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Message from

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The entire nation is thrilled about the 2016 Rio Olympics, and the month of August is eagerly awaited, as the Indian Hockey Teams head for the ultimate prize. It fills me with immense pride to see the much deserved attention that Indian Hockey has garnered globally owing to all the dazzling recent performances of our national teams.

In a glittering felicitation ceremony on 12th July 2016, Hockey India announced the 16 member squads of the Men and Women Hockey Teams that will represent Team India at the Rio 2016

Olympic Games. Mr. Amit Shah, President BJP graced the occasion as Chief Guest for the function, Mr. Vijay Goel, Sports Minister, Govt: of India and Mr. Leandro Negre President FIH also announced and honoured all selected players from the men and women hockey teams.

With the Indian men's team recently climbing to fifth in the FIH World Rankings and with their recent Silver medal winning performance at FIH Champions Trophy will participate in the Rio Olympics with much confidence.

I am heartened to see our Indian Women's Hockey Team making their first Olympic appearance since Moscow 1980, the team is led by the formidable defender Sushila Chanu. I wish the Indian Women hockey team plays with an intensified spirit at Rio and inspires women hockey players in India.


Being the largest contingent ever from India at the Olympic Games all eyes will be set on the Indian Hockey teams. We at Hockey India send our heartiest wishes to both the Indian Hockey Teams and to the entire Indian contingent participating in the Olympics and we are confident that they will continue to make India proud.




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4 Nations Tournament In Darwin, Australia

India lost 2-1 to Japan in the Bronze medal play off match on the last day of the 4 Nations invitational tournament in Darwin, Australia.

Speaking after the match, Chief Coach Neil Hawgood said, "The entire tournament has been a great test for us, to learn about our strengths and weaknesses as well as the opponents we will face in Rio. As a team, our defensive work has been solid and now we can build from there."





4 Nations Invitational (W) 2016

Darwin (AUS)

31 May - 4 Jun 2016

Match Results

Match	Description	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	Round Robin	31 May	13:00	New Zealand vs India	4 - 1
2	Round Robin	31 May	15:00	Australia vs Japan	3 - 1
3	Round Robin	1 Jun	13:00	India vs Japan	1 - 1
4	Round Robin	1 Jun	15:00	Australia vs New Zealand	2 - 1
5	Round Robin	3 Jun	13:00	Japan vs New Zealand	1 - 2
6	Round Robin	3 Jun	15:00	Australia vs India	2 - 1
7	Bronze Medal	4 Jun	13:00	Japan vs India	2 - 1
8	Gold Medal	4 Jun	15:30	Australia vs New Zealand	0 - 2

India Wins First Ever Silver Medal In FIH Men's Champions Trophy

In a dramatic end to a successful tournament, India lost in the shootout to Australia after ending the game 0-0 at regulation time. In their first appearance in a Champions Trophy Final, and also first ever final in a FIH international tournament in 36 years, one would've banked on the first timers to start nervously. Whereas, India started off on the front foot, stealing the ball immediately and exerting pressure on their opponents from the outset of the game against Australia, an opponent they are very familiar with.

Speaking after the game Chief Coach Roelant Oltmans said, "The team did a great job. They gave it all, and I think it was a fire fight towards the end. The thing to take heart from is how far we pushed the Australians, a team regarded the best in the game. We executed our tactics perfectly on the pitch and got a bit unlucky in the shootout. Proud of the boys and there is no reason for us to be disappointed. We will take a lot of heart and inspiration from this."

Young Indian Defender Harmanpreet Singh won the award for "The Best Upcoming Junior Player of the Tournament."



SILVER MEDALISTS

MEN'S HERO HOCKEY CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2016



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2016 Mens Champions Trophy London (GBR)

Match Results

10 - 17 Jun 2016

Match	Date	Indian Time *Next Day	Teams	Results
1	10 Jun	20:30	Germany v India	3 - 3
2	10 Jun	22:30	Belgium v Korea	0 - 2
3	10 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Australia	0 - 0
4	11 Jun	18:30	Germany v Belgium	4 - 4
5	11 Jun	20:30	India v Great Britain	2 - 1
6	11 Jun	22:30	Australia v Korea	4 - 2
7	13 Jun	16:30	Korea v Great Britain	1 - 4
8	13 Jun	18:30	Germany v Australia	3 - 4
9	13 Jun	20:30	Belgium v India	2 - 1
10	14 Jun	20:30	India v Korea	2 - 1
11	14 Jun	22:30	Australia v Belgium	2 - 0
12	14 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Germany	1 - 1
13	16 Jun	20:30	Australia v India	4 - 2
14	16 Jun	22:30	Korea v Germany	0 - 7
15	16 Jun	00:30*	Great Britain v Belgium	3 - 3
16	17 Jun	20:15	Belgium v Korea	4 - 3
17	17 Jun	22:30	Germany v Great Britain	1 - 0
18	17 Jun	00:45*	Australia v India	0 - 0 (3 - 1 so)

Hockey India Announces Cash Award to Indian Hockey Team For Winning Silver Medal at FIH Champions Trophy

After a 0–0 draw against Australia at full time, India were handed a 1-3 defeat in a dramatic shoot out at the final of 36th FIH Champions Trophy in London. The Sreejesh-led squad has won millions of hearts world over for their brave and tactical encounters against the World Champions.

Hockey India, the apex body for hockey in India announced a cash prize of Rs. 2 Lakh each for the players and the Head Coach Roelant Oltmans and a cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh for all other coaches and support staff on the account of their brilliant performance India displayed throughout the tournament and winning a silver medal. Additionally, prize of Rs. 1 Lakh has been announced for Harmanpreet Singh for being adjudged as “The Best Upcoming Junior Player of the Tournament.”

On the thrilling performance by Team India, Hockey India President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra congratulated the team, “It is a proud moment for all of us. The way the team has played against World Champions Australia is commendable. I congratulate the players, the coaches and the support staff for their hard work and dedication. I believe we are on the right track for road to RIO.”

The Social media & twitterati was a buzz with India's silver-medal winning feat at the very stadium they were ousted during the London Olympics in 2012. The tweets from prominent personalities including Prime Minister Narendra Modi ,Rajyavardhan Rathore, Anurag Thakur, Ajay Maken, Naveen Jindal to cricketing heroes VVS Laxman, Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, Shikhar Dhawan were amongst many other eminent personalities took to Twitter to applaud the hockey team's gritty performance. “Congrats to our Hockey Team for a spirited performance in Champions Trophy finals. Their effort has been brilliant. We're proud of the team,” read the honourable PM's tweet.



Lucknow, India Confirmed as the Host Of Men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2016

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) is delighted to confirm that the men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2016 will be played in the Indian city of Lucknow in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Taking place between 8-18 December, the men's event will feature 16 of the world's best junior men's teams. Those qualified are: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Belgium; Canada; Egypt; England; Germany; India; Japan; Korea; Netherlands; South Africa; New Zealand; Pakistan and Spain.

The Hockey Junior World Cup is a spectacle of new talent – the perfect platform for young players to unleash their raw skill onto the international hockey scene. Competing for the ultimate prize, this event is always an exciting and action-packed competition where new rivalries are made and lifelong friendships begin.

Speaking of this news, President of Hockey India and FIH Executive Board Member, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, said: “The Hockey Junior World Cup, aside from being one of international hockey's showcase events, is also a competition that shows the future of our sport. It highlights the best of the best in the years to come. And for such an event, there is no better host than the cradle of Indian hockey.”

He further stated “Uttar Pradesh has a long and rich history with our sport having provided our country with great hockey players. Names like Major Dhyan Chand, KD Singh Babu, Jaman Lal Sharma, Zafar Iqbal, Syed Ali are synonymous with hockey in India, therefore we are delighted to be taking this competition to a city with such an extensive history. We have no doubt that the local organisers and the people of Lucknow will put on a fantastic event for athletes, spectators and TV viewers around the world. The achievement to bring such a top level international event to Lucknow is only possible due to the young, dynamic and progressive thinking of Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Honourable Shri Akhilesh Yadav.”

FIH President Leandro Negre was also pleased to confirm the location of this year's event. He said: “Lucknow is the perfect stage for our young stars to shine. It is a hotbed for hockey, its residents passionate about our great sport. Their energy combined with Hockey India's experience of delivering first class events will be key to the success of the men's Junior World Cup.” He added: “I'm sure all of the teams, officials and fans heading to Lucknow will have a thoroughly enjoyable experience in this city which has a unique history and rich culture that will provide lasting memories from this event.”



6 Nations Tournament - Valencia, Spain

India's show at the Six-Nations Invitational Hockey Tournament held at Valencia, Spain from 27 June - 03 July 2016, ended with a 1-1 draw against Spain in their last match placing them at 5th spot in the tournament. The team played in Olympic format with a 16 member-squad at the 6 Nations tournament. The 16 member team, presents its own new set of challenges, as reduced bench meant longer time spent on the pitch, with lesser time for recovery off the pitch. The decision was made to acclimatize players to the format so that they can tactically manage the effects of a reduced bench strength.



6 Nations Invitational 2016 (M)

Valencia (ESP)

27 June - 3 July 2016

Match Results

Match	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	27 Jun	19:30	India vs Germany	0 - 4
2	27 Jun	21:30	Argentina vs Ireland	1 - 0
3	27 Jun	23:30	Spain vs New Zealand	2 - 0
4	28 Jun	19:30	Ireland vs India	1 - 2
5	28 Jun	21:30	Germany vs New Zealand	6 - 1
6	28 Jun	23:30	Spain vs Argentina	0 - 4
7	30 Jun	19:30	Argentina vs Germany	4 - 4
8	30 Jun	21:30	India vs New Zealand	0 - 1
9	30 Jun	23:30	Spain vs Ireland	2 - 2
10	2 Jul	13:30	Ireland vs New Zealand	1 - 1
11	2 Jul	15:30	Spain vs Germany	3 - 5
12	2 Jul	17:30	India vs Argentina	3 - 3
13	3 Jul	13:30	Germany vs Ireland	2 - 0
14	3 Jul	15:30	Spain vs India	1 - 1
15	3 Jul	17:30	Argentina vs New Zealand	1 - 4

Hockey India Issues Hockey Sticks To Permanent Member Units As Part Of Olympic Day Celebrations

Commencing the Olympic Day celebrations, Hockey India, the governing body for hockey in India, has distributed over 1200 hockey stick packs to its permanent member units across different regions in the country, namely: Assam Hockey, Hockey Bihar, Chhattisgarh Hockey, Delhi Hockey, Hockey Gujarat, Hockey Haryana, Hockey Himachal, Hockey Jammu & Kashmir, Hockey Jharkhand, Hockey Karnataka, Kerala Hockey, Hockey Maharashtra, Manipur Hockey, Hockey Odisha, Hockey Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh Hockey, and Hockey Uttarakhand.

Around the world, National Olympic Associations and their members hold special celebrations to mark the Olympic Day. This is a global celebration to remember the founding of the international Olympic Committee and the modern Olympic Movement by Pierre de Coubertain in 1894.

For the 122th anniversary, Hockey India would like to emphasize the place hockey has in our society and development at grassroots level. The key objective behind this initiative was to foster the spirit of unity amongst all members and to celebrate the spirit of Olympics.



Hockey India Celebrates The Spirit Of The Sport This Olympic Day via A Unique Pan India Initiative

On this day on 23 June 1894, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was born turning Pierre de Coubertin's dream into a reality. Marking this day every year as IOC's official birthday, sports organizations encourage people to get active and engage in sports and celebrate the spirit of unity through various local events and activities.

Joining in the celebrations, Hockey India member units conducted various activities across the country from quiz series at NGOs to various exhibition matches at 35 member units.

Some highlights include the Coonoor based SDT Hockey Academy functioning under Hockey India celebrated The International Olympic Day at Arignar Anna Government Higher Secondary School ground in Coonoor wherein more than 150 players participated. Exhibition matches were held amongst various teams who displayed enormous zeal and enthusiasm while taking part in this celebration. Also, on the occasion Mr Balamurugan, Secretary of Hockey Nilgiris enlisted the activities of the Association aimed at producing quality players and young umpires through the help of Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu and Hockey India via periodic workshops, coaching seminars and visit by experts.

Similarly, Hockey Andhra Pradesh and Rural Development Trust, Anantapuramu jointly commemorated the Olympic Day celebrations by organizing a goodwill Hockey Match between the AP Youth Women Hockey Team and RDT Hockey Academy Team at Anantapur. Various dignitaries attended the event and conveyed best wishes to the Indian Men & Women Hockey Teams taking part in the upcoming Olympic Games at Rio 2016.

Likewise, Hockey Karnataka also hosted the Olympic Day celebrations by organizing exhibition match for women between Stars Eleven vs Christ College. Hockey Mizoram celebrated their Olympic Day by conducting matches for both the men and women. Assam Hockey also organised Olympic Day celebrations 2016 at Guwahati by hosting Men's Friendship Match. The Mumbai Hockey Association also celebrated the Olympic Day by conducting exhibition matches. Hockey Haryana also celebrated Olympic Day by hosting matches (Men & Women) at the Astro-Turf field in Sonapat. Hockey Maharashtra celebrated the Olympic Day by hosting friendly matches at the Khadki Cantonment ground. Present on the occasion were Olympians Ajit Lakra and Vikram Pillay who were felicitated by Mrs Pooja Manish Anand, Member of Khadki Cantonment Board. Senior Player from yesteryears, Mr Felix Bernard was also felicitated on the occasion.

In New Delhi, a special Quiz and exhibition matches marked the Olympics Day celebrations at One Thousand Hockey Legs, a project of Delhi based NGO Hockey Citizen Group. Hockey Citizen Group is a Hoc-Key member of Hockey India. Hockey Citizen Group, through its OTHL Project, works at grassroots level to bring more children into the realm of hockey as a preferred sport. This was followed by an exhibition match between One Thousand Hockey Legs XI and Govt Boys School, which ended in a 2-2 draw.

List of units that participated in the Olympic Day Celebrations

Assam Hockey	Hockey Bihar	Delhi Hockey
Hockey Haryana	Hockey Jammu & Kashmir	Hockey Jharkhand
Hockey Karnataka	Kerala Hockey	Manipur Hockey
Hockey Maharashtra	Hockey Rajasthan	Uttar Pradesh Hockey
Hockey Andhra Pradesh	Bengal Hockey Association	Chhattisgarh Hockey
Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Bengaluru	Hockey Mizoram
Hockey Puducherry	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Chandigarh
Hockey Coorg	Hockey Madhya Bharat	The Mumbai Hockey Association
Hockey Patiala	Telangana Hockey	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu
Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy	R.D.T Hockey Academy	MSK Jarkhar Hockey Academy
Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy	RV Academy of Hockey	SDT Hockey Nilgiris Academy
Citizen Hockey XI	Mumbai Schools Sports Association	





EurAsia Cup - Indian Junior Hockey Team

Indian junior men hockey team took to the field for the EurAsia Cup in Russia, their primary objective to gain perspective about their abilities and learn from the experience of playing on the big stage. With an eye on the Junior World Cup in Lucknow later this year, the think tank is focussing on developing a squad with a collective experience of playing together frequently. Defender and Captain Dipsan Tirkey, led the team into their first outing against Dinamo Stroitel on 9th July.

“The idea behind these tours is not just to gain experience individually, but to gain experience as a side. It is important we know each other's games completely, know the weaknesses and our strengths so that we can play up from them,” he said. “A large part of this squad has experience of playing in the Coal India HIL, a huge positive for us and for Indian hockey itself, so we can match up to senior squads at a certain level. Now, these kinds of tournaments can reduce the gap even further.”

Coach Harender Singh added, “The idea behind a strong youth team is not just to win and play tournaments at this level, but also have a steady production line of the senior team. For that to happen, the gap between the two must not be too varied. With Harmanpreet and Harjeet staking strong claims in the senior side right now, we have already proved that India has a huge depth in talent. Now the trick is to ensure consistency. This has to happen regularly.”

“Having watched their performances of late, especially in the Champions Trophy, we are highly motivated to ensure the standards do not dip. After all, they have set the bar high now, and following them, it's our job to ensure this does not dip. We will do our best to learn from the way they played and ensure we produce good performances on the tour.” added Captain Dipsan Tirkey









EurAsia Hockey Cup 2016 (M)

Yekaterinburg, Russia

9 - 10 July 2016

Match Results

Match	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	9 July	19 : 30	Jr Men India vs Dynamo - Stroitel	3 - 1
2	10 July	19 : 45	Jr Men India vs Dynamo - Stroitel	3 - 2

England Tour - Indian Junior Hockey Team

After two games, where the India's Junior Men's hockey team looked off colour, the visitors set things right, finishing the tour the way they started it, with a comfortable victory over England. Playing calm and collected hockey, India learnt from their two consecutive losses to turn the table on their opponents and prevail 3-1 in the final game of the tour.





England Tour (Jr. Men)

Match Results

22 July - 1 August 2016

Match	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	22 July 2016	22:30	India Vs Scotland Sr Men	2 - 1
2	24 July 2016	13:45	India Vs Scotland Sr Men	5 - 1
3	26 July 2016	23:30	India Vs Hampstead & Westminster	3 - 0
4	28 July 2016	21:30	India Vs England	7 - 1
5	29 July 2016	21:30	India Vs England	1 - 2
6	31 July 2016	21:30	India Vs England	1 - 2
7	01 August 2016	21:30	India Vs England	3 - 1

Hockey India announced the 16 member squads of the Men and Women Hockey Teams that will represent India at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

In a packed felicitation ceremony, Hockey India President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra alongside Chief Guest Mr. Amit Shah, President BJP, Mr. Vijay Goel, Sports Minister, Govt. of India and Mr. Leandro Negre, President FIH announced and honoured all selected players from the men's and women's hockey teams for the Rio Olympic Games here in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Hockey India President, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra said, "I am really proud of how our teams have shaped up this year for the Olympics and can proudly say we have one of the most cohesive units for many years in terms of a collective team coming together for both our men and women teams. Hockey being a team sport needs each player to be able to play multiple roles and also be able to support his or her team members on the field. The kind of game the teams have displayed in the last few months is a true testimony of the hard work, sweat and blood each and every one of them has put in." The result is a team that stands before us today, selected basis an exquisite performance and grit to come together and showcase Indian hockey at its best at the pinnacle of sports – the Olympics. Our expectations are high and we look forward to take on the responsibility of being in the spotlight of the Indian Contingency at Rio 2016.

The men's squad features a formidable defense line-up, with experienced campaigners V.R Raghunath, Rupinder Pal Singh and Kothajit Singh. Harmanpreet Singh and Surender Kumar provide the youth to the backline. The midfield combination is strong with Danish Mujtaba, Chinglensana Singh, Manpreet Singh, S.K Uttappa, Devinder Walmiki and Sardar Singh all selected in the team. Strikers S.V Sunil, Akashdeep Singh, Ramandeep Singh and Nikkin Thimmaiah promise to add steam to the line-up. In-form PR Sreejesh is the teams goalkeeper and Captain. The men's hockey squad has risen consistently up the world rankings since the Asian Games in 2014. Ranked 13 in the world after the London Olympics, the team is now poised at No.5 after their heroics at the recently concluded FIH Champions Trophy.

"With our recent performances, we have shown the world that we can beat the best in the business and that's what we will aim at doing at the Olympics. This squad is the best representation of Indian hockey and I am confident this combination will bring us the best results. We have received tremendous support from Hockey India and Sports Authority of India who have ensured we get world class training facilities in the lead-up to the Olympics and we hope to live up to the expectations of the one billion people cheering our team as we fly the tricolor at the Olympics." said Men's Team Chief Coach Roelant Oltmans.



The women's team includes the experience of Deepika Thakur, Sunita Lakra, Sushila Chanu, Namita Toppo and Deep Grace Ekka in defense. In the midfield Renuka, Lilima Minz, Monika, Navjot Kaur and Nikki Pradhan have all been selected. The forward line includes Rani, Poonam Rani, Vandana Katariya, Anuradha Devi Thockchom and Preeti Dubey. The team is supported in the goals by Savita.

This will be the first time in 36 years that the women's team from India will be participating at the Olympic Games and the women's squad will vie to make the most of this opportunity. "It is a big moment for the girls and our realistic goal is to qualify for the quarter finals and I believe we can do it. The girls have worked day in and day out to get where they are today and we are excited as a team to convert whatever we have worked on during the camps." said Women's Team Chief Coach Neil Hawgood.

Wishing the best to the team, Hockey India President, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra said, "Over the past few years, in the lead up to the Olympics, the women's team has shown a lot of resilience and dedication. The women's team has been remarkable in achieving a qualifying berth after 36 years and this is only the beginning for the sport for women in India. I have watched the team play and am sure they have it in them to convert wins at the Olympic Games and Hockey India wishes them the best."

Being the largest contingent from India at the Olympics all eyes are set on the Indian Hockey teams to push hard and put India on the Olympic podium.



Indian Men's Hockey Team For The Rio Olympics 2016

S.No	Player's Name	Jersey No.	Position
1	Harmanpreet Singh	1	Defender
2	Rupinder Pal Singh	3	Defender
3	Kothajit Singh Khadangbam	5	Defender
4	Surender Kumar	6	Defender
5	Manpreet Singh	7	Midfielder
6	Sardar Singh	8	Midfielder
7	Raghunath Vokkaliga Ramachandra	12	Defender
8	Uthappa Sannuvanda Kushlappa	15	Midfielder
9	Sreejesh Parattu Raveendran	16	Goalkeeper
10	Danish Mujtaba	17	Midfielder
11	Devindar Sunil Walmiki	22	Midfielder
12	Sunil Sowmarpet Vitalacharya	24	Forward
13	Akashdeep Singh	27	Forward
14	Chinglensana Singh Kangujam	29	Midfielder
15	Ramandeep Singh	31	Forward
16	Chandanda Aiyanna Nikkin Thimmaiah	32	Forward

Standby Players

1	Pardeep Mor	18	Midfielder
2	Vikas Dahiya	19	Goalkeeper

Indian Women's Hockey Team For The Rio Olympics 2016

S.No	Player's Name	Jersey Number	Position
1	Navjot Kaur	1	Midfielder
2	Deep Grace Ekka	3	Defender
3	Monika	4	Midfielder
4	Nikki Pradhan	8	Midfielder
5	Anuradha Devi Thokchom	10	Forward
6	Savita	11	Goalkeeper
7	Poonam Rani	15	Forward
8	Vandana Katariya	16	Forward
9	Deepika	17	Defender
10	Namita Toppo	19	Defender
11	Renuka Yadav	24	Midfielder
12	Sunita Lakra	26	Defender
13	Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam	27	Defender
14	Rani	28	Forward
15	Preeti Dubey	30	Forward
16	Lilima Minz	31	Midfielder

Standby Players

1	Hnialum Lal Ruat Feli	18	Midfielder
2	Rajani Etimmarpu	19	Goalkeeper

Support Staff - Indian Men's Hockey Team

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Roelant Oltmans	Director High Performance & Chief Coach
2	Roger Van Gent	Analytical Coach
3	Tushar Khandker	Coach & Manager
4	Matthew Eyles	Scientific Advisor
5	Shrikant Iyengar	Physiotherapist
6	Aadhithya Chakravarthy	Video Analyst
7	Arup Naskar	Masseur
8	Kenjom Ngomdir	Doctor

Support Staff - Indian Women's Hockey Team

S.No	Name	Designation
1	Neil Hawgood	Chief Coach
2	David Bell	Analytical Coach
3	C.R Kumar	Coach & Manager
4	Helen Mary	Coach
5	Matthew Tredrea	Scientific Advisor
6	Sonika Sudan	Physiotherapist
7	Amuthaprakash	Video Analyst
8	Poonam Rani	Masseuse

Indian Technical Officials for Rio Olympic Games 2016

Anjali Sharma has been appointed as one of the Judges for the Rio Olympic Games 2016



Javed Shaikh has been appointed as one of the Umpires for the Rio Olympic Games 2016



Chief Guest Mr. Amit Shah, President, Bharatiya Janata Party

Guest of Honour Mr. Vijay Goel, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge)





Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM



Indian Women's Hockey Team Vice Captain DEEPIKA



Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain SREEJESH PARATTU RAVEENDRAN



Indian Men's Hockey Team Vice Captain SUNIL SOWMARPET VITALACHARYA



Indian Men Team Schedule For The Rio Olympics 2016

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INDIA MEN'S FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (IST)
SAT, 6 AUG	IRELAND	7:30 PM
MON, 8 AUG	GERMANY	7:30 PM
TUE, 9 AUG	ARGENTINA	7:30 PM
THU, 11 AUG	NETHERLANDS	6:30 PM
FRI, 12 AUG	CANADA	9:00 PM

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Indian Women Team Schedule For The Rio Olympics 2016

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INDIA WOMEN'S FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (IST)
SUN, 7 AUG	JAPAN	7:30 PM
TUE, 9 AUG	GREAT BRITAIN	2:30 AM
WED, 10 AUG	AUSTRALIA	7:30 PM
FRI, 12 AUG	USA	4:00 AM
SAT, 13 AUG	ARGENTINA	6:30 PM

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Indian Eves Gear Up For USA Tour Before Rio Olympics

The Indian Women Hockey team led by Sushila Chanu (Captain) and Deepika Thakur (Vice-Captain) at USA Tour, where they played three practice games against Canada and two games against USA. The tour was the last of the many international exposure matches planned ahead of the upcoming Rio Olympics from August 5-21.

Apart from skipper, Sushila Chanu and supported by Vice-Captain Deepika Thakur, the squad included the experience of: Navjot Kaur, Deep Grace Ekka, Monika, Nikki Pradhan, Anuradha Devi Thokchom, Savita, Poonam Rani, Vandana Katariya, Namita Toppo, Renuka Yadav, Sunita Lakra, Rani, Preeti Dubey, Lilima Minz. And two reserve players: Hnialum Lal Ruat Feli, Rajani Etimmarpu.

Post the splendid Olympics squad announcement function held here in Delhi on 12 July 2016, the selected players going to the Olympics for the first time and after 36 years were filled with immense zeal and fervor.

“We have selected the best players for the squad who have earned their place purely on the basis of merit. These players have put forth their best performance, have displayed hunger and trained hard for the spot. This is the first time this team is going to experience the aura of being at the Olympics, it is a big moment for all of them. Each athlete in the team is both physically and mentally strong for the task ahead of us”, said Chief Coach Neil Hawgood.

“While this is the happiest moment for us to be a part of the Olympics for the first time, there is an equal amount of responsibility. Every match before Rio is crucial and gives an opportunity to reinforce what we have learnt during the training. This tour will serve as the apt warm-up for Rio Olympics and every step from here takes us closer to turn the dream into a reality. Each player has only one mission on their mind and the Coach has given us immense support and confidence. Now it is our turn to play our best,” said Captain Sushila Chanu.



USA Tour (Sr.Women)

Match Results

16 - 26 July 2016

Match	India Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	19 July 2016	04:00	India Vs USA	2 - 3
2	21 July 2016	04:00	India Vs USA	2 - 1
3	22 July 2016	21:30	India Vs Canada	5 - 2
4	23 July 2016	19:30	India Vs Canada	3 - 1
5	26 July 2016	04:00	India Vs Canada	Called off due to rain
6	27 July 2016	04:00	USA Vs Canada	5 - 0

Send-off Lunch For The Indian Men's Hockey Team

On 24 July 2016, Hockey India hosted a send-off lunch for the Indian Men's Hockey Team. Hockey India CEO Ms. Elena Norman along with Mr. SVS Subramanya Gupta, President, Hockey Karnataka and Mr. Kannan Krishnamurthy, General Secretary, Hockey Bengaluru conveyed their best wishes to the team, prior departure for Rio 2016 en route Spain.



Spain Tour Senior Men

India lost to Spain 3-2 in their second game of the two-match tour in Madrid



Spain Tour 2016 (Sr. Men)

Madrid, Spain

24 - 28 July 2016

Match Results

Match	Date	Indian Time	Teams	Results
1	27 July	21:30	India vs Spain	1 - 4
2	28 July	21:30	India vs Spain	2 - 3

Eyeing Glory, Indian Hockey Teams Arrive In Rio For 2016 Olympic Games

Eager and determined to put up a top-notch performance at the 2016 Olympic Games, the Indian men and women's hockey teams arrived in Rio. While the men's team traveled from Madrid after playing two friendly matches against the Spanish national squad, the Indian women's team arrived from Philadelphia where they won two matches against Canada and one match against USA national teams. This will be the first women's hockey team from India in 36 years to play at the Olympics.

The excitement and anxiousness was palpable among the women led by promising young Captain Sushila Chanu. The Hockey India women's team features in Pool B and will play against Argentina, Australia, Great Britain, USA and Japan. "After a series of losses in England and Australia in the lead up to the Olympic Games, the wins in the USA has helped us in gaining the confidence we needed ahead of the Rio Olympics," said Chanu. "This is our first Olympic Games and we are aware that our performance here will help the future generation of women to take up the sport and excel. We are looking forward to putting up a good show and our aim is to make the quarterfinals first," a confident Chanu added further.

Meanwhile, the men's team riding high on their recent exploits in the FIH Champions Trophy in London, where the PR Sreejesh-led squad won a historic Silver medal, is vying to get the better of some of the top teams in their pool. On arrival, Captain and goalkeeper of the Indian Hockey Team, PR Sreejesh said, "Our first priority is to beat some of the top teams in our pool including Germany, Argentina and Netherlands. Though we have beaten each of these teams in the past or have come close to beating Germany in the Champions Trophy recently, the Olympic Games is a different ball game and we need to put up something extraordinary and special to excel against them."

The Indian men's team will play Netherlands, Argentina, Germany, Ireland and Canada in their pool 'B' matches and will need to be in the top four in the pool to make it to the quarterfinals.





PLAYERS MILESTONE

Deep Grace Ekka Completes 100 International Caps For India

It is a moment of dual celebration for Deep Grace Ekka, who completed her 100 International Caps at India's final group stage match on her 22nd birthday on 03 June at the 4 Nations Tournament. The talented defender from Odisha made her debut at the Four Nations Tournament in Argentina (Quilmes and Paraná) in 2011 and has been an integral part of the squad since.

Ekka, hails from Sundargarh, a hockey hotbed that has produced several Indian internationals, and was one of the star performers at the FIH Junior World Cup in 2013, where the Indian eves won a bronze. She was also part of the team that won the FIH World League Round 2 in New Delhi last year. Ekka was also part of the Silver medal winning team at the Asian Games in Incheon.

Congratulating her, Md. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said, "Deep Grace has been a part of our pathbreaking women team for a long while, and played an integral role in the qualification for the Olympics. It shows her immense talent & passion, that at such a young age she has already won a 100 caps. I wish her the best for all the future games and hope she continues to shine for the team."



Akashdeep Singh Completes 100 International Caps For India

India's game against New Zealand saw striker Akashdeep Singh complete 100 International Caps.

The 22-year-old who has been part of the Ludhiana as well as Surjit Hockey Academy made his debut at the FIH Champions Trophy in 2012, against England. He was part of the squad that won the Asian Games Gold at Incheon, Bronze in Raipur at the HWL Finals—he scored a goal in the Bronze medal match—and was also part of the Champions Trophy squad that won Silver at London earlier this month.

Congratulating him, Md. Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said, "Akashdeep is part of a new generation of hockey players, who have been instrumental in providing the energy in the team at big games and tournaments. He is a skilful player with great team spirit and very good tactical understanding. It shows his immense talent, that at such a young age he has already achieved 100 International Caps. I wish him the best, for all the future games and hope he continues to make the team proud."



PR Sreejesh Completes 150 International Caps For India

Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh who made his Junior National team debut in 2004 in a match against Australia at Perth, completed his 150th International Caps for India. The 28-year-old star goalkeeper has earned a lot to his credit. Sreejesh rose to fame in 2008 Junior Asia Cup, as he made some remarkable saves to help the Indian national team clinch the Gold medal by beating Korea in the finals. Sreejesh was awarded his first 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament' award at the international stage.

He is the first hockey player from Kerala to receive the Arjuna Award after he was recommended for the prestigious award by a 12-member selection committee in 2015.



Danish Mujtaba Completes 150 International Caps For India

27-year old, Indian Forward, Danish Mujtaba, completed his 150th international game as Indian Team locked horns with Germany in the opening game of the FIH Men's Champions Trophy in London. Danish who made his debut for the Indian Hockey Team in 2009, hails from the city of Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh and is a product of the Delhi-based Air India-SAI Hockey Academy.

Mujtaba has been a core member of Indian Hockey Team that won the Silver medal at the 25th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016, Malaysia, Bronze Medal – Hero Hockey World League Final 2015, Gold Medal – 17th Asian Games 2014, and Silver Medal – XX Commonwealth Games 2014.



Manpreet Singh Completes 150 International Caps For India

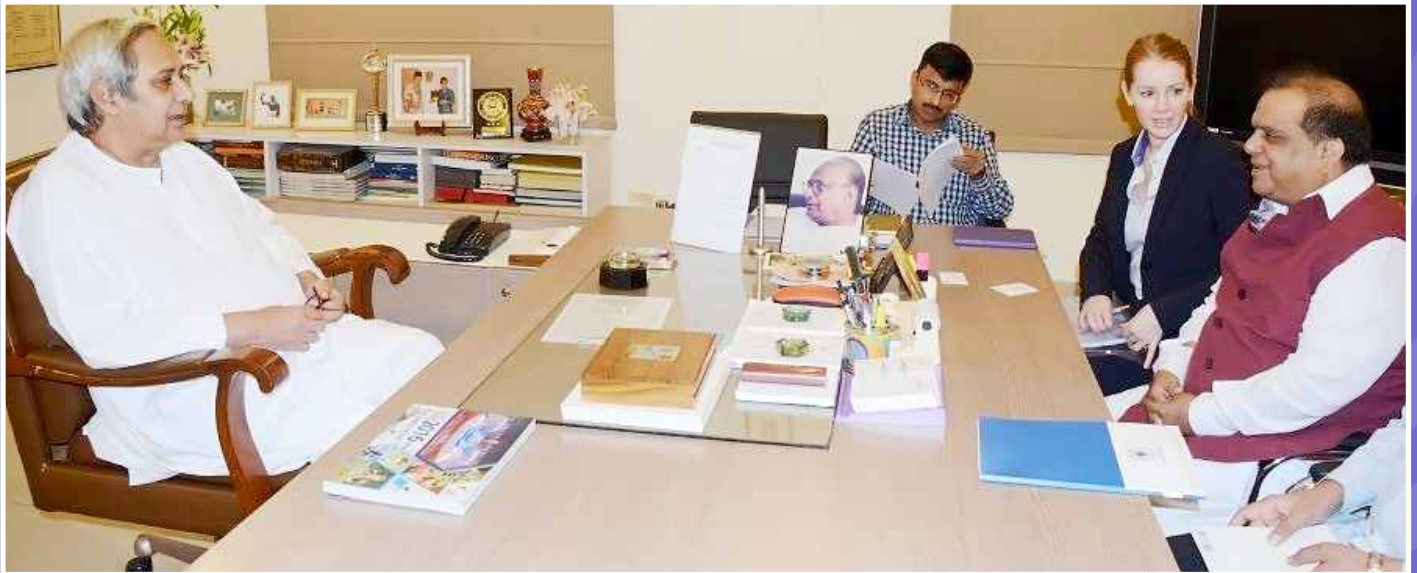
Midfielder Manpreet Singh completed his 150th International Caps in the opening match of FIH Champions Trophy in London as India took on Germany. The 23-year old Jalandhar player made his international debut back in the year 2011 at the Asian Champions Trophy held in Ordos City, China and has featured as a regular in the Indian Men's team since then. Manpreet Singh was named the 'Junior Player of the Year' by the Asian Hockey Federation in its Congress held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2014.

He captained the junior men's team in the Hero FIH Hockey Junior Men's World Cup 2013, New Delhi, and the 3rd Sultan of Johor Cup in 2013 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Under his leadership at the 3rd Sultan of Johor Cup 2013, India beat host Malaysia 3-0 and clinched the Gold Medal.



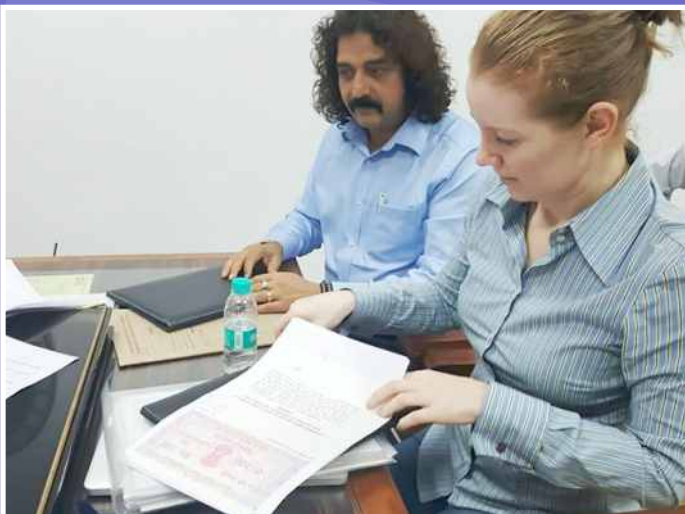
Hockey India Thanks Chief Minister Of Odisha

Hockey India President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar on 24th June, 2016 to discuss Hockey in the State of Odisha. Hockey India thanks the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his continuous support.



Hockey India Thanks Government Of Uttar Pradesh

Hockey India thanks Government of Uttar Pradesh as Principal Secretary Sports, Government of Uttar Pradesh Ms Anita Bhatnagar Jain and Hockey India CEO Ms Elena Norman sign an MOU for Development of Hockey at Grass Root Level in the State of Uttar Pradesh.



Rio Bound Indian Teams Signed T Shirt & Stick presented to Hon'ble Union Minister

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President Hockey India presented autographed Indian Men and Women Hockey Team Shirts and Sticks to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Mr. Arun Jaitley. Hon'ble Union Minister wished the Indian Men & Women Hockey Teams the best of luck for Rio 2016. Hockey India thanks the Hon'ble Minister for his support for the teams.



Rio Bound Indian Teams Signed T Shirt & Stick presented to Shri Subrata Roy

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President Hockey India presents a token of appreciation to Shri Subrata Roy, Founder & Chairman of Sahara India for their unparalleled support for the past two decades towards Indian Hockey. Shri Subrata Roy wished good luck to both Men's & Women's Teams at Rio2016



Rio Bound Indian Teams Signed T Shirt & Stick presented to Chairman, Coal India Ltd.

Hockey India President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra presented autographed Indian Men & Women Hockey Team Shirts and Sticks to Coal India Ltd. Chairman Mr. Sutirtha Bhattacharya for their invaluable contribution towards Indian Hockey .



Rio Bound Indian Teams Signed T Shirt & Stick presented to Director (P & IR), Coal India Ltd.

Hockey India CEO Ms. Elena Norman presented autographed Indian Men & Women Hockey Team Shirts and Sticks to Coal India Ltd. Director (P&IR) Mr. R. Mohan Das, for their invaluable contribution towards Indian Hockey .



Indian Men's Team Leaps To Fifth Position In FIH World Hockey Ranking

2016 has been all about revival of Indian Hockey – a year of stunning transformation. As all roads lead to Rio this year, the signs look bright for the Indian Hockey teams thanks to their hard work and good show at the latest International tournaments.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) released the latest FIH Hero World Rankings. With no changes in the top three spots, Australia at number 1, followed by Netherlands ranked second and Germany third forming the Men's top three. England / Great Britain holding the 4th place, India leaped to 5th position with Belgium (6th) and Argentina (7th). This upward drift in the ranking graph is a big boost ahead of the all-important Olympic games.

Mohd. Mushtaque Ahmad Secretary General Hockey India Said “I am really proud of the team to have come such a long way from where we were in such a short span of time. However, there is still a long way to go and I always tell the players to keep the focus intact on the greater goal, that is to reclaim the glory of Indian Hockey. All efforts are channelized towards earning a podium finish at the Olympics this year. Undeniably, each and every player and member has put in a lot of hard work to achieve this. We take motivation from the success and keep moving forward.”



Executive Board Member

Hockey India congratulates Shri Devendra Pratap Singh Tomar on his nomination to the Hockey India Executive Board as Associate Vice President.



New Sports Minister

Hockey India welcomes and congratulates Mr. Vijay Goel on his appointment as Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.



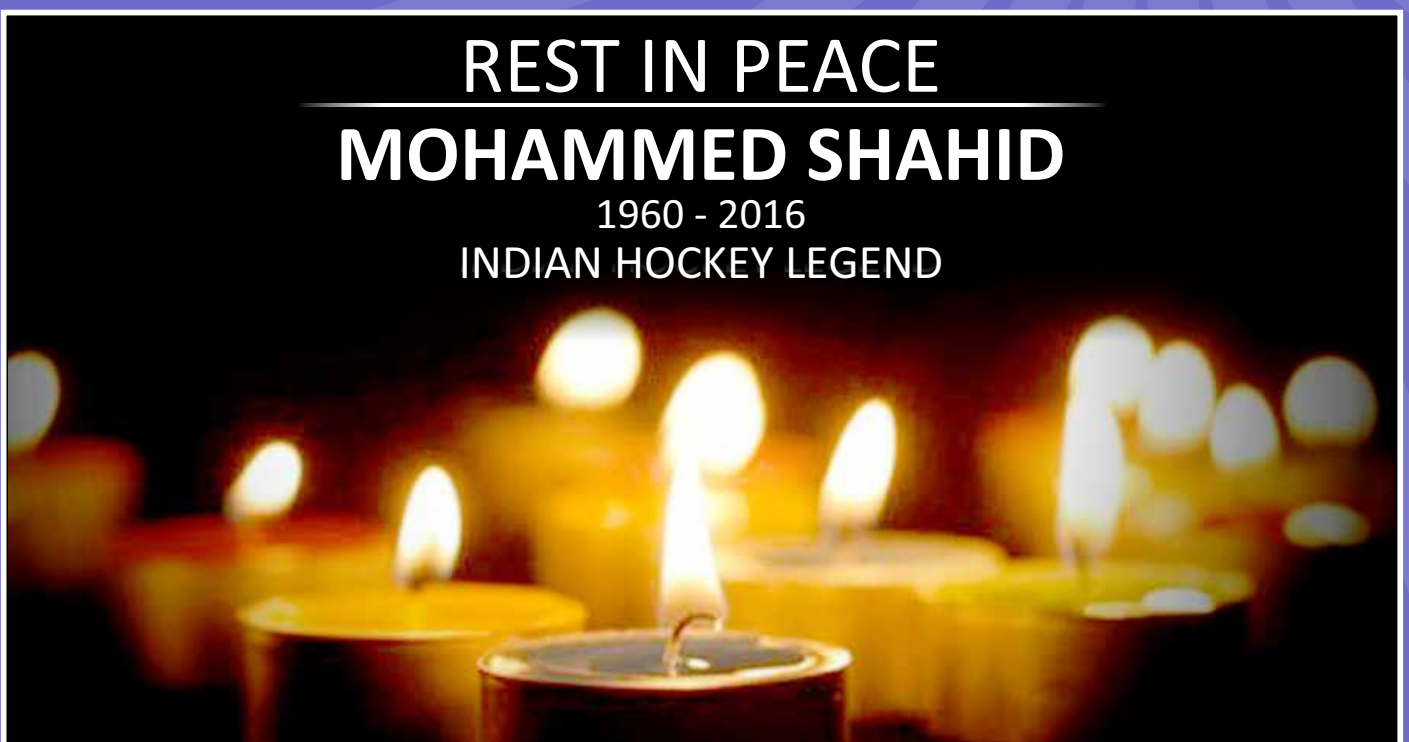
International Yoga Day

Indian Junior Men's & Women's Teams calm their senses & relax as they celebrate International Yoga Day on 21 June 2016.



Heartfelt condolences from all at Hockey India to the family of India Hockey Legend Mohammed Shahid who passed away on 20 July 2016.

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BIRTHDAYS

August

Men

- Ajit Kumar Pandey 01
- Dharamvir Singh 05
- Kothajit Singh Khadamngbam 17
- Manpreet 21

Women

- Yogita Bali 05
- Sonal Minz 24
- Navdeep Kaur 25

September

Men

- Hardik Singh 23



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