definitely bolster the hockey infrastructure in the state," said Padmashree Dilip Tirkey, Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha.



Odisha Chief Minister Mr. Naveen Patnaik with Dilip Tirkey, Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha and others during inauguration ceremony of new stadium



Look of newly constructed Blue Astro turf Hockey Stadium at Bhubaneswar



Odisha Chief Minister Mr. Naveen Patnaik inaugurating the new hockey stadium in Bhubaneswar

Hockey India contributes Rs 10.00 Lakhs to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for Uttarakhand victims

Hockey India contributed Rs 10.00 Lakhs to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to help the flood victims of Uttarakhand.

"Hockey India conveys its deepest concerns for the affected people of the Uttarakhand tragedy and being a national sports body we feel our duty to contribute in the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. It's a small gesture to help the state during this calamity" Dr Narinder Batra, Secretary General, Hockey India said.

"Hockey India is committed to making any similar contribution in the future also, whenever it is needed for the cause of humanity" Dr Batra further added.

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Dear Ms. Norman,

We acknowledge with thanks the generous contribution made to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

The Prime Minister appreciates this thoughtful gesture and conveys his gratitude. This valuable contribution will be of immense help in providing assistance to the victims of cloudburst and floods in Uttarakhand.

A formal receipt is enclosed.

With regards,

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Sardar Singh joins European Hockey League Champions HC Bloemendaal

Indian Captain Sardar Singh has joined current European Hockey League champions HC Bloemendaal. The midfielder is filling the gap created after the recent retirement of legendary Dutch attacker Teun de Nooijer. Bloemendaal is one of the oldest field hockey teams in The Netherlands.

"The Dutch League is one of the most competitive in the world", said the 27-year-old star "I am looking forward to honing my skills at the club after the Asia Cup. There is a lot to learn," said Sardar.

HC Bloemendaal Club President Henry Goeman Borgesiuslaan praised the signing of Sardar Singh. Writing on the HC Bloemendaal club website, Borgesiuslaan said: "Not only does Sardar bring a lot of experience to our squad, but he will inspire the youth of our club with his fame and charisma."



Hockey India congratulate Rani for winning TiE Aspire Young Achiever's Award

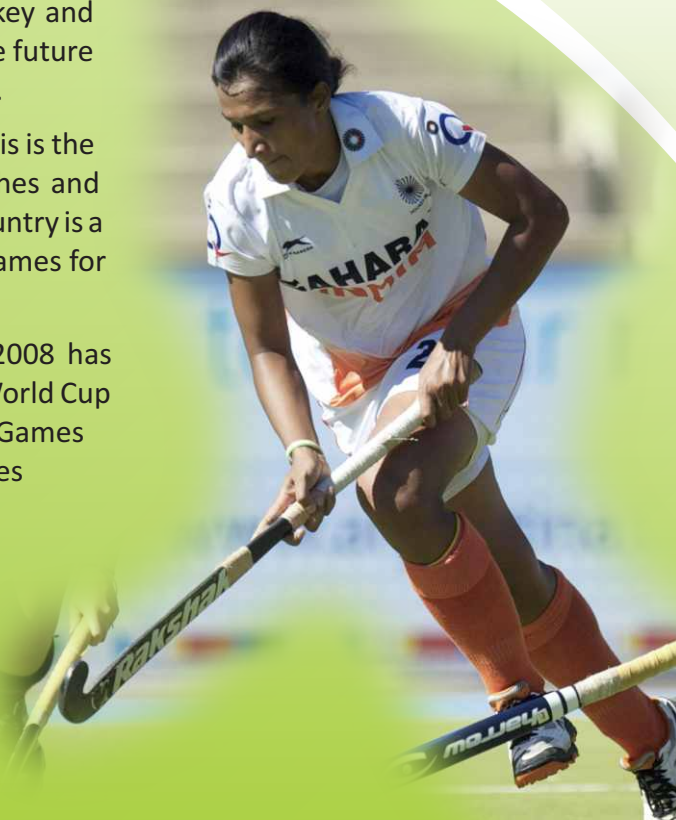
Hockey India congratulates forward Rani for winning the TiE Aspire Young Achiever's Award.

Rani who was the Vice-Captain of the Junior National Women team in the recent 7th FIH Junior Women's World Cup had played a crucial role in assisting the team in winning the bronze medal in Germany and was also declared the Best Player of the Tournament. The individual award in the Junior World Cup, was the fourth time Rani had won any such award in an International Tournament and is the only Indian female to be nominated as FIH "Best Young Player of the Tournament" at the Women's Hockey World Cup 2010. Rani was nominated to the Asian All Stars Team and FIH All Stars Team, both in 2010. She was also declared the Top Goal Scorer of the FIH World League Round 2 2013 in New Delhi.

Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India congratulated Rani for this award. "Her dedication and tireless effort to play hockey and achieve glorious success at this young age is a motivation for the future young and budding hockey players of our nation" added Dr. Batra.

Rani Rampal said "I am very happy for winning this award and this is the best phase of my life. I would like to thank my parents, coaches and Hockey India for their contribution in my game. Playing for my country is a complete honor and I will continue to work hard to win more games for my team in the coming years".

The 19 year old Rani who made her international debut in 2008 has participated in major tournaments including the FIH Women's World Cup 2010 in Argentina, Commonwealth Games in Delhi 2010, Asian Games in China 2010, Junior Women's World Cup USA in 2009, two times in Champions Challenge Russia in 2009 and Ireland 2011, two times in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy Korea in 2010 and China in 2011, Women's Asia Cup Thailand in 2009, FIH World League Round 2, 2013 in Delhi and FIH World League Round 3, 2013 in Rotterdam.



Hockey India inducts Hockey Hyderabad, Hockey Gangpur & Steel Plant Sports Board as Associate Manager

Hockey India inducted Hockey Hyderabad, Hockey Gangpur (Odisha) and Steel Plant Sports Board as its Associate Members.

Hockey India now has 18 Associate members, with 27 Affiliated Members and two State Olympic Association Members.

With this inclusion, all the three associate members can take part in Hockey India National Championships .

Hockey Hyderabad

President- Mr. Jayesh Ranjan (IAS)
General Secretary-Mr. N. Mukesh Kumar

Hockey Gangpur (Odisha)

President- Mr. Dilip Tirkey (Member, Rajya Sabha)
General Secretary- Mr. Debashish Gouda

Steel Plant Sports Board

President- Mr. H S Pati (Director Personnel, SAIL)
General Secretary- Mr. Amandeep Singh Johal (Senior Manager Sports, SAIL)

Hockey India condoles death of Herojit Singh

Hockey India condoled the untimely demise of Mr. W Herojit Singh who was Secretary General of Manipur Hockey .



Mr. Herojit Singh 45 who passed away due to brain hemorrhage in June this year at his hometown Imphal. He is survived by his mother and two younger brothers.

“The unexpected demise of Mr. Herojit Singh is a big loss to all of us in the hockey fraternity” Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General, Hockey India said.

“I on behalf of Hockey India, offer my condolences to the bereaved family,” he added. Mr. Herojit Singh who was the founder and coach of the Posterior Hockey Academy in Manipur where his academy has contributed immensely towards the development of hockey in the north-east region. Some of the current national players including Kothajit Singh, Sushila Chanu, Lily Chanu and Pinky Devi Thokchom comes from his academy.

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.

Uttar Pradesh Hockey



Mr. Rakesh Katyal
President



Dr. R P Singh
General Secretary



Mr. Laik Ahmed
Treasurer

Hockey Jammu & Kashmir



Dr. Narinder Batra,
President



Mr. Romal Singh
General Secretary



Mr. Rajinder Singh
Treasurer

Hockey Odisha



Mr. A K Naidu
President



Mr. Pratap Satpathy
General Secretary



Mr. Amar Kumar Mohanty
Treasurer

Player's Milestones

Forward Ramandeep Singh made his international debut against Oman in the 9th Men's Asia Cup and scored first goal in his maiden international.



Forward Nikin Thimmaiah from Karnataka made his international debut against Oman in the 9th Men's Asia Cup.

Defender Kothajit Singh played his 50th international match against Korea in the league match of the 9th Men's Asia Cup.



Indian Forward Rani completed her 100 internationals against Malaysia in the 8th Women's Asia Cup.

FIH shortlists India among 5 countries to host FIH Men's World Cup 2018

International Hockey Federation (FIH) Executive Board shortlisted India among five countries as possible hosts for the FIH Men's World Cup in 2018. India last hosted the World Cup in 2010 in New Delhi. A final decision is expected on 8 November 2013.

Both the men's and women's World Cups 2018 will feature an increased 16-nation field of participants confirming the growing interest and development of the sport.

FIH president Leandro Negre said, "The high interest to host by our member associations, especially for the World Cup, is extremely encouraging and we are very happy with the positive reaction to the FIH's new event assignment process. This successful first phase reaffirms our efforts to develop and strengthen our event brands and confirms the FIH's choice to select hosts much further in advance than previously."

Three Hockey Heroes honored with National Sports Awards

President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee conferred Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award and Dhyanchand award to three former hockey players for their contribution towards the sport on 31st August 2013 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Former Women Captain Saba Anjum who represented India at FIH World Cup 2010, Commonwealth Games in New Delhi 2010, Asian Games in China 2010, Asian Champions Trophy in Korea 2010, Asia Cup in Bangkok 2009 and many more events was presented Arjuna Award for her contribution to the game.

Narender Singh Saini, Coach of the Junior Women team that won the first ever bronze medal at the FIH Junior Women's World was presented Dronacharya Award.

Mr. Syed Ali who was member of the Olympic Games held at Montreal, Canada in 1976 was presented Dhyanchand Award. Mr. Syed Ali is also a national selector of Hockey India.



Mr. Narender Singh Saini receiving Dronacharya Award from President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee



Olympian Mr. Syed Ali receiving Dhyanchand Award from President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee



Mrs. Saba Anjum receiving Arjuna Award from President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee

Birthday Celebrations of Hockey India Office Bearers



Ms. Mariamma Koshy alongwith other Hockey India office bearers celebrating the birthday of Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India.



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India and Ms. Surinder Kaur, Joint Secretary HI cuts cake on their birthday. Dr. Shobha Singh Vice-President Hockey India and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India & Ms. Gayatri Shetty, Vice-President Hockey India are also present on the occasion.

Player's Birthday's



Women

October

Surabhi Pradhan	4
Rashmi Singh	14
Rukmani Dodray	21
M N Ponnamma	25
Gurjit Kaur	25
Sushila Lakra	29

November

Monika Malik	5
Malkeet Kaur	6
Neha Goyal	15
Pooja Chaudhary	20
Asunta Lakra	20
Inderpreet Kaur	21

December

Rani	4
Preety Sunila Kiro	8
Nikki Pradhan	8
Jaspreet Kaur	11
Kirandeep Kaur	13
Apoorva Vishwakarma	18
Pinky Devi Thokchom	23
Manjeet Kaur	23
Chanchan Devi	25
Sandeep Kaur	27
Ritu Rani	29
Jyoti Gupta	29

Men

October

Dipsan Tirkey	15
Gaganpreet Singh Deol	15
Gurvinder Singh Chandi	20
Satbir Singh	22
P L Thimmanna	25

November

V R Raghunath	1
Sukhmanjit Singh	1
Gagandeep Singh	2
P T Rao	5
Prabdeep Singh	5
Rupinderpal Singh	11
Amon Mirash Tirkey	18
Vikas Pillay	20
Jagdeep Dayal	22
Surender Kumar	23
Gurpreet Singh	30

December

Lalit Kumar Upadhyay	1
Akashdeep Singh	2
Chinglensana Singh	2
S K Uthappa	2
Nithin Thimmaiah	8
M K Muddappa	11
Abhinav Kumar Pandey	12
Jasjeet Singh	20
Sumit Chauhan	20
Danish Mujtaba	20
Nanak Singh	25
Mohd. Amir Khan	29
Affan Yousuf	29
Malak Singh	30
Gurmail Singh	30

Hockey India & Hero Hockey India League Announces Shiv Naresh as Apparel Partner

Hockey India announced Shiv Naresh as its Apparel Partner for the National Teams as well



as the Hero Hockey India League. As a part of the partnership with Hockey India, Shiv Naresh will provide both on and off-field playing and training uniform ranging from training shorts and shirts to tracksuits and equipment bags to the teams.

Shiv Naresh will be supplying playing and travelling kit to Senior Men and Women as well as junior teams. These uniforms are specially designed with moisture management fabric to ensure the players stay dry and cool and assist them to perform at their optimum levels.

In its association with Hero Hockey India League, Shiv Naresh will supply uniform for technical officials, Umpires and Hero HIL Staff.

Hockey India President, Ms Mariamma Koshy said "Hockey India has had a fantastic relationship with Shiv Naresh and we look forward to continuing this in the future".

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