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# ABOUT US



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**Shri Major Dhyhan Chand**

Indian Hockey Player



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## **HOCKEY INDIA**

HOCKEY INDIA (HI) is the governing body with exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both Men 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.

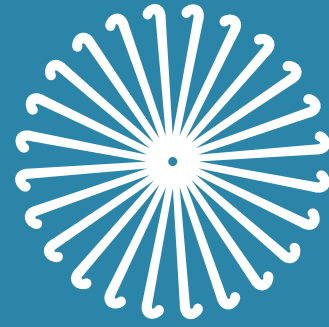
Hockey India has also pioneered in bringing top International Hockey events to India such as the FIH Men's World Cup in 2010 and 2018, FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016 and 2021, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2015 & 2017, FIH Hockey Pro League (2020-2021) / (2021-22). The apex body along with its Major Team Partner Odisha State Government is now gearing up to host the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela for the second consecutive time in the country. The prestigious quadrennial tournament is scheduled to be held from 13 January 2023 to 29 January 2023 at Bhubaneswar & Rourkela, Odisha.

With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India has brought the Indian Men's Hockey Team into the top three in the world. Hockey India is also dedicated to getting the Indian Women's Hockey Team into the top three in the world.

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# *OVERVIEW*





## HOCKEY INDIA

History was made in the year 2021-22 as the Indian Men's Hockey Team ended the 41-year Olympic Medal drought at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. After defeating Germany 5-4 in the Bronze Medal match, the Men's Team brought the entire nation to its feet to celebrate a momentous occasion. The Indian Women's Hockey Team also played a fantastic game against Great Britain in the Bronze Medal match, but unfortunately went down 3-4.

Even though the entire world was fighting against Covid-19 pandemic during 2021-22, Indian hockey continued to move forward. India once again showed that it is one of the best venues for Hockey when the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 was held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in November-December 2021. The Indian Junior Team played exceedingly well in the tournament but unfortunately fell short in the Bronze Medal match, going down 1-3 to France.

Indian hockey also received a huge boost when, in August 2021, the Odisha State Government extended

its partnership with the national teams for 10 more years. The Odisha State Government has been the Major Team Partner of the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams since 2018.

The players at the domestic level have also received a brilliant opportunity to showcase their talent in a large number of National Championships held during the course of the last year. Some of the National Championships organized in 2021-22 include 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship, 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021, 11th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2021 and 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021.

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams have also enthralled the fans in the FIH Hockey Pro League. The Men's Team recorded wins against France, South Africa, Spain, Argentina, England and Germany and the Women's Team registered triumphs over China, Spain, Germany and Netherlands in the past year.



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Men's & Women's

# International Events 2021-22





## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2021-22

EVENT NAME	DATE	VENUE
Argentina Tour 2021 (Sr. Men)	31 Mar, to 16 Apr, 2021	Buenos Aires, Argentina
XXXII Olympic Games Tokyo (Men & Women)	24 Jul, to 06 Aug, 2021	Tokyo, Japan
FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021	24 Nov, to 05 Dec, 2021	Bhubaneswar, India
Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021	05 Dec, to 12 Dec, 2021	Donghae, South Korea
Men's Asian Champions Trophy	14 Dec, to 22 Dec, 2021	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Women's Asia Cup 2022	21 Jan, to 28 Jan, 2022	Muscat, Oman
FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-2022 (Men)	31 Jan, to 19 Jun, 2022	India, Netherlands, South Africa & Belgium
FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-2022 (Women)	31 Jan, to 19 Jun, 2022	India, Oman, Belgium & Netherlands

# INDIA

## TOUR OF ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Argentina

06th to 14th April 2021

After their unbeaten Europe tour at the start of 2021, the Indian Men's Hockey Team got a golden opportunity of a six-match tour to Argentina in April 2021 amid pandemic challenges. Apart from four practice games, the Indian Men's Team played back-to-back FIH Hockey Pro League matches against the Rio Olympic Champions on April 11 and 12 (in 2021), which also marked their return to the top-level international competition after

more than a year. The Argentina tour helped the team build momentum for the Tokyo Olympics 2020, having won both their FIH Hockey Pro League matches against the hosts. The Indian team bagged 2-2 (3-2 SO) and 3-0 wins in the Pro League double-header and also registered two wins (4-3, 4-2), a 0-1 loss and a dramatic 4-4 draw in their four practice matches on the tour.

### Argentina Tour (Sr. Men)

31 March – 14 April 2021

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
01	06-04-2021	20:30	Argentina Vs India	3 - 4
02	07-04-2021	20:30	Argentina Vs India	4 - 4
* 03	11-04-2021	01:30	Argentina Vs India	2 - 2 (2-3 SO)
* 04	12-04-2021	01:30	Argentina Vs India	0 - 3
03	13-04-2021	19:30	Argentina Vs India	1 - 0
04	14-04-2021	17:30	Argentina Vs India	2 - 4

\* FIH Pro League 2020/ 2021 matches





# TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020

Tokyo, Japan

23rd July to 6th August 2021

## History rewritten at Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 by Indian Men and Women's Hockey Team

It was a historic Olympic Games for the Indian Men and Women's hockey teams, despite several challenges they faced due to the pandemic in the lead up to the prestigious quadrennial event. While the Indian Men's Hockey Team led by Manpreet Singh ended 41-year long wait by clinching the Bronze medal after beating Germany 5-4 in the third placing match, the Indian Women won million hearts world over by finishing the Tokyo Olympics at an impressive fourth place.

Led by Rani, the Indian Women's Hockey Team put up an inspiring performance throughout the Tokyo Olympics 2020. After going down 5-1 to the Netherlands, 2-0 to Germany and 4-1 to Great Britain in their first three Group Stage matches in Pool A, the Indian eves bounced back in style in their last two Pool matches and registered victories against Ireland (1-0) and South Africa (4-3) to book a place in the Quarter-Finals.

Facing a formidable opponent in Australia in the knockout stage, the Indian team accepted the challenge head-on and went on to script history when they defeated the Australia to book a place in the Olympics Semi-Final for the first time. The Indian team put up a strong fight against Argentina in the Semi-Final, but couldn't manage to get past them as they suffered a narrow 2-1 loss. However, with a medal hope still alive, the Indian Women's Team played their hearts out in the Bronze Medal match against Great Britain, but, they couldn't achieve a podium finish after coming tantalizingly close. Great Britain; the then defending Olympic champions, registered a 4-3 victory over India to clinch a Bronze Medal.



## "The Indian Men's Hockey Team rewrote history as it claimed an Olympic Medal after 41 years"

Manpreet and Co. started their campaign with a 3-2 win against New Zealand, but lost 1-7 to Australia in their second match. The spirited Indian team responded to the setback in style as they went on to register consecutive wins against Spain (3-0), Argentina (3-1) and Japan (5-3) to finish second in Pool A of the prestigious tournament. They defeated Great Britain 3-1 in Quarter-Finals before losing 5-2 against Belgium in their historic Semi Final. However, they staged a remarkable comeback to bag a 5-4 win over Germany to clinch a historic Bronze Medal at Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.



**Manpreet Singh and MC Mary Kom was Indian contingent flag bearer during the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics 2020 held on 23 July 2021**



A total of 19 Indian athletes, including flag-bearers iconic boxer M C Mary Kom and men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh, besides six officials, participated in the ceremony. The country has a 228-strong delegation in Tokyo, including over 120 athletes.



## Top Highlights from Tokyo Olympics 2020

### Indian Men's Hockey Team get off to a winning start in Tokyo; beat New Zealand 3-2 in a battle of nerves



**NEW ZEALAND**

**2**

6:30 AM



**3**

SATURDAY 24 JULY 2021

**INDIA** 



The Indian Men's Hockey Team got off to a rollicking start in their group stage campaign with a strong 3-2 win against New Zealand in a match that went down to the wire. While it was Rupinder Pal Singh who opened the scoreboard for India in the 10th minute, Harmanpreet Singh extended the lead in the 26th and 33rd minute but it was experienced goalkeeper PR Sreejesh who saved the day for India with excellent work in the goal post to stop New Zealand from converting an equaliser in the dying minutes of the match.

### Indian Women's Hockey Team go down 5-1 in Tokyo Olympics opening match vs Netherlands



**NETHERLANDS**

**5**

5:15 PM



**1**

SATURDAY 24 JULY 2021

**INDIA** 



The Indian Women's Hockey Team fought valiantly against the World Number 1 Netherlands team in their first encounter of the Tokyo Olympics at the Oi Hockey Stadium. The Netherlands took the lead with an early goal in the 6th minute, however, India fought back and equalized the score in the 10th minute. After playing out a goalless second quarter, the Netherlands took complete control of the match and scored four goals in the second half to seal a 5-1 victory.

## Ruthless Australia beat India 7-1 in the second Pool A Match

 **AUSTRALIA** **7**
 **1**
 **INDIA**

**3:00 PM** **SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021**



Coming off strong performances against New Zealand in the FIH Hockey Pro League ahead of their arrival in Tokyo, the World No.1 squad displayed formidable form to beat India 7-1 in their second Pool A match at the Oi Hockey Stadium.

Though India created two good PCs in the 8th and the 15th minute, neither could be converted. Dilpreet too made a brave foray into the circle in the 13th minute but didn't have enough support to finish the task. Even though India made 24 circle penetrations as opposed to 22 by Australia in the match, they could not muster breaching Australia's solid defence in the circle.

## Indian Women's Hockey Team lose 0-2 to World Number 3 Germany

 **GERMANY** **2**
 **0**
 **INDIA**

**5:45 PM** **MONDAY 26 JULY 2021**



The Indian Women's Hockey Team played their hearts out in their second Tokyo Olympics encounter against the World Number 3 Germany side at the Oi Hockey Stadium. The Indian team had many chances to score, but couldn't find a way to get on board, before going down 0-2 against the Germans. In their second Pool A match. The Indians put more pressure on the Germans, but the German defense proved to be too strong.



## Indian Men's Hockey team bounce back with 3-0 win over Spain in their third Tokyo Olympics Match

 **SPAIN**

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6:30 AM



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**TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021**  
**INDIA** 


Following a 1-7 loss against Australia, the Indian Men's Hockey Team bounced back in style as they outclassed Spain 3-0 in their third match of the Tokyo Olympics 2020. India started off in an aggressive manner with a structured attack and dominated the possession in the early minutes. Challenging the opponent's defence, India made their moves in Spain's half and created potential goalscoring opportunities.

It was Rupinder Pal Singh (15', 51') and Simranjeet Singh (14') who scored for India while PR Sreejesh ensured a clean sheet to bring India's Olympics campaign back on track.

## Missed opportunities leads Indian Women's Hockey Team to a 1-4 loss to Defending Olympic Champions Great Britain

 **GREAT BRITAIN**

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6:30 AM



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**WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021**  
**INDIA** 


The Indian Women's Hockey Team played out a hard-fought encounter against Great Britain in their third Pool A match of the Tokyo Olympics, which ended 4-1 in favour of the defending Olympic champions. The match saw free flowing attacking hockey being played by both sides, with World Number 5 side Great Britain emerging winners due to efficient chance conversion.

Goals from Hannah Martin (2', 19'), Lily Owsley (41') and Grace Balsdon (57') seal Great Britain's victory and Sharmila Devi (23') scored the solitary goal for India.

## India beat hosts Japan 5-3 to finish second in Pool A



JAPAN

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3:00 PM



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FRIDAY 30 JULY 2021

INDIA



Continuing their winning momentum, the Indian Men's Hockey Team registered their third consecutive win in the round robin league stage at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 30 July 2021. The team led by Manpreet Singh beat hosts Japan 5-3 with goals scored by Gurjant Singh (17', 56'), Harmanpreet Singh (13'), Shamsher Singh (34') and Nilakanta Sharma (51'). Kenta Tanaka (19'), Kota Watanabe (33') and Kazuma Murata (59') were the goal scorers for Japan. With this victory, India were placed second in the Pool A table only behind World No.1 Australia.

## Vandana Katariya scores a hat-trick as Indian Women's Hockey Team defeat South Africa 4-3



SOUTH AFRICA

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8:45 AM



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SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

INDIA



The Indian Women's Hockey Team kept their Tokyo Olympics Quarter-Finals hopes alive after defeating South Africa 4-3 at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 31 July 2021. Vandana Katariya (4', 17', 49') and Neha (32') found the back of the net for India and helped their team clinch 3 crucial points in the competition. India's place in the knock-out stage of the tournament was confirmed after the match between Ireland and Great Britain. After Great Britain defeated Ireland, India sealed a fourth place finish in Pool A.

## India soaks up pressure to beat defending Olympic Champions Argentina 3-1 in a thriller


**ARGENTINA**
**1**
**6:00 AM**

**3**
**THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021**
**INDIA**


A resilient performance by India saw them register a thrilling 3-1 win against the defending Olympic Champions Argentina in their fourth Pool A encounter at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 29 July 2021. This was India's third win in the Pool stage which put them at the No.2 spot in the pool A table. India's goals came from dragflicker Varun Kumar (43') called up in place of Birendra Lakra, Vivek Sagar Prasad (58') and Harmanpreet Singh (59'). Maico Casella (48') was the lone goal scorer for Argentina.

## Indian Women's Hockey Team defeat Ireland 1-0


**IRELAND**
**0**
**8:15 AM**

**1**
**FRIDAY 30 JULY 2021**
**INDIA**


The Indian Women's Hockey Team registered their first victory at the Tokyo Olympics after defeating Ireland 1-0 at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 30 July 2021. The Indian team created a flurry of chances throughout the match before Navneet Kaur (57') converted an opportunity in the last few minutes of the match to keep India's Quarter-Finals hopes alive.

With just a little over three minutes left on the clock, Rani, from the right, delivered a brilliant pass to Navneet, who tapped the ball into the goal and helped India go 1-0 up in the match. India continued to put pressure on their opponents in the last few minutes and ensured that they walked away from the pitch as the winners of the match.

## Indian Men's Hockey Team inch closer to end 41-year medal drought; Beat Great Britain 3–1 to book Semi Final berth

QUARTER FINAL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY 01 AUGUST 2021



GREAT BRITAIN

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INDIA



Carrying the hopes of an entire nation, the Indian Men's Hockey Team lived up to the billing with a scintillating 3–1 win against Great Britain in the Quarter Final of the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 01 August 2021. India inched closer to end the 41-year medal drought as they booked the Semi Final berth with help of goals from Dilpreet Singh (7'), Gurjant Singh (16' ) Hardik Singh (57'). The overall effort ensured India a place in the Semi Final against World Champions Belgium on Tuesday, 3 August 2021. Samuel Ward (45') was Great Britain's lone goal scorer.

## Indian Women's Hockey Team create history, make the Semi-Finals of the Olympics for the first time

QUARTER FINAL

8:30 AM

MONDAY 02 AUGUST 2021



AUSTRALIA

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INDIA



The Indian Women's Hockey Team made history after reaching their first-ever Olympic Semi-Final on 02 August 2021. The Indian team played their hearts out and fought toe-to-toe against the World Number 2 Australia and defeated them 1–0 in the Quarter-Final match at the Oi Hockey Stadium in the Tokyo Olympics 2020. The Indian team were sublime in their attacking and defensive game as Gurjit Kaur (22') emerged as the only goal-scorer of the match.

## Incredible India beat Germany 5–4 to win the historic Bronze Medal at the Tokyo Olympics Games 2020

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

7:00 AM

THURSDAY 05 AUGUST 2021



GERMANY

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INDIA



The Indian Men's Hockey Team played with all their heart to bring the entire nation joy on a memorable Thursday as they scripted history with a fantastic 5–4 win against a fighting Germany in the Bronze Medal play-off match at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 05 August 2021. This victory ended the country's 41-year medal drought at the Olympic Games and has scripted India's resurgence in global hockey. It was Simranjeet Singh (17', 34'), Hardik Singh (27'), Harmanpreet Singh (29'), Rupinder Pal Singh (31') who scored while PR Sreejesh came up with some outstanding saves in the dying seconds of a historic win at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

## Indian Women's Hockey Team go down 4–3 to Great Britain in Tokyo Olympics Games 2020 Bronze Medal Match

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

07:00 AM

FRIDAY 06 AUGUST 2021



GREAT BRITAIN

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INDIA



The Indian Women's Hockey Team put up a valiant effort against Rio Olympics Gold Medallists Great Britain in the Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medal match at the Oi Hockey Stadium on 06 August 2021. The Great Britain side controlled most of the proceedings in the opening minutes of the match and took a 2–0 lead by the 24th minute. However, Gurjit Kaur (25', 26') and Vandana Katariya (29') struck three goals in quick succession to help India take the lead at 3–2 just before the half-time whistle. Great Britain regained the

momentum in the second half and scored a goal in each of the third and fourth quarters to seal a Bronze Medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.



**BRONZE MEDALLIST**  
**TEAM INDIA**



**WE ARE PROUD OF  
OUR TEAMS**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik congratulated Indian Men's Hockey Team on registering a stunning victory in the quarter-final against Great Britain at Tokyo Olympics 2020. May the team continue its momentum and bring the much awaited medal for the country. Wish the team all the best.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik congratulates the Indian Women's Hockey Team after their Quarter Final win against Australia in Tokyo Olympics 2020



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik congratulated to the Indian men's hockey team after their historic Bronze in Tokyo Olympics 2020



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik Spoke to the Indian Women Hockey Team and congratulated them for their splendid performance in Tokyo Olympics 2020 after Bronze Medal Match. They may have lost the match, but they have won over a billion hearts with their grit and hard work.



Hon'ble Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** spoke to the **Indian Women's Hockey** team members after the **Bronze Medal** match, congratulated **the team** for their **efforts**.



Hon'ble Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** spoke to the **Indian Men's Hockey** team members after they beat Germany 5-4 to win the **Bronze Medal**, their first medal in the **Olympics** after a **gap** of **41 years**.



## Indian Men's Hockey Team end 41-year Olympic Medal drought

The date 05 August 2021 will be etched in Indian hockey fans' memories forever as the Indian Men's Hockey Team scripted a fantastic comeback against Germany to win the Bronze Medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. The Indian team was trailing 1-3 in the 25th minute, however, Hardik Singh (27'), Harmanpreet Singh (29'), Rupinder Pal Singh (31') and Simranjeet Singh (34') found the back of the net in quick succession to help their team take a lead at 5-3 in the 34th minute. The Germans found a breakthrough in the 48th minute, however, they couldn't equalize the score as the Indian Team went on to make history at the Oi Hockey Stadium.

Earlier in the game, Germany played out the first quarter with incredible pace in their attack and displayed their intent to put India on the backfoot right from the start. Tactical play inside India circle by Timm Herzbruch who pushed the ball to Florian Fuchs.

He in turn setup Timur Oruz to score Germany's first goal in the 2nd minute of the match. Though India had an opportunity to equalise in the 7th minute when they earned a PC but it was fired away wide from the target by Rupinder Pal Singh. India's goalkeeper Sreejesh, on the other hand, made a brilliant save in the 10th minute when he stopped Mats Grambusch from scoring a field goal to extend Germany's lead.

A charged-up German attack continued to play with pace and precision testing India's defence all through the first quarter. They made yet another ambitious attempt at goal in the 12th minute through Johannes Grosse and in the 15th minute Germans used a referral just after the hooter to win their first PC. There were three retakes given following some brave blocking by Amit Rohidas in India's defence. Lukas Windfeder taking a flick could not convert from these chances.



The second quarter saw a flurry of goals being scored between the two teams. While India equalised in the 17th minute when a brilliant counterattack from India led by Nilakanta Sharma made a delightful pass to Simranjeet Singh who put it past German goalie Alexander Stadler.

It was an important equaliser that put India back in the hunt. But Germany earned back the lead in the 24th minute. Nilakanta this time had given away the ball cheaply in the midfield that led to German's attack. It was Christopher Ruhr who made a quick-fire pass to Niklas Wellen who launched the ball into the goal post.

Germany pumped another goal within the next minute when defender Surender Kumar lost the ball to German's double tackle inside the circle. Germany punished India for this error with Benedikt Furk scoring the third goal for Germany taking their lead to 3-1.

India bounced back soon enough with Simranjeet earning a PC in the 27th minute. It was experienced Rupinder Pal Singh taking the flick, and though keeper Stadler made a brilliant save, India's Hardik Singh was quick to take a rebound to successfully put it past the keeper.



Narrowing the German lead to 3-2, India played to their potential by winning another crucial PC in the 29th minute. This time, Harmanpreet Singh does exceedingly well to score his 6th goal of the tournament and fetching a very important 3-3 equaliser for India.

The 10-minute Half-time break was followed by a superb goal for India in the 31st minute through a PC. Germans lost the referral in the process and Rupinder Pal Singh converted a splendid penalty stroke putting India ahead with 4-3 score line.

India scored again in the 34th minute when Harmanpreet Singh was at the heart of a counterattack with his long scoop pass, Gurjant Singh showcased his brilliant stick work making a quick run into the right flank. He entered the circle to set up Simranjeet Singh who completed the attack with a fine deflection. This attack brought back memories from India's Junior World Cup campaign in 2016 that brought the talent of this trio - Gurjant Singh, Simranjeet and Harmanpreet Singh to the fore. The third quarter continued to be action packed with both teams trading PCs. But India did well to hold on to the 5-3 lead.



The final quarter remained tense with Germany scoring a goal off a PC in the 48th minute. This time it was Windfeder who scored for Germany. India gave away another opportunity for Germany to score when an early tackle by Sreejesh when Ruhr was going for a shot resulted in India conceding a PC. But Sreejesh made amends for the mistake with an excellent save to keep India in the driver's seat. The final few minutes was absolutely thrilling with Germany pushing for an equaliser. Germany won their 13th PC with less than 10 secs on the timer but India's defence held on, PR Sreejesh on target to bring home the Bronze Medal.



## Indian Women's Hockey Team's best-ever result at the Olympics

The Indian Women's Hockey Team put up a spirited performance throughout the Tokyo Olympics. After going down 5-1 to the Netherlands, 2-0 to Germany and 4-1 to Great Britain in their first three Group Stage matches in Pool A, the Indian eves gained momentum in their last two Pool matches and registered victories against Ireland (1-0) and South Africa (4-3) to book a place in the Quarter-Finals. Facing a formidable opponent in Australia in the knockout stage, the Indian team accepted the challenge head-on and went on to script history when they defeated the Australians to book a place in the Olympics Semi-Final for the first time.

The Indian team put up a strong fight against Argentina in the Semi-Final, but couldn't manage to get past them as they went down

Great Britain; the defending Olympic champions, registered a 4-3 victory over India to clinch a Bronze medal.

Post the heart-breaking loss, the Indian Women's Hockey Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne told the team that they have won something more than a medal. "We showed a fighting spirit in the Bronze Medal match against Great Britain, but it wasn't enough. We gave away too many PCs and in these kinds of matches, you have to convert all your PCs into goals, and I must say Gurjit (Kaur) did really well. I told the team that we didn't win a medal, but we achieved something bigger than a medal, and that's inspiring an entire nation."

When asked about the turning point for the Indian team in the Olympics during a virtual

m e d i a conference, Marijne said, "After the Pool match against Great Britain, I was extremely angry with the team. I told the team that if you go down then show that you really tried and then go down. I told the team that they will have to do better and I think the team's

mindset transformed after that match. Janneke and I had a lot of individual meetings with the girls and they found the key for the next matches themselves. I think that was an important part of the tournament for us."



2-1. With a medal hope still alive, the Indian Women's Team played their hearts out in the Bronze Medal match against Great Britain, however, they couldn't achieve a podium finish after coming tantalizingly close.

The Chief Coach added that the Indian Women's Team players believing in themselves has made him proud, "We always had the belief that we can win a medal and we were really close. The girls believing in themselves makes me really proud. I think that was one of the biggest steps we made. Every girl in the team has her own story and every story is amazing. Let's hope that a lot of women in India have seen this Indian team's performance and are inspired by the team to start playing hockey or any other sport."

Marijne stressed the fact that staying in the moment was very important for the Indian team in the Olympics, "We finished among the top four in this competition and every team is now taking us seriously. I think that is a big step. We have always looked to stay in the



Women's Hockey Team's Analytical Coach Janneke Schopman said that she has been impressed with the team's desire to always get better.



moment and be busy with our task. We have tried to develop this mindset for a long time. We wanted to avoid thinking about winning or losing because that makes you nervous and we wanted to stay away from that."

During the media conference, the Indian

"What I have seen in this Indian team is their desire to learn. They ask a lot of questions and are willing to try a lot of things, which is quite impressive. The girls want to learn and want to improve. As a Coach, you want your team to have success, but for me, it was great to see how the team fought and how they played as a team. It's been incredibly rewarding to be part of this team because of their mindset, wanting to learn, to get better, to fall, but to get back up. It's truly been amazing," said Schopman.

After recording their best ever performance in the Olympics in Tokyo this year, the Indian Women's Hockey Team will now divert their attention to the upcoming Olympic cycle ahead of the Summer Games in Paris 2024, with the ambition of going one better and securing a coveted medal for Indian Women's Hockey.

# FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP



**Bhubaneswar 2021**

**24 NOVEMBER - 5 DECEMBER 2021**

**ODISHA, INDIA**

After an unexpected halt in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was filled with some enthralling action including the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 that headlined the last 12 months. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic challenges, Hockey India took the onus of hosting the marquee event, which was successfully conducted in November-December 2021.

Backed by Hockey India's Major Team Partner- Odisha State Government, Hockey successfully returned to its home -- Bhubaneswar after almost two years. Being staged in a bio-secure bubble, the prestigious event witnessed some marvellous performances. A total of 16 top teams of the world featured in the event. It was Argentina who eventually clinched the Title after beating Germany in the Final while France bagged the Bronze Medal after beating the defending champions and the hosts India in the 3rd/4th Place Match.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, who has been the pillar of strength for Indian hockey, lauded the efforts of organisers for ensuring the event was staged successfully with utmost care being taken to provide participating teams a secured health environment to compete.





All the players, support staff and tournament officials as well as media personnel and volunteers were tested every 48 hours and the covid parameters laid out by Ministry of Home affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, SAI, Odisha State Government were strictly followed by the organisers to ensure the event was a huge success.

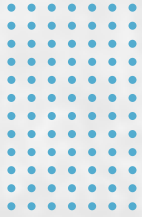
Congratulating Hockey India on the success of the tournament, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik through a press release had stated, "I congratulate Hockey India and the officials of Odisha State Government who ensured this event was a big success and they established all the covid-related protocols to ensure a safe playing environment was provided to these young and rising stars of world hockey. This was the first big International Hockey tournament being held in India after the Covid-19 pandemic halted all sporting events in March 2020 and I am very proud that we have witnessed successful completion despite several challenges including cyclone Jawad."



**Shri Naveen Patnaik**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister

24-11-2021

MATCH  
05



FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021



4 - 5

INDIA VS FRANCE

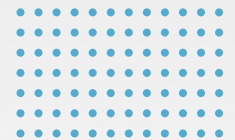


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MATCH  
10

FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
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INDIA VS CANADA





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MATCH  
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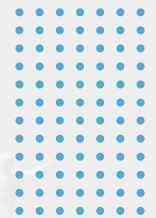
FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
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8 - 2  
INDIA VS POLAND



01-12-2021



QUARTER  
FINAL



FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021



1 - 0  
INDIA VS BELGIUM



03-12-2021

SEMI FINAL



FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021



2 - 4

INDIA VS GERMANY

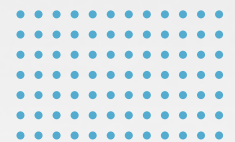


05-12-2021



BRONZE  
MEDAL

FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR  
WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021



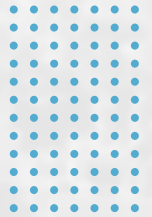
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INDIA VS FRANCE





## FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021



# WINNER

# WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2021

Donghae, South Korea

05th to 12th Dec 2021



**MATCH 1**

**13 - 0**

**INDIA VS THAILAND**

**05-12-2021**



Having ended their campaign in the previous edition of Women's Asian Champions Trophy as Runner's up, the Indian Women's Hockey Team led by Savita, in the absence of Rani who was in rehab, had a challenging outing at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021 in Donghae, Korea. With some of the members of the team testing positive for Covid-19 and the entire team were subjected to 10-day quarantine. They were out of the tournament after getting off to a fine start beating Thailand 13-0.



# MEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2021

Dhaka, Bangladesh

14th to 22nd Dec 2021

As defending Champions, the Indian Men's Hockey Team did not have an ideal outing at the Asian Champions Trophy in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The team, with just six players from the Olympic squad that won the historic Bronze medal, got off to a fine start to their campaign as they drew 2-2 to Korea, won 9-0 against Bangladesh, 3-1 against Pakistan and beat Japan 6-0 earlier in the Round Robin stage of the tournament. However, they lost

to a determined Japan 3-5 in the Semi-final which ended their title hopes. With the favourites out of contention, the tournament was eventually won by Korea after a thrilling shootout against Japan. The two finalists drew 3-3 in regulation time with Korea holding their nerves to take home the title with 4-2 win the shootout. The Indian team led by Captain Manpreet Singh finished third after beating nemesis Pakistan 4-3.





## Men's Asian Champions Trophy

14 Dec, 2021 - 22 Dec, 2021

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
01	14-12-2021	15:00	Korea Vs India	2 - 2
03	15-12-2021	15:00	Bangladesh Vs India	0 - 9
05	17-12-2021	15:00	Pakistan Vs India	1 - 3
09	19-12-2021	19:30	Japan Vs India	0 - 6
12	21-12-2021	17:30	Japan Vs India	5 - 3
13	22-12-2021	15:00	Pakistan Vs India	3/4th Place 3 - 4



# WOMEN'S

## ASIA CUP 2022

Muscat, Oman

21st to 28th Jan 2022

### Women's Asia Cup 2022

21 Jan, 2022 - 28 Jan, 2022

Muscat, Oman

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
04	21-01-2022	21:30	Malaysia Vs India	0 - 9
08	23-01-2022	20:30	Japan Vs India	2 - 0
12	24-01-2022	20:30	Singapore Vs India	1 - 9
15	26-01-2022	18:00	Korea Vs India	3 - 2
19	28-01-2022	18:00	China Vs India	3/4th Place 0 - 2



Indian Women's Hockey team began their 2022 season at the Women's Asia Cup in Muscat, Oman where they fielded a mixed team of young and experienced players to defend their title at the prestigious event. With the FIH Women's World Cup qualification at stake, the Indian Women's team had to see themselves finish one in four to ensure they book their ticket to FIH Hockey Women's World Cup in Spain and Netherlands in July. They stayed true to this target as the team did not disappoint by sticking to basics and executed well to register big wins against Malaysia 9-0, Singapore 9-1 in the round robin stage. However, the team lost to Japan 0-2. Making it to the final four, the Savita-led team lost to Korea 2-3 in a close Semi-final encounter but beat China 2-0 in the third/fourth placing match and thus earned their World Cup berth.



# FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021/22

FIH  
PRO  
LEAGUE  
2021/22

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S

After a two-year Covid hiatus, the top-level International Hockey returned to its one true hub-Odisha with the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 season. Both the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams played their home matches at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar between February and April 2022.

After kickstarting their FIH Hockey Pro League campaign with three wins against teams like South Africa & France and a loss against France in Potchefstroom, the Indian Men's Hockey Team squared off against Spain in their first set of home matches on 26th and 27th February. The Indian team marched to a 5-4 win in the first game and lost 3-5 in their second.

The Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallists India picked up match points against every team they faced- Argentina (2-2 (1-3 SO) and 4-3), England (3-3 (3-2 SO) and 4-3) and Germany (3-0 and 3-1).

The Indian Women's Hockey Team, who are playing their maiden FIH Hockey Pro League, also finished the home leg on a strong note. The Indian eves have won four games and gained an extra point from a shootout. They lost two shootouts and lost only one match in regulation time. After starting their campaign with 7-1 and 2-1 wins against China in Muscat, the team led by Savita put up a solid show in their backyard. They won a game and lost one to Spain (2-1 and 3-4), lost 1-1 (1-2 SO) and won second game 1-1 (3-0) in the shootouts against Germany, and registered a 2-1 win and 1-1 (1-3) shootout loss against the World No. 1 Netherlands in their last set of home matches.

Hockey India was successful in organising international hockey matches in India despite the challenges with the ongoing pandemic. The Federation was successful in accommodating suitable dates to the teams who had to postpone their matches due to rise in Covid cases in their camp.

### VENUE - MUSCAT, OMAN

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
05	31-01-2022	16:30	China Vs India	1 - 7
06	01-02-2022	16:30	China Vs India	1 - 2

INDIA  
VS  
CHINA



WOMEN'S



**VENUE - POTCHEFSTROOM, SOUTH AFRICA**

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
07	08-02-2022	21:30	France Vs India	0 - 5
09	09-02-2022	21:30	South Africa Vs India	2 - 10
11	12-02-2022	21:30	France Vs India	5 - 2
14	13-02-2022	21:30	South Africa Vs India	2 - 10



**MEN'S  
INDIA VS FRANCE  
& SOUTH AFRICA**



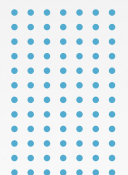
15	26-02-2022	17:00	Spain Vs India	1 - 2
16	27-02-2022	17:00	Spain Vs India	4 - 3

**WOMEN'S**



**VENUE -  
BHUBANESWAR,  
INDIA**

**INDIA VS SPAIN**

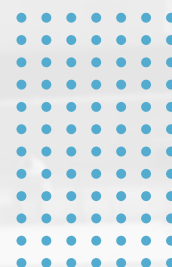


**VENUE - BHUBANESWAR, INDIA**

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
25	26-02-2022	19:30	Spain Vs India	4 - 5
26	27-02-2022	19:30	Spain Vs India	5 - 3



**MEN'S  
INDIA VS SPAIN**



**VENUE - BHUBANESWAR, INDIA**

18	12-03-2022	17:00	Germany Vs India	1 - 1 (SO 2 - 1)
20	13-03-2022	17:00	Germany Vs India	1 - 1 (SO 0 - 3)

**WOMEN'S  
INDIA VS GERMANY**



**VENUE - BHUBANESWAR, INDIA**

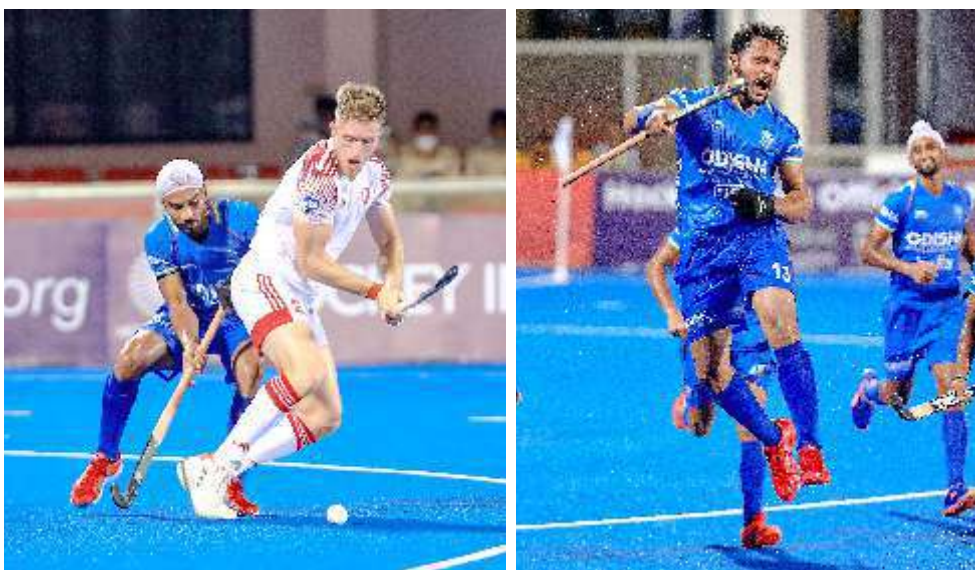
Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
29	19-03-2022	19:30	Argentina Vs India	2 - 2 (SO 3 - 1)
30	20-03-2022	19:30	Argentina Vs India	3 - 4

**MEN'S  
INDIA VS ARGENTINA**



33	02-04-2022	19:30	England Vs India	3 - 3 (SO 2 - 3)
34	03-04-2022	19:30	England Vs India	3 - 4

**MEN'S  
INDIA VS ENGLAND**



**VENUE - INDIA**

VENUE - BHUBANESWAR, INDIA

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
12	08-04-2022	15:30	Netherlands Vs India	1 - 2
14	09-04-2022	15:30	Netherlands Vs India	1 - 1 (SO 3 - 1)



WOMEN'S  
INDIA VS NETHERLANDS



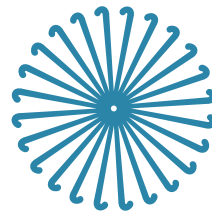


## VENUE - INDIA

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
27	14-04-2022	19:30	Germany Vs India	0 - 3
28	15-04-2022	17:00	Germany Vs India	1 - 3

# MEN'S INDIA VS GERMANY





HOCKEY INDIA

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR 2021-2022



Earlier in April 2020, Hockey India decided to restructure its domestic competitions with an aim to maximise athlete participation and develop the game in states, union territories, institutional units and academies. Hence, after months of lockdown in the country due to the second wave of the deadly COVID-19 virus, the new-structured 2021 domestic season got resumed in October.

The season recommenced with the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021 followed by 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championships 2021 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021, Simdega, Jharkhand and the 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, the 1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021 held in Kolkata, West Bengal were staged in the later half of October 2021. In December 2021, Hockey India successfully conducted as many as three national championships - the 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship Pimpri Chinchwad 2021, 11th Hockey India Junior Men

National Championship 2021, Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu and the 1st Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2021 held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Having successfully brought the domestic calendar back on track, the new hockey season started with a blistering action in March 2022. The federation successfully staged 2nd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2022 and the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022 held in New Delhi and Ghumanhera respectively. The 12th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship, 2022 (Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh) were also conducted in the last week of March 2022.

## 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

04 Oct, 2021 - 13 Oct, 2021



MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre in the shootout (3-1 SO) after a tie at the end of the 4th Quarter with a 3-3 score line, to clinch the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021 in Bhopal on 13 October 2021. Whereas Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy beat SGPC Hockey Academy 5-1 to clinch the 3rd place in the inaugural edition of the tournament.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Odisha Naval Tata High Performance Centre

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Round Glass Punjab Hockey Club Academy

## 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

18 Oct, 2021 - 27 Oct, 2021



MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy claimed a clinical 3-1 victory over Raja Karan Hockey Academy to clinch the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021 title in Bhopal on 27 October 2021. Whereas Namdhari XI beat Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy 6-4 to finish 3rd place in the inaugural edition of the tournament.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Raja Karan Hockey Academy

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Namdhari XI

## 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021

Simdega, Jharkhand

20 Oct, 2021 – 29 Oct, 2021

Hockey Haryana clinch the 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021 after beating hosts Hockey Jharkhand in a thrilling Final by 3–2 in Simdega on 29 October 2021. It was a heart-breaking loss for Hockey Jharkhand who began the match well and even made a late fight-back in their quest to win the title in their home ground. But Hockey Haryana played like champions to ensure they remain undefeated in the tournament. In the Bronze Medal match, Hockey Maharashtra registered a comfortable 6–2 win against Hockey Chandigarh.



HOCKEY HARYANA

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🏆

Hockey Haryana

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Hockey Jharkhand

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Hockey Maharashtra

## 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021

Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

21 Oct, 2021 – 30 Oct, 2021



HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH

Hockey Madhya Pradesh defeated Hockey Haryana 1–0 to win the 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021 in Jhansi on 30 October 2021, while Hockey Punjab went past Hockey Maharashtra 2–1 to finish third in the competition.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🏆

Hockey Madhya Pradesh

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Hockey Haryana

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Hockey Punjab

## 1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021

Kolkata, West Bengal

23 Oct, 2021 - 31 Oct, 2021



**RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD**

In a complete imitation of the result from the group stages, Railway Sports Promotion Board put out a thoroughly professional display to outclass and outmaneuver Sports Authority of India in the 1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021 final to win 3-0 in Kolkata on 31 October 2021. In the third-place game played earlier in the day, Sashastra Seema Bal beat Central Reserve Police Force 5-1.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Railway Sports Promotion Board

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Sports Authority of India

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Sashastra Seema Bal

## 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship Pimpri Chinchwad 2021

Pune, Maharashtra

11 Dec, 2021 - 21 Dec, 2021



**HOCKEY PUNJAB**

Hockey Punjab were crowned as the Champions of the 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship Pimpri Chinchwad 2021 beating Uttar Pradesh Hockey 2-1 in a shootout to clinch the trophy in Pune. Meanwhile, Hockey Karnataka beat Hockey Maharashtra 5-2 to finish third in the tournament.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Hockey Punjab

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Uttar Pradesh Hockey

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Hockey Karnataka

## 11th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2021

Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

16 Dec, 2021 – 25 Dec, 2021

In the 11th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2021, Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh Hockey maintained their 100% record with a decisive 3 – 1 victory over Hockey Chandigarh in the Final of the competition. In the 3rd/4th Place playoff match, Hockey Association of Odisha edged out Hockey Haryana 3 – 2 in a closely contested affair to clinch the 3rd place in the competition.



UTTAR PRADESH HOCKEY

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🏆

Uttar Pradesh Hockey

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Hockey Chandigarh

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Hockey Association of Odisha

## 1st Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2021

Bengaluru, Karnataka

18 Dec, 2021 – 29 Dec, 2021



PETROLEUM SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD

In the 1st Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2021 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Petroleum Sports Promotion Board were crowned as the champions in the tournament after they picked up a thrilling 2– 1 victory over Railway Sports Promotion Board in the final. Punjab National Bank edged out Sports Authority of India 6–2 to earn the 3rd place finish.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🏆

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Railway Sports Promotion Board

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Punjab National Bank

## 2nd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2022

Delhi

23 Mar, 2022 – 30 Mar, 2022



Railway Sports Promotion Board were crowned as the Champions of the 2nd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2022, New Delhi with a thrilling 3- 2 victory over Sashastra Seema Bal in the Final of the competition. All India Police Sports Control Board beat Steel Plant Sports Board 6-0 to earn a 3rd place finish.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Railway Sports Promotion Board

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Sashastra Seema Bal

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

All India Police Sports Control Board

## 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022

Ghumanhera, New Delhi

23 Mar, 2022 – 01 Apr, 2022



Army Boys Sports Company won the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022 in Ghumanhera, New Delhi. Army Boys Sports Company held their nerves to record a thrilling 3-2 shootout win over Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy 5-3 to finish third in the tournament.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🥇

Army Boys Sports Company

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy



## 12th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2022

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

25 Mar, 2022 – 03 Apr, 2022



Hockey Haryana emerged as the Champions of the 12th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2022 after defeating Hockey Jharkhand 3-0 in the Final of the tournament, which was held in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

Meanwhile, Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Maharashtra 4-0 to clinch the third position in the 12th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2022.

**GOLD MEDALIST** 🏆

Hockey Haryana

**SILVER MEDALIST** 🥈

Hockey Jharkhand

**BRONZE MEDALIST** 🥉

Hockey Association of Odisha





# COUNTRY'S LARGEST HOCKEY STADIUM TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN ROURKELA

As Rourkela gears up to co-host the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela in January 2023, the brand-new Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium will take centre stage for the prestigious quadrennial event. With Odisha set to host the World Cup for the second time running, the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium has been added as an additional venue after the previous event was staged solely in the capital city of Bhubaneswar.

With a seating capacity of 20,000, the stadium is set to become the largest Hockey stadium in the country – and the second largest in the world, second only to the National Stadium in Lahore. The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium will feature a modern outlook, equipped with the latest technology and state-of-the-art facilities.



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

# BIRSA MUNDA INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, ROURKELA, ODISHA



Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone for the stadium in February 2021, and the construction continues at a rapid pace to complete the project for test events to be held at the facility in the lead up to the main event – the FIH Men’s Hockey World Cup 2023.

Situated in the heart of the Sundargarh district in Odisha – a region which has long served as a source of one world class talent after another for Indian Hockey – the International stadium will serve not only as a premium training facility for players in the region, but also as a source of inspiration to young hockey players who hold the dream of representing India on the big stage.



Celebrating its 75th year of Independence, this stadium will also serve as a reminder of India's growth in the world order, and how much the sport of hockey has grown in the country in recent years. Moreover, the airport in Rourkela is also being upgraded in line with International standards to give the city a complete makeover as it counts the days down to the 2023 World Cup.



# HOCKEY INDIA COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

YEAR 2021-2022

After the successful organization of the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Courses since 2019, Hockey India conducted three important courses during the course of the year 2021-22. The Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) was conducted on 23 and 24 December 2021, meanwhile, Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' & Level '2' Coaching Course 2022 was organized between 5 to 12 March 2022 in New Delhi/Bhubaneswar and 27 to 30 March 2022 in Bhubaneswar respectively.



## COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

A total of 80 candidates carried out the Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online). While 102 candidates attended the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course, 56 candidates carried out the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course.

The Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway 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.

A simplified education structure aims to help in developing coaches from the grassroots level into world-class coaches of the high performance/international level. Once a candidate progresses from the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, they are then eligible to enroll for the FIH Academy Level 1 Course, and so on.

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.

S.NO	COURSE CERTIFICATION	NO. OF CERTIFIED COACHES
01	Hockey India Level '1' Certified Coach	409
02	Hockey India Level '2' Certified Coach	136
03	FIH Level '1' Coaching Certified Coach	97
04	FIH Level '2' Coaching Certified Coach	29

## HOCKEY INDIA COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY 2021-2022

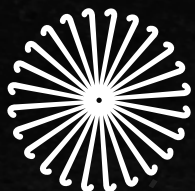
S.No.	Name	Dates	Venue
1	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2022	5 to 6 March 2022	New Delhi
2	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2022	7 to 8 March 2022	New Delhi
3	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2022	9 to 10 March 2022	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
4	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2022	11 to 12 March 2022	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
5	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2022	27 to 28 March 2022	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
6	Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2022	29 to 30 March 2022	Bhubaneswar, Odisha







INDIAN MEN HOCKEY TEAM  
**AMIT ROHIDAS**



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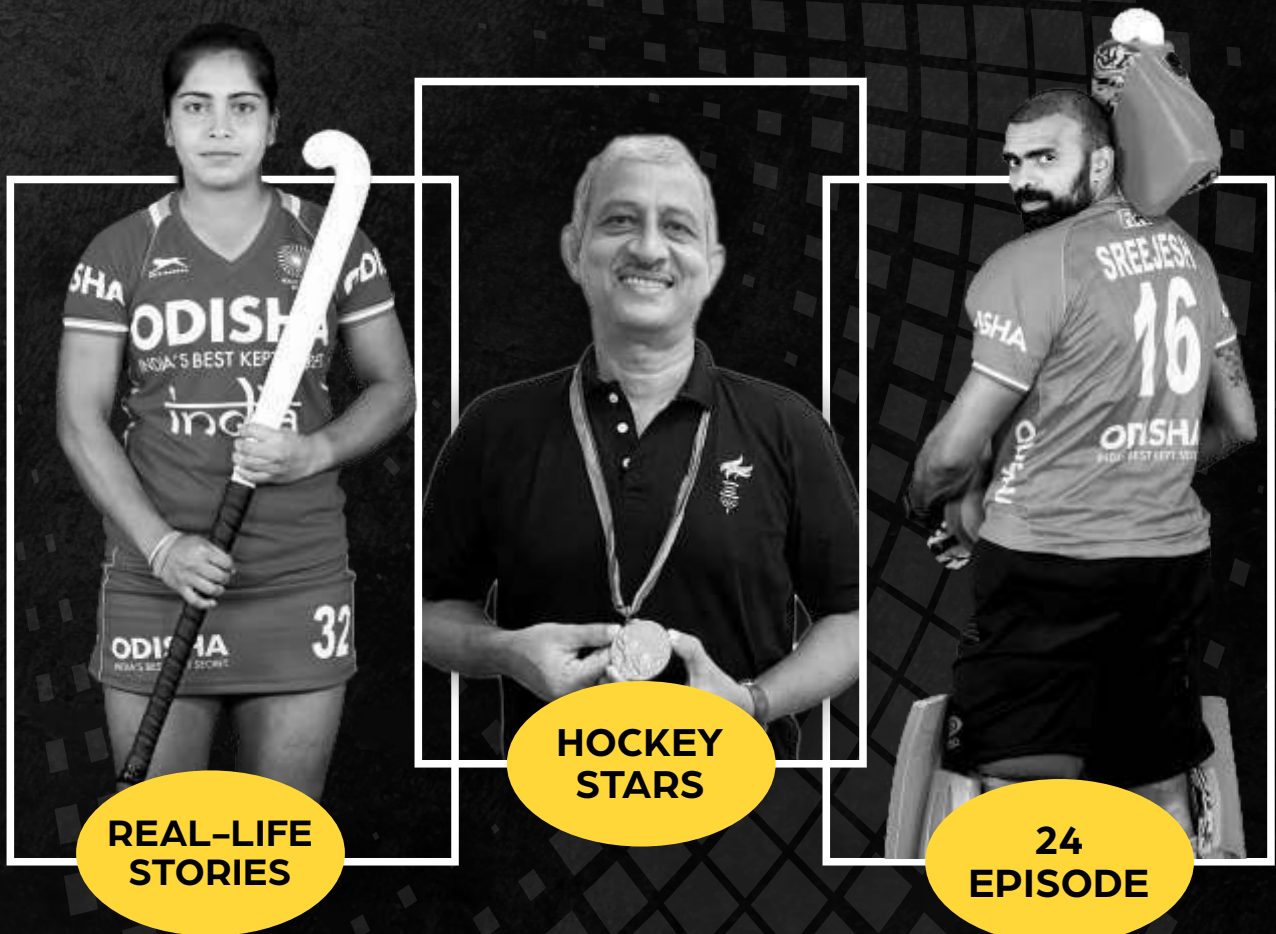


Since beginning as a means to communicate interesting stories about Indian hockey in the lead up to the Tokyo Olympics, the Hockey Te Charcha podcast has since become a regular source for fans of Indian hockey to tune into candid conversations with their favourite icons in the game.

24 episodes of the podcast have been released in the last year, featuring some stalwarts like Manpreet Singh, Rani, Harmanpreet Singh, PR Sreejesh, Vandana Katariya, Janneke Schopman, Graham Reid, Dilip Tirkey and more.

The podcast format has allowed players and Coaches who have made guest appearances on Hockey Te Charcha to engage in long format conversations in a relaxed manner, often sharing insights about their professional and personal lives which they have not previously discussed before. This allows fans and listeners to build a closer connect with their favourite hockey stars and seek inspiration from their riveting real-life stories.

Apart from listeners from all over India tuning in to the podcast episodes on Spotify, data has shown that Hockey Te Charcha is popular amongst listeners overseas as well, with a good percentage of listeners tuning in from countries like United kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany and the USA.



**HOCKEY TE CHARCHA**

**PODCAST**

FEATURING HARBINDER SINGH  
1984 TOKYO OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST

**EPISODE 1**





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**PODCAST**

FEATURING VASUDEVAN BASKARAN  
1988 MOSCOW OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST

**EPISODE 2**





**HOCKEY TE CHARCHA**

**PODCAST**

FEATURING HELEN MARY  
FORMER INDIAN GOALKEEPER

**EPISODE 3**





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**PODCAST**

JAVED SHAIKH | RAGHUPRASAD RV  
FIH - OLYMPIC GAMES PANEL EMPLOYEES

**EPISODE 7**





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FEATURING SHIVENDRA SINGH  
ASSISTANT COACH - INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

**EPISODE 8**





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**PODCAST**

NEIL HAWGOOD  
FORMER INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY CHIEF COACH

**EPISODE 9**





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**PODCAST**

FEATURING M.M. SOMAYA  
FORMER INDIAN HOCKEY PLAYER  
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST  
1988, MOSCOW

**EPISODE 13**





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FEATURING SIMRANJEET SINGH  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY PLAYER  
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FEATURING HARMANPREET SINGH  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY ATHLETE

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FEATURING NAVNEET & NEHA  
INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY PLAYERS

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FEATURING VANDANA KATARIYA  
INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY PLAYER

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FORMER INDIAN HOCKEY DEFENDER

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TUSHAR KHANDIKER  
FORMER INDIAN HOCKEY PLAYER

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FEATURING ROELANT OLTMANS  
FORMER CHIEF COACH OF THE INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

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MANPREET SINGH

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**HOCKEY**  
TE CHARCHA

**PODCAST**  
FEATURING GRAHAM REID  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CHIEF COACH

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**HOCKEY**  
TE CHARCHA

**PODCAST**  
FEATURING GURBUX SINGH  
FORMER INDIAN HOCKEY PLAYER  
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST (1984, TOKYO)  
OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST (1988, BEIJING)

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TE CHARCHA

**PODCAST**  
FEATURING VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY PLAYER  
OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST (TOKYO 2020)

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FEATURING RANI  
INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY PLAYER

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FEATURING PA SREEJESH  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY PLAYER

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FEATURING SUSHILA CHAMU  
INDIAN WOMEN'S TEAM HOCKEY PLAYER

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FEATURING PADMA SHRI DR. DILIP TIRKEY  
FORMER CAPTAIN OF INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM

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**HOCKEY**  
TE CHARCHA

**PODCAST**  
FEATURING JANNEKE SCHOPMAN  
CHIEF COACH, SR. WOMEN'S TEAM

**EPISODE 24**

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# TOP HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2021-2022

The 2021-22 season was eventful for Hockey India. While both Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams created history at Tokyo Olympics 2020, the Federation successfully brought the domestic hockey calendar back on track. The season was filled with some enthralling action as well. Despite the pandemic challenges, Hockey India successfully staged international Hockey competitions like the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 and the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The 2021-22 season started on a positive note, with the Indian Men's Hockey Team returning to the top-level international hockey competition - FIH Hockey Pro League after a year's wait. The Indian team had a six-match tour to Argentina in April 2021. Apart from the two-legged Pro League tie, the team also played four practice matches on the tour.

In August 2021, the Indian Hockey contingent created history at the prestigious Tokyo Olympics 2020. While the Men's team ended the 41-year Olympic medal drought by clinching the Bronze, the Women's team inspired the whole country with their historic fourth-place finish at the quadrennial Games.

Following their Olympic glory, the Indian Hockey contingent made a clean sweep at the FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21 by winning in all eight categories. Both the Indian hockey teams were also felicitated by Central and State Governments and various stakeholders in the country.

Hockey India's Major Team Partner, Odisha State Government, extended its partnership with the National Teams for 10 more years. In November 2021, members of the Men's and Women's teams were also conferred with national awards for their heroics in Tokyo.

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The 2021 domestic season resumed in October, with the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2021 followed by 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championships 2021 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021, Simdega, Jharkhand and the 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, the 1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021 held in Kolkata, West Bengal were successfully organised in the same month.

In December 2021, Hockey India successfully organised as many as three national championships- 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship Pimpri Chinchwad 2021, 11th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2021, Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu and the 1st Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2021 held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Apart from developing the players, Hockey India also emphasised on developing the Coaches from the grassroots. Hence, continuing the unique Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, the apex body conducted Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Courses (Online) and Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' & '2' in 2021. The federation also conducted Hockey India umpires & Technical Officials Online

Workshops 2022, Hockey India Technical Officials 'Level 1' Online Workshops 2022 and Hockey India Umpires 'Level 1' Online in this eventful season.

Making the best use of technology, Hockey India launched two unique online portals- Heroes Connect and Photo Library. Heroes Connect is a unique web-responsive platform, which has been launched to curate a detailed database of Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Team members, while Photo Library is introduced to innovate and further enhance the popularity of the Indian Hockey Teams globally.

After having successfully staged all the National Championships in the pandemic-hit 2021 calendar, Hockey India kickstarted the 2022 domestic season in March, with the 2nd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2022 and the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022 held in New Delhi and Ghumanhera respectively.

The biggest highlights of this challenging yet exciting 2021-22 season were the successful completion of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 and the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 home matches. These were the two major international events hosted in India for the first time after the dreaded virus disrupted all the sporting events in 2020.

## Hockey India congratulates Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra on being elected as President of FIH for a second consecutive term

Hockey India congratulated Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra who created yet another historic milestone for Indian sport. He became the first Indian to be re-elected as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the second consecutive term at the 47th FIH Congress on Saturday, 22nd May 2021. Dr Batra secured 63 votes out of 124 to edge past tough opponent in Belgium's Marc Coudron, the only other candidate for the FIH Presidency at the Congress. In 2016, Dr Batra who was then an Executive Board Member of FIH as well as the Vice-President of the Asian Hockey Federation, became the first Indian to head a global sports governing body when he replaced outgoing FIH President Leandro Negre, for a four-year term. With him being re-elected for the top post, Dr Batra will continue to serve as President of FIH till 2024.

# CONGRATULATIONS DR. NARINDER DHRUV BATRA



ON BEING RE-ELECTED AS

# FIH PRESIDENT

ON 22 MAY 2021 DURING 47<sup>TH</sup> FIH CONGRESS



## Hockey India congratulates PR Sreejesh for his re-election to the FIH Athletes Committee



Hockey India congratulated Indian Men's Hockey Team Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh on being re-elected to the FIH Athletes Committee for a second term. The announcement of the appointment was made during a virtual meeting of the executive board on 20th May 2021. Sreejesh, who has played over 200 matches for the Indian team and has been a part of numerous victories for the national side, first joined the FIH Athletes Committee in 2017. The FIH Athletes Committee consists of current and former players who make recommendations to the FIH Executive Board, FIH Committees, Advisory Panels and other bodies on behalf of all athletes for the development and promotion of various resources and initiatives required for the growth of players and the sport of hockey.

## Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) continue to organize Online Education Workshops exclusively for Hockey India Coaches and Umpires



The Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) conducted a series of Online Education Workshops between throughout the 2021-22

season for Umpires, Coaches, and Technical Officials. Aimed at providing technical expertise and knowledge on various aspects of communication and mental toughness, the online education workshops were conducted free of cost, consisting of a three to four hours' sessions each. In September 2021, AHF conducted a set of Online Education Workshops, exclusively for the Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials. A group of 12-30 Umpires attended the two AHF - HI Exclusive Online Education Workshops in the month. Along with the online workshops exclusively for Hockey India, the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) also organized set of online education workshops for all Asian hockey-playing nations in September. Hockey India nominated a maximum of six candidates for each of these education workshops. The Asian Hockey Federation continued the Development Through Distance "AHF Online Education Workshops" program November 2021, January 2022 and to March 2022, for Umpires, Coaches, and Technical Officials. All Asian hockey-playing nations were allowed to nominate a maximum of 2 candidates for each education workshop of whom one candidate was required to be a woman. At the end of the AHF online education workshops, participating candidates were provided a certificate to help them in the future FIH & AHF Course Selection.



# Hockey India Presents Flashback Series

## Hockey India launched the Flashback Series in the lead up to the Tokyo Olympics 2020

In the build-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Hockey India launched the Flashback Series to relive the memories from the triumphant Olympic campaigns in the past through anecdotes from Indian hockey legends.

Former Indian Hockey Forward Gurdev Singh kicked off Hockey India's Flashback Series with memories from the 1956 Olympics, where India clinched Gold medal. Gurdev went on to reminisce about playing alongside the great Balbir Singh Sr in the first article of the series.

In the second article, Charanjit Singh recalled his two Olympic medal winning feats and the golden era of Indian Hockey at the quadrennial Games. His first honours with the senior team came in the 1960 Rome Olympics, where the team finished with the Silver medal and four

years later, he was the proud Captain of the Indian team that won back the historic Olympic title from Pakistan at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

In the third instalment, legend and former India Captain Gurbux Singh remembered India's great Olympic run in 1964 in Tokyo, where India defeated bitter rival Pakistan 1-0 in the Final. He was also part of the 1968 Olympics Bronze medal-winning team.

In the fourth article of Hockey India's Flashback Series, Indian hockey stalwart and former Captain Ajit Pal Singh got nostalgic as he recalled his dream Olympic debut and India's back-to-back Bronze medal-winning feat at the 1968 Mexico and 1972 Munich Olympic Games.



Former India Hockey Captain BP Govinda went on a trip down memory lane in the fifth article of Flashback Series, talking fondly of his glory days as an iconic figure with a distinctive headband. He was an integral part of Indian team that won Bronze medal at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

Former Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain MM Somaya was a mainstay in the triumphant Indian side of the 1980s. In the seventh article, the three-time Olympian spoke about his excitement of making his India debut at the 1980 Olympics, where India clinched its historic 8th Gold medal.

In the sixth article of Hockey India's Flashback Series, iconic India 'Left Forward' and former Captain Zafar Iqbal fondly remembers the victorious memories of the Indian Men's Hockey Team's Olympic Gold medal winning campaign in the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

In the eighth article of Hockey India's Flashback Series, former Indian striker Jagbir Singh went back in time to reflect on India's topsy-turvy campaign at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and the remarkable fightback to the top six after finishing at the bottom of the table in the 1986 World Cup.



Former Indian goalkeeper AB Subbaiah revisited his memories from the 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Olympics in the ninth article of Flashback Series to emphasise that the Olympics continue to be the pinnacle of competitive hockey.



In the 10th article of the series, former India Captain Dilip Tirkey; who holds the Indian record for most International appearances, with 412 Caps over a 15 year-long International career, recalled interesting stories from the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.



In the eleventh article of Hockey India's Flashback Series, hockey legend Dhanraj Pillay recalled interesting anecdotes from his first Olympic Games in 1992 and narrowly missing out on a Semi Final berth in the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

In the twelfth article of Hockey India's Flashback Series, former India Captain and Goalkeeper Bharat Chetri speaks about the Indian team's outing at the 2012 Olympics in London.

In the last article of the Flashback Series, PR Sreejesh, spoke about his experience of leading the team at the Rio Olympics in 2016 and the team's prospects of creating history at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



## Hockey India celebrates Olympic Day 2021 by bringing the hockey community together through exciting activities

Hockey India celebrated the 73rd Olympic Day with its Member Units showcasing 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 Ministry of Home Affairs. Hockey India Member Units conducted activities for Olympic Day through the week of 21st June 2021. The theme for this year's Olympic Day celebrations is the Year of the Youth and keeping that in mind, Hockey India's Member Units marked this special Olympic Day in the year of Olympics with activities that spread the message of spirit of sportsmanship and unity through

hockey-focused activities including quizzes, drawing competitions and essay writing competitions on Olympic Day and Olympic values, along with spreading awareness on the importance of healthy living, staying indoors and staying fit. Through the activities conducted on Olympic Day, it was Hockey India's ambition to strengthen the link that children, young people and adults have with the sport, and through these activities it brought together people from different walks of life, different age groups, without any gender and physical biases, to provide an opportunity to reminisce their favourite Olympic moments and promote the Olympic values.



Indian Women's Hockey Team Midfielder, **Neha**  
featured in **PMO** India's **Mann Ki Baat**



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## Indian Hockey Teams achieve best-ever FIH World Rankings after good show at Tokyo Olympics 2020; Men's Team rise to 3rd and Women's Team to 8th

Riding on their historic Tokyo Olympics 2020 campaign, both Indian Men's and Women's Hockey teams achieved their highest ever FIH World rankings.

The Indian Men's Hockey team, which ended a 41-year medal drought by clinching the Bronze Medal in Tokyo, rose to 3rd in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) World Rankings, behind Belgium and Australia, respectively. Whereas, the Indian Women's Hockey Team, acquired 8th position according to the latest FIH world rankings.

historic Semi Final. However, they staged a remarkable comeback to bag a 5-4 win over Germany to clinch a historic Bronze medal at Olympic Games and as a result they climbed up to their best-ever world ranking.

Having achieved their highest-ever world rankings, the Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Manpreet expressed, "It's the reward of all the hard work and dedication towards the game we love, towards the game which has given us everything. This ranking and the Olympic medal after 41 years mark the rise of Indian Hockey, and I think this couldn't have

happened without the support of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Sports Authority of India, Odisha Government and Hockey India. There is no looking back now, we have set the benchmark for ourselves and would like to grow from here."

Men's team Chief Coach Graham Reid stated, "I must admit, I feel privileged to have played a part in the rise of Indian Hockey. It's a great feeling that we won the historic Bronze Medal as well as achieving the highest ranking on the back of our solid performance in the Olympics. We played like a unit, with the right kind of attitude, and I think that has helped the team achieve this feat. Also, Hockey India, Sports Authority of India and all the stakeholders involved with the

Indian Hockey has played a huge part in bringing back the team where it truly belongs."



Manpreet and Co. finished second in Pool A winning four out of five group phase matches and defeated Great Britain 3-1 in Quarter Final before losing 5-2 against Belgium in their

On the other hand, the Indian eves, who suffered three losses in the initial matches, went on pulled off arguably the biggest upset by beating World No. 3 Australia in what was their first ever quarterfinal of the Olympic Games. Rani & Co. missed out on the Olympic Medal by a whisker, having lost to Great Britain in the Bronze Medal Play-Off match. Hence, finishing fourth at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics led India Women's Hockey Team to move up to 8th in the world rankings.

Indian Women's Hockey Team Skipper Rani said, "We were very close to finishing on the Podium, and it is hurting the team that we didn't. However, looking at the bright side, we have made remarkable progress in recent years, and I am really proud of it. Finishing in the top four at Olympics, and climbing to the 8th position in world rankings, is a very big thing for us, and this has boosted our confidence, it will certainly help us grow going forward. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Odisha Government, Hockey India and Sports Authority of India for the continuous support and encouragement."

Indian Women's team Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne expressed, "It's the result of all the hard work that girls have put in over the past few years. Achieving 8th rank in the world ranking and finishing among the top four at Olympics, is a big step for Indian Women's hockey, and I think every team will definitely take us seriously. The athletes have that desire to learn and improve each and every day, and I



feel this is one of the biggest reasons why we could finish among the top four."

Before this feat, the Manpreet Singh-led side's career-high ranking was No.4, which they achieved in March 2020 on the back of their scintillating performances in the first three rounds of the second edition of FIH Hockey Pro League 2020.

Whereas, the Indian Women's team's earlier highest world ranking was 9th, which they accomplished by producing their best finish (Quarter Finals) at the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup London 2018 in four decades. Having reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup, the women's team had become the top-ranked Asian team and went on to clinch the silver medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta.

## Indian Hockey Olympic heroes get grand welcome in Delhi

After scripting history at the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020, the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey teams were given a grand welcome by Hockey India at the Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi on Monday, 09 August 2021.

Members of both the teams were garlanded and presented with mementos by the delegates of Hockey India on their arrival at the entrance of the hotel amid beat of dhols and loud cheering.

Both the Bronze Medal-winning men's team and the fourth-place finishing women's team cut cakes after arriving at the hotel and sang the National Anthem during the felicitation program organized by Hockey India.

Earlier in the day, Indian Hockey teams, along with other athletes of the Indian Olympic contingent, were accorded a rousing welcome by a huge crowd upon their arriving at Indira Gandhi International Airport.





## Hockey India expresses heartfelt gratitude towards Odisha for undying support

Odisha – Major Team Partners of Hockey India, has been at the forefront of supporting the sport and it is one of the biggest reasons behind the Indian Hockey Contingent's success at the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020.



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While the Indian Men's Hockey Team ended a 41-year Olympic medal drought by clinching the Bronze Medal, the Indian Women's Hockey Team fought hard to earn their best-ever finish (fourth place) at the Olympic Games. These inspiring performances at the biggest of all stages cannot be produced overnight and therefore Indian hockey will always be indebted to the incredible contributions made by Odisha.

The Odisha State Government, which became the Major Team Partners of the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams in 2018, has extended its partnership with the national teams for 10 more years. The announcement by Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik came during the State felicitation program, which was organised for the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams in Bhubaneswar after their stellar show at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

A team of winners can only be made with a combination of all stakeholders towards one objective. One initiative of the Odisha government was the refurbishment of the Kalinga Stadium for the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018, which gave the Indian Men's Hockey Team an opportunity to play in a state-of-the-art stadium in front of their home fans.

Through the efforts of the Odisha government and Hockey India, many additions were made to the stadium to create an electrifying experience for fans and players. Both Practice and main turfs were re-laid with new blue turf as per the FIH specifications. The capacity of the main stadium was increased to 15,000 and two new galleries, one on North and other on the South side, were added to the iconic venue, making it a total of four grand Stands.

Following the success of the Men's Hockey World Cup, Odisha also hosted major competitions such as FIH Men's Series Finals 2019, Olympic Hockey Qualifiers 2019 and the FIH Pro League in 2020. The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams have improved manifold after practicing and playing with the aid of world-class facilities and infrastructure.

Moreover, the Odisha government has already commenced the construction of a new world-class stadium in Rourkela city which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a sitting capacity of 20 thousand. The stadium is set to be utilized for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.

# ‘Heroes Connect’

a unique web-based responsive platform launched by Hockey India

Hockey India on July 16, launched its own player-oriented engagement platform, the ‘Heroes Connect’. Heroes Connect is a platform where former and current Indian international Hockey stars can register themselves. The players will hold discussions on this platform about past golden moments.

## Heroes Connect

Hockey India's own player-oriented engagement platform. The web-based responsive platform 'Heroes Connect' is a great platform for former and current Indian Hockey Team players to register and be part of a community developed specially for them. The platform also present a great opportunity to the former and current India players to hold discussions about various topics concerning international hockey; reminiscing about past golden moments as well as looking forward to creating new history

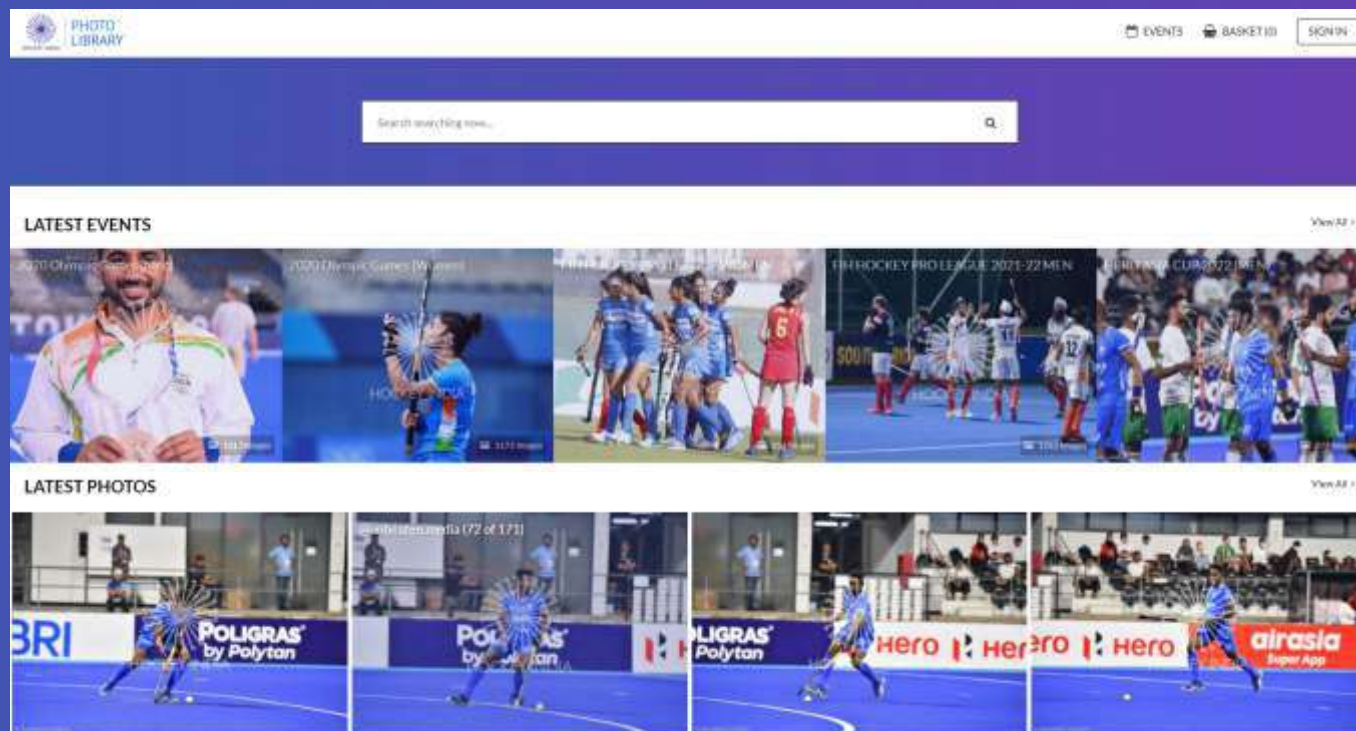


## HOCKEY INDIA CELEBRATED ***NATIONAL SPORTS DAY***

Hockey India Member Units across the country celebrated hockey wizard Major Dhyhan Chand's 115th birth anniversary by organizing various activities to remember the greatest field hockey player who was part of India's incredible Gold Medal winning feats in the 1928, 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games. In memory of the legend, 29th August is celebrated as National Sports day across India and earlier in the day, the country celebrated its sporting icons who were conferred with the prestigious National Awards for their exemplary performances and contribution in the field of sports



## Hockey India launches 'Photo Library' with robust repository of images of the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams



With the euphoric rise in the fan-following after the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Team's incredible outing at the Tokyo Olympic Games where the Men's team won the historic Bronze medal and the Women made an impressive fourth place finish, Hockey India has now officially launched premier Photo Library which will not only allow media to download images of the Indian Hockey Teams but also offers stakeholders from across the globe access to Hockey India images.

With an intent to innovate and further enhance the popularity of the Indian Hockey Teams globally, the Hockey India Photo Library was made live on Tuesday, 31 August 2021. With this new initiative, Hockey India becomes one of the first National Sports Federations to launch a portal dedicated to images of the sport which will include a massive repository of digital images of the Indian Teams and players. Images from ongoing tournaments too will be uploaded on to the Photo Library in real time.

With a friendly user interface, the Hockey India Photo Library is a searchable image library which allows users to locate images using various search options such as player name, date, year, matches, tournaments, orientation and popularity.

To download images, an auto-generated form will suffice and the users will need to complete the process of requesting permissions, by sharing basic details such as name, email, contact details and purpose, which will be reviewed by Hockey India and subsequently approved. The portal allows users an option of downloading images in four sizes—small, medium, large and original as per their requirements.

Additionally, there are particular categories for Hockey India, Hockey India Member Units, Media and Designers, who have direct access to a particular set of images and are not required to go through the process of requesting permissions. These categories have been created in the software itself, with access login credentials sent to their registered email IDs. All that the users need to do is give credits to Hockey India for usage of the images.

## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik meets with India Men's and Women's Hockey teams in Bhubaneswar

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik met with the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey teams at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 21 February, 2022. On the occasion of the meeting, Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik posed with the Indian Hockey teams as he offered his best wishes to the players for the upcoming home leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22.







# AWARDS &



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# HONOURS

YEAR 2021-2022

The efforts of the players from the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Team have been recognized through a number of awards and honours in the past year 2021-22.

In the 47th FIH Congress in May 2021, Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri V Karthikeyan Pandian and Dr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Managing Director and CEO of Hero MotoCorp were awarded with The FIH Presidents Award for their immense contributions to the sport of hockey.

Hockey India was also recognized with the Etienne Glichitch Award by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) during the virtual conference organised as part of the 47th FIH Congress.

After a fantastic performance by the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams at the Tokyo Olympics, the members from both the sides were felicitated by a host of dignitaries across the nation in August 2021. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organized a felicitation ceremony for the Indian Hockey Teams in New Delhi. The teams were also felicitated by the Odisha state in in Bhubaneswar. During the felicitation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the extension of their partnership with Hockey India for 10 more years.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand - Shri Hemant Soren felicitated the hockey players from Jharkhand, while the Hon'ble Sports Minister of Kerala - Shri V. Abdurahiman felicitated the Indian Men's Hockey Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh - Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitated the hockey players from Madhya Pradesh and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur - Shri N. Biren Singh felicitated the players from Manipur. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha - Naveen Patnaik also felicitated the Indian Hockey players from Odisha at a function in Bhubaneswar.

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee President Jagir Kaur awarded Rs 1 crore to the Indian Men's Hockey Team for winning the Bronze Medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020. Kaur also presented Rs. 5 Lakh to Defender Gurjit Kaur for the Indian Women's Hockey Team's outstanding performance at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

Additionally, the Indian Hockey Teams met the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind over a 'High Tea' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

The members of the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams were also part of the breakfast by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the Olympic-returned Indian athletes.

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams were also felicitated by Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The Indian Men's Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was also invited to be a part of an episode of the Kaun Banega Crorepati along with Olympic Gold Medallist Neeraj Chopra.

In October 2021, all the nominees from India made a clean sweep at the FIH Hockey Stars Awards. India's dragflick sensation Harmanpreet Singh was crowned the 'FIH Player of the Year' in the men's category. Meanwhile, Indian Women's Hockey team dragflicker Gurjit Kaur won the 'FIH Player of The Year' in the women's category. PR Sreejesh won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' in the men's category and Indian Women team custodian Savita, on the other hand, won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' in the women's category. In the FIH Rising Star of the Year for men, Vivek Sagar Prasad won the award for the second consecutive time and in the FIH Rising Star of the year for women, Sharmila Devi clinched the award. The Indian Men's Hockey Chief Coach Graham Reid was awarded the FIH Coach of the Year and former Indian Women's Hockey Chief Coach Sjoerd

Marijne was awarded the 'FIH Coach of the Year' for women's team category.

In addition, the Indian Men's Hockey Team Defender Amit Rohidas won the prestigious Biju Patnaik Sports Award for outstanding performance in Sports & Games and the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Team were invited by 'The Kapil Sharma Show' for a special episode.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan & Hon'ble Minister Smt. Yashohara Raje Scindia, Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Technical Education felicitated the Indian Women's Hockey Team. The Indian Men's Hockey Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Midfielder Manpreet Singh were conferred with the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest honour for a sportsperson in India. And the entire Indian Men's Hockey Team part of the Olympic success was honoured with the Arjuna award. From the Indian Women's Hockey team, Katariya and midfielder Monika too were named for the Arjuna Award. PR Sreejesh also won the World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 Award.

Indian Women's Hockey Team Forward Vandana Katariya received the prestigious Padma Shri Award and she was among nine athletes and the lone hockey player this year to be conferred by the Hon'ble President of India.

The Indian Men's Hockey players Rupinder Pal Singh and Harmanpreet Singh were awarded the Sportsman of the Year 2021 (Team sports) and Indian Women's Hockey Goalkeeper Savita was awarded the Sportswoman of the Year 2021 (Team sports) at the Sportstar Aces Awards 2021.

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams also received Special Recognition Awards from BBCI. The Indian Men's Hockey Team was also rewarded with Rs. 1.25 crore by the BCCI.

## Hockey India congratulates Shri V Karthikeyan Pandian, IAS, Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha on being awarded with The FIH Presidents Award

The Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. V Karthikeyan Pandian was recognized with the FIH President's Awards during the virtual conference organised as part of the 47th FIH Congress in May 2021, for his contributions to the sport of hockey. Shri. V Karthikeyan Pandian has been rewarded for his years of hard work on the evolution of hockey. The state of Odisha has made tremendous contributions to the growth of Indian and global hockey in the last few years, Shri. V Karthikeyan Pandian has played an integral role in all the projects carried out in the state of Odisha. The FIH Honorary Awards are given in recognition to numerous individuals, teams and organisations for their outstanding contributions to the sport of hockey.



SHRI V KARTHIKEYAN PANDIAN, IAS,  
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HON'BLE  
CHIEF MINISTER, ODISHA

## Hockey India congratulates Dr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Managing Director and CEO of Hero MotoCorp on being awarded with The FIH Presidents Award

The Chairman, Managing Director and CEO of Hero MotoCorp, Dr. Pawan Munjal was recognized with the FIH President's Awards during the virtual conference organised as part of the 47th FIH Congress in May 2021, for his contributions to the sport of hockey. Dr. Pawan Munjal has been rewarded for his years of hard work on the evolution of hockey. Hero MotoCorp has been an integral sponsor for many big world hockey tournaments and Dr. Pawan Munjal has put in tremendous efforts for the growth of the game of hockey globally. The FIH Honorary Awards are given in recognition to numerous individuals, teams and organisations for their outstanding contributions to the sport of hockey.



Dr. Pawan Munjal  
Director and CEO of Hero MotoCorp



## Hockey India recognized with the Etienne Glichitch FIH Honorary Award

Hockey India on 21 May 2021 was recognized with the Etienne Glichitch Award by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) during the virtual conference organised as part of the 47th FIH Congress. The FIH Honorary Awards were given in recognition to numerous individuals, teams and organisations for their outstanding contributions to the sport of hockey. One among the three National Associations that were honoured with different awards for their outstanding efforts, Hockey India was awarded for their remarkable contribution to the growth and development of hockey through innovative ideas. The award is given once in two years by the EB on the recommendation of the awards panel.



## The felicitation ceremony organised by Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports at Ashoka Hotel, Delhi.





## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri. Naveen Patnaik

**felicitated the Indian Hockey players from Odisha**

On 11 August 2021, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik felicitated the Indian Hockey players from Odisha at a function in the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. The Chief Minister handed over cash awards of Rs 2.5 crores to Tokyo

2020 Bronze Medalists Birendra Lakra and Amit Rohidas as well as an offer letter for appointment as Deputy Superintendent of Police in the State Police department. The Women's Team players, Deep Grace Ekka and Namita Toppo were also handed over cash awards of Rs 50 lakhs each.



## Hon'ble Sports Minister of Kerala, **SHRI V. ABDURAHIMAN**

**felicitated the Indian Men's Hockey Team Goalkeeper from Kerala**

On 12 August 2021, the wall of Indian Hockey, PR Sreejesh receives a grand welcome from the Hon'ble Sports Minister of Kerala, Shri V. Abdurahiman. Kerala Hockey President, Mr. V. Sunilkumar and other dignitaries were also present during the event in Kerala.



## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN**

**felicitated the Indian Hockey player from Madhya Pradesh**

On 12 August 2021, after a stellar performance in the Tokyo Olympics, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed over a cheque of Rs 1 crore as a reward to the Olympic Medallist, Vivek Sagar Prasad. He has also been made the DSP in the Madhya Pradesh Police and the Government will also give a house to his family.



## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, **SHRI HEMANT SOREN**

**felicitated the Indian Hockey players from Jharkhand**

To commemorate the stellar performances of the players in the Tokyo Olympics, on 12 August 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren felicitated Ms. Salima Tete and Ms. Nikki Pradhan. He handed over a cheque of Rs 50 lakh, a house with land, a scooty, a laptop and a smartphone to each of the players in the ceremony organised by the Government of Jharkhand. The Hon'ble Sports Minister, alongside the Secretary and the Director of the Sports Department of the state were also present.



# SGPC felicitated the INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM PLAYERS from Punjab the Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar

On 12 August 2021, the Indian Hockey players belonging to Punjab received a rousing reception after returning from a brilliant Tokyo 2020 campaign and paid obeisance at the Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar. Manpreet Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Rupinder Pal Singh, Hardik Singh, Gurjant Singh, Varun Kumar, Mandeep Singh, Shamsher Singh and Simranjeet Singh were present from the Men's team. SGPC President Jagir Kaur awarded Rs 1 crore to the Indian Men's Hockey Team for winning the Bronze Medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020. SGPC President Jagir Kaur also awarded Rs. 5 Lakhs to Gurjit Kaur for their outstanding performance at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.



## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, **SHRI N. BIREN SINGH**

**felicitated the Indian Hockey players from Manipur**

To commemorate the stellar performances of the players in the Tokyo Olympics, on 12 August 2021 the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh felicitated Nilakanta Sharma and Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam. Hon'ble Sports Minister Shri Letpao Haokip, Hon'ble Education Minister S. Rajen Singh, Hon'ble Minister Forest & Environment Shri Awangbou Newmai & Shri Gyanendro Ningombam, President Hockey India were also present in the event held in Manipur.



## Hon'ble President of India, **SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND**

**congratulated the Indian Contingent of the Tokyo Olympics 2020**

The Indian Hockey Teams met the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind over a 'High Tea' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on 14 August 2021.



Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind congratulated the Indian Contingent of the Tokyo Olympics 2020 for bringing glory to the nation.



India Hockey Team Player's celebrated the 75th India Independence Day ceremony at the historic Red Fort in New Delhi with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi



Images Courtesy - Press Information Bureau Government of India



Images Courtesy - Twitter Handle of Sports Authority of India



## The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted the Indian Olympians on 16 August 2021 to laud their memorable performances for the nation at Tokyo Olympics 2020 Here are glimpses of his interaction with the Indian Hockey Men's and Women's Teams.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted the Olympic-returned Indian athletes for breakfast at his residence.

Indian athletes returned from Tokyo with a haul of seven medals, including javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's historic gold in track and field. It was the country's best ever show at the Olympics.

Modi, who had applauded the Indian athletes' tremendous show during the 75th

Independence Day celebration at the Red Fort

The members of the India Men's Hockey Team that won a Bronze after 41 also chatted with the PM, who was seen examining a hockey stick.

The Women's Hockey Team that exceeded all expectation by reaching its maiden Olympic semifinal





# ODISHA **felicitates Indian Hockey Teams;** commits to sponsor **HOCKEY INDIA** for **10 more years**

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams were felicitated by the state of Odisha in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday, 17 August 2021, for their inspiring performance at the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020. The Men's Hockey team won Bronze in 41 years, while the Women's Hockey Team finished fourth (best-ever finish) in quadrennial Games.

During the grand felicitation ceremony, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik announced the extension of their partnership with Hockey India for 10 more years. This means Odisha's

sponsorship of the Indian hockey teams, which was set to end in 2023, will continue till 2033. The Indian Hockey contingent was given a grand welcome at the Biju Patnaik International airport, amid beats of dhol, traditional dance and cheer.

They were received by Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Chairman Odisha Hockey promotion council Padmashri Dr. Dilip Tirkey and Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports and Youth Services, Government of Odisha, Shri R. Vineel Krishna.



The members of the Indian Hockey teams had a photo session with Odisha CM and IOA President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra at the iconic Kalinga Stadium before the dazzling felicitation program, organized at the Lok Seva Bhavan.

Each player was awarded Rs 10 Lakh, while each member of the support staff was awarded Rs 5 Lakh by the Odisha Chief Minister. In return, as a token of gratitude, both the teams gifted signed jerseys to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.

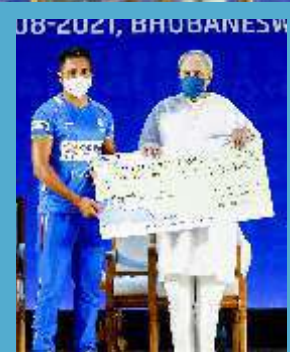


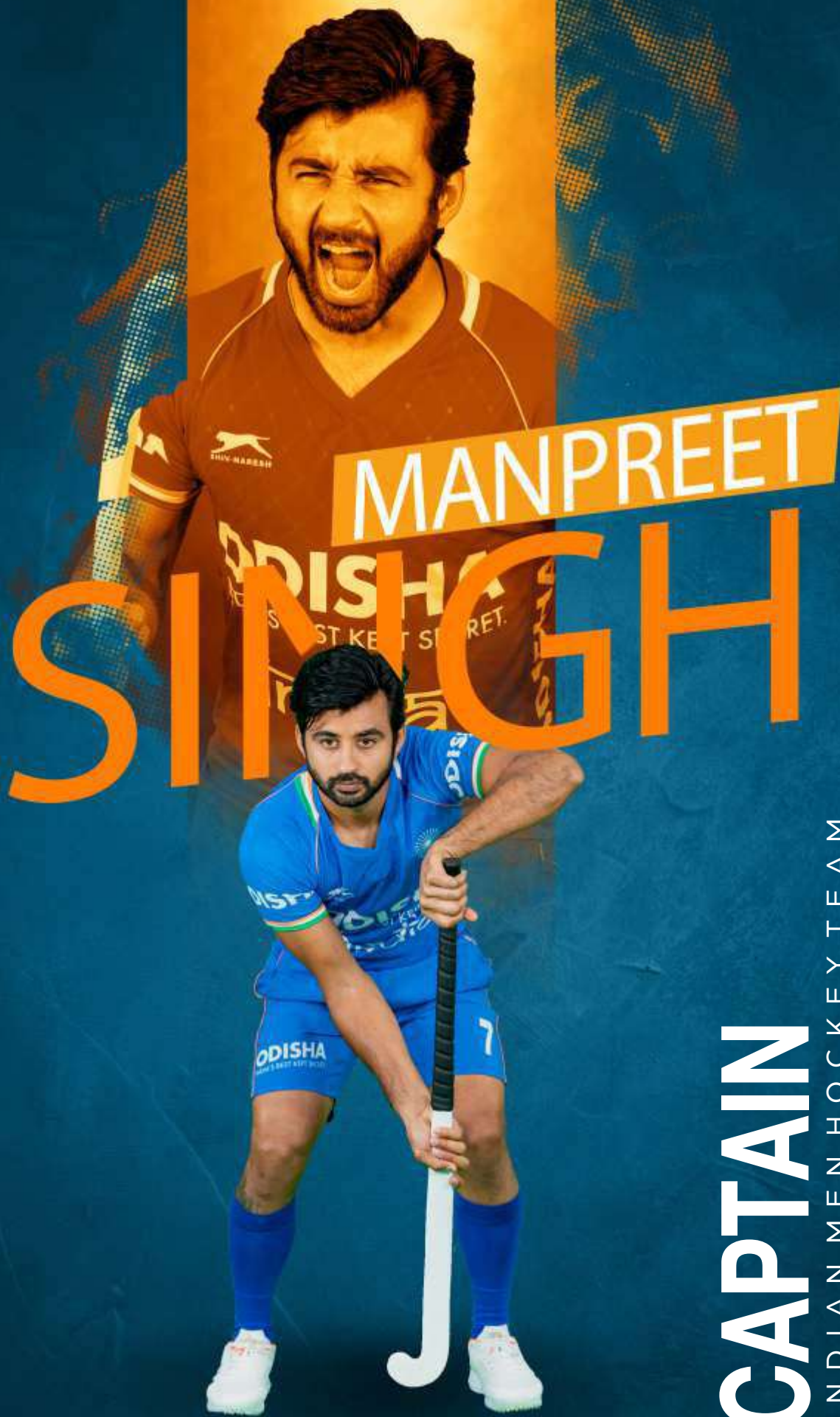


Besides, the Odisha government presented five special awards each -- Player with Maximum no. of Goals saved, for men's category was rewarded to PR Sreejesh and for women's category was rewarded to Savita, Player with Maximum no. of Goal assists, for men's category was awarded to Nilakanta Sharma and for women's category we had two joint winners namely Rani & Navneet Kaur, Player with Maximum no. of Defensive Tackles, for men's category was rewarded to Rupinder Pal Singh and for women's category was rewarded to Deep Grace Ekka, Player with Maximum no. of Interceptions in the midfield, for men's category was jointly rewarded to Harmanpreet Singh & Amit Rohidas and for

women's category was rewarded to Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Player with Maximum no. of Goals scored, for men's category was rewarded to Harmanpreet Singh and for women's category was jointly rewarded to Gurjit Kaur & Vandana Katariya -- along with the cash prize of Rs. 5 Lakh to the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams.

Odisha CM also felicitated Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President IOA, Col. (Dr.) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, Chair – FIH Health & Safety Committee, Shri Gyanendro Ningombam, Hockey India President, Shri Rajinder Singh, Hockey India Secretary General, and Ms. Elena Norman, Hockey India CEO during the ceremony.





MANPREET

SINGH

CAPTAIN  
INDIAN MEN HOCKEY TEAM

# GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH

## felicitates Olympic Medal Winners

Upon the Indian contingent's return from Tokyo, on 19 August 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government felicitated the Tokyo Olympics medal winners and participants from Uttar Pradesh in a felicitation program held at the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee - Ekana Stadium in Lucknow. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, along with Governor Anandi Ben Patel felicitated the athletes with cash rewards. Olympic Gold Medallist Neeraj Chopra was given a cash prize of rupees 2 crores, while silver medallists Mirabai Chanu and Ravi Dahiya were awarded rupees 1.5 crores each. The Indian Men's Hockey team –

which ended a 41-year-long wait for an Olympic medal in the country's national sport – were felicitated with a cash award of rupees 1 crore for each member of the team. Fellow Bronze medallists PV Sindhu, Lovlina Borgohain and Bajrang Punia were also awarded rupees 1 crore each. The Indian Women's Hockey Team, which recorded India's best ever performance in women's hockey in the Olympics, were also rewarded for securing a fourth place finish in the Olympics. Each member of the Indian Women's Hockey Team was honoured with a cash prize of rupees 50 lakh.



The Coaches from both teams were also honoured with cash prizes. Golfer Aditi Ashok, who put up a stellar performance but narrowly missed out on a medal on the final day, was also awarded rupees 50 lakh. Moreover, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced an additional award of rupees 25 lakh each to all 10 athletes from Uttar Pradesh who participated in the Tokyo Olympics. Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, IOA President presented a memento to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath lauded India's best-ever show at an Olympic event and praised the athletes for delivering their best for the country despite the pandemic.

"On behalf of all of you (audience), I would congratulate all the athletes who represented the nation at Tokyo 2020. All these athletes gave their best performance for the country despite the covid pandemic. It shows that every athlete plays for the entire country and they do not see anything else apart from country," Adityanath said during the event.



## Neeraj Chopra and PR Sreejesh join Amitabh Bachchan for Kaun Banega Crorepati's 'Shaandar Shukravaar' Episode



Amitabh Bachchan began Shandaar Shukravaar by chanting Hindustan Zindabad. He welcomed Olympics Champions Neeraj Chopra and PR Sreejesh. Chopra won Gold at Tokyo Olympics in Javelin, while Sreejesh is the star goalkeeper of the Indian Men's Hockey Team that won Bronze at the Tokyo Olympics. The audience gave a warm welcome to the two champions. Amitabh Bachchan asked them if he could touch the medals.



As soon as Neeraj Chopra and PR Sreejesh took the hot seat, the audience started chanting Vande Mataram and Bharat Mata Ki Jai. The moment the men's hockey team won Bronze and Neeraj Chopra won Gold was played on the screen on KBC 13. Amitabh Bachchan got emotional seeing those moments on screen. Big B couldn't stop himself from taking Neeraj Chopra and PR Sreejesh's autograph on a javelin and a hockey. Sreejesh had brought all 19 team members' autographs on team India's jersey for the actor, who was delighted to receive it.



SREEJESH  
JOIN  
KAUN  
BANEGA  
CROREPATI



G O A L K E E P E R  
**PR SHREEJESH**  
INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

# FIH HOCKEY STARS AWARDS 2021

Hockey India congratulated all the Award Winners of the FIH Hockey Stars Awards which was announced on 06 October 2021 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The voting-based annual awards had six Indian hockey players and two coaches from both the Indian Hockey Teams (Men and Women) nominated for various categories. This is the first time that all nominees from India have won the prestigious awards in their respective categories. India's dragflick sensation Harmanpreet Singh was crowned the 'FIH Player of the Year' in the men's category. He was the top scorer in India's Bronze medal-winning performance at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Meanwhile, Indian Women's Hockey team dragflicker Gurjit Kaur won the 'FIH Player of The Year' in the Women's category. India's famed goalkeeper PR Sreejesh won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' in the Men's category. Indian Women team custodian Savita, on the other hand, won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' in the Women's category. In the FIH Rising Star of the Year for Men, Vivek Sagar Prasad won the award for the second consecutive time. In the FIH Rising Star of the year for women, Sharmila Devi won the award with maximum votes ahead of Great Britain's Fiona Crackles and Argentina's Valentina Raposo. Indian Men's Hockey Chief Coach Graham Reid was awarded the FIH Coach of the Year. Former Indian Women's Hockey Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne too was awarded the 'FIH Coach of the Year' for Women's team category.

## WINNERS OF FIH HOCKEY STARS AWARDS 2021

### FIH PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MEN'S & WOMEN'S



### FIH GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR

MEN'S & WOMEN'S



# FIH RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S**



# FIH COACH OF THE YEAR

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S**



D E F E N D E R

# HARMANPREET SINGH

INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



FIH PLAYER OF THE YEAR

## THE INDIAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM IN THE KAPIL SHARMA SHOW

The Members of Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Team were invited by 'The Kapil Sharma Show' for a special episode, where they celebrated the success of Tokyo Olympics 2020.



## BIJU PATNAIK SPORTS AWARD



Hockey India congratulated Indian Men's Hockey Team defender and drag flicker Amit Rohidas for winning the prestigious Biju Patnaik Sports Award for outstanding performance in Sports & Games. Rohidas played an instrumental role in India's backline as well as PC defending in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics Games 2020 where India ended the 41-year wait to win an Olympic Medal.

The hockey star from Sundargarh district has been a regular feature in the Indian team after making a comeback in 2017 and has been part of some of the biggest feats in Indian hockey.

# NATIONAL SPORTS AWARD

## Hockey India congratulates National Sports Award Winners



Picture Source - Twitter Handle of President of India.

Hockey India on 03 November 2021 congratulated experienced Indian Men’s Hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Skipper Manpreet Singh on being conferred with the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest honour for a sportsperson in India. While Sreejesh had an exceptional outing at the Tokyo Olympic Games and was also awarded the FIH Goal Keeper of the Year Award 2020–21 for his exploits guarding India’s post in the team’s Olympic Bronze Medal winning feat, Manpreet Singh Captained the Indian Men’s Hockey team which successfully ended India’s 41-year-long wait to win an Olympic Medal in field hockey.



Manpreet Singh  
Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award



Sreejesh Parattu Raveendran  
Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan & Hon'ble Minister Smt. Yashohara Raje Scindia, Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Technical Education felicitated the Indian Women's Hockey Team where MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced a cash price of Rs 31 lakh for India Women's Hockey Team Players.**





The entire Indian Men's Hockey Team part of the Olympic success too have been honoured with the Arjuna Award. The list includes Rupinder Pal Singh, Surender Kumar, Birendra Lakra, Harmanpreet Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Shamsher Singh, Hardik Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Amit Rohidas, Sumit, Gurjant Singh, Varun Kumar and Simranjeet Singh.



Amit Rohidas – Arjuna Award



Birendra Lakra – Arjuna Award



Dilpreet Singh – Arjuna Award



Gurjant Singh – Arjuna Award



Hardik Singh – Arjuna Award



Harmanpreet Singh – Arjuna Award



Lalit Kumar Upadhyay – Arjuna Award



Mandeep Singh – Arjuna Award



Nilakanta Sharma – Arjuna Award



Rupinder Pal Singh – Arjuna Award



Shamsher Singh – Arjuna Award



Simranjeet Singh – Arjuna Award



Sumit – Arjuna Award



Surender Kumar – Arjuna Award



Varun Kumar – Arjuna Award



Vivek Sagar Prasad – Arjuna Award

From the Indian Women's Hockey team, experienced forward Vandana Katariya and Midfielder Monika too have been named for the Arjuna Award. Both Vandana Katariya and Monika were part of the Indian Women's Hockey team at the Rio Olympics 2016 as well as the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 where the Indian Women won a billion hearts with their historic fourth place finish.



Vandana Katariya – Arjuna Award



Monika – Arjuna Award

Former International hockey player and veteran hockey Coach Sarpal Singh has been selected for the Dronacharya Award for lifetime achievement while former Indian women's hockey Captain and Coach Pritam Siwach has been selected for the Dronacharya award. Meanwhile, Davinder Singh Garcha will be awarded the Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement for his contribution to Indian hockey.



Sarpal Singh - Dronacharya Award



Pritam Siwach - Dronacharya Award



Davinder Singh Garcha  
Dhyan Chand Award

Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Rani was conferred with the Padma Shri Award at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 8 November 2021. She received the award by Hon'ble President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind.



Rani - Padma Shri Award

Picture Source - Twitter Handle of President of India.

# PADMA SHRI

A W A R D E E



F O R W A R D

# RANI

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



THE WORLD GAMES

# ATHLETE

OF THE YEAR 2021

# PR SREEJESH

## PR Sreejesh becomes first male Indian athlete to win the World Games Athlete of the Year

In January this year, experienced Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who was part of the men's team that claimed the Bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics, became only the second India athlete to win the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances.

In 2020, Rani became the first Indian athlete to be voted as the World Games Athlete of the year following her incredible performances in 2019 where she had helped her team clinch Olympic Qualification after defeating USA. She had also played a crucial role in the team's success at the FIH Series Final that Year.

In a global fan vote conducted on TheWorldGames.org, Sreejesh finished well clear at the top of the 24-strong nomination list, with his tally of 1,27,647 votes being almost twice as many as the second-placed athlete, Spain's Sport Climbing ace Albert Ginés Lopez, who garnered 67,428 votes.

Speaking about the Award, the shot-stopper -- who was also voted as FIH Goalkeeper of the Year for 2021 -- said: "I'm very honoured to win this award. First of all, a big thank you to FIH for nominating me for this award, and secondly, thanks to all the Indian hockey lovers around the world, who voted for me."

"By getting nominated I did my part, but the rest was done by the fans and hockey lovers. So, this award goes to them, and I think they deserve this award more than me. It's a big moment for Indian Hockey as well because everyone in the hockey community, all the hockey federations around the world voted for me, so it's great to see that support from the hockey family," Sreejesh, a veteran of 250 senior international matches, who achieved this milestone during India's second match against Spain at the FIH Hockey Pro League.



# PADMA SHRI

AWARDEE

## VANDANA KATARIYA

India women's hockey team star Vandana Katariya received the prestigious Padma Shri award, in the field of sports.

The 29-year-old is among nine athletes and the lone hockey player this year who has been named for the award. She also became the first Indian women's player to score a hat-trick of goals in an Olympic Games.

She was part of India's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 and has also been part of India's Gold medal win at the Asian Champions Trophy in 2016, Asia Cup in 2017, Asian Games Bronze in 2014, and Silver in 2018 among several other achievements.





# SPORTSTAR ACES AWARDS 2021

## Hockey India congratulates Rupinder Pal Singh, Harmanpreet Singh and Savita for winning individual awards at the Sports Star Aces

Hockey India on 19 March 2022 congratulated former India Captain and 1975 World Cup winner Ajit Pal Singh who was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Sports Star Aces awards held in Mumbai.

The national sport's federation also congratulated Rupinder Pal Singh and Harmanpreet Singh for being awarded Sportsman of the Year 2021 (Team sports) while women's team ace goalkeeper Savita was awarded Sportswoman of the Year 2021 (Team sports) for their performances at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The Indian Men's Hockey team, which won the Bronze medal at the Olympic Games 2020 after beating Germany 5-4, thus ending a 41-year long wait for India to finish on the podium at the Olympics, was recognized with the Moment of the Year 2021 Award. The Indian Men's Hockey Team was also awarded the prestigious Team of the Year 2021 Award for their outstanding efforts at the Tokyo Olympics last year.

Meanwhile, the Indian Women's Hockey Team too won the Breakthrough Performance of the Year Award for their incredible success at the Olympic Games 2020 where they ended their campaign with a historic fourth-place finish.



## BBC INDIAN SPORTS OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2021

### Hockey India congratulates Indian Women and Men's Hockey Teams on receiving special recognition award from BBC India

Hockey India on 28 March 2022 congratulated the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams on bagging the Special Recognition Award from BBC India for their Tokyo Olympics glory. The awards ceremony in New Delhi was graced by Shri Naveen Patnaik, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha State Government. Also present at the event was Indian Olympic Association President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra among other dignitaries and top athletes of the country. The Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Savita and Vice

Captain Deep Grace Ekka received the award on behalf of the team. They were awarded the Special Recognition Award for their historic fourth place finish at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. BBC India also gave away the Special Recognition Award for the Indian Men's Hockey Team for their Bronze Medal feat which ended the 41-year medal drought at the Olympic Games, Indian stars Harmanpreet Singh and Amit Rohidas received the award on behalf of the team.



Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams on bagging the Special Recognition Award from BBC India for their Tokyo Olympics glory

## BCCI Rewarded the Indian Men's Hockey Team for their Performance in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics

The BCCI on 27 March awarded Hockey India with a cheque of Rs 1.25 crore for their extraordinary Bronze Medal winning performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics during the opening ceremony

of the Indian Premier League Manpreet Singh, the Captain of the Bronze Medal winning team received the award on behalf of the team.



# UMPIRES & TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ONLINE WORKSHOP

YEAR 2022



Hockey India returned once again with the Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Online Workshops 2022 as part of the induction program for the new Umpires and Technical Officials in Hockey India officiating system. Hockey India Technical Officials 'Level 1' Online Workshops 2022 was held between 26 February to 31 March 2022 for which was attended by 64 candidates, comprising of 25 females and 39 males, nominated and registered through 22 Hockey India Member Units across India.

Hockey India Umpires 'Level 1' Online Sessions took place between 02 to 31 March 2022 for which 85 candidates comprising of 33 females and 52 males, nominated and registered through the 22 Hockey India Member Units across India.

Hockey India had organised a set of online workshops as part of the induction program for the shortlisted candidates:

S.No.	Name of the Workshop	Dates	Mode/ Sessions
1	HI Technical Officials Level 1 Online Workshop 2022	26 Feb to 31 Mar 2022	Online / 10 Sessions
2	HI Umpires Level 1 Online Workshop 2022	02 to 31 March 2022	Online / 10 Sessions
3	Hockey India Technical Officials Level 2 - Online Test 2022	12 & 13 March, 2022	Online Test
4	Hockey India Umpires Level 2 - Online Test 2022	19 & 20 March, 2022	Online Test
5	HI Technical Officials Level 3 Online Workshop	20 to 30 April 2022	Online / 08 Sessions
6	HI Umpires Level 3 Online Workshop	20 to 30 April 2022	Online / 08 Sessions
7	HI Technical Officials Online Viva	07 & 08 May 2022	22 - Potential Judges
8	HI Umpires Online Viva	07 & 08 May 2022	33 - Potential Umpires

After the completion of the workshops the shortlisted candidates were added in the Hockey India potential list and are eligible to be appointed for Hockey India sanctioned Sub-Junior and Junior category tournaments. The potential candidates were 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 adept Hockey India Technical Delegates, Umpire Managers and Umpires.

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

### Hockey India Conductors

HI TO Online Workshops 2022	HI Umpire Online Workshops 2022
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Ms. Rohini Bopanna	Mr. Javed Nuruddin Shaikh
Mr. PL Murugappan	Mr. Raghuprasad RV
Mr. Digvijay Govindrao Naik	

Post completion of the HI Online workshops 2022 we were able to induct 22 Judges (7 female & 15 male) & 33 Umpires (12 female & 21 male), total of 55 candidates have been added to the HI Potential List.

Altogether we currently have 176 officials from 22 states in the Hockey India Potential List.

- 81 Judges (28 female & 53 male)
- 95 Umpires (28 female & 67 male)

Hockey India will continue with the Online Workshops throughout the year, after the immense success in the past couple of years of these sessions. Hockey India believes that adding more match officials to our officiating system is of equal importance as we conduct various national tournaments across the country in the coming years.



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# P L A Y E R S MILESTONE

The 2021/22 proved to be a year of milestones for both India Men's Hockey Team and Women's Hockey Team. Two veteran stars – PR Sreejesh and Vandana Katariya achieved milestone of 250 international caps, and Birendra Lakra, striker Akashdeep Singh, and veteran center-half Sushila Chanu completed their 200 international caps. Amit Rohidas, Varun Kumar, Gurjit Kaur and Navneet Kaur completed their 100 international caps. Krishan B Pathak & Udita also completed their 50 international caps in this period.

## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

### KRISHAN B PATHAK

Hockey India congratulates  
Goalkeeper Krishan B Pathak on  
completing 50 International Caps  
for India

The goalkeeper reached this feat during India's second match against Argentina on 11th April, 2021 in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2020/21 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



## 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# BIRENDRA LAKRA

### Hockey India congratulates Birendra Lakra on completing 200 Senior International Caps for India

The Indian Men's Hockey team's third Pool match against Spain on 27 July 2021 at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 saw veteran defender Birendra Lakra achieve the milestone of completing 200 Senior International Caps for the national team.

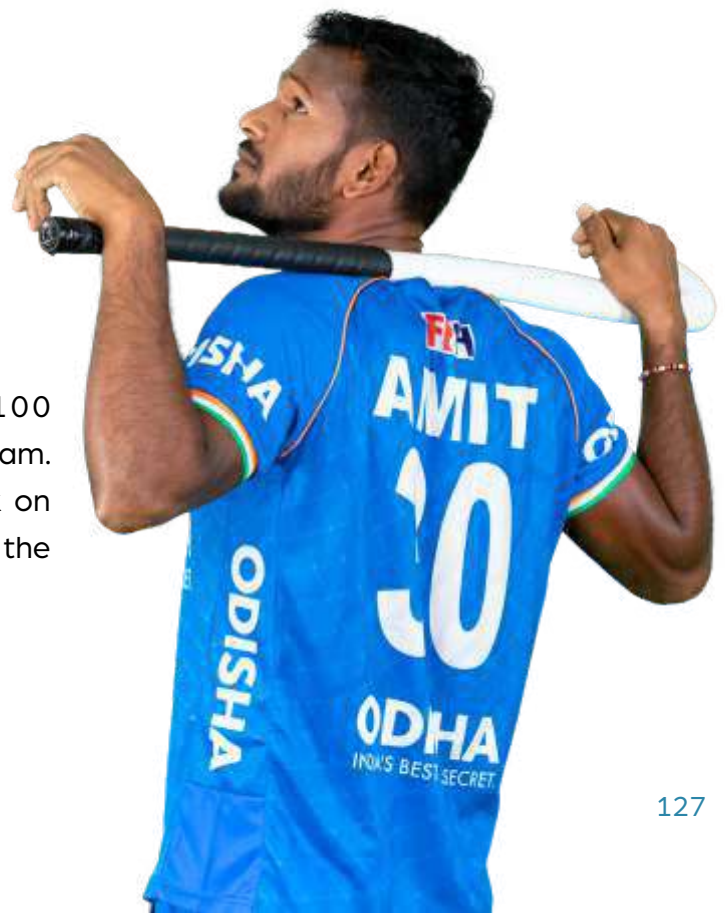


## 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# AMIT ROHIDAS

### Hockey India congratulates Amit Rohidas on completing 100 International Caps for India

Defender Amit Rohidas completed 100 International caps for Indian Men's Hockey Team. He achieved this milestone when India took on Spain on 27 July 2021 in their third match of the Tokyo Olympics 2020.



## 250 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# VANDANA KATARIYA

### Hockey India congratulates Vandana Katariya on completing 250 Senior International Caps for India

Hockey India on 21 January, 2022 congratulated Indian Women's Hockey team forward Vandana Katariya on completing of 250 International Caps in her career. The skillful and experienced forward reached this milestone during the Indian Women's team's opening match against Malaysia at the Women's Asia Cup 2022 in Muscat, Oman. Since making her debut for the national team in 2009, Vandana Katariya has been an integral member of the team that won the Asian Champions Trophy in 2016, Asia Cup in 2017, and Asian Games Silver Medal in 2018, among other achievements.



## 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

### Hockey India congratulates Gurjit Kaur on completing 100 International Caps

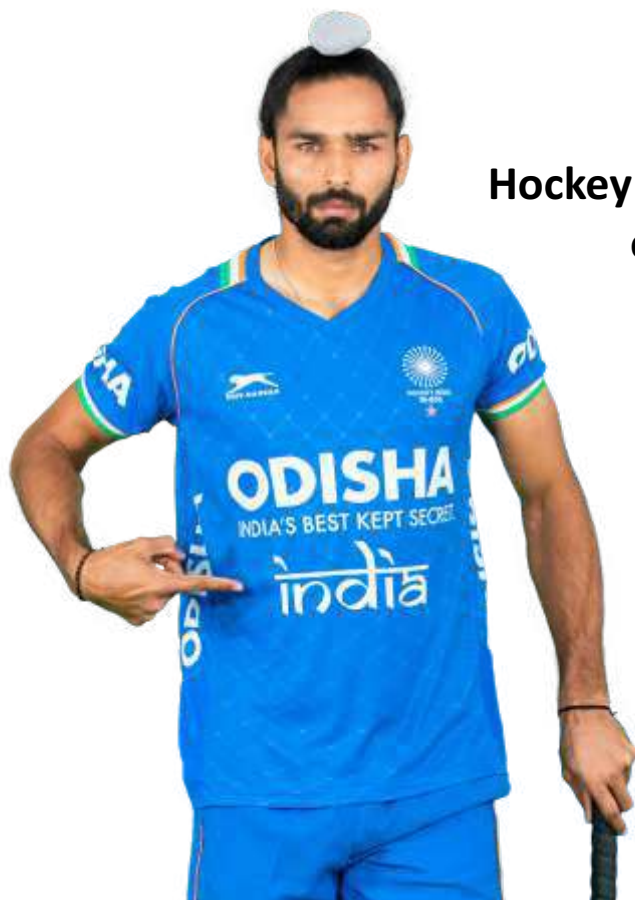
# GURJIT KAUR

Hockey India on 26 January, 2022 congratulated Indian Women's Hockey team defender Gurjit Kaur on completing 100 International Caps in her career. The ace drag-flicker reached this milestone during India's Semi Final clash against Korea in the Women's Asia Cup 2022. Since making her debut in 2014, Gurjit Kaur has been a mainstay in the team, making crucial contributions to the Indian team and again by way of her goals from penalty corners. Gurjit Kaur also scored the solitary goal against Australia in the Quarter Finals of the Tokyo Olympics, sending the team to their first ever Semi Final in the Olympic Games.





## 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS



### AKASHDEEP SINGH

#### Hockey India congratulates Akashdeep Singh on completing 200 International Caps

Hockey India on 8 February 2022 congratulated Akashdeep Singh on completing 200 International Caps with the Indian Men's Hockey team. The skillful forward reached this milestone during India's match against France in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 in South Africa. Akashdeep made his debut for Team India in the FIH Champions Trophy in 2012, and since then has been a vital member of the team that secured the Gold Medal in the Asian Games 2014, the Silver Medal in the FIH Champions Trophy in 2016, and the Gold Medal in the Asia Cup in 2017.

## 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

### VARUN KUMAR

#### Hockey India congratulates Varun Kumar on completing 100 International Caps

Hockey India congratulated Varun Kumar on completing 100 international caps for India. The defender and dragflick specialist achieved this milestone during India's first match on 26 February 2022 against Spain at the FIH Hockey Pro League home-leg which began in Bhubaneswar. Varun, who hails from Jalandhar in Punjab, made his Senior International debut in 2017 at the Europe Tour of Belgium and Netherlands. He was one of the most promising talents to emerge from India's victorious Men's Hockey Junior World Cup 2016 side.



## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## UDITA

## Hockey India congratulates Udita on completing 50 International Caps for India

She achieved this milestone during India's first match against Germany on 12 March, 2022 in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 match held at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



## 150 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## SURENDER KUMAR

## Hockey India congratulates Surender Kumar on completing 150 International Caps



Hockey India on 19 March 2022 congratulated defender Surender Kumar on completing 150 International Caps. He achieved this milestone during India's first match against Argentina in the FIH Hockey Pro League double-header being held at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Surender Kumar, who was part of India's historic Olympic Bronze medal feat in Tokyo last year, has been a key performer in the Indian defence. The Karnal-born player progressed through the ranks of the junior team set-up where he made his debut in 2012 and was a part of the 2013 FIH Junior Men's World Cup squad.

## 250 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## PR SREEJESH

### Hockey India congratulates PR Sreejesh on completing 250 international Caps

On 27 February, 2022, Hockey India congratulated ace goalkeeper PR Sreejesh on completing 250 International Caps in his career. The veteran goalkeeper reached this feat during India's second match against Spain in the FIH Hockey Pro League in Bhubaneswar. Arguably one of the best goalkeepers in the world, Sreejesh began his journey with the Indian Men's Hockey team in 2006 at the South Asian Games in Sri Lanka. He became a regular feature in the team in the year 2011 - when he stood out for his match-winning display in the Final of Asian Champions Trophy against Pakistan.



## 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM

### Hockey India congratulates Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam on completing 200 Senior International Caps for India

Hockey India on 12 March 2022 congratulated Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam on completing 200 International Caps for India. She achieved this milestone during India's first match against Germany in the FIH Hockey Pro League match held at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The 30-year-old half-back has been one of the most influential players for the national team over the past decade. She hails from the state of Manipur and was the Captain of the Indian Junior Women's team which won the Bronze Medal at the Women's Hockey Junior World Cup in Germany in 2013.





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## Hockey India starts National Coaching Camp after a successful campaign at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020

With the resumption of international competitions, Hockey India conducted numerous National Camps in SAI, Bengaluru as well as Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha for Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men and Junior Women throughout the 2021–22 season.

Both the teams spent most of their time at Camp in Bengaluru since the onset of COVID-19 virus. After their first international assignments in early 2021, the Indian Men and Women's Hockey teams shifted their focus on the Tokyo Olympics. In April and May they had Olympics selection camp and from June till their departure for Tokyo, they had Preparatory Camp at SAI Centre, Bengaluru.

After their successful campaign at the Tokyo Olympic Games, both teams (Women's Team – September 2021; Men's Team – October 2021) returned to SAI, Bengaluru to begin the new Olympic cycle.

The Junior Men's team along with the Senior team trained in Bhubaneswar, while both Women's teams have had their coaching camp in SAI, Bengaluru in November 2021. The Junior team had their preparatory camp for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021.

With an aim to build on their historic Tokyo 2020 Olympics campaign, Hockey India in December 2021 named 60 players for both

the Senior Women's and Men's National Camp which took place in SAI, Bengaluru. After selection trials, Hockey India in January 2022 announced core probable groups of both the teams for major tournaments that are scheduled this year.

After a three-week National Coaching Camp (in February 2022) at SAI, Bengaluru, Hockey India also announced core probable lists of both the junior men's and women's teams for the 2022 season.

Following their respective FIH Hockey Pro League away matches, both Senior Men's and Women's teams regrouped in Bhubaneswar for training and preparation camp for the home leg of Pro League, which took place between February and April. The Junior Women's Core Group too had their selection and preparatory Camp for Junior World Cup 2021 in Bhubaneswar.

Meanwhile, in the month of March, Hockey India also formed India 'A' Men's and Women's core probables group. The newly formed teams had their Coaching Camp at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru in the same month.

The core probable groups of all six teams -- Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, India 'A' Men and India 'A' Women-- are currently at the National Coaching Camp at SAI Centre in Bengaluru.



## SENIOR MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training Camp for non selected players from FIH Pro League	01/04/2021 to 15/04/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training & Preparation Camp for Pro League (Germany, England, Spain)	16/04/2021 to 20/04/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3	Selection Camp for Tokyo Olympics	21/04/2021 to 18/06/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	Training & Preparation Camp	19/06/2021 to 17/07/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5	Training & Preparation Camp	04/10/2021 to 03/11/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6	Selection Camp for Asian Champions Trophy 2021	10/11/2021 to 10/12/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7	Training & Selecting Senior Men Core Probables	03/01/2022 to 24/01/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8	Training & Selection for Pro League (FRA & RSA)	25/01/2022 to 03/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9	Training & Conditioning Camp for non-selected players from FIH Pro League South Africa	04/02/2022 to 14/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10	Training & Selection for FIH Pro League Matches against Spain	15/02/2022 to 22/02/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
11	Training & Conditioning Camp Non-Selected players from FIH Pro League matches with Spain	23/02/2022 to 27/02/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
12	Training & Selection for Pro League Matches with Germany & Argentina	28/02/2022 to 15/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
13	Training & Conditioning Camp Not selected players for FIH Pro League Matches with Argentina	16/03/2022 to 20/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
14	Training & Select players for FIH Pro League Matches with England	21/03/2022 to 27/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
15	Training & Conditioning Camp Not Selected for FIH Pro League Matches with England	28/03/2022 to 03/04/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar



## JUNIOR MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training & Preparation Camp for South Africa Tour	12/06/2021 to 30/10/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training & Preparation Camp for Junior World Cup 2021 Team	07/11/2021 to 19/11/2021	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
3	Training & Selection Camp for new Junior Men Core Probables.	14/02/2022 to 27/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	TOPS NCOE National Coaching Camp for 33 New Junior Men Core Probables.	28/02/2022 to 04/04/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

## INDIA 'A' MEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training & Preparation Camp	07/03/2022 to 02/04/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

## SENIOR WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training & Selection Camp of Netherlands Tour	18/04/2021 to 07/05/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training & Selection Camp of Tokyo Olympics	08/05/2021 to 17/06/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3	Training & Preparation Camp	18/06/2021 to 17/07/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	Training & Preparation Camp	13/09/2021 to 20/10/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5	Training & Selection Camp of Asian Champions Trophy 2021	08/11/2021 to 30/11/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6	Training & Conditioning Camp to Select new Core Probables for preparation in Asia Cup	27/12/2021 to 11/01/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7	Training & Conditioning Camp for Asia Cup	12/01/2022 to 15/01/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8	Coaching Camp for non selected players from Asia Cup	16/01/2022 to 01/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9	Training & Selection Camp for FIH Pro League 2021/22 Matches against Spain	02/02/2022 to 21/02/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
10	Training & Coaching Camp for non selected players FIH Pro league 2021/22 Matches with Spain	22/02/2022 to 27/02/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
11	Training & Selection Camp for FIH Pro League 2021/22 Matches against Germany	28/02/2022 to 08/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
12	Training & Coaching Camp for not selected players	09/03/2022 to 13/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
13	Training & Selection Camp for FIH Pro League 2021/22 matches with England and Netherlands.	14/03/2022 to 04/04/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar



## JUNIOR WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training Camp Selection Trials to select 28 Junior Women Core Probables for preparation of Junior World Cup	12/06/2021 to 08/10/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2	Training Coaching Camp for 28 Junior Women Players for preparation of Junior World Cup	09/10/2021 to 28/11/2021	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3	Training & Selection Camp to select 33 new Core Probable	17/01/2022 to 05/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4	Training & Selection Camp for 29 players to focus on the final preparation of FIH Junior Women World Cup 2021	06/02/2022 to 27/02/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5	Training & Coaching Camp for final preparation of Junior Women World Cup 2021.	28/02/2022 to 25/03/2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
6	Training & Coaching Camp for non selected players	28/02/2022 to 31/03/2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru

## INDIA 'A' WOMEN

S.No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period	Venue
1	Training & Preparation Camp	07/03/2022 to 16/04/2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru



M I D F I E L D E R  
**SUSHILA  
CHANU**

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



# APPOINTMENTS

## Two new Scientific Advisors and Women's Team Analytical Coach appointed with the National Team's

With an aim to build on their historic Tokyo Olympics 2020 campaign, the appointment of new Women's Team Analytical Coach and Scientific Advisors for both Senior Men and Women's Hockey teams was announced in January 2022.

Patrick Tshutshani took over as Women's Analytical Coach, while Taren Naidoo (Senior Women's Team) and Mitchell Pemberton (Senior Men's Team) are the new Scientific Advisors of the Senior Indian Hockey Teams.

Tshutshani in his previous roles was the Director/Head Coach of Field Hockey Canada Junior Women's Team. He had coached the Field Hockey Canada Junior Women's Hockey Team that clinched the 2021 Women's Pan America Junior Championship title.

Taren Naidoo took charge as Scientific Advisor for the Indian eves. With an experience of nearly 10 years, Naidoo previously worked as Head Hockey Sports Scientist and strength and conditioning specialist for both South African Men and Women's Hockey Teams.

Meanwhile, Pemberton, who took charge as scientific advisor for the Indian men's hockey team, was associated with Hockey Australia as the strength and conditioning coordinator for the junior men's team. He was also the head of athletic performance and athletic performance coach at the ACT Academy of Sport and the strength & conditioning coach for Contractor Royal Australian Airforce.



**Mitchell Pemberton**  
Scientific Advisor - Men



**Taren Naidoo**  
Scientific Advisor - Women



**Bongani Patrick Tshutshani**  
Analytical Coach - Women

## DEBUTS - WOMEN

### Mariana Kujur, Sangita Kumari, Akshata Abaso Dhekale & Deepika make debut for India Women's Hockey Team

With both the India Men's Hockey Senior Team and Women's Hockey Senior Team participating in important competitions, several players were handed their debuts. The talented young forward Mariana Kujur who hails from the hockey belt Sundargarh in Odisha, and is a product of the Panposh Academy, made her debut for India at the Women's Asia Cup 2022 in Muscat, Oman, where she featured for the team in every match, and scored a goal.

The Indian Women's Hockey team also saw a new face in promising young forward Sangita Kumari from Jharkhand, in the FIH Hockey Pro

League 2021/22 matches against Spain at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Sangita made her debut in the second leg and scored a goal in the 10th minute of the match for India.

Akshata Abaso Dhekale & Deepika, were handed their debuts for the Senior Women's team during Indian Women's Hockey Team's FIH Pro League 2021/22 home matches in the month of March. Defender Akshata Abaso Dhekale and forward Deepika made their international debuts India's first match of the double-header against Germany, which was played on 12 March.



## DEBUTS - MEN

### Abhishek, Jugraj Singh, Sukhjeet Singh & Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem made debut for Indian Men's Hockey Team

For India Men's Hockey Team, young India dragflicker Jugraj Singh made his debut in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 matches in South Africa and scored three goals in four games, which consisted of a hat-trick against the Proteas.

Another young India forward, Abhishek, also made his debut in South Africa, where he played three games and managed to get a goal on the board.

The 25-year-old forward Sukhjeet Singh, who hails from Punjab, also

received a call-up for the first time in India Men's Senior Team in the double-header against Spain. Sukhjeet made his debut in the second game against Spain and managed to get a goal in the match.

Meanwhile, midfielder Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem made his international debut during Indian Men's Hockey Team's first match of the Pro League double header against Argentina on 19 March.



# THANK YOU LEGENDS

**Hockey India congratulates defender and star drag-flicker Rupinder Pal Singh on an illustrious career with the Indian Men's Hockey Team**

## THANK YOU **BOB** RUPINDER PAL SINGH

As the stalwart drag-flicker Rupinder Pal Singh called time on his illustrious career with the Indian Men's Hockey Team, Hockey India on 30 September 2021 congratulated the two-time Olympian for his outstanding contribution to Indian Hockey. Rupinder, who made his international debut in 2010, played a pivotal role in India's recent Bronze Medal-winning feat at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Having scored as many as four goals in the tournament, Rupinder was the second highest goal-scorer in the team. Fondly known as 'Bob' by his teammates, Rupinder featured in India's important feats in the past decade, which includes the Gold Medal-winning feat at the 2014 Asian Games, 2016 Asian Champions Trophy triumph, 2015 Bronze Medal-winning FIH Hockey World League Final and 2017 Bronze Medal-winning FIH Hockey World League Final.



**THANK  
YOU**

**BIRENDRA  
LAKRA**

## **Hockey India congratulates veteran defender Birendra Lakra on an illustrious career with Indian Hockey**

Hockey India congratulated veteran defender Birendra Lakra, who on 30 September 2021 called time on his illustrious career with the Indian Men's Hockey Team. Lakra was the joint Vice-Captain of the Indian men's hockey team that clinched the historic Bronze at the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020. A product of SAIL Hockey Academy Rourkela, Lakra has represented India at the 2009 Youth Olympic Festival held in Sydney, the 2009 Junior World Cup, the 2010 SAAF Games in Dhaka and the 2011 Champions Challenge tournament in South Africa. Having progressed through the ranks of the junior team set-up, Lakra made his debut for the senior national team in the 2010 South Asian Games and has been part of India's various memorable moments such as the 2014 Asian Games glory, Bronze Medal feat in the World League Final 2015 in Raipur, Silver Medal-winning campaign at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019 triumph as well.

## Hockey India congratulates veteran striker SV Sunil on his incredible career spanning over 13 years

Hockey India congratulated veteran forward and star striker SV Sunil, who on 1st October 2021 called time on his illustrious career with the Indian Men's Hockey Team.

The Arjuna awardee from Somwarpet in Coorg made a memorable international debut in 2007 at the Asia Cup in 2007 which India won after beating Pakistan in the Final. Since then, there has been no looking back for this speedy striker who was part of India's incredible rise in global hockey.

The two-time Olympian remained the cynosure of the Indian forwardline for over a decade with fine performances. He was part of the Indian team that won Gold in the 2011 Asian Champions Trophy, Silver in the same event in 2012.

He has to his credit a Gold and a Bronze medal from the 2014 Incheon Asian Games and 2018 Jakarta-Palembang Asian Games respectively. He was also part of the Gold Medal-winning team in the Asia Cup 2017. He played an instrumental role in the team's historic Silver medal wins at the 2016 and 2018 FIH Champions Trophy.

In his long-serving career, Sunil also led the forwardline in 2015 World League Final where the team won a Bronze Medal and he was also part of the team that won Bronze in the same event in 2017 in Bhubaneswar. He also has a Silver medal from the Commonwealth Games 2014 to his credit.

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**SV SUNIL**

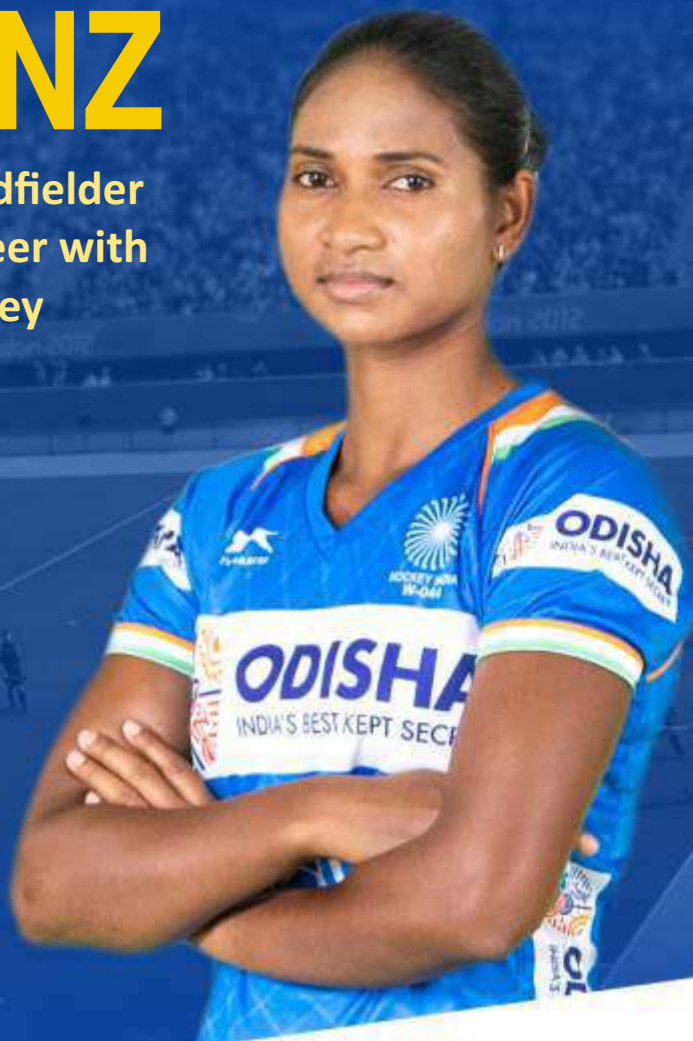


# T H A N K Y O U LILIMA MINZ

## Hockey India congratulates Midfielder Lilima Minz on an eminent career with the Indian Women's Hockey

The experienced Midfielder Lilima Minz decided to call time with the Indian Women's Hockey Team, Hockey India on 13th January, 2022 congratulated the two-time Asian Games medallist for her outstanding contribution to Indian Hockey.

Lilima, who made her debut for the national side at the 4-Nation Women's Hockey Tournaments held in Argentina (Quilmes and Paraná) in 2011, has been part of many glorious moments with the Indian Women's Hockey Team.



The Midfielder, who scored 14 goals in 156 matches for India, was part of the Bronze Medal victory at the Asian Games 2014, Silver Medal win at the 2018 Asian Games and the Gold Medal victory at the FIH Women's Series Finals Hiroshima 2019.

Lilima, featured in the historic Indian side, which took the field at the Rio Olympics in 2016. The Indian Women's Hockey Team had qualified for the Olympics for the first time in 36 years. The midfielder was also a part of the Indian team, which booked a place in the Tokyo Olympics through the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

"Lilima has made a huge contribution to Indian hockey during her fantastic career and we cannot thank her enough for her efforts. She has played a massive role in the growth of the Indian Women's Hockey Team in the last few years. Hockey India congratulates her on a wonderful career and wishes her all the very best for the next chapter of her life,"





# HOCKEY INDIA DEEPLY MOURNS THE DEMISE OF HOCKEY HEROES

THE YEAR 2021-22 WE LOST OUR HEROES



**BALBIR SINGH JR.**  
02 MAY 1932 – 11 April 2021  
Indian Hockey Legend



**ANUPAMA PUCHIMANDA**  
08 July 1980 – 18 April 2021  
Former Player & Umpire



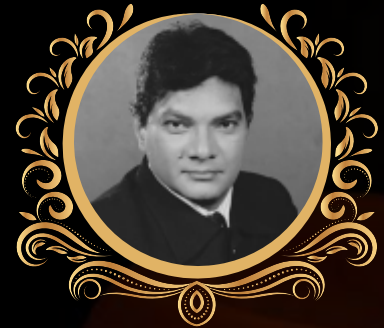
**BG JOSHI**  
27 Nov 1954 – 20 April 2021  
Statistician



**SURESH KUMAR THAKUR**  
28 March 1970 – 23 April 2021  
Former International Umpire



**VIRENDRA SINGH**  
27 October 1973 – 26 April 2021  
National Umpire Manager



**MANAS RANJAN JAIPURIA**  
11 June 1972 – 29 April 2021  
Journalist



**RAVINDER PAL SINGH**  
06 September 1958 – 08 May 2021  
Former Indian Hockey Player  
(1980 Moscow Olympics Medalist)



**SANJIB BARLA**  
12 April 1987 – 02 May 2021  
Former Indian Camper



**MK KAUSHIK**  
02 May 1955 – 08 May 2021  
Former Indian Hockey Player  
(1980 Moscow Olympics Medalist)



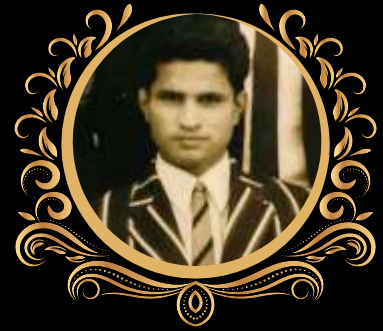
**GEORGE FERNANDEZ**

11 September 1953 - 09 May 2021  
Former Jr. Indian Hockey Player



**RAVINDER SINGH SODHI**

03 June 1954 - 12 May 2021  
Former National Hockey Umpire  
& Technical Official



**USMAN KHAN**

01 July 1945 - 02 June 2021  
Former international Hockey Player



**RABBI ROSHAN**

04 August 1976 - 03 June 2021  
Hockey India Technical Official



**AMRIT BOSE**

25 December 1936 - 20 June 2021  
Former Honorary Secretary  
(Indian Women's Hockey Federation)



**KESHAV DATT**

29 December 1925 - 07 July 2021  
Indian Hockey Player  
(Double Olympic Champion)



**GOPAL BHENGRA**

13 March 1946 - 09 August 2021  
Former Indian Hockey Player



**CHARANJIT SINGH**

20 November 1929 - 27 January 2022  
Padma Shri & Arjuna Awardee  
(Former Captain of Indian Men Hockey Team  
Gold Medalist-1964 Tokyo Olympics)

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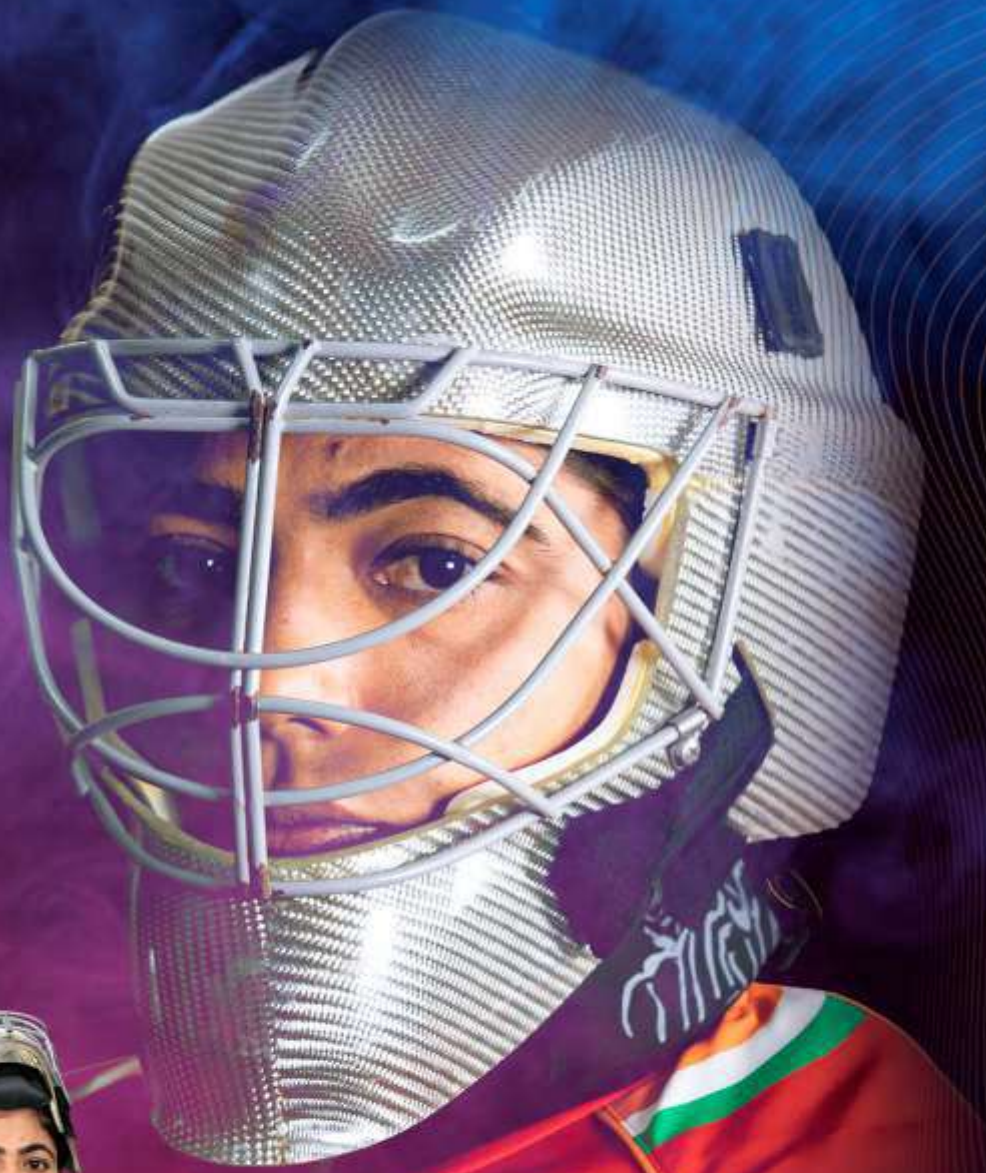


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Chief Executive Officer - Hockey India

G O A L K E E P E R



# SAVITA

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

**ELENA**  
*NORMAN*





HOCKEY INDIA

CEO

# Message

Greetings,

The year 2021-22 was unlike any other as we faced several challenges but also enjoyed sweet triumphs that brought great joy to the nation. The covid-19 pandemic posed several challenges in the lead up to the Tokyo Olympics as we had to plan and execute exposure tours for both our Men and Women's Team who had worked extremely hard in the national camp held in a bio-bubble in SAI, Bengaluru. The Hockey India team was constantly in touch with national federations from various countries which was safe to compete in despite the ensuing covid situation. We were grateful to Germany, Belgium, Argentina who hosted our men's team and we were able to send our women to Argentina and Germany in the lead up to the Olympics.

The historic Olympic Games that followed brought some great moments of joy and also tears, mostly happy tears, as both our teams made us immensely proud and the result was a testimony to the systematic and scientific approach, we devised to prepare our national teams to achieve best results at global events.

In 2021, we also hosted the FIH Hockey Junior Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This was the second consecutive time we hosted the tournament in India and we could

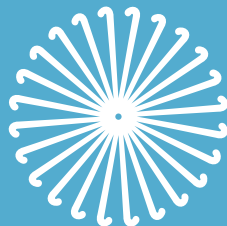
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not have managed to host this event without the continued support of Odisha State Government. The tournament went on smoothly without with all 16 teams being provided a safe environment to compete despite the covid-19 pandemic.

In 2021, we were also able to resume our domestic calendar and we are grateful to all our state member units who ensured we conducted the National Championships successfully. We also introduced exclusive National Championships for Department Unit and Academies which has successfully taken off.

In the first quarter of 2022, we hosted the FIH Hockey Pro League in Bhubaneswar. Once again, we are immensely grateful to Odisha State Government who ensured all the necessities were in place to host the matches in a safe environment.

We also kicked off the domestic calendar for the years with National Championships being held at various venues. I would like to thank Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India for their continued support. I also thank all our stakeholders, partners and state members units and Odisha State Government for their continued support and their efforts are deeply appreciated in helping the sport of hockey grow to the next level in India.



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