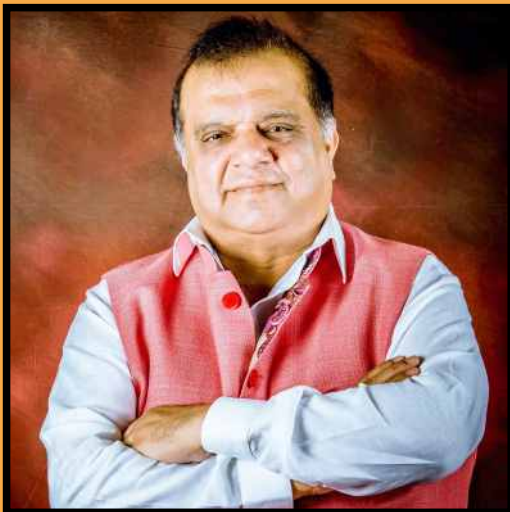




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Indian Colts Win The 8th Junior Men's Asia Cup



Message from

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra

President - Hockey India &

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The year of 2016 ended on a high note for Indian Hockey. The month of October ended with the 5th Sultan of Johor Cup where the Indian Colts showed immense character and earned the runner's up spot. The Junior Men's team ended the year on a high note for them with an excellent performance at the 8th Junior Men's Asia Cup with a historic win over Pakistan in the Final. This was followed by the return of Neil Hawgood as the Chief Coach of the Indian Women team and the Argentina tour which proved to be a preparation ground for the Rio Olympics 2016.

The end of November witnessed India host Australia in a test series at Rajnandgaon and Raipur before the Hockey World League Finals where the Indian team gave a tough fight to the world champions Australia. This was followed by the Hockey World League finals which saw India making history with a scintillating performance to win the Bronze Medal defeating Netherlands under the guidance of Chief Coach Roelant Oltmans. This was on top of India rising upto the 6th rank in the FIH World Rankings.

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India Clinches the 4 match series by 2-1 over New Zealand.

The Indian Men team toured New Zealand in October 2015 to play two matches with the New Zealand A team and four match test series with the New Zealand team. The team scored a resounding 2-0 win in first two games against New Zealand A and secured a series win against the New Zealand national team 2-1 in a four-match series.

The team returned with many positives that gave them a boost of confidence for the upcoming FIH Hockey World League Final, which was held in Raipur, India in December 2015.

Speaking about the performance, Roelant Oltmans, Director High Performance and Chief Coach Men, Hockey India said, "The team performed exceptionally well in the New Zealand Tour which proves that our players are ready to take on greater challenges. The highlight was that we played an attacking game throughout the tour and did not lose our possession easily which will definitely boost our preparations for the FIH Hockey World League Final scheduled to take place towards the end of this year, I hope the team do its best and display high-level performances."

Captain Sardar Singh said, "We are in high spirits after the historic series win against a team which is ranked higher to us and the team has shown that they are ready to take on tougher opponents. After losing the first game against New Zealand, our team did not lose its focus and managed to win the series which proves that the team has the nerves of steel. We look forward to the upcoming FIH Hockey World League Final to be held later in the year."







INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND TEST SERIES (MEN)

MATCH SCHEDULE



02 Oct - 11 Oct 2015

Date	Team	Vs	Team	Result	City
02 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand A	3-1	Auckland
03 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand A	2-1	Auckland
06 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand	0-2	Nelson
07 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand	3-1	Nelson
09 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand	3-2	Christchurch
11 Oct	India	Vs	New Zealand	1-1	Christchurch

Junior Men Outclass Pakistan In The Opening Match Of The 5th Sultan Of Johor Cup

Indian Men Junior team kick-started their outing in the 5th Sultan of Johor Cup with a win against Pakistan with a convincing 5-1 score. Our Junior Men dominated the entire match as they kept scoring the goals, going on to register an easy win in the opening match.



Junior Men Win Silver Medal In The 5th Sultan Of Johor Cup

The Indian Junior Men's hockey team finished second in a nail biting game against Great Britain at the 5th Sultan of Johor Cup at Johor Bahru, Malaysia. The India colts, who were leveled at 2-2 against Great Britain after full time in the title encounter, could not defend the title for the third consecutive year, losing in the penalty shootout 4-3, to the Great Britain boys. India had earlier finished at the top of the table in the league encounter just losing one match ironically to the Great Britain. Sumit Kumar and Harmanpreet Singh with 3 goals each were the top scorers for India in the tournament.







MATCH SCHEDULE

11 Oct - 18 Oct 2015

Date	Team	Vs	Team	Result
11 Oct	India	Vs	Pakistan	5 - 1
12 Oct	India	Vs	Great Britain	3 - 4
14 Oct	India	Vs	Argentina	3 - 2
15 Oct	India	Vs	Malaysia	2 - 1
17 Oct	India	Vs	Australia	0 - 1
18 Oct	India	Vs	Great Britain	$\begin{matrix} 2 - 2 \\ (SO 4 - 3) \end{matrix}$

Indian Colts Head to Malaysia for the 8th Junior Asia Cup

The Indian Junior Men Hockey team head to Malaysia to participate in the 8th Junior Asia Cup being held in Kuantan, Malaysia. The tournament began on the 14th November 2015 and was played at the Wisma Belia Hockey Stadium in Kuantan, Malaysia. One of the elite Junior Asian tournaments, the 8th Junior Asia Cup saw the top eight Asian hockey powerhouses playing for supremacy. India was placed in Pool A with Malaysia, Japan and China. India opened their campaign against Japan on 14th November 2015.





Indian Colts Win the 8th Junior Men's Asia Cup Beating Pakistan By 6-2

The Indian Junior Men Hockey Team won the 8th Junior Men's Asia Cup beating arch rivals Pakistan by 6-2 in the final at the Wisma Belia Hockey Stadium in Kuantan, Malaysia. Harmanpreet Singh became the highest scorer with four goals in the match taking his tournament tally to 15 goals. Harmanpreet Singh was awarded the Highest Scorer of the Tournament and Vikas Dahiya was awarded the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament. Hockey India in recognition of the achievement, announced a cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh each for the players and the Coach and a cash prize of Rs 50,000 for the remaining coaches and support staff. In addition prizes of Rs 1 Lakh each were announced for Harmanpreet Singh the Highest Scorer of the Tournament and Vikas Dahiya the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

Hockey India, President, Dr. Narinder Dhurv Batra said, "It is a proud moment for all of us. I congratulate the players, the coaches and the support staff for their hard work and dedication. The lifting of the 8th Junior Men's Asia Cup is a testimony to their caliber and passion for the game. This win will give the team confidence and they should only go from strength to strength from here. I wish the boys the very best for a promising future."







MATCH RESULT

14 Nov - 22 Nov 2015

Date	Team	Vs	Team	Result
14 Nov	India	Vs	Japan	2 - 1
15 Nov	India	Vs	Malaysia	5 - 4
17 Nov	India	Vs	China	4 - 1
19 Nov	India	Vs	Oman	9 - 0
21 Nov	India	Vs	Japan	6 - 1
22 Nov	India	Vs	Pakistan	6 - 2



Senior Women Olympic 2016 Preparatory tour to Argentina

The Indian Women's team has been on a high this year winning the second round of the Hockey World League earlier in the year which was held in Delhi. The team gained 5th position in the Hockey World League Semi Final by the virtue of which they qualified for the Rio Olympics for the first time in 36 years.

The tour of Indian Women's team played against Argentina's under 21 women's team on 23rd November. The tournament earned the much needed international exposure as part of the teams preparations for the upcoming Rio Olympics.

“The team had been practicing together since the camp started with an aim in putting excessive emphasis on team work and the new team of Coaches and Support Staff are working hard to increase the work rate of each player, with the experienced Captain at the helm to lead by example. The qualifications for the Olympics has been a boost and we will be playing in similar conditions to that of Rio which will give advantage in Olympic campaign. I have full faith in the girls and I hope we will put up a good show together,” **said Neil Hawgood, Chief Coach, Indian Women's Hockey team.**

Ritu Rani, Captain, Indian Woman Hockey Team said, “We are aware about the nations expectations from us since we have qualified for the Olympics. We have been training hard and such international trips will only help us understand the results of our hard work before we represent our country in the Olympics next year. We are happy to have the best coaching facility and we feel confident about our preparation.”





Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said, "The Women's have showcased what they are capable of with their recent achievements. Qualifying for the Olympics for the first time in 36 years is by itself a huge testimony to their hunger to succeed and capabilities. The inclusion of Support Staff to the team will only add to the teams confidence level and I am hopeful that we are up for some exciting results in the months to come, post which they would be gearing up for the biggest moment in an athlete's life – the Summer Olympics 2016 in Rio."

ARGENTINA TOUR (SENIOR WOMEN)

MATCH RESULT

18 Nov - 30 Nov 2015

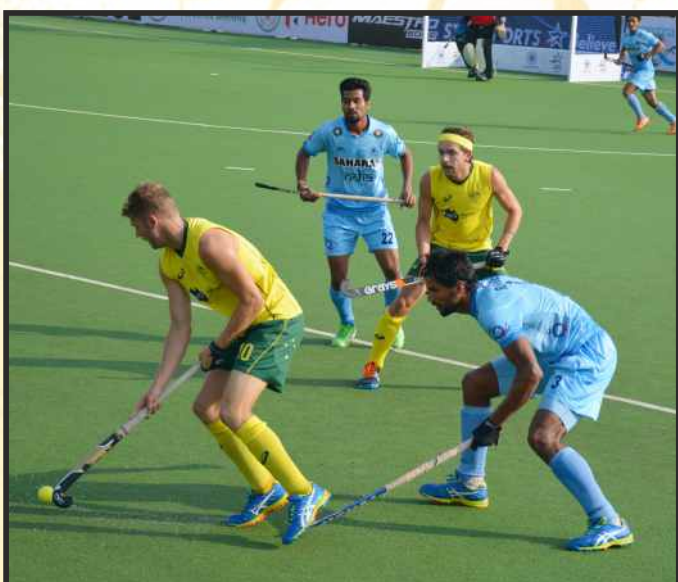
Match No	Date	Team Vs Team	Result
1	23 Nov	India Vs Argentina (U-21)	0 - 3
2	24 Nov	India Vs Argentina	2 - 2
3	25 Nov	India Vs Argentina	1 - 4
4	26 Nov	India Vs Argentina (U-21)	3 - 1
5	28 Nov	India Vs China	1 - 2
6	29 Nov	India Vs Australia	1 - 1 (SO 2 - 3)

India - Australia Three Match Series

The first match in the three match test series between India and Australia ended in a draw at Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. This match also marks Chhattisgarh's first ever exposure to an international match, which was played at Rajnandgaon. The match which ended on an even score of 2-2 would be followed by two other matches on 22nd & 23rd November at the newly inaugurated Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Speaking on the occasion, Director High Performance and Chief Coach Indian Men Team, Roelant Oltmans said "It was an important match, and we were tested on all fronts. The good news is that we have shown composure and we played with the hunger to win. We will go back to reconstruct our strategy for the next match and hopefully we should see the results favouring us,"

Largely billed as a warm up series before the all-important Hero Hockey World League Finals at Raipur from the 27th November till the 6th December 2015 the test series gave both the teams much needed match practice and to test the bench strength and try out strategies besides a first-hand use of the newly laid pitch at the Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Stadium at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.





India Wins Third Test In A Theatrical Finish

The Indian Senior Men Hockey team gave a display of their class winning the third and final test of the three match series against Australia 3-2 in a theatrical finish. A goal in the last few seconds by Akashdeep Singh sealed India's win in the final test. VR Raghunath and Rupinder Pal Singh were the other scorers for India. The winner of the series was decided through a penalty shoot-out which was won by Australia (3-2). The match also marked Rupinder Pal Singh's 50th goal in his international career. The three match series which is the precursor to the much awaited Hero Hockey World League Final 2015 which will be played at the newly inaugurated Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Stadium, Raipur.









INDIA vs AUSTRALIA HOCKEY SERIES (MEN)
MATCH SCHEDULE **19 Nov - 23 Nov 2015**

Date	Team	Vs	Team	Result	City
19 Nov	India	Vs	Australia	2 - 2	Rajnandgaon Chhattisgarh
22 Nov	India	Vs	Australia	1 - 2	Raipur Chhattisgarh
23 Nov	India	Vs	Australia	3 - 2	Raipur Chhattisgarh

NMDC Ltd. Announced As Principal Partner For Hero Hockey World League Final

Hockey India was honoured by having National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) as the Principal Partner for 2015 most awaited field hockey event, the Hero Hockey World League Final. The Hero Hockey World League Final is organised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) which was played at Raipur International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, India from the 27th November- 6th December 2015. The Indian men team along with Argentina, Great Britain, Canada, Belgium, Australia, Germany and Netherlands will vie for top honours at this global event.

India, ranked 8th in the FIH world rankings entered the tournament on a high, given their recent series win on foreign turf against 7th ranked New Zealand. The Indian team under the guidance of Roelant Oltmans prepared with 26 probables for the Hero Hockey World League Final in a national camp at the Netaji Subhash Southern Centre, Bengaluru from 26th October 2015.

“NMDC is proud to be the Principal Partner for the Hero Hockey World League Final 2015 that will bring the best of world hockey to Chhattisgarh – a state which has enormous potential and talent, which NMDC has been mining and nurturing for several decades. India has a rich legacy in hockey and we hope this tournament helps bring the game of hockey centre stage on the national arena and helps it regain its past glory. We wish team India and all participating teams the best of luck,” said Mr. Narendra Kothari, CMD, NMDC Ltd.

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South Eastern Coalfields Limited Announced As An Official Partner For Hero Hockey World League Final

Hockey India, the apex organisation governing field hockey in India, had secured Coal India Limited (CIL) / South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) as Official Partner for the much awaited Hockey World League Final 2015. The Hockey World League Final is organised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) which was played at the Raipur International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, India from the 27th of November – 6th December 2015.

“CIL/SECL is happy to partner with the Hockey World League final. We have been actively involved with grass-root sports talent development in the past and this partnership is just an extension of our long standing commitment to sports in India. We are glad to be associated with our national game, Hockey and wish all the very best to the participating teams”, said Mr. Om Prakash, CMD, SECL.

SECL, a miniratna company, which is the largest coal producing subsidiary of Coal India Limited. This association is in continuation to CIL/SECL's long-term commitment towards promoting sports and developing a sporting ecosystem in the country.



NTPC Comes On Board As An Official Partner For the Hero Hockey World League Final 2015

NTPC Limited is an Indian Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, engaged in the business of generation of electricity with roots planted way back in 1975 to accelerate power development in the country and is currently celebrating 40 years of Sustainable Growth, came on board as the Official Partner for the much awaited Hockey World League Final 2015 which was held at Raipur, from the 27th of November – 6th December 2015.

“NTPC is happy and proud to come on board as an Official Partner for the Hero Hockey World League Final 2015. NTPC strongly believes in youth development and sport is an integral way to help and promote the youth of India. We have long been associated with various sports in the past and partnering with the hockey is a step forward in his direction.” said Mr. A. K. Jha, CMD, NTPC.



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Senior Men's Team

Hero Hockey World League Final



P.R. Sreejesh
Goalkeeper (Vice Captain)



Harjot Singh
Goalkeeper



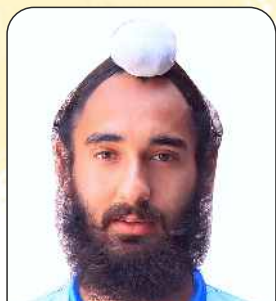
Birendra Lakra
Defender



Kothajit Singh
Defender



VR Raghunath
Defender



Jasjit Singh Kular
Defender



Rupinder Pal Singh
Defender



Sardar Singh
Midfielder (Captain)



Chinglensana Singh
Midfielder



Devinder Walmiki
Midfielder



Manpreet Singh
Midfielder



Dharamvir Singh
Midfielder



Danish Mujtaba
Midfielder



SV Sunil
Forward



Ramandeep Singh
Forward



Akashdeep Singh
Forward



Mohd. Amir Khan
Forward



Talwinder Singh
Forward

Unveiling of The Hero Hockey World League Final Trophy

Eight of the best teams from around the world had gathered at Raipur, Chhattisgarh to compete at the biggest global hockey event of 2015, the Hero Hockey World League Final. The Tournament which was played at the Sardar Vallabh Bhai International Hockey Stadium in Raipur from 27th November – 6th December 2015 saw hosts India along with Australia, Argentina, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Netherlands and Great Britain vying for the top honors. In a glittering ceremony at a city hotel, the Captains of all the eight teams unveiled the beautiful Hero Hockey World League Finals winner's trophy.



Chief Minister Inaugurates Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Hockey Stadium

On the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras festival, Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh inaugurated International Hockey Stadium, named after Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, in the capital city Raipur. This stadium with world-class amenities was built in record time period of four months at the cost of nearly Rs 18 crore.



Raipur Spins The Artistic Wheel At Hero Hockey World League Final Opening Ceremony

The glorious welcome ceremony kick-started Chhattisgarh's first ever exposure to a multi-nation international hockey tournament and lit up Sardar Vallabh Bhai International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, to the world's best hockey playing nations from 27th November – 6th December 2015.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr Raman Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh and Mr. Balramji Das Tandon, Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh.



HERO HOCKEY WORLD LEAGUE Final Round 2015



HERO HOCKEY WORLD LEAGUE





IND vs AGR

Final Score:- 0 - 3



IND vs GER

Final Score:- 1 - 1



IND vs NED

Final Score:- 1 - 3



IND vs GBR

Final Score:- 2 - 1

SARDAR VALLABH BHAI PATEL
INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM RAIPUR



IND vs BEL

Final Score:- 0 - 1



India Win Bronze Medal At The Hero Hockey World League Final

Host nation India won the Bronze medal at the Hero Hockey World League Final 2015 in a dramatic shoot-out victory over European champions the Netherlands in Raipur, India.

A huge crowd witnessed Rupinder Pal Singh score twice in the contest but it was the shoot-out heroics of goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh that gave Asian Champions India victory in what must surely rank as one of the best games of the tournament. The bronze medal was the first medal won by India in a FIH world level tournament after 33 years.



IND vs NED

Final Score:- 5 - 5 (SO 3 - 2)



Australia Win the Hero Hockey World League Final 2015

Australia won the Hero Hockey World League 2015 thanks to a 2-1 win against Belgium in the tournament final in Raipur on 6th Dec 2015.

Penalty corner efforts from Jeremy Hayward and Matthew Dawson proved to be enough for the Kookaburras to take the title, with Simon Gougnard snatching a late consolation goal for the Red Lions.

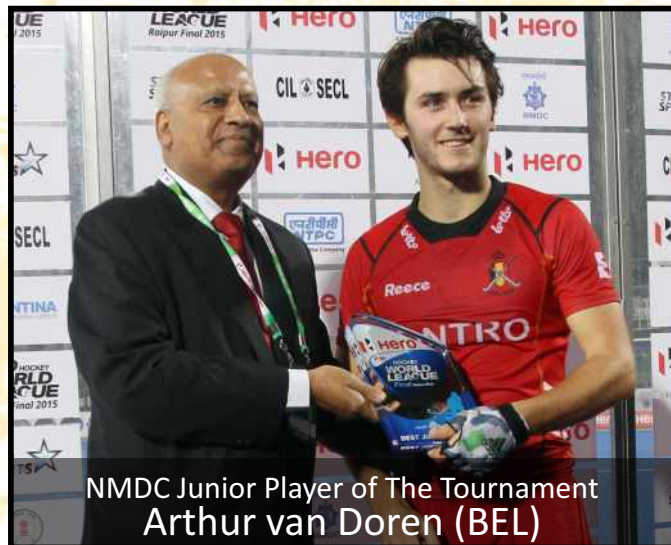
The title match brought the curtain down on a high quality week of international hockey that was enjoyed by big crowds at Raipur's 3500 capacity Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Hockey Stadium.



TOURNAMENT AWARDS



Hero Player of The Tournament
Jamie Dwyer (AUS)



NMDC Junior Player of The Tournament
Arthur van Doren (BEL)



SECL Goalkeeper of
The Tournament
Jaap Stockmann (NED)



Hero Top Scorer of
The Tournament
Gonzalo Peillat (ARG)



NTPC Fans Choice Award
P. R. Sreejesh (IND)



Hero
 Payable to: **Top Scorer of the Tournament**
 The Sum of: **Rupees One Hundred Thousand Only** ₹ 1,00,000/-
Hero
 Payable to: **Player of the Tournament**
 The Sum of: **Rupees Two Hundred Thousand Only** ₹ 2,00,000/-
Hero

Hero Hockey World League Final 2015 (Men)

Raipur (IND)

Match Schedule / Results
27 Nov - 6 Dec 2015

Pool A	Pool B
Australia	Netherlands
Belgium	Germany
Great Britain	Argentina
Canada	India

Match Schedule / Results

Match No	Description	Date	Match	Score
1	Pool B	27 Nov	ARG - IND	3 - 0
2	Pool B	27 Nov	GER - NED	0 - 0
3	Pool A	28 Nov	GBR - CAN	3 - 1
4	Pool A	28 Nov	AUS - BEL	1 - 0
5	Pool B	28 Nov	GER - IND	1 - 1
6	Pool B	28 Nov	NED - ARG	3 - 2
7	Pool A	29 Nov	BEL - CAN	7 - 2
8	Pool A	29 Nov	AUS - GBR	2 - 5
9	Pool B	30 Nov	NED - IND	3 - 1
10	Pool B	30 Nov	ARG - GER	3 - 1
11	Pool A	1 Dec	AUS - CAN	6 - 0
12	Pool A	1 Dec	GBR - BEL	3 - 3
13	QF	2 Dec	NED - CAN	2 - 0
14	QF	2 Dec	AUS - GER	4 - 1
15	QF	3 Dec	GBR - IND	1 - 2
16	QF	3 Dec	ARG - BEL	1 - 2
17	Semi Final	4 Dec	AUS - NED	3 - 2
18	Losing Q/Finalists Match	4 Dec	GBR - ARG	2 - 4
19	Semi Final	5 Dec	IND - BEL	0 - 1
20	Losing Q/Finalists Match	5 Dec	GER - CAN	8 - 3
21	Bronze Medal Match	6 Dec	NED - IND	5 - 5 (2 - 3 SO)
22	Final	6 Dec	AUS - BEL	2 - 1

FIH Formally Writes To IOA Recognizing Hockey India As The National Federation of India for Men & Women

In continuation to the decision made by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) based out of Lausanne, Switzerland, on 17th September 2015, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) had formally written a letter to the Indian Olympic Association earlier requesting them to remove all reference of the IHF from their records and website. FIH had approved Hockey India (HI) during the FIH Congress in November 2014 as the National Federation of India. This decision was later appealed by the Indian Hockey Federation to CAS, and CAS confirmed this decision to reinstate HI as the official governing body for the sport of hockey in India.

Hockey India came into existence in the year 2009 and ever since Indian hockey has only seen positive changes. Prestigious international events such as the FIH Champions Trophy, Olympic Qualification, and FIH Hockey World League Tournaments are some of the events that Hockey India has hosted in India giving the players and the audience an opportunity to experience top level international hockey. Hockey India through the highly successful Hockey India League has taken the sport to the next level creating aspiration amongst youngsters to make a career in the sport and helping unearth fresh talent. The Hockey India League has not only helped Indian hockey but also has attracted many international stars. In the past few years Hockey India has only helped India become a prominent destination in the global hockey map.

Hockey India Admits Hockey Coorg As Associate Member

Hockey India, the apex body governing the sport in India has admitted Hockey Coorg as an Associate Member from the state of Karnataka. The state of Karnataka will now boast of two member units, where Hockey Karnataka themselves already operate as a Permanent Unit while the latest entrant Hockey Coorg will operate as an Associate Member unit. The newly formed Hockey Coorg, will see Mr. PE Kalaiah, spearheading the unit as the President.

Karnataka has traditionally been a major contributor to the sport of Hockey and Hockey Coorg's primary functionality will be to manage the large talent pool from the Coorg region of the state that in the past has produced some great players like BP Govinda, Arjun Halappa, AB Subbaiah and MP Ganesh. A few of the current players donning the national cap from Coorg are VR Raghunath, SV Sunil, SK Utthappa, Nikin Thimmiah and Nithin Thimmaiah.

With the formation of Hockey Coorg, the region can now participate in the National Championships as a separate team, helping India unearth a larger pool of talent for the future.

Hockey India Congratulates Mr. V.K Malhotra On His Appointment As Head – All India Council Of Sports

The government named veteran sports administrator Mr. VK Malhotra as the Head of the All India Council of Sports, which would have a host of eminent sports persons from all domains of sports, including cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar and chess wizard Vishwanathan Anand, as members. Other former sports persons in the council include PT Usha, Limba Ram, N Kunjarani Devi, IM Vijayan, Baichung Bhutia and P Gopichand.

Expressing his delight on the development, Dr. Narendra Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said, "Hockey India congratulates Mr. VK Malhotra on his appointment at the helm of the All India Council for Sports. A leader in sports administration with many decades of experience; Mr. Malhotra will bring tremendous value in this role. I am confident that under his guidance Indian sports will scale new horizons. We wish him the very best in his new role."



Hockey India Enters Into A Historic 3-Year Partnership With Sports Authority of India

Hockey India (HI), the apex body governing the sport in India, has entered into a historic three year partnership with Sports Authority of India, extending its commitment towards helping hockey regain its position as the top sport of the country. This would mark the beginning of a new era for Indian hockey under the aegis of Hockey India, enabling SAI to invest in innovative programs developing India as a world class hockey nation.

The three year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed at the SAI office between the two bodies, acknowledges hockey as a medium for the development and promotion of values in the youth of the nation. It also states that SAI is desirous of promoting hockey, which is amongst the world's most popular sports, as a tool for youth development and excellence in sports. SAI along with Hockey India in the next three years would be working towards creating a lasting legacy for the sport by developing hockey coaching system, talent identification and infrastructure for inculcating positive values in today's youth through hockey, education, health and other allied areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said, "It's a very proud moment for all of us here at Hockey India today. SAI has always been there with us for our support, but this MOU only marks the beginning of a new era for hockey in India. It also shows that our team's hard work and dedication haven't gone unnoticed and the government does see a huge value that the sport can bring towards youth development in India. I am confident, that in the next three years we will identify many budding youngsters for our junior and senior programs, which will only further our cause of making Indian hockey world class."



SAI also aims to help Hockey India strengthen its coach development program by providing domestic coaches with internationally recognized hockey coaching courses and license certification to the National Institute of Sports (NIS) students. According to the memorandum, dedicated SAI coaches would become hockey scouts at pre identified areas and scouting trials by HI national team coaches would be organised for various youth age groups at select SAI centres.

Indian Hockey Goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh Awarded The Lt. Col. G V Raja Award

Indian Men hockey team Vice- Captain, and Arjuna Awardee P.R. Sreejesh was bestowed with the prestigious Lt. Col. G V Raja Award for the year 2014-2015 by the Kerala Sports Council, along with a cash award of INR 3 lakhs. It is the highest honour for any athlete in Kerala at the state level.

The award was given in a public meeting presided by Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Government of Kerala at Mascot Hotel Trivandrum. The Award was given to the Indian international hockey player by Sri. Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala.



Hockey India Announces The Dates For 6th Hockey India National Championships 2016

Hockey India, the apex body governing the sport of field hockey in India, announced the dates for the 6th Hockey India National Championships 2016. The tournaments are an annual event featuring players from across India in the senior, junior and sub-junior categories Men and Women.

Date	Event	Location
Jan 05 - Jan 13	6th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Nagaon, Assam
Feb 08 - Feb 14	6th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Rohtak, Haryana
Apr 08 - Apr 21	6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Saifai, Itawa, Uttar Pradesh
Apr 11 - Apr 20	6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Apr 18 - Apr 24	6th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Apr 18 - Apr 27	6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Apr 19 - May 01	6th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Saifai, Itawa, Uttar Pradesh
Apr 24 - May 02	6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Ranchi, Jharkhand
Apr 25 - May 01	6th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Apr 30 - May 08	6th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Ranchi, Jharkhand
May 05 - May 16	6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Div B)	Imphal, Manipur
May 14 - May 22	6th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2016 (Div A)	Imphal, Manipur

5th Hockey India Congress Held on 2nd November 2015 in Delhi



Ms. Vidya Stokes Nominated As Life President For Hockey India

Hockey India, the apex body governing the sport in India, nominated former President Ms Vidya Stokes as the Life President during the 5th Hockey India Congress 2015 held in New Delhi. Ms Stokes who currently serves as the Irrigation and Public Health Minister of Himachal Pradesh has been nominated for the post in accordance to rule 5.14 of the Hockey India Constitution. According to the Hockey India Constitution the Life President (only one post) will be an Honorary post and will not have any powers and will be of an advisory nature. The Life President will be an invitee to all the Executive Board and Congress meetings.



Uttar Pradesh Hockey was recognised by Hockey India for their Outstanding Performance for the Year 2014-15

Mr. Vikram Singh, Competition Manager was awarded for his exemplary & committed services as the Outstanding Performer of the Year for Hockey India 2014-15.



Indian Men's Hockey Team Rises To 6th Position In The FIH Rankings

India moved up 2 places to the 6th position according to the updated International Hockey Federation (FIH) ranking released on 6th of November after the conclusion of all five Continental Championships. It is for the first time India has been ranked so high in the rankings. The upgrade in the ranking has come on account of the good performances from India in 2105 and qualification for the Rio Olympics.

Hockey India, President, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra expressed his joy saying, "This is a proud moment for us as the boys have been performing really well and they have been rewarded for it with a rise in the rankings. This is an achievement in itself as we are sitting at the border line of the top 5 teams in the world. We hope for a good show in the India VS Australia series and the Hero Hockey World League Finals, and maybe some more points will help us step over the border and enter the top 5 of the world."

This is the best ranking for the Indian Senior Men's team in the last five years. There's no change in the men's top three nations, with Men's World Cup holders Australia at the helm of the rankings, Netherlands ranked second and Germany third. While England moves into fourth, Argentina continues their rise as they move up to fifth place.



Coal India Title Sponsor Of The Hockey India League

Coal India Limited (CIL), the state owned coal mining monolith stepped into a new role as the Title Sponsor of the fourth edition of 'Hockey India League' for 2016 season, after the company's Board cleared the decks for the project entailing Rs. 14.73 Crores as sponsorship payment. This includes the sponsorship fee of Rs. 13 Crores as well as cash awards to Coal India best goal of the match in each of the matches and Coal India most valuable player of season and other expenses.

Christened 'Coal India-Hockey India League' the tournament commenced from 18 January 2016, culminating in a finale on 21 February 2016. A total of 34 matches were played across six cities of the country involving six franchise teams. The tournament has the sanction of FIH – the international body that governs hockey across the globe.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the corporate office of Coal India, Kolkata between the two parties, Coal India Limited and Hockey League, the apex body governing the sport in India. The pact was inked by Mr. R Mohan Das, (Director, Personnel & Industrial Relations) representing the coal sector giant and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India, and witnessed by Mr. Manmeet Singh, Goindi, Director, Sports Authority of India.

Coal India stamped the deal, for the title sponsorship, for three consecutive seasons beginning with 2016, for this most sought after franchise based hockey league event.

Labeling it as a “big ticket event”, Mr. Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Chairman CIL said “Hockey always enjoyed popularity in the country and we were once at the pinnacle of this game globally. Basically our intent is to encourage sports, especially hockey, and stoke the interest for the cause of youth. Coal India in its corporate citizenry role is actively involved in encouraging various sporting activities and talent hunt at grass root level around our mining areas, district and state levels. We felt it is time that we step into bigger shoes at the national level. So, this partnership is an extension of our long standing commitment to sports in India. We thank Hockey India”.

After sealing the deal, Mr. Mohan Das who heads Coal India Sports Promotion Association (CISPA) said “As a responsible corporate entity, encouraging sports and other cultural activities is as important to us as our business goals. Through CISPA we promote excellence in sports at all levels. We also aim to supplement country's efforts to help sports persons reach higher levels of performance.” Referring to the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2015 that the company bagged, Mr. Das added, “The award was in recognition of our contribution in the field of encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility. We aim to continue in similar vein.”

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra said, “It is a proud moment for Hockey India League to have a public sector unit taking over the event as the Title Sponsor. The league has been of immense help for us in unearthing future talent, which we have seen in the recent performances of the Junior and Senior teams. I am confident that this partnership is going to make Hockey India only bigger and bolder in the years to come.”



APPOINTMENTS

Neil Hawgood Appointed As Chief Coach To Strengthen Indian Women's Hockey Program

Hockey India, announced the return of Neil Hawgood, who in his earlier stint has served as the Chief Coach of the Indian Women's Hockey team. Neil's return will see the seasoned professional join the Coaching Team as Chief Coach of the Indian women's team as they prepare for the Rio Olympics 2016. Neil contribution towards enhancing the performance and ranking of Indian Women's Hockey team has been noteworthy, as it was only during his regime where the team won the Hockey World League Round 2 (2013), Silver in the Asian Champions Trophy, bronze medal at Asian Games 2014 and also bagged 5th position at Commonwealth Games 2014.

Neil Hawgood, has himself been a famed hockey player representing Australia's senior team from 1985-1991. It was during this time that Australia won Gold and Bronze Medals in the 1986 and 1990 FIH World Cup's respectively. He has also represented Australia in the Champions Trophy and in the Seoul Olympics 1988 where Australia finished fourth. He in his other assignments had represented the Australian Institute of Sport and various local field hockey clubs from Queensland and Brisbane. He embarked on his coaching career from 1993 where his most notable assignments have been as the Assistant Coach of the Australian Women's team, Head Coach of the Malaysian hockey team, and Chief Coach of the Indian Senior and Junior women's team from 2012-2014. Neil also has been the full time hockey coach for West Australian Institute of Sport, both men's and women's program.



Matthew Tredrea And Kristie Sheridan Join Indian Women Hockey Teams As Scientific Advisor

Hockey India, announced the appointment of Matthew Tredrea and Kristie Sheridan as Scientific Advisors for each the Indian Senior Women and Junior Women Support staff respectively. Matthew has earlier served as the Scientific Advisor to the Indian Women's Programme in 2013 and 2014 and is re-joining the team at a critical period as the Indian Women hockey team prepared for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Kristie will be focused on the going terms of scientific approach towards fitness and the game.

Matthew Tredrea (28); has a bachelor degree in Exercise and Sport Science (Honours, Class I) from the University of Newcastle and has strong credentials both as a coach and an academician with nearly 10 years of experience. Apart from being the Scientific Advisor to Hockey India he has been associated with the Malaysian Hockey Confederation as a consultant with the senior men's national programme from February – May 2015. He joins the Indian team post completing his assignment as a senior Sports Scientist with Vector Health and a lecturer at the School of Exercise and Sports Science – CQ University. He has also worked with the Newcastle Knights and Australian Rugby League in the past.

Kristie Sheridan (29); is a Bachelor of Science – Exercise and Sport Science (2011) from Newcastle University and masters in exercise physiology and rehabilitation (2012) from Charles Strut University. She has accreditations from ESSA for Exercise Physiology and is an ASCA level 2- strength and conditioning coach. Her work credentials include Exercise Physiologist & Strength Conditioning Coach with Vector Health, strength and conditioning coach with QRU – Junior Gold Cup and other associations.



Roger Van Gent Join Indian Men's Hockey Team As Strategist Coach

Hockey India, announced the appointment of Roger Van Gent coming as the Strategic Coach for the Indian Men's Hockey Team. Roger will be joining the coaching staff for the Indian Men's Hockey team and will be assisting Chief Coach, Men, Roelant Oltmans to work towards the much awaited the Rio Olympics.

Roger Van Gent, a Dutch citizen by nationality, embarked on his coaching career after securing the FIH high performance coaching qualification in 2000. Ever since then he has worked with various domestic teams in Netherlands. He himself has been a part of the first men's team of a club, MEP in Boxtel, in the head division of Netherlands for a decade (1978-88). As a F.I.H. high performance coach, he added to the staff of the Kenyan National men's team in 2007.



Technical Officials For 4th Coal India Hockey India League Announced

Coal India Hockey India League the premier league for hockey in India announced the list of officials for the fourth season of the League. Hockey India League, the flagship event of Hockey India – the apex body governing the sport in the country, and sanctioned by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) scheduled to be played across six venues in India from 18th January – 21st February 2016. The tournament will witness six franchises Jaypee Punjab Warriors, Delhi Waveriders, Kalinga Lancers, Uttar Pradesh Wizards, Dabang Mumbai and defending champions Ranchi Rays battling for supremacy in the richest field hockey league in the world.

Tournament Director	Bjorn Isberg (SWE)
Lead Umpires Manager	Craig Gribble (NZL)
Umpires Manager	Andy Mair (SCO)
Assistant Tournament Director	Muthukumar Balakrisnan (MAS)
	Gavin Hawke (NZL)
Technical Officers	Claudius De Sales (IND)
	Davinder Bhatia (IND)
	Ashutosh Verma (IND)
Judges	Milind Narwekar (IND)
	Anjali Sharma (IND)
	Sonia Bathla (IND)
International Umpires	German Montes De Oca (ARG)
	Marcin Grochal (POL)
	Martin Madden (SCO)
	David Tomlinson (NZL)
	Jakub Mejzlik (CZE)
	Ben Göntgen (GER)
Indian Umpires	RV Raghuprasad (IND)
	GS Sangha (IND)
	Ripudaman Sharma (IND)
	Deepak Joshi (IND)
	Dhaval Prajapati (IND)
	Anil Kumar (IND)

The Indian Men's Hockey Team celebrated Raipur city constitution day with kids and participating in the Run for Justice, Equality, Fraternity & Liberty.



BIRTHDAYS

January

Men

Talwinder Singh	01
Armaan Qureshi	01
Gurinder Singh	01
Harjeet Singh	02
Harmanpreet Singh	06
Nikkin Thimmaiah	18
Mandeep Singh	25
Gurjant Singh	26
Jaskaran Singh	27
Harjot Singh	28

Women

Sitamani Topno	04
Manisha	08
Anima Minz	13
Udita	14
Subhasi Hemron	16
Navneet Kaur	26
Swetha	27

February

Men

Birendra Lakra	03
Abhay Ekka	04
Anand Lakra	04
Baljeet Singh Boparai	10
Santa Singh	11
Vivek Sagar	25

Women

Anuradha Devi Thokchom	02
Hardeep Kaur	03
Rashmi PP	03
Deepika	07
Poonam Rani	08
Manmeet Kaur	08
Nil Projita Manji	10
Punam Barla	10
Pinki Devi Thokchom	23
Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam	25