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THE INDIAN WOMEN'S



TEAM



ABOUT US

HOCKEY INDIA (HI) is the governing body with exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both men's and women's hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.

Headquartered in New Delhi, Hockey India was established on 20th May, 2009 and is affiliated to the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

Committed to the development of Hockey in the country, Hockey India with the assistance of Sports Authority of India and Department of Sports, Government of India, trains players at sub-junior, junior and senior level. The governing body engages in Coaching the coaches with International Standard certification programs, educates and equips technical officials and umpires to find a foothold in international arena, provides world-class infrastructure and International exposure for the players besides regular international competition.

Hockey India has also pioneered in bringing top International hockey events to India such as the FIH Men's World Cup in 2010 and 2018, FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2017. Hockey India will also be hosting the FIH Junior World Cup 2021 (Men) and the FIH Men's World Cup 2023. With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India is dedicated to getting our national team (both men and women) into the top three in the world.



PRESIDENT'S DESK



Gyanendro Ningombam President – Hockey India

Namaskar,

The year 2020 was the most challenging one for all of us. After the Indian Men's Hockey Team put up a fantastic performance at the FIH Pro League and the Indian Women's Hockey Team's decent outing against New Zealand and Great Britain in January and February, the entire world unfortunately came to a standstill because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, even though international and domestic tournaments had to be cancelled, Hockey India found a way to continue to grow the game of hockey in 2020. It was fantastic to conduct the online Coaches Development Sessions for Hockey Coaches across the country, in collaboration with SAI, in April.

We are delighted to note that Hockey India contributed Rs 1.00 crore to the PM-CARES fund and Rs 21.00 Lakh towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund to tackle the worsening COVID-19 pandemic in the country in the month of April 2020. We will continue to support the nation in its fight against Covid-19 in whatever way we can.

In the month of July, we were thrilled when the Asian Hockey Federation Online Education Workshops exclusively for Hockey India Coaches and Technical Officials. The AHF Online Education Workshops have helped our Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials learn several new techniques in the last few months from the comfort of their homes. Even though they couldn't work on their skills on the field for the

majority of the year, they continued to grow in their field through the AHF Online Education Workshops.

On behalf of Hockey India, I would like to thank the Odisha government for announcing a new world class hockey stadium in Rourkela city in December 2020. The new stadium would be the biggest hockey stadium in our country. We are very excited about hosting matches of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 in the new stadium in Rourkela.

As the country started to resume operations in various sectors, Hockey India, along with SAI, meticulously devised social distancing norms and SOP for the return of our international players to SAI's National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. We were ecstatic to see the players resume sports activities in a safe and secure environment in August and take small steps towards regaining their groove on the pitch.

The players worked extremely hard on their game and were ready for international assignments by the time 2021 arrived. While the players inched closer to full match fitness day by day, Hockey India was in coordination with a number of countries regarding Covid-19 protocols and finding ways to organize tours for our Senior and Junior Indian Teams.

It was very special to see the hard work pay off when the Indian Senior Women's Hockey Team travelled to Argentina and the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team travelled to Chile in January for their first tours since the Covid-19 pandemic began. A month later, the Indian Men's Hockey Team got an opportunity to play their first tournament (against Germany and Great Britain) as well. 2020 has been a tough year, but we kept our spirits up and kept looking to move forward everyday. The fight against Covid-19 isn't over yet and therefore we need to follow all the safety protocol for every event we organize in the upcoming months.

Overall, it has been a very energetic year for all of us here at Hockey India. We will keep working towards our goal of revolutionizing hockey in the future. We hope and pray for the safety and good health of everyone during these trying times.

MESSAGE - SECRETARY GENERAL



Mr. Rajinder Singh Secretary General - Hockey India

Namaskar,

The last year has been like no other. The entire world has faced a tremendous challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, Hockey India has stood up to every obstacle and emerged victorious. The players of the Indian Men's and Women's Teams took it in their stride to continue to prepare for the Olympics by either focusing on their fitness when they were away from the pitch during lockdown or giving it everything they have whenever they got a chance to go up against international teams.

It's been fantastic to see the way Hockey India has been proactive in the last one year. It was very important for the players to resume practice sessions for the Olympics and Hockey India ensured that a SOP was devised and executed quickly so that the Indian players could get back into the groove slowly and steadily.

Hockey India also did its bit when it came to financial assistance to the government for the tackling of the Covid-19 pandemic. We were delighted to contribute Rs 1.00 Crore to the PM-CARES fund and Rs 21.00 Lakh towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund in the month of April 2020. Along with the growth of the game of hockey in India, we have always put our hands up whenever the country has been in crisis. We hope that we can continue to contribute to the growth of the country in anyway that we can.

All in all, it has been a very tumultuous year for us, but Hockey India made sure that the game of hockey continued to evolve in the last one year. Even with grave limitations, one can always find a way to move forward, and Hockey India did just that in 2020-21.

MESSAGE - TREASURER



Mr. Tapan Kumar Das Treasurer - Hockey India

Namaskar,

Hockey India faced many challenges in the last one year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, Hockey India emerged stronger at the end of 2020-2021. Adversity should be always seen as an opportunity to do something better and that's what Hockey India followed in the last year. The first and foremost priority was to ensure that the players of the Indian teams are safe and secure and Hockey India ensured that all the processes were followed to make sure that the players are residing and practicing in a safe environment at the SAI campus in Bengaluru.

It was also our absolute pleasure to contribute Rs 1 crore to the PM-CARES fund and Rs 21 Lakh towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund in the month of April 2020. The entire country was in crisis and we wanted to do our bit to help our nation tackle the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic is not over yet and we will always step up whenever our country needs our help.

We are happy to note that apart from developing our players, we have also extensively focussed on developing Coaches from the grassroots and enabling them to meet the requirements and the ever-growing demands of international hockey. It was brilliant to conduct the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021 (January) and Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2021 (March) on-ground in New Delhi and Bhubaneswar. The Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway hasn't only catered to the major states of the country but has encouraged candidates to join the course from all parts of India – Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Puducherry, Goa, Jharkhand and Odisha, among others.

We are immensely happy with the way we stuck to our plans and executed them in order to ensure that the game of hockey continues to grow in India. We are very excited about the upcoming year and we are working on many plans for the evolution of the game in India.



INDIAN MEN'S TEAM DEFENDER JARMANPREET SINGH

OVERVIEW

The year 2020 posed challenges like no other. With the pandemic led nationwide lockdowns disrupting lives, the Tokyo Olympic Games postponed and training of national teams & competitions within the country and abroad coming to grinding halt, Hockey India wasted no time to reinvent and use the power of technology to ensure programs such as the Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway, the umpires and technical officials courses continued uninterrupted.

The virtual sessions, in fact, enabled more candidates to enrol and part-take to enhance their skills and knowledge of the game. The National Federation utilised this time to ensure all State Member Units used to the Hockey India Member Unit portal to register new players, coaches, technical officials.

Hockey India donated Rs 1.00 crore to the PM-CARES fund to tackle the worsening COVID-19 pandemic in the country in the month of April 2020. Hockey India further announced a contribution of Rs 21.00 Lakh towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund in order to help the hockey-loving state in the wake of the pandemic in the same month.

Hockey India, having issued the SOPs to State Member Units as early as May 2020, and also providing detailed SOPs for the National Teams, ensured the teams are well-prepared to re-start training once allowed by the MHA, MYAS and SAI. This proactiveness ensured no time was lost in terms of getting the national teams back in camp, including the junior squads who were called up for National Camp by September 2020.

Hockey India further pursued opportunities for the national teams to tour for exposure tournaments and after connecting with almost every top hockey-playing National Federation, they successfully organising Tour of Argentina for the Indian Women's Team in January 2021 while the Men's Team toured Europe in February. The Junior Women's Team too successfully toured Chile and returned victorious while their male counterparts had resumed training in SAI, Bengaluru.

Hockey India also announced the resumption of the domestic calendar with the 11th edition of Hockey India National Championships starting in March 2021. They also conducted the inaugural edition of Hockey India Junior and Sub-Junior National Championships for Academies.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2020-21





INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2020-21

S. No.	EVENT NAME	DATE	VENUE
01	Argentina Tour 2021 (Sr. Women)	03 Jan - 04 Feb 2021	Buenos Aires, Argentina
02	Chile Tour 2021 (Jr. Women)	09 Jan - 25 Jan 2021	Santiago, Chile
03	Europe Tour 2021 (Sr. Men)	21 Feb - 09 Mar 2021	Krefeld, Germany & Antwerp, Belgium
04	Germany Tour 2021 (Sr. Women)	23 Feb - 05 Mar 2021	Dusseldorf, Germany

INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM FORWARD UDITA





The Indian Men's Team have braved the odds of lockdown, being restricted to a bubble all of 2020 but have been unwavering in their quest to achieve success at the Tokyo Olympic Games. They have remained in SAI, Bengaluru for over five months in 2020 where they trained in a bio-bubble environment before getting a break to return home. With focus on keeping up their fitness levels, the team was rearing to go when they travelled to Europe for their first competition in over a year. The team secured a big (6-1) win against home team Germany in their first match followed by a 1-1 draw against Germany. They followed it up with a 1-1 draw against Great Britain and ended the tour with a fantastic 3-2 win against Great Britain to remain unbeaten in the tour. These matches have undoubtedly set the momentum for the team in the Olympic Year and have surely begun the year on a positive note.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (MEN) 2020-21



S. No.	EVENT NAME	RESULT
01	Europe Tour 2021 (Sr. Men)	Won - 2, Lost -0, Draw - 2

EUROPE TOUR 21 FEB - 09 MAR 2021



Indian Men's Hockey Team ended their Tour of Europe with a splendid 3-2 win against Great Britain on 08 March 2021. In the four-match tour, India secured a 6-1 win and 1-1 draw against Germany in Krefeld. They followed this up with a 1-1 draw and 3-2 win against Great Britain in Antwerp, Belgium. The Indian Team remained unbeaten in the 4-match Europe tour clinching a victory each against Germany and Great Britain.



		MATCH 01			
		28 FEB 2021			
GERMANY		1	VS	6	 INDIA
		MATCH 02			
		02 MAR 2021			
GERMANY		1	VS	1	 INDIA
		MATCH 03			
		06 MAR 2021			
GREAT BRITAIN		1	VS	1	 INDIA
		MATCH 04			
		08 MAR 2021			
GREAT BRITAIN		2	VS	3	 INDIA

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (WOMEN) 2020-21

S. No.	EVENT NAME	RESULT
01	Argentina Tour 2021 (Sr. Women)	Won - 0, Lost - 4, Draw - 3, No Result -1
02	Germany Tour 2021 (Sr. Women)	Won - 0, Lost - 4, Draw - 0



The year 2020 was as hard on the Indian Women's Hockey Team as it was on their male counterparts with all of them being restricted to a bio-bubble in SAI Centre, Bengaluru away from their families for many months, the team utilised this time to hone their skills and improve themselves in pursuit of success at the Tokyo Olympic Games. They viewed the postponement of the prestigious games as an opportunity to get better and stronger and have been headed in that direction, having secured positive outcomes when they toured Argentina and Germany to play matches against top ranked nations in world hockey.

After being out of action for almost one year after their tour of New Zealand in 2020, the Indian Women's Hockey Team travelled to Argentina in January 2021 for their first tour post the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Indian Women's Team registered scores of 2-2 & 1-1 against Argentina (Junior Women), 1-2 & 2-3 against Argentina (Women B) and 2-3, 0-2 and 1-1 against the Argentina Senior Women's team.

Following their tour of Argentina, the Indian Women's Team travelled to Germany for their second tour of the year. They registered scores of 0-5, 0-1, 0-2 & 1-2 in their four encounters against Germany in February-March 2021.



ARGENTINA TOUR 2021 (03 JAN - 04 FEB 2021)

MATCH 01
17 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA
(JR. WOMEN)



2 VS 2



INDIA

MATCH 02
19 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA
(JR. WOMEN)



1 VS 1



INDIA

MATCH 03
22 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA B



2 VS 1



INDIA

MATCH 04
24 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA B



3 VS 2



INDIA

MATCH 05
26 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA



3 VS 2



INDIA

MATCH 06
28 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA



2 VS 0



INDIA

MATCH 07
30 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA



MATCH ABANDONED



INDIA

MATCH 08
31 JAN 2021

ARGENTINA



1 VS 1



INDIA

The Indian Women's Hockey Team put up a determined performance to end their campaign in Argentina with a 1-1 draw on 31 January 2021. Earlier in the tour, India had drawn 2-2, 1-1 against the Argentina Junior team and lost 1-2, 2-3 to Argentina 'B' team. Against the Argentina Senior side, India lost 2-3 and 0-2 in the first and second matches.



GERMANY TOUR 2021 (23 FEB - 05 MAR 2021)

The Indian Women's Hockey Team concluded their tour of Germany with a 1-2 defeat in the fourth and final match in Dusseldorf on 04 March 2021. The Indian Women's Hockey Team went down 0-5, 0-1 and 0-2 in their first three matches of the tour.





		MATCH 01			
		27 FEB 2021			
GERMANY		5	VS	0	 INDIA
		MATCH 02			
		28 FEB 2021			
GERMANY		1	VS	0	 INDIA
		MATCH 03			
		02 MAR 2021			
GERMANY		2	VS	0	 INDIA
		MATCH 04			
		04 MAR 2021			
GERMANY		2	VS	1	 INDIA

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (JR. WOMEN) 2020-21

S. No.	EVENT NAME	RESULT
01	Chile Tour 2021 (Jr. Women)	Won - 5, Lost - 0, Draw - 1



After almost a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic situations, the Junior Women's Team returned to the international competition with a successful Tour of Chile in January 2021, where the team remained unbeaten. Having won five of six matches and playing out one draw on the Tour of Chile, the Junior Women's Team kickstarted their preparations for the all-important Junior Women's Asia Cup and FIH Junior World Cup (Women) Scheduled for 2021 on a positive note.



CHILE TOUR (09 - 25 JAN 2021)

The Indian Junior Women's team won five of six matches played during their Tour of Chile, with one match ending in a draw. They started their tour by playing against Chile Junior Women's Team, both of which ended in India's favour with score-lines of 5-3 and 4-2 respectively. The Junior Eves continued their fine of form as their wins in the opening matches were backed by three wins in four matches against the Chile Senior team. The score-lines against Chile Senior team were 3-2, 2-2, 2-0 and 2-1.







MATCH 01
17 JAN 2021

CHILE (JR. WOMEN)  **3 VS 5**  INDIA



MATCH 02
18 JAN 2021

CHILE (JR. WOMEN)  **2 VS 4**  INDIA

MATCH 03
20 JAN 2021

CHILE  **2 VS 3**  INDIA



MATCH 04
21 JAN 2021

CHILE  **2 VS 2**  INDIA

MATCH 05
23 JAN 2021

CHILE  **0 VS 2**  INDIA

MATCH 06
24 JAN 2021

CHILE  **1 VS 2**  INDIA

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (JR. MEN) 2020-21



After a few uncertain months due to the Covid-19 situations, the Indian Junior Men's Team resumed their activities with a Training and Conditioning Camp, which started in October 2020 and ended in January 2021.

After a few days break, India Colts were brought back into the camp at SAI, Bangalore, with their focus pinned on the upcoming Junior Asia Cup 2021 and the marquee event FIH Junior Hockey World Cup (Men) 2021 which is scheduled to take place in India. The 37-member core probable group are making the most out of the National Camp.



HOCKEY INDIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020-21



After a year's wait, the domestic calendar finally got under way in March 2021 courtesy of the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021. The event was held in Sirmedga, Jharkhand for the first time and Hockey Haryana finished as Champions. The Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship was held in Jind, Haryana with Hockey Jharkhand emerging as winners.

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 and the 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 were introduced in the calendar year, with SAI-Academy winning both tournaments. They were held at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Hockey India thanks the Organising Committee of each of the National Championships for carrying out a fabulous job of ensuring that all matches were held in a safe and secure environment.



393 players in 22 different teams participated in the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021 in Simdega, Jharkhand from 10 - 18 March 2021.



403 players representing 22 different teams participated in the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021 in Jind, Haryana from 17 - 25 March 2021.



177 players participated in the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 17 - 25 March 2021.



247 players participated in the 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 17 - 26 March 2021.

11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021, Simdega, Jharkhand



GOLD MEDAL - HOCKEY HARYANA



SILVER MEDAL - HOCKEY JHARKHAND

11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021 was conducted in Simdega, Jharkhand from 10 - 18 March 2021. Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Jharkhand 4-3 in a shootout to secure the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021 title after the Final ended 0-0 after 60 minutes of action on 18 March 2021.

Uttar Pradesh Hockey finished third in the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021 after edging out Hockey Odisha 3-1.



BRONZE MEDAL - UTTAR PRADESH HOCKEY



11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021, Jind, Haryana



GOLD MEDAL - HOCKEY JHARKHAND



SILVER MEDAL - HOCKEY HARYANA

11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021 was conducted in Jind, Haryana from 17 - 25 March 2021.

Hockey Jharkhand beat Hockey Haryana 3-1 via a shootout to win the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021 in Jind, Haryana on 25 March 2021. Uttar Pradesh Hockey finished at the third position in the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021 after a magnificent 23-0 win against Manipur Hockey.



BRONZE MEDAL - UTTAR PRADESH HOCKEY



1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



GOLD MEDAL - SAI - ACADEMY



SILVER MEDAL

ODISHA NAVAL TATA HOCKEY HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE

1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 was conducted in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 17 - 25 March. SAI- Academy defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 5-4 via shootout after both teams were locked at 2-2 in regulation time to win the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 title in Bhubaneswar on 25 March 2021.

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy 8-0 to finish third in the inaugural edition of the tournament.



BRONZE MEDAL - MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY



1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



GOLD MEDAL - SAI - ACADEMY



SILVER MEDAL - MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY

1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 was conducted in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 17 - 26 March 2021. SAI – Academy claimed a thrilling 2 – 1 victory over Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy in the Final of the 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 to become the winners of the inaugural edition of the competition.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre defeated Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) 5 – 1 to claim 3rd place.



HOCKEY INDIA SANCTIONED DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS

S.No.	Tournament Name	Date	Venue
1	Winter Hockey Rink Tournament Under 16 Girls 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
2	Winter Hockey Rink Tournament Under 14 Girls 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
3	Winter Hockey Rink tournament Senior Women 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
4	Winter Hockey Rink tournament Senior Men 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
5	Winter Hockey Rink Tournament Under 14 Boys 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
6	Winter Hockey Rink Tournament Under 16 Boys 2021	12 - 13 Feb 2021	Andheri, Mumbai
7	Navabharat Trophy 4th Men All India Tournament 2021	15 - 24 Feb 2021	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
8	Navabharat Trophy 3rd Women All India Tournament 2021	19 - 24 Feb 2021	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
9	56th All India Veer Singh Ju Dev Memorial Hockey Tournament	07 - 14 Mar 2021	Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh
10	5th All India Rajmata Vijay Raje Scindhiya Women's Hockey Tournament	07 - 14 Mar 2021	Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh

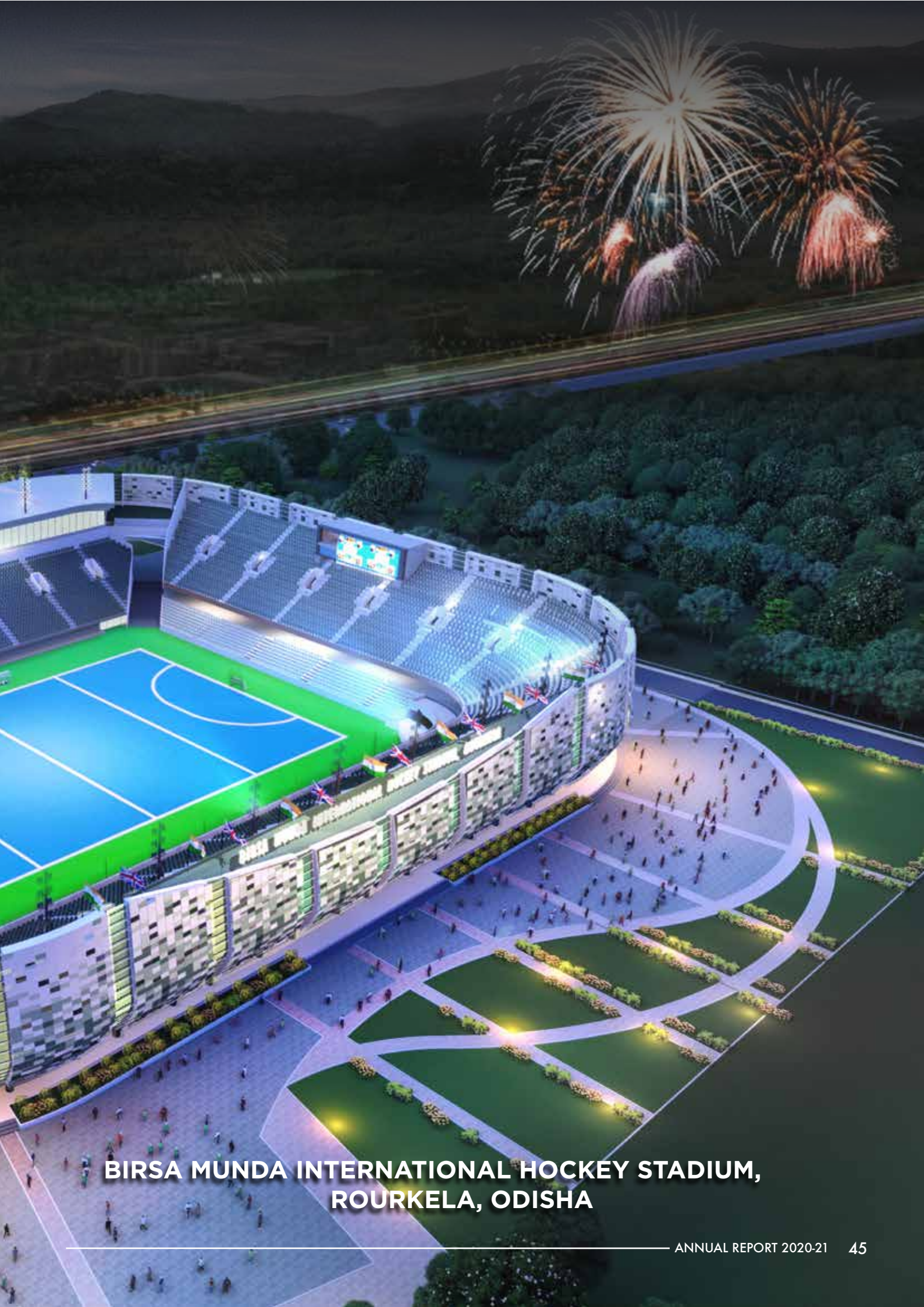




INDIAN MEN'S TEAM FORWARD SIMRANJEET SINGH

An aerial night-time architectural rendering of a large, modern hockey stadium. The stadium features a curved, multi-tiered seating bowl with a blue and white facade. The ice rink is brightly lit with green and blue lights. In the foreground, there is a large plaza with many people walking, surrounded by landscaped greenery and trees. In the background, fireworks are exploding in the dark sky over a cityscape.

COUNTRY'S LARGEST HOCKEY STADIUM TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN ROURKELA



**BIRSA MUNDA INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM,
ROURKELA, ODISHA**

STEEL CITY ROURKELA GEARS UP TO HOST THE FIH ODISHA MEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUP INDIA 2023



A delegation of senior officials from Odisha, Hockey India and President FIH made the visit to Rourkela, Odisha on 11th December 2020, to assess the infrastructure work being carried out in the Steel City ahead of the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup India 2023.

Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Chief Secretary, Odisha, Shri. Asit Kumar Tripathy, International Hockey Federation (FIH) President, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, senior officials from State Department of Sports and Youth Services (DSYS), Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation of Odisha (IDCO), Hockey India (HI) and Sundergarh and Rourkela administration convened to review, assess and lay the road map, and systematically planned subsequent actions related to sports infrastructure development as per FIH standards and urban development involving large scale upgradation of Rourkela city.

During this visit, the officials took note of the airport upgradation work being carried out, as well as reviewed the medical and accommodation facilities in and around the city. The delegation also took note of the traffic, security and local transportation facilities between Bhubaneswar to Rourkela.

After the stupendous success of Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup in 2018 and the scale at which it was hosted, FIH had last year announced that the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup will be hosted in Odisha, for a second consecutive time, this time at two venues, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. After the Olympics, the Hockey World Cup is the most important tournament in world hockey and given the speed at which the preparations are underway, there is already huge excitement amongst hockey lovers from across the state of Odisha, especially from Sundergarh and Rourkela region.

HON'BLE ODISHA CHIEF MINISTER ANNOUNCED INDIA'S LARGEST HOCKEY STADIUM TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN ROURKELA



The wheels to host the prestigious FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup India 2023 started rolling in as the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik on 24 December 2020 announced a new world class Hockey stadium in Rourkela city which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a sitting capacity of 20 thousand. This is going to redefine the sports landscape in the region.

The stadium along with the allied facilities will be developed as a benchmark for other Hockey stadiums around the world. Spread over 15 acres of land, the stadium will be constructed in the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus, Rourkela.

Hockey players and people of Sundargarh district expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik for the State Government's initiative to build India's largest hockey stadium in Rourkela. The stadium will host hockey's greatest & finest during the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup India 2023.

COUNTRY'S LARGEST HOCKEY STADIUM IN ROURKELA



**BIRSA MUNDA INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM,
ROURKELA, ODISHA**

The Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, on 16 February 2021, laid the foundation stone for the new world-class Hockey stadium to be constructed in Rourkela city which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a sitting capacity of 20,000.

The stadium is set to have all the modern facilities and will offer a unique experience to players and the fans during the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. The work to develop synthetic hockey turf in each of the 17 blocks of Sundargarh district has already begun.

In 2023, the hockey-loving nation will host the competition for a record fourth time since its inception in 1971. The 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup is slated to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from 13 January 2023 to 29 January 2023.

The 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup being hosted in India holds great significance since India will be completing 75 years of independence in 2023. The host federation Hockey India did not want to miss out on the opportunity to showcase the growth of the sport in the country in this landmark year and give the country another reason to celebrate 75 years of independence.

When India hosted the 14th edition of Men's Hockey World Cup in 2018, all the matches of the competition were held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, but two venues will be utilized for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023 – Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

"We are aiming to complete all the work required for hosting a successful FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup India 2023 by mid-2022. The upcoming World Cup is expected to be even bigger than the one in 2018. It will be

a challenge and an opportunity for us to organize the 2023 World Cup in two venues – Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Since the World Cup in 2018 was held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, most of the arrangements are in place in Bhubaneswar, while a new world-class Hockey stadium is being built in Rourkela. World-class infrastructure at both venues will enable Odisha to once again deliver a successful and memorable tournament and leave behind a valuable and lasting legacy," said Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Shri. Tusharkanti Behera.

Speaking on the preparations for the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India, said "It's an absolute honour for us to host the Men's Hockey World Cups back-to-back. After hosting a successful World Cup in 2018, we are going to ensure that the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023 will have even better facilities for the players and the fans. It's very exciting to note that we are exactly two years away from the 2023 World Cup."

India has hosted some of the biggest hockey competitions in recent years including the FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2017, FIH Men's Series Finals in 2019 and the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in 2019. Smooth organization, world-class facilities, and the success of these tournaments have made India one of the major centres for hockey in the world. India will become the first country ever to host four Men's Hockey World Cups in 2023, after having hosted the Men's Hockey World Cups in 1982 (Mumbai), 2010 (New Delhi) and 2018 (Bhubaneswar). The national side will be looking to win the coveted title after their last win in 1975.



COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY



The Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway which was launched in March 2019, is a simplified education structure that aims to help in developing coaches from the grassroots level into world-class coaches of the high performance/international level. After getting a good response in the initial months, Hockey India ensured to continue this program despite the pandemic situations and the lockdown in 2020 as they came up with an innovative virtual format of it. The Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) was successfully organized in September/ October and December last year, and February 2021. Hockey India, in close association with the International Hockey Federation (FIH), also organized the FIH Academy - Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course online for Indian Coaches. Soon after things getting back to normal, in March 2021, Hockey India, while following COVID-19 protocols and safety measures, conducted first on-ground Level '1' and Level '2' Coaching courses after almost a year's time. Since the launch of Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway in 2019, over 1000 coaches from across India have benefitted from the program which is a simplified education structure that consists of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process, which helps the Coaches in progressing to higher levels.



S.No.	Course Certification	No. of Certified Coaches
1	Hockey India Level '1' Certified Coach	347
2	Hockey India Level '2' Certified Coach	105
3	FIH Level '1' Coaching Certified Coach	66
4	FIH Level '2' Coaching Certified Coach	29

HOCKEY INDIA COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY 2020-21



S. No.	Name	Dates	Venue
1	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	11 May 2020	Online
2	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	15 May 2020	Online
3	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	03 Aug 2020	Online
4	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	23 Sep 2020	Online
5	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	25 Sep 2020	Online
6	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	29 Sep 2020	Online
7	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	01 Oct 2020	Online
8	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	06 Oct 2020	Online

S. No.	Name	Dates	Venue
9	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	07 Oct 2020	Online
10	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	21 Oct 2020	Online
11	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	23 Oct 2020	Online
12	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	22 Dec 2020	Online
13	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	23 Dec 2020	Online
14	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	15 Feb 2021	Online
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19	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	13 Apr 2021	Online
20	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021	15 Apr 2021	Online
21	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021	29 to 30 Jan 2021	New Delhi
22	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021	31 Jan to 1 Feb 2021	New Delhi
23	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021	3 to 4 Feb 2021	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
24	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021	5 to 6 Feb 2021	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
25	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2021	23 to 24 Mar 2021	New Delhi
26	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2021	25 to 26 March 2021	New Delhi
27	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2021	27 to 28 Mar 2021	New Delhi
28	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2021	30 to 31 Mar 2021	New Delhi

Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway benefits over 1000 candidates in India

In pursuit of developing Coaches from the grassroots and enabling them to meet the requirements and the ever-growing demands of international hockey, the sports' governing body in India launched the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway in March 2019.

The meticulously-designed program, which has aimed to provide certification to those candidates who are already Coaches or wish to pursue Coaching as a career option, has benefitted over 1000 candidates since 2019. This simplified education structure has provided certification to develop Coaches from grassroots through to a high performance/ International level. The program has consisted of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process.

A host of former India Hockey players and coaches from every region of the country have attended various Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway courses since its launch in 2019.

Speaking on participating in the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway 2021, Arjuna Awardee & Olympian Dr AB Subbaiah said, "The Coaching Education Pathway started by Hockey India is a very good program. I recommend all the young aspiring coaches of India, who want to pick up coaching seriously, to undergo the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway. This is where one can learn all the modern techniques from the very experienced national coaches as well as former players, who have undergone FIH level coaching courses."



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Former India Captain & Olympian Bharat Chetri also lauded the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, “I feel having a systematic coaching structure is a massive aspect when it comes to development of players and the sport in the country. The improvement that we have seen in the last decade where both our teams have risen in FIH World Rankings is down to Hockey India’s efforts of improving both the domestic structure, as well as providing upcoming coaches with the right insights through the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway.”

Olympian and Arjuna Awardee Deepika said that she has learned how to utilize her experience as a player to coach young players at the grassroots level.

“I have learned a lot through the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway. I have learned how to utilize my experience and passion to coach players at the grassroots level. I would like to thank Hockey India for starting the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway for experienced players like us,” said Deepika.

Former International Dipika Murty who represented India at two Senior World Cups feels about Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway that “Experience has been extremely good, important thing which has been learnt during the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Coaching Courses and which she would like inculcate in coaching is to get down to the level of the players, focus on the basics and while Coaching the players, also take feedback from players.”

Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway benefits over 1000 candidates in India



Indian Men's Hockey Team Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh also shared his thoughts on the Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway, "Earlier, coaches had to travel abroad to attend & get certified by FIH. It was cost-heavy as they would have to spend from their own pocket for travel and accommodation etc. But with Hockey India launching this program and subsequently organizing FIH Level 1, FIH Level 2 and higher levels here in India and FIH Educators coming to impart their knowledge, it has become so much easier to get certified. I have also spoken to some of the former players who have attended these courses to understand better and they have all given me positive responses."

Long list of former India Players who attended Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway includes Indian Men's & Women's Hockey Team, Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Rani, Asunta Lakra, Helen Mary, Sanggai Chanu, Soundarya Yendala, Poonam Rani, Pritam Siwach, Yogita Bali, Joydeep Kaur, Vickram Kanth, Bharat Chikara, Deepak Thakur, Shivendra Singh, Prabhjot Singh, Devesh Chauhan, Rajnish Mishra, Sameer Dad, Vikram Pillay, Devinder Walmiki, Yuvraj Walmiki, Didar Singh, Tushar Khandker, Sabu Varkey, Davinder Kumar, Lajrus Barla, Adrian D'souza, Gavin Ferreira to name a few.

Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway benefits over 1000 candidates in India

The Hockey India Coaches Education Pathway hasn't only catered to the major states of the country but has encouraged candidates to join the course from all parts of India – Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Puducherry, Goa, Jharkhand and Odisha, among others.

The Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching course (Online) saw the highest number of participants from the North-Eastern State Member Units which include Hockey Arunachal, Hockey Nagaland, Hockey Mizoram, Tripura Hockey and Assam Hockey.

Ramthrnghaka Israela from Hockey Mizoram said that the Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching course (Online) has encouraged him to go further.

"I have learned so many things through the Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching course (Online) such as the qualities required to become a good coach, how to communicate with team members and the kind of relationship needed between the players and coach. This course has given me ideas, knowledge and confidence. It has encouraged me to go further. I am very grateful to Hockey India for giving me this opportunity to take part in this course," said Israela.



AHF Education Online Workshops for Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials

After the successful completion of the AHF Online Education Workshops exclusively for the Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials in each of the last ten months, the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) will keep on conducting Online Education Workshops also in the year 2021.



Aimed at providing technical expertise and knowledge on various aspects of the sport for the Coaches, Umpires & Technical Officials; these online education workshops were conducted free of cost, consisting of a three to four hours' sessions each. Various topics including Game analysis, Goal Scoring Dynamics, Match Day etc. were covered for Coaches and Mental Factors, Communication & Using FIH TMS, What Makes a Good Technical Official etc. were covered for Umpires and Technical Officials respectively.

Speaking on the participation of the Coaches and Umpires in the AHF Online Education Workshops Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India said, "It has been brilliant to see the way the Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials have seized the opportunity to grow and evolve through the AHF Online Education Workshops in the last several months. We cannot be more grateful to the Asian Hockey Federation for conducting workshops exclusively for Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials every month. I wish the candidates all the very best and hope that they continue to learn new techniques in the upcoming months."

Meanwhile, Dato Tayyab Ikram, Chief Executive, Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) and Chairman FIH Development and Education Committee also commented on the occasion, "The energy and the enthusiasm shown by the Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and the Technical Officials during the AHF Online Education Workshops have been absolutely fantastic. We are eagerly looking forward to organize another set of AHF Online Education Workshops in upcoming months and work with a brilliant bunch of talented candidates from Hockey India."



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SAVITA



INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM GOALKEEPER SAVITA PUNIA



AWARDS & HONOUR

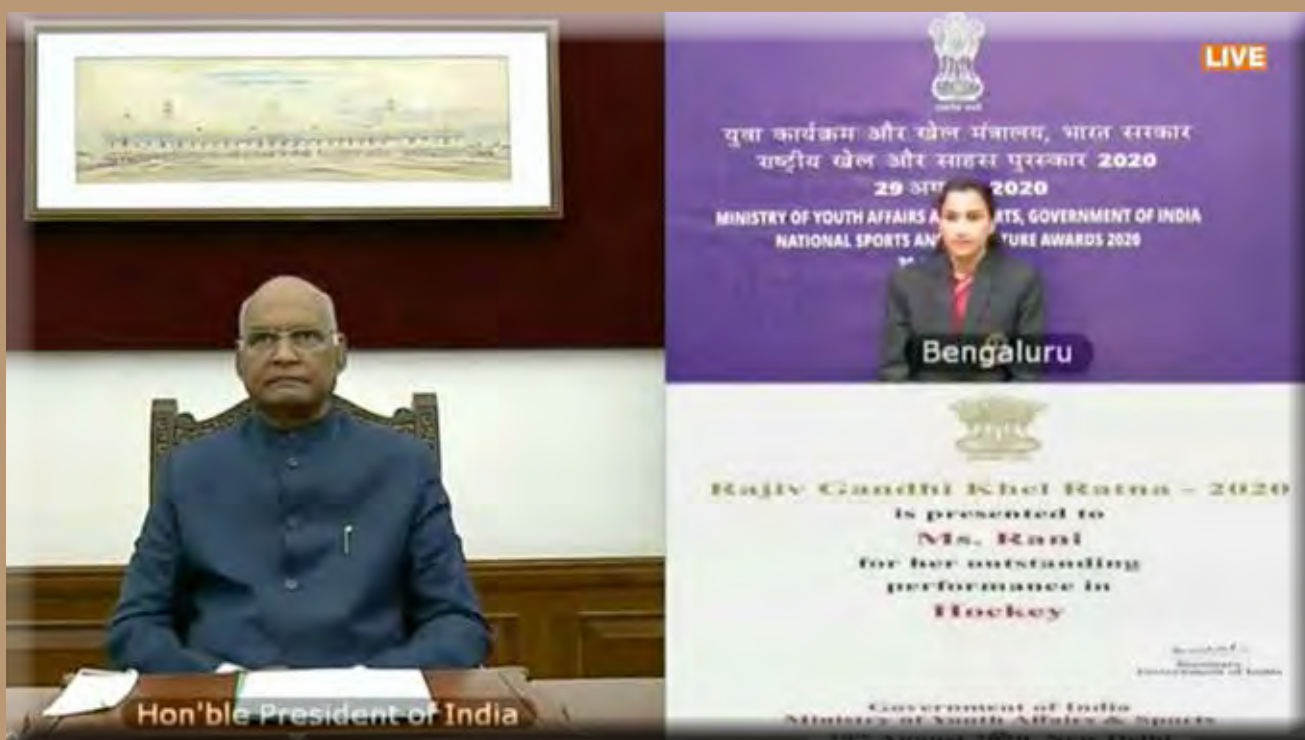
The Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Rani was awarded the prestigious Khel Ratna award in August 2020. She became the first Indian women's hockey player and only the third hockey player after Dhanraj Pillay and Sardar Singh to receive country's highest award for sporting excellence. Indian Men's Team forward Akashdeep Singh and Women's Team defender Deepika were conferred with the Arjuna Award by the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind. Moreover, Ajit Singh conferred with Dhyan Chand Award and Jude Felix was conferred with Dronacharya Award while Romesh Pathania was awarded the Dronacharya Award (Life-Time achievement) for their contributions to Indian hockey over the years.

The Indian Women's Team won the Vogue Sportswomen of the Year 2020. The Indian Eves were given the Award for their innovative 18-day fun fitness challenge to raise funds towards helping the poor and migrant families whose lives have been affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL AWARDS 2020

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD - RANI

Rani has led the Indian Women's Hockey Team to historic victories during the period of consideration (January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019) for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Some of the triumphs include the Women's Asia Cup in 2017 and Silver at the 2018 Asian Games. Rani played a critical role in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers in 2019 by scoring the deciding goal that helped in India's qualification for the Tokyo Olympics.



DRONACHARYA AWARD (LIFE-TIME CATEGORY) - ROMESH PATHANIA

Romesh Pathania has been donning the Coach's hat for the last 30 years. He has made an immense contribution to help build the sport of hockey in India and achieve our goals.



DRONACHARYA AWARD (REGULAR CATEGORY) - JUDE FELIX SEBASTIAN

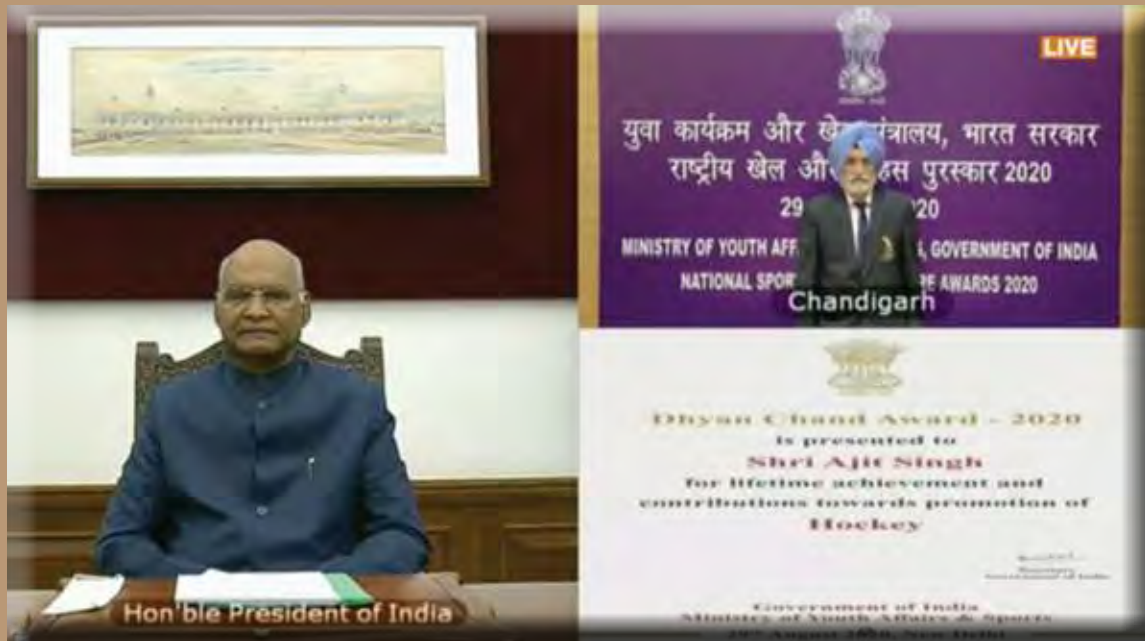
Jude Felix runs his Hockey Academy, the Jude Felix Hockey Academy (JFHA), charitable trust (regd) which has directly introduced and promoted hockey to over 1400 individuals including students, Coaches, volunteers and veterans. Jude Felix has also served the Junior and Senior Indian Hockey Teams in different capacities over the years.



NATIONAL AWARDS 2020

DHYAN CHAND AWARD - AJIT SINGH

Ajit Singh has made a huge contribution to the development of hockey in India for several years. He was part of the Olympic Bronze Medal-winning team at the 1972 Olympics as well.



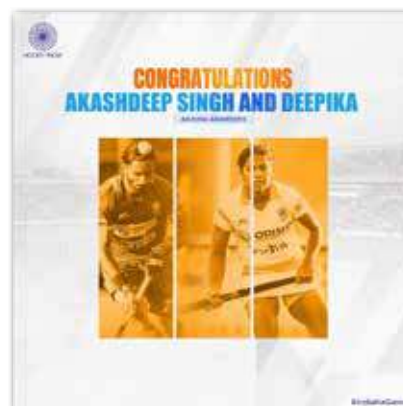
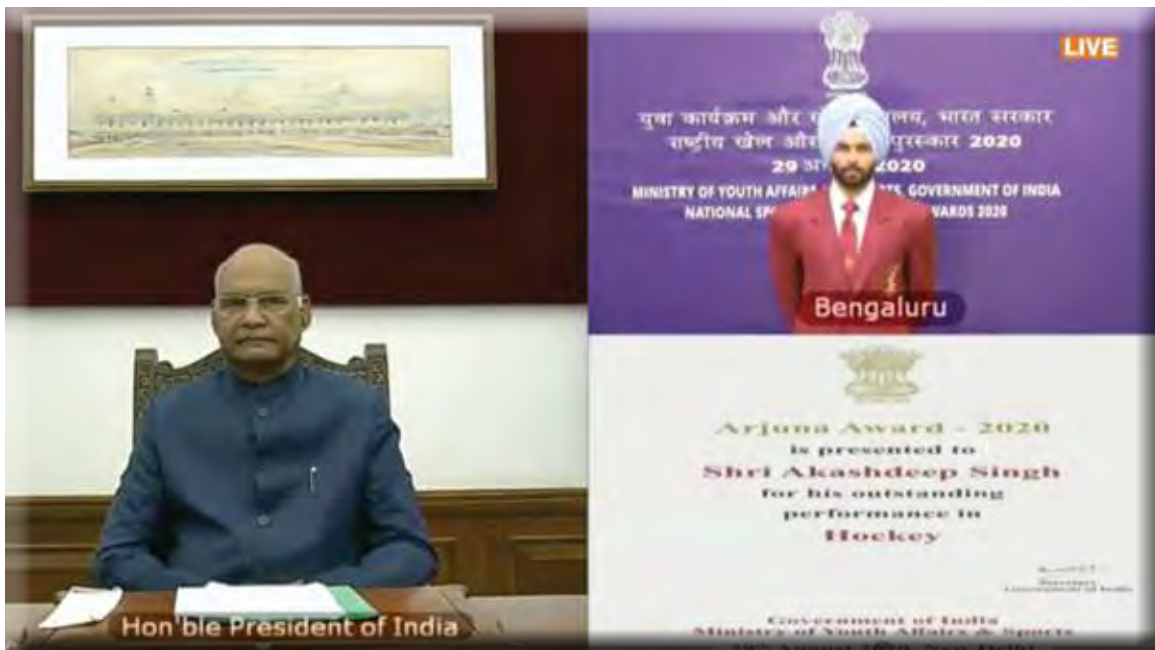
ARJUNA AWARD - DEEPIKA

Deepika, who has played over 200 matches for India, was the leading Goalscorer when India won Gold at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2016. She played a key role in India clinching the Silver Medal at the Asian Games 2018 as well.



ARJUNA AWARD - AKASHDEEP SINGH

Akashdeep Singh has contributed to numerous victories for the Indian Men's Hockey Team in the last four years. Akashdeep played a key role in India clinching the Silver Medal at the Hockey Champions Trophy 2016 and Bronze Medal at Asian Games 2018.



DEEP GRACE EKKA AWARDED BIJU PATNAIK SPORTS AWARD

On 29th August, on the occasion of National Sports Day, Deep Grace Ekka was awarded the Biju Patnaik Sports Award at Biju Patnaik Awards for Sports, Bravery and State Awards for her Outstanding Performance in Sports by Sports and Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha. The Award was presented to her family by Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Sports Minister, Government of Odisha.



NAMITA TOPPO HONoured WITH THE EKALABYA PURASKAR

Namita Toppo was honoured with the Ekalabya Puraskar on 27 December 2020 for her outstanding contribution to women’s hockey at the international and national level.



ISHIKA CHAUDHARY RECEIVED “EKALVYA AWARD”



Ishika Chaudhary, Junior Women Core Probable received “Ekalvya Award” from Madhya Pradesh Government during the Madhya Pradesh Shikhar Khel Alankaran Samaroh 2019 held at Bhopal on 28 December 2020.

India Women’s National Field Hockey Team featured on the cover of Vogue India Magazine

Vogue India, one of India’s leading fashion, beauty, luxury and lifestyle multi-media brand, featured the Indian Women’s Hockey Team on the cover of their November 2020 edition, and thereby recognised the team for being in the spotlight for the upcoming 2021 Olympics’ campaign and also for the wonderful philanthropic initiative they undertook to help the daily wage workers during the pandemic.

Along with being fierce competitors on the field, the team had also featured in the Vogue Warrior series earlier in the year, which showcased them as the women who were leading the fight against the pandemic in India through their initiative called ‘#GIVE100FORCOVID’ which was in association with crowd-funding platform, Ketto.org, and helped raise close over Rs. 20.00 lakhs for families in distress.



TEAM OF CHAMPIONS
The 2021 Olympic Squad with chief coach Sjoerd Marjnes (centre) and the rest of the coaching staff

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INDIA WOMEN'S NATIONAL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

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Whether raising funds for migrant workers in distress, working on their fitness levels at home, learning English online whilst in lockdown, or getting back to training hard on the hockey field, these young champions are not letting the challenges of COVID-19 come in the way of their goals. By **Sheree Gomes Gupta**

For the last four years, the India women’s national field hockey team has dreamt and worked towards a single goal—to bring home an Olympic medal and make India proud. They had a lot to prove to override their performance at the Rio De Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games (they were eliminated in the group stage after qualifying for the same, for the first time since 1980). It was a huge blow for the team, but they were ready for a comeback under the steady guidance of Dutch coach Sjoerd Marjnes. Then, when the players were at their peak and raring to go, the nationwide lockdown in India was announced, and soon after, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were postponed to 2021. Given the hardships that these young women had to overcome to get to this point—not just dealing with the disappointment of their last Olympic outing and the tedious >

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FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2020 FAN CHOICE AWARDS:

Gurjant Singh's quick goal against Netherlands voted second Best Goal of FIH Hockey Pro League 2020

Indian Men's Hockey Team's forward Gurjant Singh's record quickest goal against Netherlands was voted second best by fans from around the world in the Best Goal category of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2020 Fan Choice Awards. The Indian forward had opened the scoring for India with 13 seconds on the clock with a superb breakaway goal, in a match which finished 5-2 in the favour of his team, and gave India a fantastic start to their FIH Hockey Pro League 2020 debut campaign. His goal was voted second, behind only Belgium's Ambre Ballenghien, and ahead of Argentina's Carla Rebecchi.



India's 2-1 win over Belgium voted third Best Match of FIH Hockey Pro League 2020

Indian Men's Hockey Team's superb 2-1 win over reigning World and European champions Belgium on 8th February, 2020 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, was voted as the third best FIH Hockey Pro League match of 2020 by the fans on FIH's Watch.Hockey mobile app. The win, that helped India climb one spot to take the 4th position in the FIH World Rankings, came against a strong Belgium side which was ranked 2nd in the World Rankings. A nervy but thrilling encounter, which saw the hosts take the lead in only the 2nd minute through Mandeep Singh, witnessed the visitors equalizing in the 33rd



minute through Gauthier Boccard. However, with just 14 minutes left on the clock, it was Forward Ramandeep Singh who scored the winner for India to pull off a memorable win for the Indian Men's Hockey team in front of a packed Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.



INDIAN MEN'S TEAM FORWARD DILPREET SINGH



TOP HIGHLIGHTS 2020-21

With life and sport around the world getting disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Hockey India left no stones unturned to bring back normalcy to the lives of its stakeholders. The major highlights are the resumption of sporting activities in India amid the pandemic situations. While adhering to the guidelines issued by Hockey India, the National team resumed their activities with a Camp in SAI Centre, Bengaluru.

When the country was under lockdown in March-April 2020, the members of the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams carried out a series of exercises in their rooms, as a part of the workout from home series, to keep fit while they stayed away from the hockey pitch.

In April 2020, Hockey India became the first federation to layout and share detailed SOPs and guidelines for the resumption of sporting activities. Hockey India also organised a first-of-its kind Special Congress in May 2020 via video conference to engage with its Executive Board Members and State Member Units to discuss the way forward to restart the sport at state and national level following the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

After two months, in June 2020, Olympic Day was held digitally with activities that spread the message of spirit of sportsmanship and unity through hockey-focused activities including quizzes, wellness programs, art and craft competitions, write-ups and essays on Olympic Day and Olympic values, along with spreading awareness on the importance of healthy living, staying indoors and staying fit. In the same month, Hockey India made further improvements in the Hockey India Member Unit Portal by introducing an open application & registration process for Coaches and Technical Officials.

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams players also engaged with the hockey fans through a skills-challenge to celebrate the occasion of National Sports Day on Saturday, 29 August 2020 and several Hockey India Member Units participated in the #FitIndiaFreedomRun 2020 campaign in the last week of September to promote fitness and healthy lifestyle.

With October being the breast cancer awareness month globally, Hockey India and the non-profit organization Aarogya for women cancer Research and Prevention conducted a session via Zoom with the members of the Indian Women's Hockey Team about the early detection and prevention of breast, cervical and oral cancer on 30 September 2020.

Following all the safety measures, the Governing Body for Hockey also held its 10th Hockey India Congress & Elections in New Delhi in November 2020 for the post of President.

Hockey India announce restructuring of National Championships from 2021

In an endeavour to maximise athlete participation and further develop hockey among the States, Union Territories/ NCTs, Departmental Units and Academy Members, the Hockey India Executive Board on 15th April 2020 announced that the Hockey India Annual National Championships 2021 will be restructured with dedicated events for the various Member Units as per the following: -

1. National Championships for Hockey India registered State Member Units only, for the categories Sub Junior, Junior & Senior National Championships for both Men and Women.
2. National Championships for Hockey India registered Public Sector Units/ Departmental Units only, for the categories Junior & Senior National Championships for both Men and Women.
3. National Championships for Hockey India registered Academy Member Units only, for categories Sub Junior & Junior National Championships for both Men and Women.

Furthermore, an athlete will only be eligible to represent his/her team in only one of the events listed above at serial number 1, 2 and 3. Further, an athlete will only be allowed to participate in one of the age-group categories i.e. Sub Junior or Junior or Senior to ensure that more athletes are given the opportunity to participate in India's top level domestic events.

Further as part of the qualification process for the State Member Units to participate in the Hockey India National Championships, it will be mandatory for each State Member to conduct their State Level Championships in each category i.e. Sub Junior/ Junior / Senior - Men and Women prior to the annual National Championships.

The previous system of hosting National Championships in A and B Division for various age-groups will no longer prevail but instead all State Members Units will compete in Sub-junior, Junior and Senior age-groups for Men and Women while all PSUs and Departmental Units will come under a separate category and compete among each other in Junior and Senior Category (Men and Women) and a third category that is exclusively for Academy Member Units who will compete in the Sub-Junior and Junior National Championships (Men and Women).

HOCKEY INDIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES : 6

SENIOR MEN	+	SENIOR WOMEN
JUNIOR MEN	+	JUNIOR WOMEN
SUB JUNIOR MEN	+	SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

HOCKEY INDIA DEPARTMENTAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES : 4

SENIOR MEN	+	SENIOR WOMEN
JUNIOR MEN	+	JUNIOR WOMEN

HOCKEY INDIA ACADEMY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES : 4

JUNIOR MEN	+	JUNIOR WOMEN
SUB JUNIOR MEN	+	SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

Hockey India & SAI collaborate for Coaches Development Sessions

In a bid to make use of the lockdown period to good effect, Hockey India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) on 18th April 2020 announced the introduction of the 21-day Coaches Development Sessions (CDS), as part of SAI's MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) workshop for coaches.

These online education Sessions started on 20th April 2020, and were aimed at providing high level knowledge to Hockey Coaches around the country through video conferencing. The Coaches Development Sessions were classified into two Coaching Sessions - Level 'Basic' Coaching Sessions and Level 'Intermediate' Coaching Sessions, and were conducted by Hockey India's Foreign National Team Coaches, Scientific Advisors and Director, High Performance.



Hockey India conducts training & interactive sessions for Umpires & Technical Officials via WhatsApp

Hockey India on 20th April 2020 announced that it has initiated interactive sessions through WhatsApp for Indian Umpires and Technical Officials in order to utilize the lockdown period to improve their officiating knowledge and motivate each other on fitness

matters. A team of experienced Technical Delegates and Umpire Managers were conducted these interactive sessions across six WhatsApp groups with the goal to guide and motivate the officials to raise the level of officiating and also to maintain their fitness levels. Further, a total of 30 Hockey India Member Units also conducted interactive sessions for Technical Officials and Umpires across their respective regions.



Workout from Home Series

During the lockdown, experienced Indian players, men and women, showed how one can keep fit at home. Players including Captain Rani, PR Sreejesh, Harmanpreet Singh, Navneet Kaur showed how they were keeping fit despite the lack of match practice. Rani showed off her ball control skills using a hockey stick while Sreejesh explained how one could stay fit with even without a gym or a turf.

Lalit Upadhyay displayed some pull up routines while Navneet used her skipping skills to good effect. Harmanpreet and Kothajit Singh introduced a variety of challenging push-up drills one could use at home.



Hockey India became the first NSF to issue SOPs

Hockey India became the first federation to share a detailed SOPs and guidelines for the resumption of hockey activities with all member units with the intent to be well prepared and ready for systematic rollout.

Hockey India, in the Special Congress in May, engaged its Executive Board Members and State Member Units in valuable discussions to pave the way forward and re-start the sport at state and national level following the COVID-19 pandemic situation.



The 20-page dossier to its Member Units provided a minimum standard to be followed when hockey activities resume in their respective states. The SOPs includes educating the athletes, sanitising the entire facility prior to any event as well as encouraging all participants to share their details not just with organisers but also with health authorities. The guidelines also include pre-event, during-event and post-event protocols to follow. It also covers important procedures to follow when teams have to travel for domestic competition.

A copy of the SOP document is also available on the Hockey India website.



Hockey India played pivotal role in helping state units resume sporting activities

Following the issuance of MHA orders in September 2020, Hockey India staff were in continuous touch with the 31 State Member Units to guide them through the process of resumption of their State & District level training programmes as a proactive measure to help ease the process for them. To further enhance the confidence of the State Units administration staff to resume sporting activities once their respective states issues guidelines to re-open sporting programs, Hockey India conducted an interactive session with Chief Coaches of the national teams and experienced national players; PR Sreejesh and Savita to further explain the micro-level precautions that could be followed while adhering to the Guidelines issued by Hockey India for a safe return to sporting activities.

The session illustrated this process by sharing the first-hand experience of how the National Camp coaches and players are following the set protocol being in the camp which is being held in a bio-bubble. Through the webinar, officials from each of the Hockey India Member Units got a fair idea of the precautions that need to be taken by the players on the field such as doing drills in small groups, regular hand sanitization, making a training schedule which builds the intensity steadily over time, regular temperature checks including the precautions to be taken while using shared equipment, so on. These initiatives taken from Hockey India helped states resume activities in a safe manner.



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HOCKEY INDIA

Hockey India conducts Hockey India Level ‘Basic’ Coaching Course online for Senior Core Probables

In a bid to make use of the lockdown period, Hockey India conducted the Hockey India Level ‘Basic’ Coaching Course for the Senior Core Probables, who were stationed at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. The Course saw a total of 32 Senior Men and 23 Senior Women Core Probables take part, the sessions of which were conducted online by Hockey India. Captain of the Indian Women’s Team Rani had already attended the Hockey India Coaching Education pathway in the past and achieved a Hockey India Level ‘1’ Coach Certification.



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Hockey India organized Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Session for Journalists

Hockey India had also exclusively organized the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Session for a group of journalists through Google Meet on 16 May 2020. A total of 11 journalists attended the session to get an idea about how Indian Coaches better themselves through the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway and understand the coaching system being adopted in India from grassroots level and upwards.



**COACHING
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Indian Women’s team raised awareness about preventive measures for cancer

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Hockey India added more structure to the gradation of Hockey India Tournament Officials for better performance

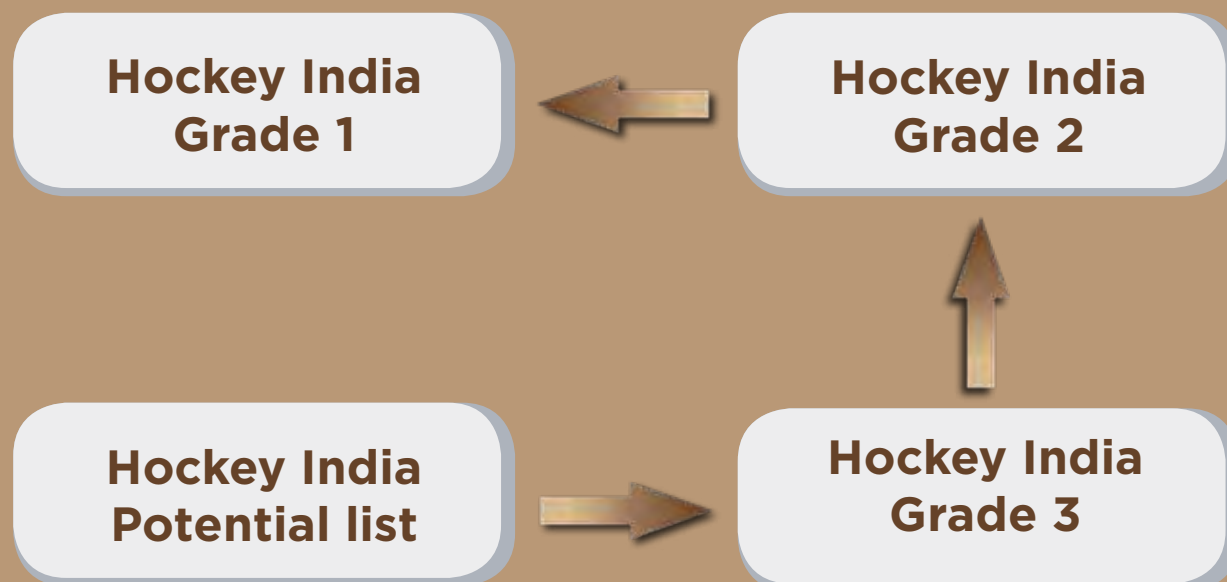
In May 2020, Hockey India announced the launch of classification of the Hockey India registered Tournament Officials which included Technical Delegate, Umpire Managers, Technical Officers, Judges and Umpires into three grades - Hockey India Grade 1, Hockey India Grade 2 and Hockey India Grade 3.

The grading was done out of 100, (percentage-wise) with emphasis for umpires being based on Performance reports (from all domestic tournaments), Fitness Test results and Online Test results whereas for Technical Officials it will be based on Performance reports (from all domestic tournaments) and Online Test results.

The appointment of Officials for domestic matches throughout India were done on the basis of the updated gradation of Officials. The Umpires/Officials, who produce excellent results in Performance reports, Fitness Test results and Online Test results will be part of Hockey India Grade 1 and so on.

Further, any new interested Tournament Officials can have a chance to join the Hockey India Potential List, once they are reviewed after being nominated by the Hockey India Member Units. To be in contention for the nomination, the Official must be below 25 years in case of Umpires and below 35 years in case of Technical Officials, should have passed the HI online tests, must have minimum two years of experience in state and district championships and shall be nominated by their state member units. The nominations can only be made through the Hockey India Member Unit Portal via the official registration process which began from 01 July 2020.

Hockey India Grades



Hockey India makes modifications to the assessment of Officials Performance Report Templates for Tournament Officials and Umpires

Hockey India has made further modifications to the assessment of Officials Performance Report Templates including Tournament Officials and Umpires.

The result in the Performance report is one of the key factors for the assessment of the work carried out by the Tournament Officials and Umpires in domestic tournaments in India. Along with the current evaluation criteria in the Officials Performance Report Templates for Tournament Officials, a new updated Umpire Assessment Match Report has been added. The performance of the Umpires will be assessed in each and every match they are officiating and the Umpire Managers will share their reports with the Umpires and Hockey India after their respective matches are completed. It will also be utilized during the umpires debriefing and the Umpire Managers will ensure that the Umpires learn and improve after every match and don't commit the same errors.

The assessment match reports will serve as the basis for the appointment of the Umpire in the final phases of a particular tournament and shall also help Hockey India ensure that the best performing Umpires will officiate in the Semi-Finals and Finals of the particular tournament. The Umpire's performance will be monitored efficiently, leading to the justified selection of umpires during the crucial stages of a tournament. These modifications will contribute to improving the standard of Umpiring and Officiating in India. Hockey India conducted an online workshop for all Hockey India registered Technical Delegates and Umpire Managers on 27th June 2020 and 28th June 2020 which ensured standardisation of assessment of Officials which will be a better and more efficient method to effectively mark the official's performance through Performance Reports.

Hockey India conducted Online Workshop for Technical Delegates & Technical Officers

After having conducted an online workshop for all Hockey India registered Technical Delegates and Umpire Managers to ensure standardization on assessment of Officials, Hockey India on 26 July 2020 organized another online workshop for the Hockey India registered Technical Delegates and Technical Officers to ensure continuation in the development process of the participating Technical Officials.

The online workshop took place through video conferencing and was conducted by FIH World Panel/ FIH Pro League Technical Official & Certified FIH Academy Educator, Mr. Moghul Mohammed Muneer. It was attended by a total of 22 candidates which consisted of Hockey India registered Technical Delegates and experienced Technical Officers, and focused majorly on the preparation of Match Schedule by the Technical Officials as per the FIH Competition Policies And Procedures.

International Hockey Federation (FIH) organize Facilities workshop for Hockey India State Member Units

The Facilities and Quality Programme Manager at the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Alastair Cox conducted a very productive Facilities workshop for Hockey India State Member Units through Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 09 July 2020. One representative from each of the Hockey India's 31 State Member Units got an opportunity to understand the basics of developing a facilities strategy, understand the different field and surfacing options and identify additional features to consider when planning a new hockey facility during the course of the three-hour workshop.



The Facilities and Quality Programme Manager stressed on the topics relevant to India including academy venues during the workshop. Hockey India extended this opportunity to its registered 31 State Member Units with one representative allowed from each of the State Member Units to attend the workshop.

State Member Units constitute Masters Committee within their respective States

After Hockey India joined 38 other National Associations from around the world as a member of the World Masters Hockey (WMH) in March 2020, Hockey India State Member Units in November 2020 formed their respective Masters Committee to further carry out responsibilities at the State Level to promote and further develop Masters Hockey across the country.

The Hockey India Masters Committee, which will be overseeing all matters related to these Masters matches and tournaments at the National level in India, is headed by Mr. Harbinder Singh as the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. RP Singh as the Convener, with Members including former India players Mr. BP Govinda, Mr. Jagbir Singh, Dr. AB Subbaiah, Ms. Surinder Kaur and Ms. M Renuka Lakshmi.

As per the guidelines set by Hockey India Masters Committee, the state member units through their respective committees will be responsible to ensure all the Masters athletes of various age categories are registered on the Hockey India Member Units Portal. Some of the Committee members of the State Member Units include the likes of former India Captain Pargat Singh, Mir Ranjan Negi, Gurbux Singh, Birbahadur Chettri among many others. By having a proper Hockey India Masters Committee with the mandate to encourage, plan and execute various Masters hockey events in the country, it gives former players and people from all age groups and both genders the chance to deep-dive once again into the adrenaline rush that comes with playing their favourite sport.

Hockey India introduces Open Application & Registration system for Players, Coaches and Technical Officials

Hockey India, which has utilized the Hockey India Member Unit Portal since September 2019 to manage all their important documentation, registration of players, player transfers, national championships, Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, registration of coaches and technical officials, have introduced some new key features to the Hockey India Member Unit Portal. The Hockey India Member Unit Portal is a major step towards going paperless and making data easily accessible. All the activities carried out by all Hockey India Member Units are documented on the Portal.

Hockey India on 01 July 2020 launched an open application submission system for registration of Coaches and Technical Officials. Any candidate can submit their application for further approval of Hockey India's registered Member Unit to register as a Coach or Technical Official through the open link that was circulated via the media and social media.

Once a candidate submits his/her application, he or she would need the approval of the concerned Hockey India registered Member Unit under which a Coach or Technical Official is submitting the application. Once the application is approved by the Hockey India Member Unit, the application would require the final approval of Hockey India prior to the confirmation of registration of a Coach or Technical Official.

On 07 January 2021, Hockey India introduced an open application and registration process for players under various categories, similar to the open application and registration process for Coaches and Technical Officials. Any hockey player across the country can submit their application for further approval of Hockey India Registered Member Unit to register as a player through the Hockey India Member Unit Portal.



Hockey India organizes a virtual walk-through of Hockey India Member Unit Portal for Journalists

Hockey India exclusively organized a virtual walk-through of the Hockey India Member Unit Portal for a group of journalists through Google Meet on 16th September 2020. A total of six journalists attended the event to understand how the Portal helps Hockey India and its Member Units to manage all their important documentation, registration of players, player transfers, national championships, Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, registration of coaches and technical officials. The Hockey India Member Unit Portal is a major step towards going paperless and making data easily accessible.

Hockey India inducts the New Associate Member & Academy Members

With the aim to find fresh talent in the country for the promotion and development of the game of Hockey in India. Hockey India inducted the following members in 2020-21 :

Academy Members

HAR HOCKEY ACADEMY	S.G.P.C. HOCKEY ACADEMY	KHALSA HOCKEY ACADEMY (AMRITSAR)
SURJIT HOCKEY ACADEMY, JALANDHAR	ROUNDGLASS PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY	ADYAR HOCKEY ACADEMY
NAVAL TATA HOCKEY ACADEMY - JAMSHEDPUR	GHUMANHERA RISERS ACADEMY	HIM ACADEMY
BERAR HOCKEY ACADEMY (VIDARBHA) AMRAVATI	SAI - ACADEMY	

Associate Member

DIRECTORATE GENERAL NCC (DGNC)

Hockey India Souvenir Distribution

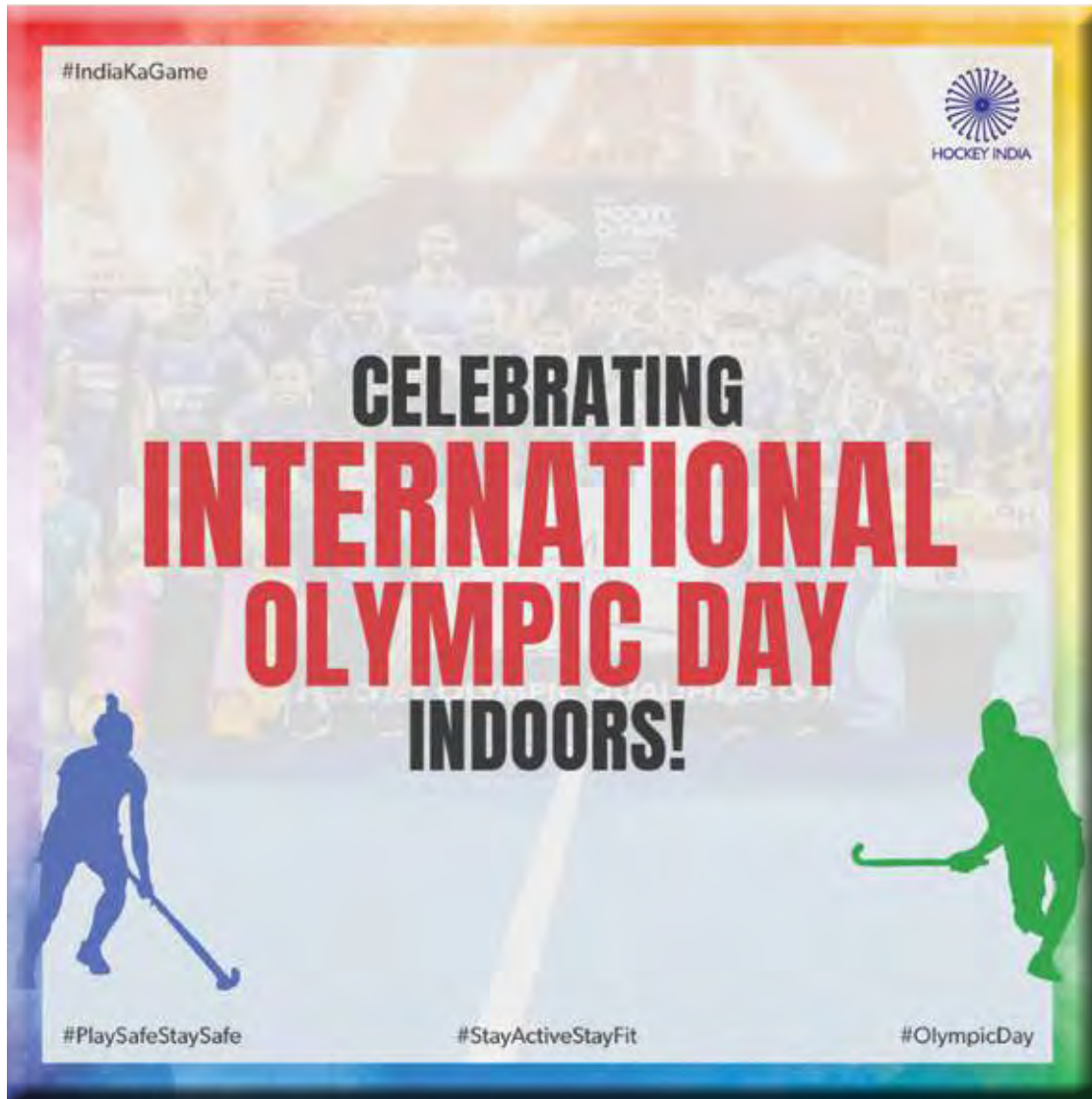
During October 2020, Hockey India distributed HI Souvenirs:- Hockey Balls, Face Masks, Neck Ties, Scarfs and Pen to Member Units across India as the states were all geared up for resumption of sporting activities in their respective regions. This activity was conducted to support and encourage all member units to slowly but steadily resume sporting activities.



Hockey India celebrated Olympic Day 2020, National Sports Day 2020 & FIT India Freedom Run 2020 by bringing hockey community together digitally



Hockey India celebrated the 72nd Olympic Day with its Member Units by presenting its Olympic values among the young children, players, coaches and administrative staff by taking part in various activities while respecting the social distancing and safety guidelines prescribed by the government.



Hockey India's Member Units marked special Olympic Day 2020 with activities that espoused the value of spirit of sportsmanship and unity through quizzes, wellness programs, art and craft competitions, write-ups and essays on Olympic Day and Olympic values.

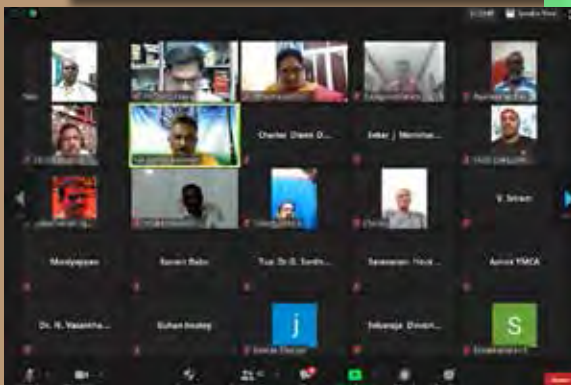
Another key focus of the celebration was spreading awareness on the importance of healthy living, and staying fit whilst being indoors.

It is Hockey India's ambition to strengthen the link that children, young people and adults have with the sport. The activities brought together people from different walks of life to recall their favourite Olympic moments.

Meanwhile, The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams players were engaged with the hockey fans through a skills-challenge to celebrate the occasion of National Sports Day on Saturday, 29 August 2020 - the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The hockey athletes motivated the fans to carry out various skills with the hockey stick such as dribbling and balancing the ball on the hockey stick through the skills-challenge on social media.

A host of Hockey India Member Units participated in the #FitIndiaFreedomRun 2020 campaign in the last week of September to promote and support the cause for a healthy future.

#NationalSportsDayWithHI



#FITIndiaFreedomRun



10TH HOCKEY INDIA CONGRESS AND ELECTIONS

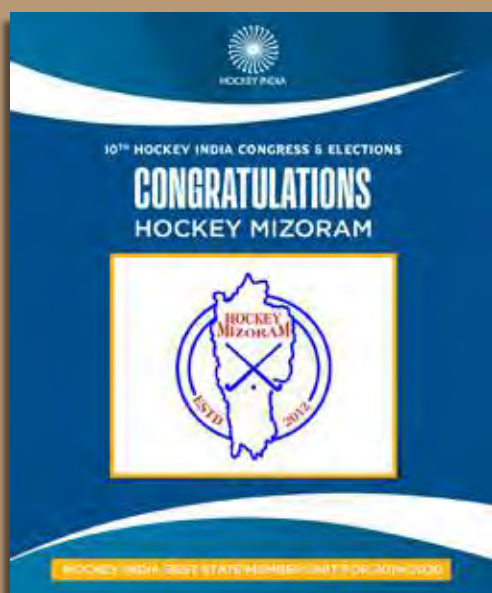




10TH HOCKEY INDIA CONGRESS AND ELECTIONS

The National Governing Body for hockey held its 10th Hockey India Congress & Elections in New Delhi on 06th November 2020 where Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam was elected unopposed as the President of Hockey India. To ensure all Member Units who were unable to travel due to Covid-19 restrictions imposed by their respective State Governments, Hockey India provided access to the meeting through video conferencing facility as well.

Hockey Mizoram awarded best Hockey India Member Unit 2019-2020



Rakesh Kumar feted with Hockey India Best Employee 2019-2020



Mumbai's Javed Shaikh wins Hockey India Best Umpire Manager/ Umpire 2019-2020



Manish Gour lauded with Hockey India Best Technical Official 2019-2020





APPOINTMENT

South Africa's Gregg Clark appointed as new Analytical Coach for Indian Men's Hockey Team

Olympian Gregg Clark has been appointed as the new Analytical Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey team until the conclusion of the Tokyo Olympic Games scheduled to be held from 23 July to 8 August 2021. The South African who was formerly associated with the Canadian Men's Hockey Team as Assistant Coach between 2017-2020 is joined the National Coaching Camp in early January 2021.

Clark in his 11-year long career as a hockey player for the South African national team has 250 international caps and has appeared in two World Cups ('94 - Sydney & '02 - Kuala Lumpur), two Commonwealth Games ('98 - Kuala Lumpur & '02 - Manchester) and two Olympic Games ('96 - Atlanta & '04 - Athens). Gregg Clark comes to India with over 13 years

of Coaching experience and his first big assignment came as Head Coach in 2007 when he took charge of the South African National team and worked with them from 2007 - 2013. Clark has also participated as a Coach at a number of major international tournaments including the Olympic Games in Beijing and London, FIH World Cup 2010 and Commonwealth Games 2010 in New Delhi.



#4 MONIKA



INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM MIDFIELDER
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HOCKEY INDIA

**UMPIRES &
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**WORKSHOP
2020-21**



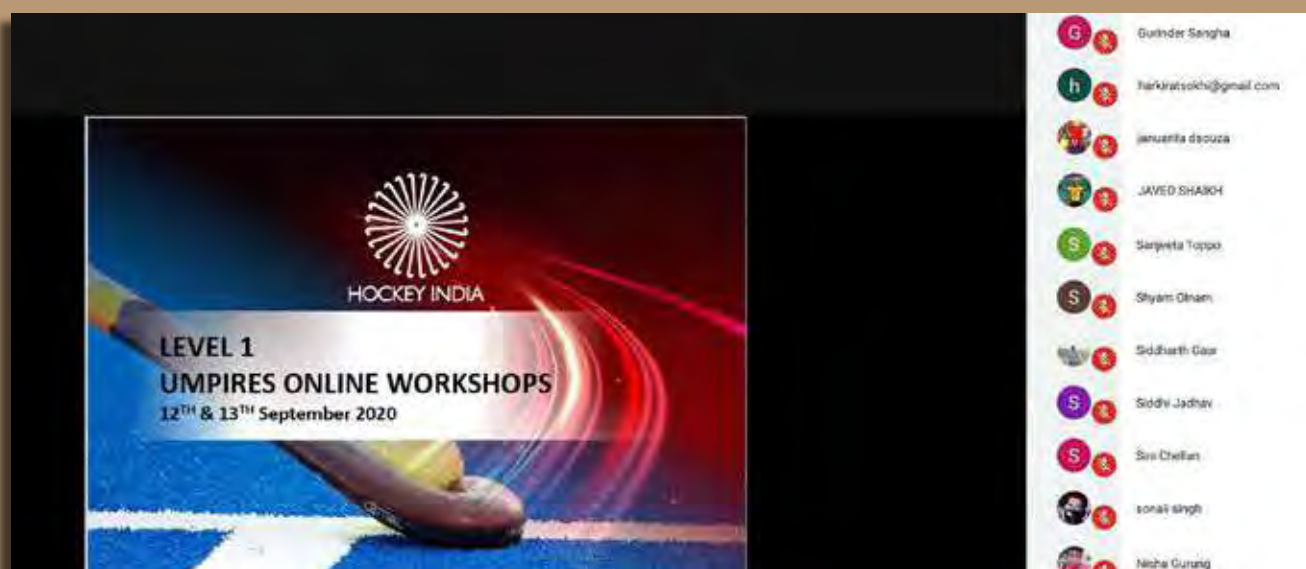


Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Online Workshop 2020-2021

Hockey India conducted online workshops as part of the induction program for the new Umpires and Technical Officials in Hockey India officiating system.

After the launch of the open application submission system for registration of Hockey Coaches and Technical Officials in India on the Hockey India Member Unit Portal in July 2020, a number of candidates submitted their application to register as an Umpire or a Technical Official. Among the applications, Hockey India has shortlisted 124 candidates in the year 2020 and 103 candidates in the year 2021 as per its eligibility criteria after they were nominated by their respective registered state member units.

Hockey India organised of online workshops as part of the induction program for the shortlisted candidates. Two sets of workshops were organized between September 2020 to March 2021.



The Online Workshops were conducted as per the below schedule:

S. No.	Name of the Workshop	Dates	Mode/ Sessions
1	HI Umpires Level 1 Online Workshop (Group 1)	12 - 25 Sept 2020	Online / 12 Sessions
2	HI Technical Officials Level 1 Online Workshop (Group 1)	12 - 25 Sept 2020	Online / 12 Sessions
3	HI Umpires Level 1 Online Workshop (Group 2)	26 Sept - 09 Oct 2020	Online / 12 Sessions
4	HI Technical Officials Level 1 Online Workshop (Group 2)	26 Sept - 09 Oct 2020	Online / 12 Sessions
5	Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Level 2 - Online Test 2020	28 Nov 2020	Online
6	HI Umpires Level 3 Online Workshop	15 - 22 Dec 2020	Online / 08 Sessions
7	HI Technical Officials Level 3 Online Workshop	15 - 22 Dec 2020	Online / 08 Sessions
8	HI Umpire Online Viva	26 - 27 Dec 2020	37 - Potential Umpires
9	HI Technical Officials Online Viva	26 - 27 Dec 2020	29 - Potential Judges
10	HI Umpires Level 1 Online Workshop	23 Jan - 07 Feb 2021	Online / 12 Sessions
11	HI Technical Officials Level 1 Online Workshop	23 Jan - 07 Feb 2021	Online / 12 Sessions
12	Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Level 2 - Online Test 2021	20 Feb 2021	Online
13	HI Umpires Level 3 Online Workshops	16 - 27 Mar 2021	Online / 08 Sessions
14	HI Technical Officials Level 3 Online Workshops	16 - 27 Mar 2021	Online / 08 Sessions
15	HI Umpire Online Viva	11 - 12 Apr 2021	29 - Potential Umpires
16	HI Technical Officials Online Viva	11 - 12 Apr 2021	31 - Potential Judges

Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Online Workshop 2020-2021

After the completion of the workshops, further shortlisted candidates become a part of Hockey India potential list and now will be eligible to be appointed for the upcoming Hockey India sanctioned Sub-Junior and Junior category tournaments. The potential candidates had also been provided an opportunity to attend the Asian Hockey Federation Online Education Workshops.

The Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials online workshops are being conducted by experienced Hockey India Technical Delegates, Umpire Managers and Umpires.

Hockey India Conductors

Technical Officials Online Workshops



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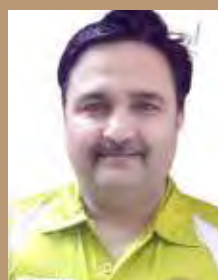


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Umpires Online Workshops



Mr. Gurinder
Singh Sangha



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Mr. G. Harsha
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Mr. Javed
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Altogether out of the 227 candidates who were a part of the induction program (124 candidates in the year 2020 and 103 candidates in the year 2021) 126 candidates from 19 different states had qualified and have been added to the Hockey India potential list.

Total No. of Potential Umpires & Technical Officials added: 126 (37 Female & 89 Male)

- » Total No. of Potential Judges: 60 (21 Female Judges & 39 Male Judges)
- » Total No. of Potential Umpires: 66 (16 Female Umpires & 50 Male Umpires)



THE 11TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021, SIMDEGA - JHARKHAND
10-18 MARCH 2021



THE 11TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021, JIND - HARYANA
17-25 MARCH 2021



THE 1ST HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA
17 - 25 MARCH



THE 1ST HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA
17 - 26 MARCH



NATIONAL CAMPS 2020-21

With many of the scheduled domestic and international tournaments cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Indian Men's and Women's Teams spent much of the season at the SAI centre in Bengaluru, where the players had training, conditioning, and preparatory camps.

After having had detailed discussions with all stakeholders including the Chief Coaches and core probables of both the teams and after giving the utmost priority to the safety and well-being of all the athletes, the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams resumed sports activities at SAI's National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

SENIOR MEN

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01	Training & Conditioning Camp	01/10/2020	12/12/2020	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
02	Training & Conditioning Camp	05/01/2021	30/01/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
03	Training & Conditioning Camp	31/01/2021	20/02/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
04	Training & Conditioning Camp for non selected athletes	21/02/2021	27/02/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
05	Training & Conditioning Camp	10/03/2021	12/03/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
06	Training & Preparation Camp for Hockey Pro League vs Argentina	13/03/2021	31/03/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

JUNIOR MEN

S. NO.	Purpose of the coaching camp	Period		Venue
01	Training & Conditioning Camp	25/10/2020	18/01/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
02	Training & Conditioning Camp	06/02/2021	17/04/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

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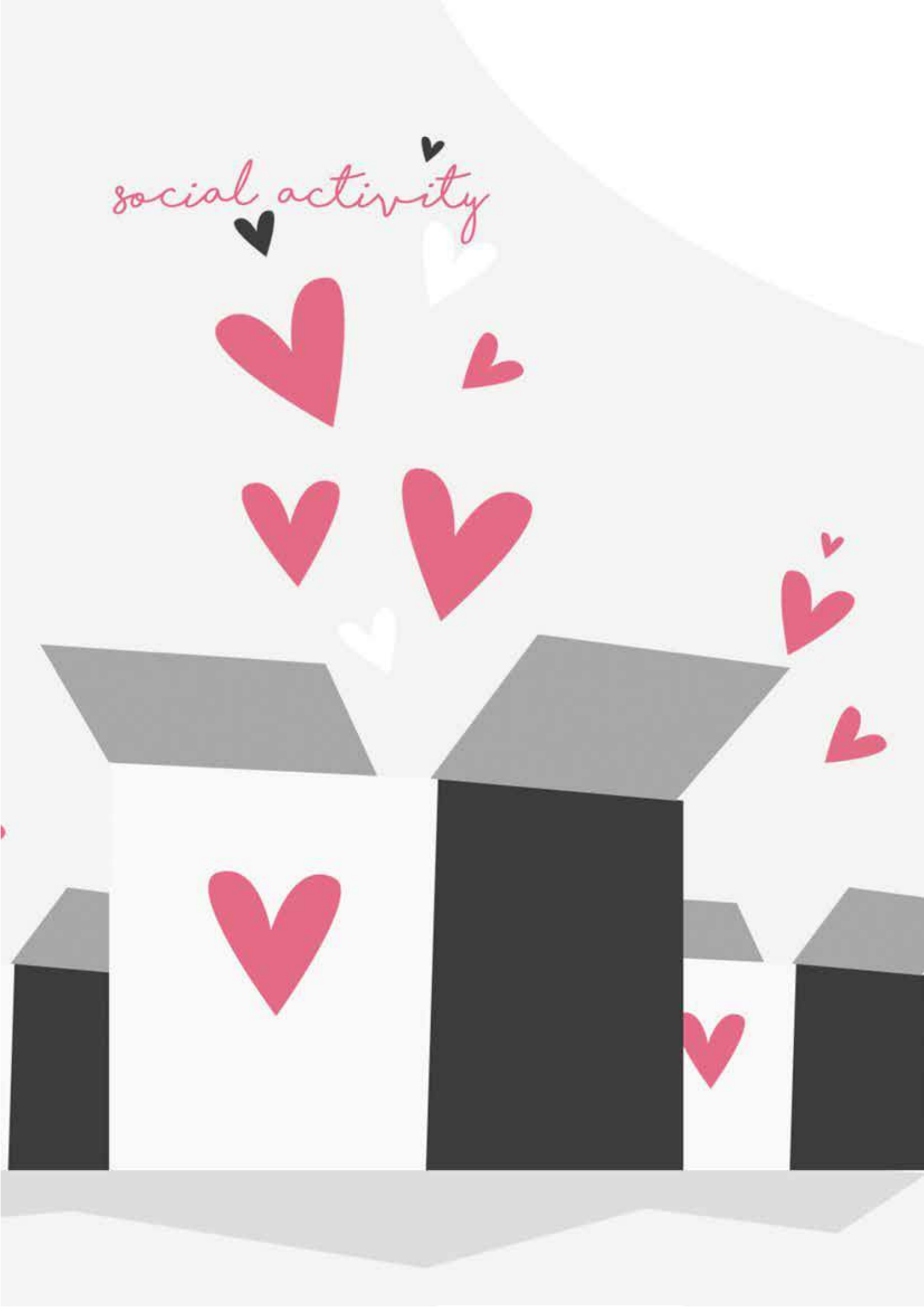
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social activity



HOCKEY INDIA CARES

Hockey India donated Rs 1.00 crore to the PM-CARES fund to tackle the worsening COVID-19 pandemic in the country in the month of April 2020. Hockey India further announced a contribution of Rs 21.00 Lakh towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund in order to help the hockey-loving state in the wake of the pandemic in the same month.

In an effort to help the poor and migrant workers whose livelihood was affected due to the nationwide lockdown in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian women's hockey team raised a whopping Rs 20,01,130 to feed more than 1000 families. The Indian team had launched an 18-day fitness challenge between 17 April - 3 May 2020 to raise funds for the charity. The movement also encouraged people to use this opportunity to adapt to an active lifestyle during the lockdown. The challenge involved the members of the women's team who came up with different fitness tasks that ranged from burpees, lunges, squats to spider man pushups, pogo hops and more. Each day a player came up with a new challenge and tagged 10 people on their social media handles. They, in turn, would take up the challenge and donate Rs 100 to the fundraiser.

In August last year, Hockey India announced it will provide 61 unemployed players, including 34 women, with financial assistance amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, to help them return to sporting activities. Athletes not holding employment were facing constraints due to the pandemic, impacting them adversely. Under the initiative, each player was provided a sum of Rs 10,000. Through this initiative, Hockey India was keen to find a way to give players affected during the pandemic some immediate relief. A sum of Rs 10,000 each as financial assistance meant they would not add any additional burden on their families as they looked to resume sports activities later that year. The objective of the initiative was to provide basic financial relief to the athletes.

Fight against Covid-19: Hockey India total contribution of Rs. 1.00 Crore/Rs. 100.00 Lakhs for the PM Cares Fund

In a big step towards helping India's fight against Covid-19 Pandemic, Hockey India announced a total of Rs. 1.00 Crore/Rs. 100.00 Lakhs towards the PM Cares Fund. On April 1, Hockey India had announced the contribution of Rs 25.00 lakhs towards the cause and on April 4, Hockey India further contributed another 75 lakhs unanimously to grow the contribution to a total of Rs 1.00 crore/Rs. 100.00 lakhs equivalent to over USD 130,000 towards the PM Cares Fund.



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PM CARES

Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief
in Emergency Situations Fund

Fight against Covid-19: Hockey India contributes Rs. 21.00 Lakhs to Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Amid the current situation surrounding COVID-19 pandemic, Hockey India on 08th April 2020 announced a contribution of Rs. 21.00 Lakhs towards the Odisha Chief Minister's Relief Fund in order to help the hockey-loving state in its fight against the global pandemic, the Hockey India Executive Board took a unanimous decision to make the contribution in order to support the Government of Odisha in their fight against the pandemic.



Chief Minister's Relief Fund Government of Odisha



Hockey India provides Rs 10,000 financial assistance to each of the 61 core probable that were not employed

The ongoing pandemic has hit us hard in many ways. Apart from the immediate impact on health, the consequential clamping of economic activities has caused challenges among many including sports people. Athletes not holding employment face constraints impacting their ability to being able to return to sporting activities.

The Hockey India Executive Board has announced on 18th Aug 2020, its immediate support to 61 athletes from across the senior and junior men and women core probables that are not currently employed. From this initiative, sixty one athletes receive this financial assistance from Hockey India, this includes 30 Junior Women, 26 Junior Men, 4 Senior Women and 1 Senior Men core probable. The objective is to provide basic financial relief for the athletes to be able to assist them to again resume sporting activities.



Indian Women's Hockey Team Raised Over Rs 20 Lakh to Feed Poor

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HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISIT ACROSS INDIA

HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS

President Hockey India, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call with Shri Kiren Rijiju Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports on 04th December 2020 to discuss infrastructural & grassroots development plans for Hockey in various parts of India.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS

President Hockey India, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call with Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President FIH and IOA on 05th December 2020.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS

Hockey India, President, Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call with Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Shri Sandip Pradhan, IRS on 19 February 2021 at his office in Delhi.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - WEST BENGAL

President, Hockey India, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam visited the East Bengal ground to witness the Premier Hockey Tournament on 12 March 2021. Here are some moments captured from his interaction with the Officials and Team members.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - ASSAM

Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombom, visited Guwahati to witness an exhibition hockey match between Adimgiri Hockey Centre and Guwahati Hockey Centre played at Maulana Md. Tayabullah Hockey Stadium, Guwahati, Assam on 31 January 2021. He also took a venue tour of the Stadium.



Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam met up with Shri Lakhya Konwar, Secretary General, Assam Olympic Association & Shri Shantanu Kalita, Joint Secretary, Assam Olympic Association on 1 February 2021.

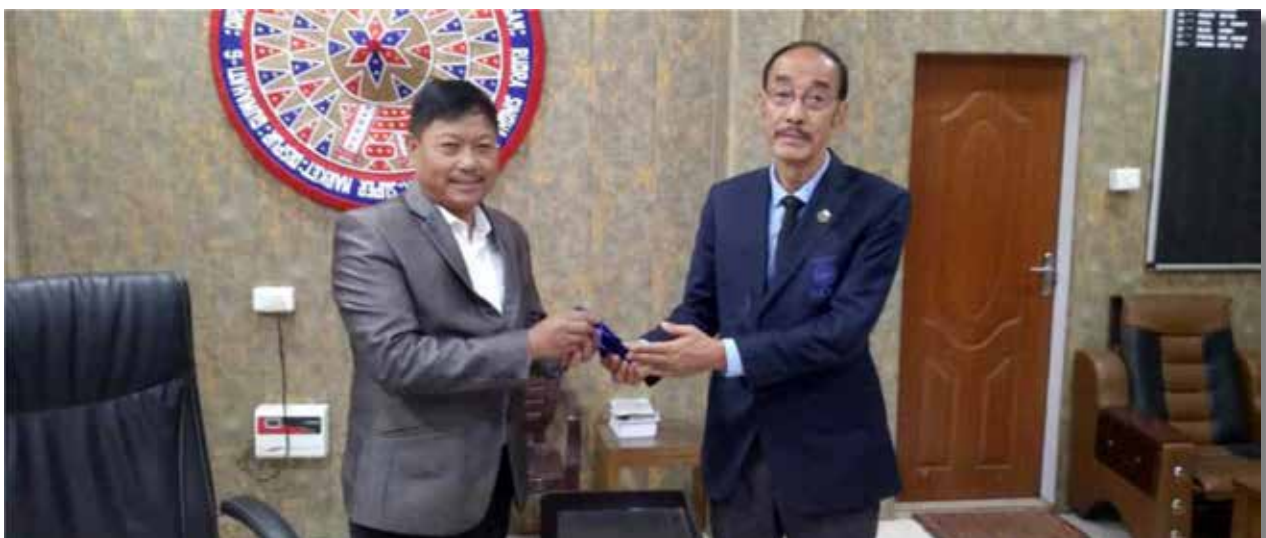


HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - ASSAM

Hockey India President Shri Gyanendro Ningombam called upon Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal in Guwahati on 1 February 2021.



Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam met with Secretary, Sports Authority of Assam Shri Dharma Kanta Mili, ACS on 1 February 2021.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Hockey India President Shri Gyanendro Ningombam with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu in his office on 10 February 2021



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - ARUNACHAL PRADESH



Hockey India, President, Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call With Hon'ble Sports Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Mama Natung on 10 February 2021



Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombom Interactions with the players, along with Chairman Arunachal Sports Council Shri Byabang Taj and members of Hockey Arunachal led by Shri Gumjum Haider, President, Hockey Arunachal.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - JHARKHAND

Shri Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India who was accompanied by the President of Hockey Jharkhand, Shri Bhola Nath Singh presented a memento to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren during the opening ceremony of the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021, on 10th March 2021 at Simdega, Jharkhand.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - JHARKHAND

Players and Officials of Hockey Jharkhand welcomed President of Hockey India, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam who was accompanied by President of Hockey Jharkhand, Shri Bhola Nath Singh at the Astroturf Hockey Stadium, Khunti on 9th March 2021.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - MANIPUR

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh congratulated newly elected President of Hockey India Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam on 12 November 2020.



Elected Unopposed President of Hockey India Shri Gyanendro Ningombam was welcomed warmly in Manipur on 08 November 2020.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - MANIPUR

On 9 January 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh presented a certificate of honour and a shawl to President Hockey India Shri Gyanendro Ningombam in recognition of his dedicated services towards developing hockey in the state.



Hockey India President Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam called upon Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh on 7 February 2021.



President Hockey India, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call with Dr. S. Ranjan Hon'ble MLA & Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur on 11th December 2020.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - MIZORAM

Shri Gyanendro Ningombom, President, Hockey India presented a memento to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram, Shri Zoramthanga and discussed the progress of sport in the state on his tour at Mizoram on 6th March 2021.



HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - MIZORAM

Shri Gyanendro Ningombom, President, Hockey India presented a memento to Hon'ble Sports Minister of Mizoram, Shri Robert Romawia Royte on 6th March 2021.



Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombom in an exhibition match organised by Hockey Mizoram on 7th March 2021.



Hockey Mizoram welcomed Shri Gyanendro Ningombom, President, Hockey India on his arrival in the state.

HOCKEY INDIA PRESIDENT'S VISITS - ODISHA NAVAL TATA HOCKEY HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE

The first edition of Hockey India Junior and Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 commenced on 17th March 2021 at Kalinga Stadium in the presence of Hockey India President, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam & Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey.







INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM DEFENDER SALIMA TETE

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CEO MESSAGE



MS Elena Norman **CEO – Hockey India**

Greetings to All,

The season 2020-21 has arguably been the toughest one for every one of us as the Covid-19 pandemic brought everything to a grinding halt. However, we as a federation never gave up and didn't let the pandemic derail our plans. We quickly acclimatized to the situations and spared no effort to help our players, coaches and officials get back to the pitch in a safe and secure environment.

We became the first federation to share a detailed SOP for the resumption of sporting activities. I believe the conditions changed our thought process, it made us approach the situations proactively. We took to technology to make sure things run smoothly. As a result, we never discontinued our initiatives and one such fine example is our Coaching Education Pathway program. We successfully organized the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) in September/October and December last year, and February 2021 and we have also started conducting Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' & Level '2' Coaching Course on-ground, following all the safety measures.

The year 2021 has started on a positive note for Hockey India, our national teams returned to international hockey, while we also successfully conducted National Championships. With Tokyo Olympics and FIH Junior Hockey World Cups around the corner, 2021 is going to be a big one for us. We are also looking forward to host the marquee event FIH Junior Hockey World Cup (Men) 2021 which will be played towards the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each individual in the Hockey India family for going the extra mile to overcome the challenges and making sure things run smoothly. I would also like to thank our partners, Odisha State Government and Shiv Naresh for continuous support, also sincere thanks to the Sports Authority of India and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for helping Indian Hockey to get back into action amid the Covid-19 pandemic and guiding the sport to achieve great heights. Wishing everyone a safe and successful 2021-2022.



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