

Newsletter

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Message from

Mohd. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India



It has been an exciting phase of new developments for Indian Hockey both at the grassroots level as well as for the National Senior teams.

Starting with the Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards this year that received enormous appreciation from sports personalities, government bodies, and administrators all over the country as well as internationally. In our endeavor to recognize and appreciate the hard work of every player and support staff, the Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards carried

total prize money of over INR 2.00 Crores. Besides the main categories, special focus was laid this year on giving recognition to rising talent and individual achievements. My sincere wishes go to the winners of the Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards 2015.


I would also like to congratulate the Senior Men's team for an astonishing performance at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Malaysia and returning with the Silver Medal. For me the victory lies in the overall improved performance of the team. They marked an emphatic win against host country Malaysia and Pakistan. Apart from the seasoned players, I am really impressed by the young lads and the zeal they add to the team. Here again wishing the team good luck for the upcoming Champions Trophy in London, I am confident that will put forth a good show.


Most importantly, I believe grassroots development and administration are always the core of success. I would like to congratulate all the teams who participated in the 6th Hockey India National Championship, I was thrilled to witness such passion and great performances by the talent we have in every corner of the country.

First and the key step towards success begins with right administration and we hope serve as an inspiration to others with the kind examples we set to promote Indian Hockey. For the first time, we implemented the Tournament Management System (TMS) for quality insights and live reporting of the 6th Hockey India National Championship in the category of Senior Men and Women. This kind of technology is used by FIH. We believe in setting the foundation strong for the overall development of Hockey with this being one of the many steps we took this year.

Providing talent with the right kind of infrastructure and training is our utmost priority. With almost two months left for Rio Olympics, my heartiest wishes go to the Men's and Women's team undergoing rigorous training at SAI Centre, Bengaluru. We have some extremely crucial International matches coming up ahead of Rio with all eyes set on the teams for their performances. But what makes me proud is the fact that the teams are now hungry to win, to perform better, to work as a unit and rise higher than before. We have left no stone unturned to boost the morale of the players and provide them with the right guidance. The teams have equally honored the efforts of the management by putting a lot of sweat and blood in bringing out their best. There is a long way to go but we are surely headed in the right course.


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Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards 2015

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2nd ANNUAL AWARDS
2015

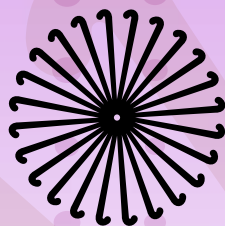


It was a day to remember as the best hockey players in India and former greats of the game came together for the Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards in Bangalore.

The 2nd edition of the most coveted awards in Indian hockey carries a total prize money of over INR 2.00 Crores

AWARDS 2015





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MAJOR DHYAN CHAND

Lifetime Achievement Award 2015



Hockey India
MAJOR DHYAN CHAND
Lifetime Achievement Award 2015



WINNER
LATE. CAPT. SHANKAR LAXMAN
₹ 30,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
DHRUV BATRA AWARD
for Player of the Year 2015 (Men)



WINNER
P.R SREEJESH
₹ 25,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
DHRUV BATRA AWARD
for Player of the Year 2015 (Women)



WINNER
DEEPIKA
₹ 25,00,000 & Trophy

2nd ANNUAL AWARDS



Hockey India
JUGRAJ SINGH AWARD
for Upcoming Player of the Year 2015
(Men - Under 21)



WINNER
HARJEET SINGH
₹ 10,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
ASUNTA LAKRA AWARD
for Upcoming Player of the Year 2015
(Women - Under 21)



WINNER
PREETI DUBEY
₹ 10,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
DHANRAJ PILLAY AWARD
for Forward of the Year 2015.



WINNER
RANI
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
AJIT PAL SINGH AWARD
for Midfielder of the Year 2015.



WINNER
RITU RANI
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
PARGAT SINGH AWARD
for Defender of the Year 2015.



WINNER
KOTHAJIT SINGH
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
BALJIT SINGH AWARD
for Goalkeeper of the Year 2015.



WINNER
SAVITA
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
PRESIDENTS AWARD
for Outstanding Achievement 2015.



WINNER
MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY
ACADEMY
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy



Hockey India
JAMAN LAL SHARMA AWARD
for Invaluable Contribution
(for Coaches & Support Staff 2015)



WINNER
BALDEV SINGH
₹ 5,00,000 & Trophy

Performance by Artist

During Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards 2015



List of Awards for felicitating the players for the performance during 2015

Sr. No	Competition	Winners	Prize Money
1	Milestone Awards – 100 th appearance for India	Dharamvir Singh, Kothajit Singh, Birendra Lakra, Sushila Chanu	Rs 50,000 each + Trophy
2	Milestone Awards – 200 th appearance for India	Gurbaj Singh, V R Raghunath	Rs 1,00,000 each + Trophy
3	Individual Achievement Awards	Devindar Sunil Walmiki, Harjeet Singh, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Mohammad Umar, Gaganpreet Singh, Preeti Dubey	Rs 1.00 Lakh each + Trophy
4	Individual Achievement Awards – 100 th Appearance as Umpire in World Hockey League 2015, Belgium, Antwerp	Raghu Prasad RV	Rs 1.00 Lakh each + Trophy
5	2016 Rio Olympics – Qualifying Indian Women's team	18 Players	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		Roelant Oltmans – Director High Performance	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		Neil Hawgwood – Chief Coach	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		5 Support Staff	Rs 50,000 each
6	8 th Junior Asia Cup – Junior Men Team	18 Players	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		Harendra Singh – Coach	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		5 Support Staff	Rs 50,000 each
7	8 th Junior Asia Cup – Junior Men Team	Vikas Dahiya for Goalkeeper of the Tournament	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		Harmanpreet Singh for Highest Goal Scorer of the Tournament	
8	Bronze Medal for FIH Men's Hero World League Final – Senior Men's Team	18 players	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		Roelant Oltmans – Chief Coach	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		6 Support Staff	Rs 50,000 each
9	FIH Men's Hero World League Final	PR Sreejesh for Fan's Choice Award	Rs 1.00 Lakh

Hawke's Bay Cup 2016 (Women)

The 2016 Hawke's Bay Cup is an invitational 8 nation women tournament, held between April 2-10 as part of the festival of hockey in New Zealand. The venue for the three-year-old event, is the stunning Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park in Hastings. For the 2016 tournament, the eight participating nations were Australia, Canada, China, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.





2016 Hawke's Bay Cup Match Results

Time	Date	Team	vs	Team	Result
07:30 am	02/04/2016	India	vs	New Zealand	0 - 1
10:30 am	03/04/2016	India	vs	Ireland	0 - 4
09:30 am	05/04/2016	India	vs	China	1 - 2
03:30 am	07/04/2016	India	vs	Japan	1 - 3
05:00 am	09/04/2016	India	vs	Canada	1 - 0
06:15 am	10/04/2016	India	vs	Ireland	1 - 1 (3 - 4 SO)

25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016

The 25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup tournament was an ideal preparation leading to Rio. The team faced New Zealand, Australia, Pakistan, Japan, Canada and hosts Malaysia who took part in the 25th edition which were scheduled from 06 - 16 April 2016.

India has had a good run in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup winning the annual event five times in 1985, 1991, 1995, 2009 and 2010, earning bronze on six occasions and finishing runners-up once in 2008.

The tournament was played in a round-robin format and that ensured team played against all the participating countries giving them a good competition exposure.



India Beat Pakistan by 5 - 1 in 25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup

There were no nerves, no last minute drama or controversy, as India ran out 5-1 winners over Pakistan in the big derby game of the 25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. Pakistan were picked apart by an Indian side that produced its best display when it mattered most in the game against their neighbours.



India Settle For Silver At 25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup





Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016

Match Results

Date	Time	Team	vs	Team	Results
6 Apr	15:35	India	vs	Japan	2 - 1
7 Apr	13:35	India	vs	Australia	1 - 5
10 Apr	18:05	India	vs	Canada	3 - 1
12 Apr	15:35	India	vs	Pakistan	5 - 1
13 Apr	13:35	India	vs	New Zealand	1 - 2
15 Apr	18:05	India	vs	Malaysia	6 - 1
16 Apr	18:05	India	vs	Australia	0 - 4

Senior Women Olympic 2016 Preparatory Tour to England





England Tour (Women) Match Results

Time	Date	Team	vs	Team	Result
21:00	03/05/2016	India	vs	Great Britain A	0 - 2
19:30	05/05/2016	India	vs	Great Britain	0 - 6
19:30	06/05/2016	India	vs	Great Britain	1 - 2
15:30	08/05/2016	India	vs	Great Britain	2 - 4
15:30	09/05/2016	India	vs	Great Britain	0 - 7

6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Railway Sports Promotion Board Clinches the Title

The 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship (Division A) was conducted at Chandgi Ram Hockey Stadium, Saifai, Uttar Pradesh from 19th April to 01st May 2016.

Railways took on Punjab in the finals in a frenetic encounter, the two teams were locked in a four-goal thriller at full time. Despite the flurry, it took until the second quarter of the match for the first goal to be scored as Punjab opened the scoring in the 24th minute. Railways responded with their equaliser after the break, as converted a PC in the 37th minute to draw them level.

In the final minute of the third quarter Punjab took the lead again, with a PC conversion. With the title looking set to go to Punjab, Railways hit back with an equaliser in the 59th minute—a penalty stroke put away to take the game to a shootout. Even in the shootout, both teams were locked at 3-3 after their first five attempts. Punjab missed their decisive attempt in the sudden death to give Railways the victory and the title of National Champions.

Hockey Odisha beat Association of Indian Universities in the 3/4th place play off of the Senior Men National Championship A division to win the bronze medal.

Gold Medal - Railway Sports Promotion Board

Silver Medal - Hockey Punjab

Bronze Medal - Hockey Odisha



6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (Division B)

Punjab & Sind Bank Wins Division B

The 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship (Division B) was conducted at Chandgi Ram Hockey Stadium, Saifai, Uttar Pradesh from 08 - 21 April 2016.

Hockey India 6th Senior Men National Championship (B Division) matches were played out between Delhi Hockey and Central Industrial Security Force for third and fourth place, while the final was between Punjab & Sind Bank and Hockey Chandigarh.

In the opening fixture Delhi beat Central Industrial Security Force 5-2. The win means Delhi finish third .

The Final of the B division was the promising encounter between Punjab & Sind Bank and Hockey Chandigarh. Punjab & Sind Bank took the lead in as early as the 7th minute. Over the next two quarters Punjab & Sind Bank defence held firm and didn't allow Chandigarh any breakthroughs. They went into half time leading the game. Chandigarh fought back after half time scoring the equaliser in the 44th minute. With neither team able to eke out a winner, the match went into a shootout. Punjab & Sind Bank won the shootout 4-3 to emerge as the winners of the B Division.

Punjab & Sind Bank and Hockey Chandigarh promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2017.

1st Place - Punjab & Sind Bank

2nd Place - Hockey Chandigarh

3rd Place - Delhi Hockey



6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Railway Sports Promotion Board Finishes as the Champions

The 6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship (Division A) was conducted at Shanthi Nagar Hockey Stadium, Bengaluru, Karnataka from 25 April to 01 May 2016.

MP Hockey Academy took on Hockey Odisha and Railways took on Punjab on the final day of the Hockey India Women National Championship A Division.

In the opening encounter, MP beat Odisha in the third place play off 2-1. MP opened the scoring in the 12th minute and then doubled their lead in the second quarter on the back of a goal. Odisha hit back with a PC conversion in the 40th minute, but couldn't find the equaliser, giving MP the win and a third place finish at the Nationals.

Railways took on Punjab in the finals. It took until the second half for the first goal to be scored and it went to Railways when scored in the 34th minute to give them the lead. Punjab nullified that almost from the restart. With the game seemingly headed towards a shootout, Railways converted a stroke in the 54th minute to give them the lead and doubled it with another stroke in the 57th minute to give Railways the victory and the Nationals title.

Gold Medal - Railway Sports Promotion Board

Silver Medal - Hockey Punjab

Bronze Medal - Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy



6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (Division B)

Hockey Gangpur - Odisha Wins Division B

The 6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship (Division B) was conducted at Shanthi Nagar Hockey Stadium, Bengaluru, Karnataka from 18 - 27 April 2016.

The final day of the Hockey India Women National Championship B Division saw Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu take on Chhattisgarh Hockey for the 3rd place game as Association of Indian Universities took on Hockey Gangpur Odisha for the top honours.

In the 3rd place playoff, Chhattisgarh beat Tamilnadu in a highly entertaining encounter 4-3. Chhattisgarh ended up winners and took third place in Division B.

Hockey Gangpur took on Association of Indian Universities in the final match of Division B. Gangpur took the lead in the 13th minute and it took till the last minute of the third quarter for Association of Indian Universities to find an equaliser, which they scored in the 44th minute. In the final quarter, with the game looking set to head to a shootout, Gangpur regained the lead when their captain scored via PC in the 57th minute. In the 59th minute scored another to ensure Gangpur would end up winners of the B division.

Hockey Gangpur - Odisha and Association of Indian Universities promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2017.

1st Place - Hockey Gangpur - Odisha

2nd Place - Association of Indian Universities

3rd Place - Chhattisgarh Hockey



6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Hockey Odisha Lifts the Trophy

The 6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship (Division A) was conducted at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 09 - 15 May 2016.

The tournament concluded with a win for Hockey Odisha who won the title of the 6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division) by defeating Hockey Gangpur - Odisha 5-1. Sports Authority Of India settled for the bronze medal by beating Hockey Jharkhand .

Gold Medal - Hockey Odisha

Silver Medal - Hockey Gangpur - Odisha

Bronze Medal - Sports Authority Of India



6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Division B)

The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd Wins Division - B

The 6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship (Division B) was conducted at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 04 - 11 May 2016.

The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd. wrapped up the tournament and defeated Hockey Maharashtra to win Division B of the 6th Hockey India Junior Men National championship. In the position match Hockey Chandigarh outplayed Delhi Hockey by 5-1 to finish at 3rd position in the tournament.

The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd. and Hockey Maharashtra promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2017.

1st Place - The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd.

2nd Place - Hockey Maharashtra

3rd Place - Hockey Chandigarh



6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Hockey Punjab Emerges as the Winners

The 6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship (Division A) was conducted at AstroTurf Hockey Stadium, Ranchi, Jharkhand from 30 April to 08 May 2016.

Hockey Punjab beat Hockey Haryana, 4-0 and claimed the title of the 6th Junior National Championship 2016 (Women) A Division. while the hard line match Hockey Jharkhand claimed the Bronze Medal by beating Hockey Odisha.

Gold Medal - Hockey Punjab

Silver Medal - Hockey Haryana

Bronze Medal - Hockey Jharkhand



6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Division B)

Hockey Chandigarh Wins Division B

The 6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship (Division B) was conducted at AstroTurf Hockey Stadium, Ranchi, Jharkhand from 24 April to 02 May 2016.

The 6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2016 Division B concluded announcing Hockey Chandigarh as the winner of the Division B tournament who defeated Hockey Uttarakhand by 2-0 to clinch the title. On the other hand, Hockey Coorg secured the third position after a battle against Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association by 2-0.

Hockey Chandigarh and Hockey Uttarakhand promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2017.

1st Place - Hockey Chandigarh

2nd Place - Hockey Uttarakhand

3rd Place - Hockey Coorg



6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Hockey Gangpur - Odisha Declared Champions

The 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship (Division A) was conducted at Khuman Lampak Hockey Stadium, Imphal, Manipur from 14 - 22 May 2016

Hockey Chandigarh faced Hockey Jharkhand for the 3rd place. Chandigarh started off very strongly and took a 2-0 lead into half time. Jharkhand hit back with a goal in the 45th minute, but it wasn't enough as Chandigarh ran out 6-2 winners.

Hockey Gangpur Odisha took on the home team Manipur Hockey in the final. They held on to the lead breaking the home team's hearts and took the victory by 3-2 and won the title of 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship.

Gold Medal - Hockey Gangpur - Odisha

Silver Medal - Manipur Hockey

Bronze Medal - Hockey Chandigarh



6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Division B)

Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association Wins Division B

The 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship (Division B) was conducted at Khuman Lampak Hockey Stadium, Imphal, Manipur from 05 - 16 May 2016.

The 6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2016 Division B Concluded where Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association claimed the winner tag by defeating Hockey Bihar 3-1.

Hockey Bhopal settled at the third position post a wonderful victory in the hardline match against Chhattisgarh Hockey 7-4.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association and Hockey Bihar promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2017.

1st Place - Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association

2nd Place - Hockey Bihar

3rd Place - Hockey Bhopal



6th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Division A)

Sports Authority of India Finishes As The Champions

The 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship (Division A) was conducted in Rohtak, Haryana from the 8 – 14 February 2016.

The final match of the 6th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2016 saw no goals from Sports Authority of India or from Hockey Punjab in the first half of the match. The second half witnessed fast attacking play by Sports Authority of India took the first goal at the 41st minute and second goal at the 48th minute. Punjab Captain opened the account for Hockey Punjab with their sole goal at the 49th minute. The match ended with a score of 2-1, marking Sports Authority of India as the winner for 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2016 and Hockey Punjab bagged the Silver medal in the tournament. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy clashed against Hockey Haryana to attain the third position in the tournament. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy scored the first goal at the 48th minute and Hockey Haryana scored the first goal in the 66th minute bringing the match to a tie. Both the teams continued with shootouts, Hockey Haryana scored 5 goals whereas Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy secured 6 goals and won the Bronze medal of the 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2016.

Gold Medal - Sports Authority of India

Silver Medal - Hockey Punjab

Bronze Medal - Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy



6th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Division B)

Hockey Mizoram Wins Division B

The 6th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship (Division B) was conducted in Nagaon, Assam from the 5 – 13 January 2016.

Hockey Mizoram defeated Hockey Bihar 3-0, while in the $\frac{3}{4}$ playoff clash Hockey Madhya Pradesh edged past Bengal Hockey Association 4-0 to finish third in the tournament.

Hockey Mizoram and Hockey Bihar promoted to Division A of the 7th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2017

1st Place - Hockey Mizoram

2nd Place - Hockey Bihar

3rd Place - Hockey Madhya Pradesh



Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad Secretary General Hockey India presenting a memento to Hon'ble Chief Minister Manipur, Shri Okram Ibobi Singh at the Finals of the 6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship held in Imphal on 22nd May 2016.



Tournament Management System (TMS) introduced in 6th Hockey India Senior Men & Women National Championship 2016

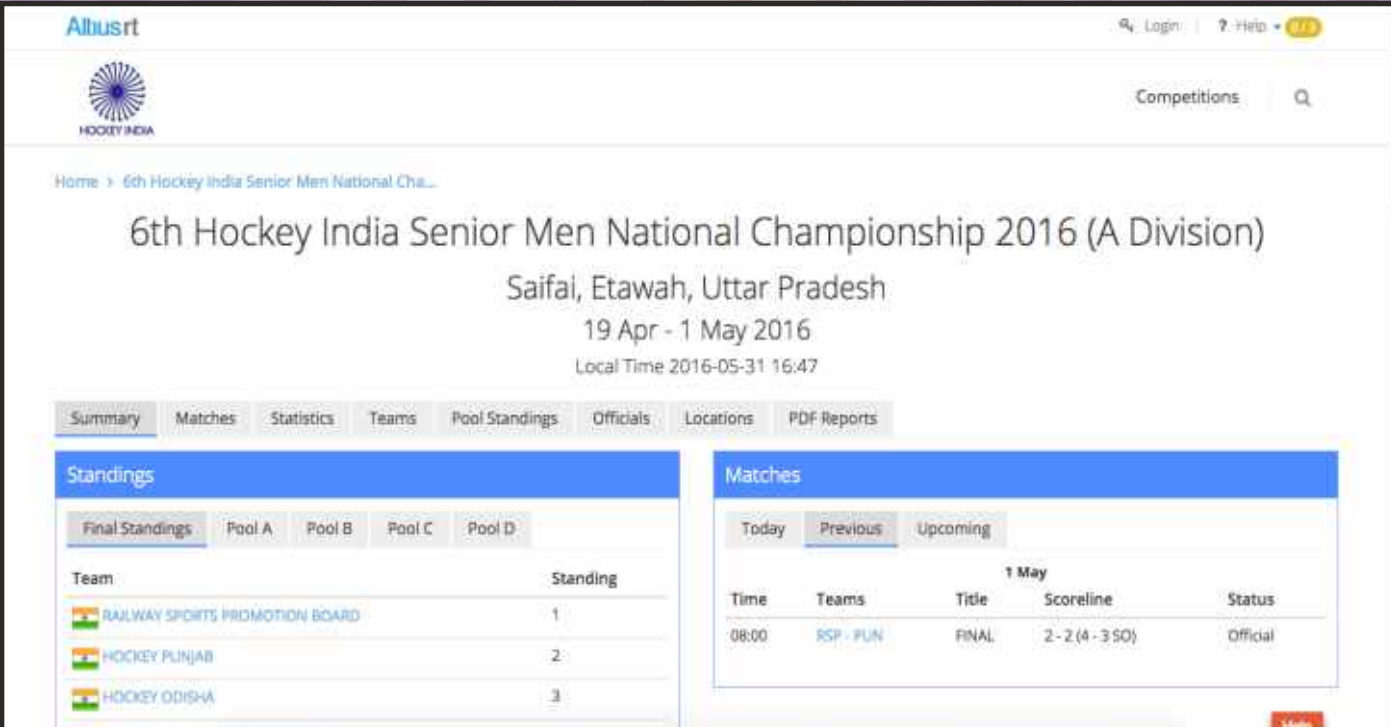
Globally, technology is playing a vital role via customized softwares like CRM/ERM systems having a direct impact on efficiency and performance; it's fascinating that such technologies are now aiding the world of sports as well to assess player performances and derive quality tournament statistics.

Hockey India has for the first time implemented a new, custom-built application to manage 6th Hockey India National Championship 2016 – called The Tournament Management System (TMS). TMS replaces the spreadsheets in managing players, teams, officials, matches and basic reporting, adding some features and performing the time-consuming compilation of statistics automatically. TMS is a single system worldwide, designed to contain all current and future tournaments.

Founded in Canada by an Indian origin hockey player – Mr. Hari Kant, AltiusRT this unique tournament management system (TMS) is now the global benchmark for real time online management of tournaments across international, national and club level hockey tournaments. The system has been successfully adopted by the International Hockey Federation as well as specific country clubs and federations including Australia, Canada, England and India.

Being the gold standard for real time data management for hockey tournaments, the TMS provides capabilities of cross location multiple uploads of scores, ease of use, editing and access – all of which saves hundreds of man hours & multi location coordination. But most importantly, it offers data and statistics which can be used by the teams and coaches to study performance and create trajectories which have a direct impact on performance as well. Therefore, helping in creating better game strategies.

Hockey India facilitated basic training of cross location staff to equip them with the required skills to use the TMS. With the adoption of this advanced technology, the quality of data from the tournaments have improved drastically.



The screenshot displays the AltiusRT TMS interface for the 6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (A Division). The interface includes a navigation menu with options: Summary, Matches, Statistics, Teams, Pool Standings, Officials, Locations, and PDF Reports. The main content area shows the tournament title, location (Saifal, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh), dates (19 Apr - 1 May 2016), and local time (2016-05-31 16:47). Below this, there are two main sections: 'Standings' and 'Matches'.

Standings Table:

Team	Standing
RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD	1
HOCKEY PUNJAB	2
HOCKEY ODISHA	3
ASSO. OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES	4

Matches Table:

Time	Teams	Title	Scoreline	Status
08:00	RSP - PUN	FINAL	2-2 (4-3 SO)	Official

Indian Hockey Teams To Take Part In The International Hockey Festival In Melbourne

The Indian national men's and women's hockey team will take part in the International Hockey festival. Melbourne will be home to a new festival of hockey and showpiece international hockey tournament for the next three years, it has been announced by the Victorian Government.

The new men's tournament, which will be broadcasted internationally, will take place in late November and will feature Australia, India and Malaysia in 2016, with a fourth team to be confirmed in the coming months.

India's participation in the event comes as a result of Hockey India's path-breaking Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey Australia, signed last year, which will see the Indian men's national team tour to Australia over the next three years.

Roelant Oltmans, Chief Coach of the men's national team said "The International hockey festival is a very noble initiative by Hockey Australia. It will come in as a treat for all hockey fans globally, I am sure it is going to be a top notch tournament with some spectacular hockey on display by all the participating nations."

Sardara Singh, Captain of the men's national team said, "Australia is a great place to play Hockey. The hosts and Malaysia are always a formidable opponent, so it should be a very challenging tournament, and a good experience for the team and I am looking forward to the international Hockey festival this year."

Alongside the men's competition, Australia and India's women will play a three-match Test series, with a high-profile Friday night encounter set to put world class women's sport in the spotlight once again.

The involvement of both genders will make hockey the only sport Down Under that delivers annual event content featuring both Australia and India, men and women. These series' are being touted as the Victorian Festival of Hockey.

The festival of hockey will feature a series of spin-off events including community engagement opportunities and a business forum too. With a strong focus on the Asia region, it is anticipated the event will expand in 2017 and 2018. Other innovative concepts will be developed and announced as part of this festival of hockey.



Rio 2016 Schedule For Indian Hockey Teams

With a 100 days until the Rio 2016 Olympic Games begin, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has confirmed the official match schedules for the men's and women's hockey events.

Running from 6-19 August at Deodoro Olympic Park in Rio De Janiero, Brazil, the events will feature 12 men's and 12 women's international hockey teams who qualified through the Hockey World League and Continental Championships.

Two pitches will host both events and, for the first time in an Olympic hockey competition, quarter-Finals will be played. With no classification games taking place, only the top four teams from each pool will qualify for the knock-out stages.

The winners of the quarter-Finals will qualify for the Semi-Finals which will determine who will play in the gold and bronze medal matches. The men's medal matches are scheduled for Thursday 18 August and the women's the following day, on Friday 19 August.

Asian Champions India are drawn in a group featuring reigning European Champions Netherlands, Olympic champions Germany and Pan American Games champions Argentina.

The Indian Men's tournament will open with a campaign against first time qualifiers Ireland on the 6th of August.

Their first test will come against Germany on August 8 before they take on the Netherlands on August 11. India will hope to exact the same performance that won them bronze at the HWL Finals in Raipur against the European Champions.

On the women's side, India are in a group featuring the Argentina and Australia.

The women team, who have qualified for the Olympics for the first time, will take on Japan in their opener on the 7th of August.



Games of the XXXI Olympiad Combined Competition Match Schedule



Participating Teams

Men	
Pool A	Pool B
Australia	Netherlands
Great Britain	Germany
Belgium	Argentina
New Zealand	India
Spain	Ireland
Brazil	Canada

Women	
Pool A	Pool B
Netherlands	Argentina
New Zealand	Australia
China	Great Britain
Germany	USA
Korea	Japan
Spain	India



Games of the XXXI Olympiad Combined Competition Match Schedule



Match No	Date	Pool	Time	Pitch	Match	
M01	Saturday 6 August	B	10:00	1	Argentina	v Netherlands
M02	Saturday 6 August	B	11:00	2	India	v Ireland
M03	Saturday 6 August	A	12:30	1	Belgium	v Great Britain
M04	Saturday 6 August	A	13:30	2	Australia	v New Zealand
W01	Saturday 6 August	B	17:00	2	Argentina	v USA
M05	Saturday 6 August	B	18:00	1	Canada	v Germany
M06	Saturday 6 August	A	19:30	2	Spain	v Brazil
W02	Saturday 6 August	B	20:30	1	Great Britain	v Australia
W03	Sunday 7 August	A	10:00	1	New Zealand	v Korea
W04	Sunday 7 August	B	11:00	2	Japan	v India
W05	Sunday 7 August	A	12:30	1	Netherlands	v Spain
W06	Sunday 7 August	A	13:30	2	China	v Germany
M07	Sunday 7 August	A	17:00	2	Great Britain	v New Zealand
M08	Sunday 7 August	B	18:00	1	Netherlands	v Ireland
M09	Sunday 7 August	A	19:30	2	Brazil	v Belgium
M10	Sunday 7 August	A	20:30	1	Australia	v Spain
W07	Monday 8 August	B	10:00	1	Australia	v USA
M11	Monday 8 August	B	11:00	2	Germany	v India
M12	Monday 8 August	B	12:30	1	Canada	v Argentina
W08	Monday 8 August	A	13:30	2	New Zealand	v Germany
W09	Monday 8 August	A	17:00	2	Netherlands	v Korea
W10	Monday 8 August	B	18:00	1	India	v Great Britain
W11	Monday 8 August	A	19:30	2	Spain	v China
W12	Monday 8 August	B	20:30	1	Argentina	v Japan
M13	Tuesday 9 August	A	10:00	1	New Zealand	v Spain
M14	Tuesday 9 August	B	11:00	2	Argentina	v India
M15	Tuesday 9 August	B	12:30	1	Germany	v Ireland
M16	Tuesday 9 August	B	13:30	2	Netherlands	v Canada
M17	Tuesday 9 August	A	18:00	1	Brazil	v Great Britain
M18	Tuesday 9 August	A	20:30	1	Belgium	v Australia
W13	Wednesday 10 August	A	10:00	1	Spain	v New Zealand
W14	Wednesday 10 August	B	11:00	2	India	v Australia
W15	Wednesday 10 August	A	12:30	1	Germany	v Korea
W16	Wednesday 10 August	B	13:30	2	Great Britain	v Argentina
W17	Wednesday 10 August	B	17:00	2	USA	v Japan
W18	Wednesday 10 August	A	18:00	1	China	v Netherlands
M19	Wednesday 10 August	A	19:30	2	New Zealand	v Brazil
M20	Wednesday 10 August	A	20:30	1	Great Britain	v Australia



Games of the XXXI Olympiad Combined Competition Match Schedule



Match No	Date	Pool	Time	Pitch	Match		
M21	Thursday 11 August	B	10:00	1	Netherlands	v	India
M22	Thursday 11 August	B	11:00	2	Ireland	v	Canada
M23	Thursday 11 August	B	12:30	1	Argentina	v	Germany
M24	Thursday 11 August	A	13:30	2	Spain	v	Belgium
W19	Thursday 11 August	A	17:00	2	Germany	v	Spain
W20	Thursday 11 August	B	18:00	1	Australia	v	Argentina
W21	Thursday 11 August	B	19:30	2	USA	v	India
W22	Thursday 11 August	B	20:30	1	Japan	v	Great Britain
W23	Friday 12 August	A	10:00	1	Korea	v	China
W24	Friday 12 August	A	11:00	2	New Zealand	v	Netherlands
M25	Friday 12 August	B	12:30	1	India	v	Canada
M26	Friday 12 August	B	13:30	2	Germany	v	Netherlands
M27	Friday 12 August	A	17:00	2	Great Britain	v	Spain
M28	Friday 12 August	A	18:00	1	Belgium	v	New Zealand
M29	Friday 12 August	B	19:30	2	Ireland	v	Argentina
M30	Friday 12 August	A	20:30	1	Australia	v	Brazil
W25	Saturday 13 August	B	10:00	1	Argentina	v	India
W26	Saturday 13 August	A	12:30	1	Netherlands	v	Germany
W27	Saturday 13 August	A	17:00	2	Korea	v	Spain
W28	Saturday 13 August	B	18:00	1	Great Britain	v	USA
W29	Saturday 13 August	B	19:30	2	Australia	v	Japan
W30	Saturday 13 August	A	20:30	1	China	v	New Zealand
W31	Sunday 14 August	QF 1	10:00	1		v	
W32	Sunday 14 August	QF 1	12:30	1		v	
W33	Sunday 14 August	QF 1	18:00	1		v	
W34	Sunday 14 August	QF 1	20:30	1		v	
W31	Monday 15 August	QF 1	10:00	1		v	
W32	Monday 15 August	QF 1	12:30	1		v	
W33	Monday 15 August	QF 1	18:00	1		v	
W34	Monday 15 August	QF 1	20:30	1		v	
W35	Tuesday 16 August	SF 2	12:00	1		v	
W36	Tuesday 16 August	SF 2	17:00	1		v	
W35	Wednesday 17 August	SF 2	12:00	1		v	
W36	Wednesday 17 August	SF 2	17:00	1		v	
M37	Thursday 18 August		12:00	1	Bronze Medal	v	
M38	Thursday 18 August		17:00	1	Final	v	
W37	Friday 19 August		12:00	1	Bronze Medal	v	
W38	Friday 19 August		17:00	1	Final	v	

Hockey India Announces Squad For FIH Champions Trophy

Hockey India has announced their squad for the FIH Champions Trophy to be held In London, between 10-17 June, 2016.

Like at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, India's team management has followed a rotation policy, ensuring a mix of experience and youth in the team as a precursor to the Rio Olympics.

Defender Harmanpreet Singh, one of the outstanding performers from the team's Silver Medal winning Sultan Azlan Shah Cup team, finds himself retained in the squad, and is joined by his junior colleagues, Harjeet Singh and Goalkeeper Vikas Dahiya. Dahiya will be a back up to the returning PR Sreejesh in the team.

Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and defender VR Raghunath, who were rested for Malaysia, are back in the squad to provide a strong backbone to a strong looking Indian lineup. Sreejesh, will Captain the side, and SV Sunil retains the Vice-Captaincy.



2016 Mens Champions Trophy

London (GBR)

10 - 17 Jun 2016

Match Schedule

Match No	Date	Indian Time *Next Day	Teams
1	10 Jun	20:30	Germany v India
2	10 Jun	22:30	Belgium v Korea
3	10 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Australia
4	11 Jun	18:30	Germany v Belgium
5	11 Jun	20:30	India v Great Britain
6	11 Jun	22:30	Australia v Korea
7	13 Jun	16:30	Korea v Great Britain
8	13 Jun	18:30	Germany v Australia
9	13 Jun	20:30	Belgium v India
10	14 Jun	20:30	India v Korea
11	14 Jun	22:30	Australia v Belgium
12	14 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Germany
13	16 Jun	20:30	Australia v India
14	16 Jun	22:30	Korea v Germany
15	16 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Belgium
16	17 Jun	20:15	5th in Pool - 6th in Pool
17	17 Jun	22:30	3rd in Pool - 4th in Pool
18	17 Jun	00:45*	1st in Pool - 2nd in Pool

Hockey India Announces Womens Squad For 4 Nations Tournament In Darwin

India's eyes will take on Australia, New Zealand and Japan in the 4 Nations Tournament in Darwin, Australia, as a final springboard to the Rio Olympics.

The squad for the tournament includes several veterans, among them defensive stalwart Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, who has been named Captain for the tournament. Deepika retained as Vice-Captain, and Poonam Rani and Vanadana Kataria form the core group of veterans who will be hoping to lead the team to a good showing prior to the Games. The squad also includes youngsters, defender Nikki Pradhan and 18-year-old mid fielder Preeti Dubey. Dubey was named the Asunta Lakra Upcoming Player of the Year Award (Women U-21) at the 2nd Annual Hockey India Awards this year.

Chanu, who has been named Captain, said, "It is a huge honour, to be named Captain of the squad for the tour. We have already faced Japan and New Zealand earlier, at the Hawke's Bay Cup. Our chief aim will be to perform well against Japan and Australia and analyse their game at close quarters, since they are in our Pool at the Olympics."

All four teams competing in Darwin are in the top echelon of hockey nations with Australia currently ranked third, the Kiwi's fourth, Japan tenth overall and India ranked 13th in the world.



2016 4 Nations Invitational (W) Darwin (AUS)

Match Schedule

31 May - 4 Jun 2016

Match No	Date	Indian Time	Teams
1	31 May	13:00	New Zealand v India
2	31 May	15:00	Australia v Japan
3	1 Jun	13:00	India v Japan
4	1 Jun	15:00	Australia v New Zealand
5	3 Jun	13:00	Japan v New Zealand
6	3 Jun	15:00	Australia v India
7	4 Jun	13:00	3rd Round Robin - 4th Round Robin
8	4 Jun	15:30	1st Round Robin - 2nd Round Robin

ACHIEVEMENTS

FIH Promotes Napoleon Singh To International Outdoor Umpire

Hockey India National-level Umpire Napoleon Singh has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 3 March 2016. FIH took the decision after seeing his performance in the recently concluded 12th South Asian Games 2016, held at Guwahati from 5 – 16 February 2016.

Napoleon started his career as an umpire from Manipur in the 3rd Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2013 held at Ranchi, Jharkhand. From there on he never stepped back and was a regular umpire to officiate in all the major tournaments conducted under the aegis of Hockey India. His first major breakthrough was his appointment as umpire in the 8th Junior Men Asia Cup, held at Kuantan, Malaysia in 2015, based on this performance he was appointed to 12th South Asian Games in 2016.

30 year-old Napoleon was a National Level hockey player and completed a Diploma in Sports Coaching from the National Institute of Sports, Patiala in 2011. He is presently working as a Coach at the Kokrajhar, Assam. Speaking on the occasion, Napoleon stated, "It is a proud moment for me to achieve the landmark of International Umpire and I am thankful to FIH & Hockey India for the recognition".



FIH Promotes Durga Thakur To International Outdoor Umpire

Hockey India National level umpire Durga Thakur has been promoted to an International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on 18 April, 2016 after her performance at the recently held Hawkes Bay Cup in Hastings, New Zealand.

Durga Thakur started her career as an umpire from the 3rd Hockey India Sub-Junior Men & Women National Championship (Finals) in Bhopal in 2013. A graduate of NSNIS in 2011, her first international assignment came in 2015 at the double 6-Nation Cup in Breda, Netherlands. A Physical Education teacher at Modern School, New Delhi, Thakur has represented her state Himachal Pradesh in the National Championships in three sporting disciplines—handball, basketball and hockey. She was one of the umpires in the finals of the last National Games.

Durga Thakur is among those young umpires from India who have recently been upgraded to international-level outdoor umpire. With Durga Thakur added to the elite league of International umpires from India, a total of 15 Indian umpires (10 Men, 5 Women) are now in the category of International-level umpires and would be appointed to officiate FIH tournaments around the world.



Hockey India Announces Recommendations For Dhyan Chand Awards, Arjuna Awards And Dronacharya Awards 2016

Hockey India announced the recommended players for the esteemed Arjuna Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards 2016. VR Raghunath, Dharamvir Singh and Ritu Rani have been recommended for the Arjuna Award while Sylvanus Dung Dung has been recommended for the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award and veteran Coach CR Kumar recommended for the Dronacharya Award.

Former Indian field hockey player Sylvanus Dung Dung (70) who was part of the Olympic Gold Medal winning team in 1980 has been recommended for the Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award. S Dung Dung, an unsung hero of Indian hockey, had struck the golden goal against Spain which brought home the elusive Gold Medal after a disappointing outing for the nation in the Montreal Olympics in 1976 when India had missed the podium.

V.R Raghunath made his debut in the senior men's squad in 2005 during the bi-lateral series against Pakistan. He has since been an integral part of the national team's defence structure and is counted as one of the best drag flickers in the country. He was a part of the Indian team that won the Bronze in the 2007 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Silver in 2008, Gold in the 2007 Asia Cup and Silver in 2013 where he scored six goals for India. He was one of the key members of the squad in the 2014 Asian Games where India won the Gold after nearly three decades and secured an Olympic berth.

Likewise, Dharamvir Singh too has been an asset to the team and was part of the Asian Games Gold medal winning team along with the Silver medal at the Commonwealth Games 2014 and the Bronze medal at 24th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. As a midfielder Dharamvir has been a pillar of strength to the Indian defenders and provides the forward line with opportunities with his exemplary skill set.

Ritu Rani, on the other hand, has been an extraordinary talent and a fine Captain who led the team from the front and helped achieve the much-awaited Rio Olympic berth. As a senior member of the squad, she has inspired several youngsters to take up the sport. Indian eves last outing in the Summer Olympic Games ames was in 1980, Moscow.

Meanwhile Coach C.R Kumar has for long served Indian hockey with diligence and hard work. He is best known for guiding the Indian junior men's hockey team to glory in the 2011 Junior World Cup in Hobart when he had served as the team's Head Coach. He has also served as Assistant Coach of the Indian Senior Men Team at the 1998 Utrecht World Cup and 2002 Kuala Lumpur World Cup. In recent years he has been closely working with foreign Chief Coach Neil Hawgood as the Coach of the senior women's hockey team.



Sylvanus Dung Dung



V.R Raghunath



Dharamvir Singh



Ritu Rani



C.R Kumar

PLAYERS MILESTONE

Poonam Rani Completes 150 Caps For India At the Hawke's Bay Cup

Indian Eves forward Poonam Rani achieved the distinction of playing 150 matches for her country. She achieved the milestone in India's opening match of the Hawke's Bay Cup against hosts New Zealand.

Hisar-born Poonam, who played her first international in 2009, has not looked back since her debut helped her seal a Junior World Cup berth in the United States the same year. She later represented India in the World Cup in Argentina, in New Delhi's Commonwealth Games and Guangzhou Asian Games in 2010.

Since then Poonam has represented India in almost every tournament that the country has played. She was also part of the historic bronze medal winning team at the Junior World Cup in Germany in 2013 and the Olympic qualifying team last year.

"Hockey India is extremely delighted for Poonam's achievement of 150 international matches. She has been an integral part of this historic Indian team and we wish her all the best for the future," Md. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General Hockey India said.



Chinglensana Singh Completed 100 Caps For India At Sultan Azlan Cup

India's match against Australia in the final of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup midfielder Chinglensana Singh completed 100 international caps.

The 24-year-old from Manipur made his international debut in 2011 during the FIH Champions Challenge in South Africa. Since then, he has been an integral part of the squad, winning a silver at the Asia Cup (2013) and Commonwealth Games (2014), bronze at the HWL finals last year, and gold at the Asian Games in Incheon (2014).

Congratulating him, Md. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said, "Chinglensana has been a part of the core group of Indian hockey for a long while and has made an immense contribution to the team, since his debut. I wish him the best, for all the future games and hope he continues to shine for the team."



Hockey India welcomes Petroleum Sports Promotion Board as Associate Member

Hockey India announced it has inducted Petroleum Sports Promotion Board as an Associate Member, making it the 36th member in this category.

With this inclusion, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board can now take part in all the Annual National Championships which are being conducted by Hockey India. Petroleum Sports Promotion Board was established in June 1979 and registered through Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi. Presently it is a 12 member organization (ONGC, IOCL, HPCL, OIL, GAIL, EIL, CPCL, MRPL, NRL, Balmer Lawrie and PLL) which form the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board.

Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India welcomed Petroleum Sports Promotion Board for their entry into Hockey India as an Associate Member. "The Petroleum Sports Promotion Board has produced some talented hockey players in the past. PSPB (Petroleum Sports Promotion Board) has contributed immensely in the development and promotion of Indian Hockey. With Petroleum Sports Promotion Board becoming an Associate Member, it may open a window for identification of new taken and for a number of job opportunities for our hockey players," said Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad.

Hockey India Welcomes Two New Academies As Member

Hockey India, announced the inclusion of two new Hockey Academies as Academies Members of Hockey India, as training centres for the development of young hockey talent in India.

The Thirumalvalavan Hockey Academy, will operate under the supervision of Olympian S. Thirumalvalavan and The Vadipatti Raja Hockey Academy is headed by V. Raja. Both the academies aims to promote young hockey talent in and around Chennai.

Hockey India Donates Rs. 10.00 Lakh To Maharashtra CM Towards Aid For Drought Victims

The state of Maharashtra is reeling under the worst drought of the century badly affecting farmers. In an attempt to offer a helping hand to the drought affected areas, Hockey India is donating Rs. 10.00 Lakhs to Chief Minister, Shri Devendra Fadanavis. The horrible drought that has struck Marathwada and Vidarbha has left many families in the rural regions in a miserable state. There is not enough drinking water for people living in the region. The farmers in the region have been adversely impacted by the drought that has destroyed the most of the crops.

Expressing grief over the current situation in Maharashtra, Hockey India Secretary General Mohd. Mushtaque Ahmad and CEO Elena Norman said "This is a heart-wrenching tragedy that has fell upon Maharashtra, we just want to fulfil our responsibility to bring relief to the farmers of the state in every way possible. This is the time when everyone should step up and extend full support to our fellow citizens in this calamity. There has been considerable loss to the farmers community, our contribution is a small gesture of support to help them recover."

Sardar Singh & Ritu Rani with Salman Khan

Indian Men's Team Captain Sardar Singh and Women's Team Captain Ritu Rani shared some wonderful moments with Salman Khan, who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Indian contingent for The Olympic Games Rio 2016





Dinner with the Indian Men's & Women's Teams

President Hockey India, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra & CEO, Ms. Elena Norman shared a few light moments with the Indian Men's & Women's Teams in Bangalore!





Asian Hockey Federation Executive Board Meeting

Hockey India President and Hockey India CEO on the occasion of the AHF Executive Board Meeting presented Mementoes to HE Mr. Ibrahim Sports Minister of UAE, Prince Abdullah President AHF, President Hockey UAE and CEO AHF.



Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year Awards

Indulge in these magnetic moments from the Vitara Brezza Sports Illustrated India Sportsperson of The Year Awards! The Indian Men's and Women's Team were adjudged as the Sports Illustrated Team of the Year and the Sports Illustrated Surprise Package of the Year respectively



Holi Celebrations



Amongst all the preparations for the crucial hockey season coming up, the Indian Senior & Junior Men's Teams took some time to cool off by celebrating the festival of Holi

Supporting India's Cricket Team at the World T20



India's hockey stars are out in full support for the Indian Cricket Team in their WT20 clash versus Bangladesh

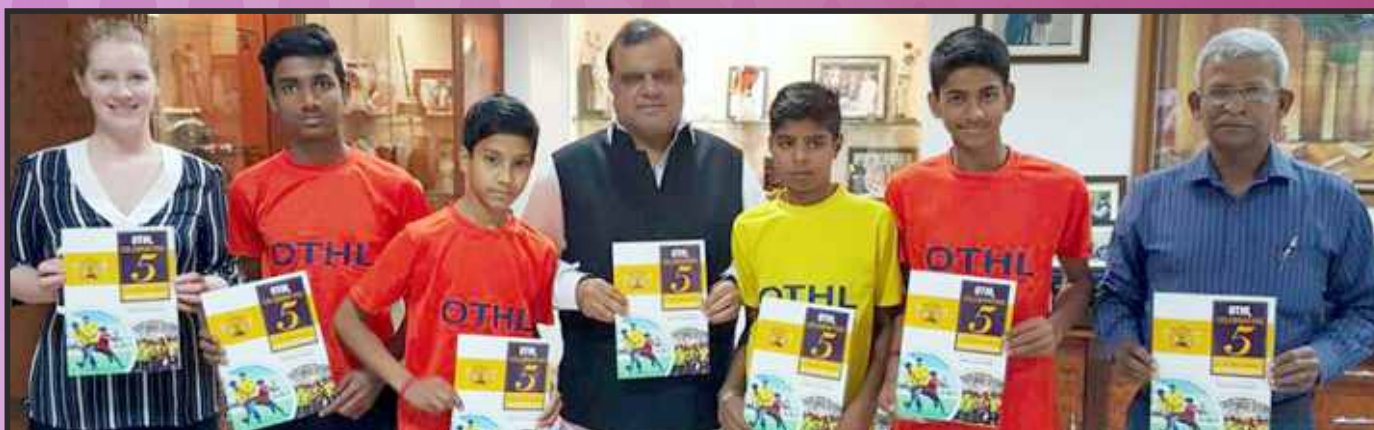
Signing Off in Style!

The players & Hockey India members that graced the auspicious Hockey India 2nd Annual Awards 2015 in Bangalore signed off from the glittering ceremony in style





Congratulations to One Thousand Hockey Legs



Hockey India President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra congratulated the budding youngsters from grassroots NGO 'One Thousand Hockey Legs' as well as founder & CEO Mr. K Arumugam for marking 5 years of outstanding contribution to Indian hockey

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Men

Pardeep Mor	03
Manpreet Singh	26

Women

Deep Grace Ekka	03
Lily Chanu Mayengbam	03
Namita Toppo	04
Puja Yadav	06
Rajani Etimarpu	09
Sunita Lakra	11
Aarti	12
Preeti Dubey	13

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Sarita Devi	16
Pramila Soreng	30

JULY

Men

Sardar Singh	15
Varun Kumar	25
Akash Anil Chikte	27

Women

Shyama Tirgam	06
Rajni Soreng	06
Divya Thepe	07
Anuja Singh	07
Savita	11
Hnialum Lal Ruat Feli	15
Renuka Yadav	18