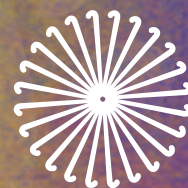


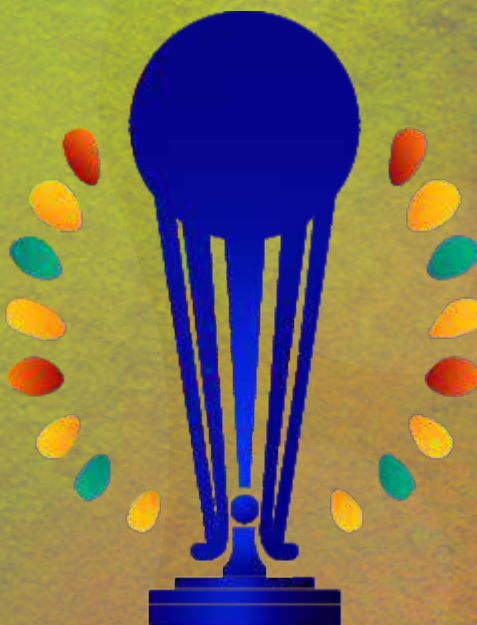
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Message from Hockey India President



Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam

Namaskar,

The months of November and December were extremely fruitful here at Hockey India. I am very ecstatic to note that with tremendous support from the Odisha government, Hockey India successfully hosted the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 from 24 November 2021 to 05 December 2021. We certainly look forward to organizing more global events in the future.

In the month of November, it was a proud moment for Indian hockey when Indian Men's Hockey Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Skipper Manpreet Singh were conferred with the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. Rani was honoured with Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award. We would like to congratulate our most experienced players for receiving the highest honour for a sportsperson in India.

We would also like to congratulate the Indian Men's Hockey Team for clinching a Bronze Medal at the Asian Champions Trophy. The team showed a lot of determination during the tournament and they will certainly work harder to produce much better results in the future. It's also been fantastic to see a number of National Championships being held in December. We witnessed several players at the National level showcase their skills and proved that the future of Indian hockey is bright.

All in all, the last two months have been very eventful here at Hockey India. The game has grown and evolved manifold in 2021 and we look forward to working even harder for the sport of hockey in 2022. Happy New Year to all of you!



TOP HIGHLIGHTS

Hockey India congratulates National Sports Award Winners

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

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 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.



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.



Picture Source - Twitter Handle of President of India.



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.



Picture Source - Twitter Handle of President of India.



Hockey India Names 18-member Indian Junior Men's Hockey team for The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021

Hockey India had named the 18-member Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 which took place from 24 November 2021 – 05 December 2021 at Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar.



ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India was named as Official Partner for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) – a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, and a leading steelmaker – was announced on 17 November 2021 as the Official Partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior

World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021. The tournament which was held between 24 November to 5 December 2021 at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

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FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 Teams Arrivals



TEAM INDIA



TEAM ARGENTINA



TEAM BELGIUM



TEAM CANADA



TEAM CHILE



TEAM EGYPT



TEAM FRANCE



TEAM GERMANY





TEAM KOREA



TEAM MALAYSIA



TEAM NETHERLANDS



TEAM PAKISTAN



TEAM POLAND



TEAM SOUTH AFRICA



TEAM SPAIN



TEAM UNITED STATES



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Honorable Governor, Odisha - Professor Ganeshi Lal



Tusharkanti Behera
Honourable Minister Sports and Youth Services



Balwant Singh, IAS Managing Director Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.



Sandip Pradhan, DG SAI



Vishal Dev, IAS, Secretary, Department of Finance, Odisha State Government





**FIH ODISHA
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JUNIOR WORLD CUP
BHUBANESWAR 2021**

**MATCH 05
INDIA VS FRANCE
SCORE 4 - 5
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
24 NOV 2021**





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

**MATCH 10
CANADA VS INDIA
SCORE 13 - 1
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
25 NOV 2021**





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

**Match 20
India vs Poland
SCORE 8 - 2
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
27 NOV 2021**





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

Match 32, 4TH QUARTER FINAL

BELGIUM vs INDIA

SCORE 0 - 1

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

01 DEC 2021





**FIH ODISHA
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JUNIOR WORLD CUP
BHUBANESWAR 2021**

MATCH 39, 2ND SEMI FINAL

INDIA VS GERMANY

SCORE 2 - 4

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

03 DEC 2021





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

MATCH 47, 3/4 PLACE

INDIA VS FRANCE

SCORE 1 - 3

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

05 DEC 2021





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CHAMPIONS ARGENTINA





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BHUBANESWAR 2021

CLOSING CEREMONY







INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



Johannes Schmitz, Germany's Coach Receiving The Best Coach Of The Tournament Award Of Rs 50,000/- Cheque & Trophy From Mr. Manoranjan kumar, Chief Of Port Operations And Development, AM/NS India



Captain Silas Lageman, From Netherlands To Collect The Award For The Hockey India Maximum Team Goals Of The Tournament Award Of Trophy From Mr. Rajinder Singh, Secretary General Hockey India



Adam Webster, Technical Delegate, To Collect The Award On Behalf Of Mahmoud Seleem From Egypt, Receiving The Hockey India Best Goal Saved Of The Tournament Award Of Trophy From Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President Hockey India



Adam Webster, Technical Delegate To Collect The Award On Behalf Of Team Chile, Receiving The Odisha Fair Play Award Of Trophy From Mr. R. Vineel Krishna, Commissioner-cum-secretary, Sports & Youth Services department, Government Of Odisha



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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Ignacio Nardolillo From Argentina Receiving The Odisha Fans Choice Award For Best Goal Of The Tournament Award Trophy From Mr. Balwant Singh, IAS, Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.



Anton Brinckman From Germany Receiving The Best Goalkeeper of The Tournament Award Trophy From Mr. Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister Of Sports & Youth Services Government Of Odisha



Miles Bukken From Netherlands Receiving The Hero Top Scorer of The Tournament Award Of Rs 1,50,000 Cheque & Trophy From Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Chairman Hockey Promotion Council



Timothee Clement From France Receiving The Best Player Of The Tournament Award Trophy From Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President International Hockey Federation

MATCH RESULTS

FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021 24 NOV, 2021 - 05 DEC, 2021 BHUBANESWAR, INDIA

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
BELGIUM	INDIA	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY
MALAYSIA	CANADA	SPAIN	ARGENTINA
SOUTH AFRICA	FRANCE	KOREA	PAKISTAN
CHILE	POLAND	UNITED STATES	EGYPT

DATE	N ^o	POOL	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
Wed 24 Nov	1	A	09:30	Belgium Vs South Africa	5 - 1
	2	D	12:00	Germany Vs Pakistan	5 - 2
	3	B	14:30	Canada Vs Poland	0 - 1
	4	A	17:00	Malaysia Vs Chile	2 - 1
	5	B	20:00	India Vs France	4 - 5
Thu 25 Nov	6	D	09:30	Argentina Vs Egypt	14 - 0
	7	C	12:00	Netherlands Vs Korea	12 - 5
	8	C	14:30	Spain Vs United States	17 - 0
	9	B	17:00	France Vs Poland	7 - 1
	10	B	19:30	Canada Vs India	1 - 13
Fri 26 Nov	11	A	09:30	South Africa Vs Chile	5 - 1
	12	C	12:00	Korea Vs United States	5 - 1
	13	C	14:30	Spain Vs Netherlands	2 - 3
	14	D	17:00	Argentina Vs Germany	2 - 3
	15	A	19:30	Malaysia Vs Belgium	1 - 1
Sat 27 Nov	16	D	09:30	Pakistan Vs Egypt	3 - 1
	17	B	12:00	France Vs Canada	11 - 1
	18	A	14:30	South Africa Vs Malaysia	3 - 4
	19	A	17:00	Belgium Vs Chile	3 - 0
	20	B	19:30	India Vs Poland	8 - 2
Sun 28 Nov	21	C	12:00	Korea Vs Spain	0 - 9
	22	C	14:30	Netherlands Vs United States	14 - 0
	23	D	17:00	Pakistan Vs Argentina	3 - 4
	24	D	19:30	Germany Vs Egypt	11 - 0

MATCH RESULTS

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FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP BHUBANESWAR 2021 24 NOV, 2021 - 05 DEC, 2021 BHUBANESWAR, INDIA

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
BELGIUM	INDIA	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY
MALAYSIA	CANADA	SPAIN	ARGENTINA
SOUTH AFRICA	FRANCE	KOREA	PAKISTAN
CHILE	POLAND	UNITED STATES	EGYPT

DATE	N ^o	POOL	TIME	MATCH	RESULT
Mon 29 Nov				REST DAY	
Tue 30 Nov	25	9/16 ¹	10:30	South Africa Vs Canada	7 - 3
	26	9/16 ¹	13:30	Pakistan Vs United States	18 - 2
	27	9/16 ¹	16:30	Poland Vs Chile	2 - 1
	28	9/16 ¹	19:30	Korea Vs Egypt	3 - 3 (6 - 5 SO)
Wed 1 Dec	29	Qf1 ¹	10:30	Germany Vs Spain	2 - 2 (3 - 0 SO)
	30	Qf1 ¹	13:30	Netherlands Vs Argentina	1 - 2
	31	Qf1 ¹	16:30	France Vs Malaysia	4 - 0
	32	Qf1 ¹	19:30	Belgium Vs India	0 - 1
Thu 2 Dec	33	13/16 ³	10:30	Canada Vs United States	4 - 0
	34	13/16 ³	13:30	Chile Vs Egypt	1 - 0
	35	9/12 ³	16:30	South Africa Vs Pakistan	3 - 3 (4 - 1 SO)
	36	9/12 ³	19:30	Poland Vs Korea	2 - 3
Fri 3 Dec	37	5/8 ²	10:30	Belgium Vs Spain	2 - 2 (4 - 3 SO)
	38	5/8 ²	13:30	Malaysia Vs Netherlands	3 - 9
	39	Sf ²	16:30	France Vs Argentina	0 - 0 (1 - 3 SO)
	40	Sf ²	19:30	India Vs Germany	2 - 4
Sat 4 Dec	41	15/16	10:30	United States Vs Egypt	2 - 2 (3 - 0 SO)
	42	13/14	13:30	Canada Vs Chile	2 - 1
	43	11/12	16:30	Pakistan Vs Poland	5 - 0
	44	9/10	19:30	South Africa Vs Korea	4 - 0
Sun 5 Dec	45	7/8	10:30	Spain Vs Malaysia	4 - 1
	46	5/6	13:30	Belgium Vs Netherlands	4 - 6
	47	3/4	16:30	France Vs India	3 - 1
	48	Final	19:30	Argentina Vs Germany	4 - 2



Hockey India names 18-member Indian Hockey Team for Donghae Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021

Hockey India names 18-member Indian Hockey Team for Donghae Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021 in Donghae City, Korea from 5 - 12 December 2021



GOALKEEPERS

Savita (C)

Rajani Etimarpu

DEFENDERS

Deep Grace Ekka (VC)

Udita

Nikki Pradhan

Gurjit Kaur

MIDFIELDERS

Nisha

Sushila Chanu
Pukhrambam

Namita Toppo

Monika

Neha

Jyoti

Lilima Minz

FORWARDS

Navneet Kaur

Vandana Katariya

Rajwinder Kaur

Mariana Kujur

Sonika



MATCH 2 INDIA VS THAILAND SCORE 13 - 0 AT DONGHAE CITY, KOREA



The Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021 was called off due to an outbreak of Covid-19



Hockey India Names 20-member Men’s Asian Champions Trophy 2021

Hockey India named the 20-member Indian Men's Hockey Team for the Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy in Dhaka, Bangladesh scheduled from 14 - 22 December 2021.



GOALKEEPERS

Krishan B Pathak

Suraj Karkera

DEFENDERS

Dipsan Tirkey

Gurinder Singh

Harmanpreet Singh

Jarmanpreet Singh

Mandeep Mor

Nilam Sanjeep Xess

Varun Kumar

MIDFIELDERS

Manpreet Singh (C)

Hardik Singh

Jaskaran Singh

Rajkumar Pal

Sumit

FORWARDS

Akashdeep Singh

Dilpreet Singh

Gursahibjit Singh

Lalit Kumar Upadhyay

Shamsher Singh

Shilanand Lakra





MATCH 01
INDIA VS KOREA
SCORE 2 - 2
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
14 DEC 2021





**MATCH 03
INDIA VS BANGLADESH
SCORE 9 - 0
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
15 DEC 2021**





MATCH 05
INDIA VS PAKISTAN
SCORE 3 - 1
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
17 DEC 2021





MATCH 09
INDIA VS JAPAN
SCORE 6 - 0
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
19 DEC 2021





**MATCH 12, 2ND SEMI FINAL
INDIA VS JAPAN
SCORE 3 - 5
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
21 DEC 2021**





**MATCH 13, 3/4 PLACE
INDIA VS PAKISTAN
SCORE 4 - 3
AT DHAKA, BANGLADESH
22 DEC 2021**



MATCH RESULTS

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HERO ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY DHAKA 2021 14 TO 22 DECEMBER 2021 DHAKA, BANGLADESH

MATCH 1

14 DEC 2021

INDIA

2 vs 2

KOREA

MATCH 3

14 DEC 2021

INDIA

9 vs 0

BANGLADESH

MATCH 5

15 DEC 2021

INDIA

3 vs 1

PAKISTAN

MATCH 9

01 DEC 2021

INDIA

6 vs 0

JAPAN

MATCH 12 SEMI-FINAL

03 DEC 2021

INDIA

3 vs 5

JAPAN

Match 13, 3/4 PLACE

05 DEC 2021

INDIA

4 vs 3

PAKISTAN



11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2021 Pimpri Chinchwad

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

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.



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

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



Hockey India starts Senior Women National Camp

Hockey India on 27 December 2021 named 60 players for the Senior Women's National Camp which began from 27 December 2021 at the Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru.

The players have been selected based on their performance at the recently held 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021, 1st Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2021 and

other Hockey India sanctioned domestic events. The 60-member list also includes players who have been retained from the Senior Women's Core group based on their performance in the international tournaments and players who have done well for the Junior Women's Team have also been selected in this group which will be pruned down to 33 players ahead of their preparations for the Women's Asia Cup 2022.



Hockey India starts Senior Men National Camp

Hockey India on 30 December 2021 announced a list of 60 players for the Senior Men's National Camp which commenced from 3 January 2022 at the Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru.

The players have been selected based on their performance at the recently concluded 11th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship Pimpri Chinchwad 2021, 11th Hockey India Junior Men National

Championship 2021, Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu and other Hockey India sanctioned domestic events. The list includes retained players from both Junior and Senior Men's Core groups, who have been selected based on their performance in the recent international tournaments. This 60-member list will be further pruned down to 33 players ahead of their preparations for the FIH Pro League 2022 matches.





FEATURE STORY

Year-in-review: From Tokyo Olympics Bronze to highest-ever FIH World Rankings, 2021 bring back the glory days for Indian Men's Hockey Team

The year 2021 will be cherished forever in the history of Indian sports as it gave the Indian Men's Hockey team an opportunity to end the 41-year Olympic Medal drought. Defying the odds and overcoming various challenges thrown by the deadly COVID-19 virus, the Manpreet Singh-led side clinched the historic Bronze medal at the prestigious Tokyo Olympics in August 2021.

The second year of Pandemic i.e., 2021 started on a brighter note, with the Indian team returning to international hockey after a one-year hiatus. The side had a memorable outing against teams like Germany, Great Britain and Argentina in February and March 2021, respectively. They also won both of their FIH Pro League encounters against Argentina, which helped them gain momentum ahead of the quadrennial Games.

Having spent almost one-and-a-half-year in SAI, Bengaluru before Tokyo Olympics, the Indian Men's Team Captain Manpreet, while reflecting on the year, expressed, "It's true 2021 has brought a new dawn for Indian hockey. It's been a dream year. Of course, it was full of challenges, ups and downs, and I am really proud of the way we have overcome each obstacle to bring back the Olympic glory. It was hard work of not four, but five years. We spent one whole year at the camp, trying to adapt to the new norms of life, our whole lifestyle has changed, we started living the bio-bubble life. So, there were challenges off the field as well."



At the Olympics, team India finished second in the Pool stage, winning four out of five matches and defeated Great Britain 3-1 in Quarter-Final before losing 5-2 against Belgium in their historic Semi-Final. However, India staged a remarkable comeback and earned a 5-4 win over Germany to clinch the historic Bronze medal at Olympic Games.

"The team unity was one of the biggest reasons behind our Olympics success. You know the biggest positive of all this was that we as a team came very closer, and it really helped us during the Olympics. Faith among each other was something that made the team atmosphere very positive, and it motivated us to give our best on the field," said the 29-year-old.

He further added that this success wouldn't have been possible to achieve without the undying support from the Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and the Odisha State Government, which has also extended its partnership with Hockey India for 10 more years.



"We are really grateful to the Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and the Odisha State Government for their undying support and motivation as this success wouldn't have been possible without them, expressed Skipper Manpreet.

Riding on their historic campaign at Olympics, the Indian Men's team also bagged FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021 in all the categories. Harmanpreet Singh was crowned the FIH Men's Player of the Year, PR Sreejesh won the FIH Men's Goalkeeper of the Year, Vivek Sagar Prasad won FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year award for the second consecutive time and Indian Men's Hockey Chief Coach Graham Reid was awarded the FIH Men's Team Coach of the Year.

In November, members of the Indian Men's Hockey team were also conferred with National Sports Awards. PR Sreejesh and skipper Manpreet were honoured with the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest honour for a sports person in India. Whereas, Rupinder Pal Singh, Surender Kumar, Birendra Lakra, Harmanpreet Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Shamsheer Singh, Hardik Singh, Nilakanta

Sharma, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Amit Rohidas, Sumit, Gurjant Singh, Varun Kumar and Simranjeet Singh, were conferred with Arjuna award for their heroics in Tokyo.

The Indian team finished third at the recently concluded Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2021, having defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 4-3 in a thrilling third/fourth placing match. Moreover, as per the recent world rankings announced by the FIH, the Men's Hockey team will end the dream year on the third spot, their highest-ever FIH World ranking since its introduction in 2003.

The team now looks forward to capitalising on this historic year as they gear up for the busy season in 2022.

"We are really fortunate of all the support and love, which we have received after coming back from Tokyo. We have promised our fans that we will keep working hard to make them proud again. Our goal obviously is to change the colour of this medal, and we are also aware of what it will take to do it. We have started the new cycle with Asian Champions Trophy, now we have to keep improving from here. We have a challenging schedule ahead, and we are up for it,"





FEATURE STORY



Year-in-review: A fairytale year for Indian Women's Hockey Team

From a historic fourth-place finish at the prestigious Tokyo Olympics to achieving the best-ever FIH World Rankings to bagging FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021 in all categories, the year 2021 was a fairytale for the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

The Indian eves became the first of India's hockey teams to return to international hockey after the pandemic-enforced hiatus disrupted the calendar. The team began the Olympic year 2021 with Argentina tour in January, followed by a four-match Germany tour in February.

After having spent the following months at SAI Centre in Bengaluru, the Indian Women's Hockey team went on to script history at the Tokyo Olympics in August 2021.

Rani-led India, who started their campaign with three losses, pulled off arguably one of the biggest upsets in world hockey as they defeated the mighty Australian side in what was their historic Quarter-Final encounter of the Olympic Games. However, they missed out on a medal by a whisker as they narrowly lost in both Semi-Final and the Bronze Medal classification matches against Argentina and Great Britain, respectively.

Looking back at the dream year, the Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Rani expressed, "This year was like an emotional roller coaster, full of ups and downs. But, to be honest, we really enjoyed the ride as it included the historic Tokyo Olympics campaign. I reckon 2021 was full of self-belief and determination.



There were a lot of learnings involved, and COVID-19 taught us invaluable life lessons. One of them was to stay in the present moment. Staying in the present moment helped us qualify for the Quarter Final as well as beat a team like Australia to script the history."

Following their historic performance in Tokyo, the Indian Women's team bagged FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021 in all categories. Dragflicker Gurjit Kaur won the FIH Women's Player of The Year award, Goalkeeper Savita won the FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year award, Sharmila Devi clinched the FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year award, and former Indian Women's Hockey Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne was awarded the FIH Women's Team Coach of the Year.

Additionally, members of the women's team were conferred with national awards in November 2021. Skipper Rani was honoured with Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award, while experienced forward Vandana Katariya and midfielder Monika were conferred with the Arjuna award.

"We were really disappointed when we missed out on winning the Bronze medal. It was heartbreaking, but when we returned to India, we slowly realised the magnitude of that fourth-place finish. It is really a big thing for Indian Women's hockey. I think all these awards and accolades are an outcome of all the hard work and sacrifices made by the team over the years. It has also boosted our confidence. It will certainly motivate us to do well, and make the country proud again," said Rani.

The 27-year-old further added, "The constant support and encouragement from the Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and the Odisha State Government have helped us excel at the Olympics. They have been one of the biggest reasons behind the rise of Indian Women's Hockey, and we are really grateful for the undying support."

The Indian Women's hockey team, who had also achieved their highest-ever FIH World ranking (World No. 8) in August, will end the year in the ninth spot as per the latest FIH World rankings.

Speaking of the year 2022, Skipper Rani said that the team's goal will be to build on the historic Olympics campaign.

"We have set the benchmark for ourselves, and from hereon, we will have to do even better. We want to build on the historic campaign. 2022 will be a very crucial year as we have important tournaments lined up. We will look to qualify directly for the Paris Olympics 2024 by clinching gold at Asian Games 2022. But, for that, we will have to go step-by-step, and our first step will be to do well at Women's Asia Cup 2022," concluded Rani.





FEATURE STORY

"Advice from Senior Team's drag flick specialists has helped me a lot," says Indian Junior

Men's Hockey striker Arajjeet Singh Hundal

Arajjeet Singh Hundal has grabbed the attention of hockey buffs with his impressive performance at the recently-concluded FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021. The lanky lad from Amritsar is quick on his feet as a forward and as one of the four penalty corner specialists in the Indian Junior side, Hundal has proved his mettle with powerful dragflicks in crunch situations to help his side. His hat-trick of goals in India's 13-1 win against Canada even earned him the Player of the Match title.

"Although I picked up the hockey stick at a very young age because of my father (Kuljeet Singh) who used to play hockey for the Railways and was even part of the India camp in 1999, I began serious practice only in 2015-2016," he said.

Arajjeet made his first appearance in the domestic circuit when he played for Punjab & Sindh Bank at the Hockey India Junior Men National Championship in Bhopal, 2018. Following yet another impressive outing for his team at the Hockey India Junior Men National Championship in Aurangabad, 2019, Arajjeet was called-up for the National Camp for Juniors in SAI, Bengaluru.

Though his first call-up for the National Camp in 2019 was a great experience for the youngster as he was housed in the same campus as his Senior compatriots, the nation-wide lockdown only a few months later in March 2020 meant that he had to put in some hard yards back home in Amritsar to keep up his skillsets as a potential forward for the India Colts side. "My father put up a net at home and got a small mat on which I could practice. I would take 100 dragflicks each day to hone my skills."



"Once the Camp resumed in September 2020, my interactions with the Senior team players like Rupinder and Harmanpreet was very helpful. While all of them said my technique is good, they asked me to pay more attention on my footwork, and how to release the ball. I worked a lot on my timing, power and shoulder movement after coming into the camp," expressed Araijeet Hundal.

But something that really stuck with him were the words of India defender and dragflicker Varun Kumar, who was part of India's historic Olympic Bronze Medal winning team. "He told me to keep my head up and look more confident while taking the

dragflick. Another crucial advice the Seniors gave me was to study the opponent goalkeeper's weaknesses. During the lockdown, our Coach (BJ Kariappa) would also share a lot of videos of Senior Team's dragflickers on our Whatsapp group so we could study their movement and implement necessary basic changes to our style. I feel all these factors have helped a lot," he added.

Playing only his first-ever tournament for India, Araijeet reflected his excitement of turning up in the Blue Jersey. "It has been very special, no doubt. Playing in this venue (Kalinga Hockey Stadium) was always a dream," he concluded.





FEATURE STORY



"Hockey is everything for me; it has changed my life," says Indian Men's Junior Team defender Shardanand Tiwari

For India Junior Men's Hockey Team defender Shardanand Tiwari, hockey is everything. Born in Lucknow, the 17-year-old player comes from a humble background and he believes hockey has helped him overcome various challenges in life and it will bring financial stability for his family.

Tiwari, who was a part of the Indian Junior Men's Core Probables Group for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021, Shardanand took a moment to reflect on his journey and spoke about how he got inspired by his hardworking father, who works as a home guard in Lucknow.

"My friends introduced me to hockey, I started playing with them, and I wasn't really interested in studies, so I picked up sports. I honed my skills at SAI-Academy, Lucknow, and got a chance to play at the 9th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2019 (A Division), where our team Uttar Pradesh Hockey clinched the Silver Medal. After that, I got selected for the Junior National camp," said Shardanand, who was part of the Uttar Pradesh U21 team that clinched Gold at the Khelo India Youth Games 2020.



"It has been a challenging journey. I didn't have enough financial support initially as my father was the sole bread earner. He works as a home guard, and I have an elder brother as well, so all the earnings were spent on our studies. In fact, during my school summer breaks, I used to work at a departmental store, where I used to earn around 700 rupees. So, it was tough, I couldn't even afford to buy hockey sticks. But, ever since I picked up hockey, my life has changed. It is everything for me, it has helped me and my family overcome various challenges, and I believe it will certainly help me bring financial stability for my family," he added.

The young defender made his debut for the junior national team at the 2019 Sultan of Johar Cup, where India clinched the Silver Medal. Speaking about the achievement, Shardanand said, "It was my debut tournament with the national team, and the moment I got to know that I've made the cut, I called my dad. I told him that I will be playing for India, he got very emotional, and, that moment I realised, my dad is the reason behind it. I see him as my biggest inspiration. He used to stay awake in the night and also used to work in the day only because I and my brother could pursue our dreams."





COVER STORY

Organization of FIH Odisha

Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021

Despite the ensuing pandemic, Hockey India took on the onus of hosting the FIH Odisha Hockey Men Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar and successfully conducted the competition in November-December 2021.

The event which saw 16 top teams of the world featuring its rising stars garnered praise from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik who lauded the efforts of the organisers for ensuring the event was held successfully with utmost care being taken to provide participating nations a safe environment to compete. All the players, support staff and tournament officials as well as



volunteers and media personnel were tested every once in 48 hours through the tournament. Apart from this, all the parameters laid out by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, SAI and Odisha State Government were followed to the 'T', thus ensuring the event was a success.





Backed by the Odisha State Government's generous support, hockey finally returned to its one true hub -- Bhubaneswar after nearly two years. Playing in a bio-bubble, the event witnessed some incredible performances. It was Argentina who eventually lifted the title after beating Germany in a brilliantly-fought final encounter while France took home the Bronze medal after defeating defending Champions India in the third-fourth play-off match.

Congratulating Hockey India on the success of the tournament, Honourable CM of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik had stated through a press release, "Firstly, I congratulate the winners of the prestigious FIH Odisha

Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021. I also extend greetings to all the participating teams who played in the true spirit of the game. I also congratulate the hosts 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 which halted all sporting events in March 2020 and I am very proud that we have witnessed successful completion despite several challenges including cyclone Jawad."



Reflecting on the successful 2021, Gyanendro Ningombam, President Hockey India said, 'It was absolutely delightful to see hockey return to its favourite hub - Bhubaneswar, Odisha which has now become synonymous to world hockey for it's incredible infrastructure as well as the hockey-loving people of the state. We are very fortunate to have unparalleled support from the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri

Naveen Patnaik as well all the officials involved in making this event a big success. There were several challenges that were overcome to host this tournament in a safe manner. I extend my deepest gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik as well as all the officials from the Odisha State Government for their efforts in making this a grand success."





"We are hopeful that 2022 will be full of enthralling action, and we look forward to hosting the FIH Pro League Men and Women Matches, which is scheduled in February. If

everything goes well in terms of the pandemic, we hopefully also be able to welcome back our fans in the stadiums," concluded Mr Ningombam.





Hockey India conducts Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) 2021

After the successful organization of the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) over the past couple of years, Hockey India once again called for applications of interested and aspiring Coaches to apply through an open forum. Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online) was held on 23 and 24 December 2021, and 80 slots were available for the online course.

Candidates were chosen through a first-cum-first-serve basis and minimum criteria to apply required an interested applicant to have Coached either a district, school or university hockey team or higher for at least 3 years, or he or she should have played at National Level / All India University level for at least 3 years.

Candidates were also required to be able to understand and communicate in English.



Hockey India congratulates Tournament Officials appointed by the International Hockey Federation for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hockey India on 29 November 2021 congratulated Sonia Bathla, Col (Dr) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, Raghu Prasad, and Javed Shaikh on being appointed as the Officials in various capacity for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela by the International Hockey Federation (FIH), world governing body for hockey.

Sonia Bathla was the lone woman official from India to have been appointed by the FIH as the Technical Official for the prestigious

quadrennial tournament. Sonia Bathla, who is a part of Delhi Hockey, started her career in 2010.

Col (Dr.) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, an expert in Sports Traumatology and Sports and Exercise Physiology, previously held the position of the Chair of FIH Health and Safety Committee by the FIH Executive Board.

Meanwhile umpires Javed Shaikh and Raghu Prasad officiated in the Tokyo Games.





Ms. Elena Norman, CEO of Hockey India met Shri Alok Kumar Pal, Director (Personnel), Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. on 4 December 2021 for signing the agreement for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021.





MEMBER UNIT ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

Infrastructure Development

A big congratulations to Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium, Mayur Park, Bhopal, India for being granted FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance and player welfare requirements



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MEDIA COVERAGE

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021



HOCKEY INDIA

Amar Ujala - New Delhi

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पुणे। मेजबान महाराष्ट्र ने 11वें हॉकी इंडिया सीनियर राष्ट्रीय पुरुष हॉकी चैम्पियनशिप में कप्तान तलेब शाह के आठ गोलों की मदद से मिज़ोरम को 18-0 से हरा दिया। इस जीत के साथ महाराष्ट्र पूल एच में शीर्ष पर पहुंच गया है। बिहार ने छत्तीसगढ़ को 4-2 से हराया। उत्तर प्रदेश ने केरल को 9-0 से हराया जिसमें अमीर खान (छठे और 24वें मिनट), अजय यादव (37, 46), फराज (48, 52) के अलावा सैफ खान (10), दीपक पटेल (22) और सदिक् (50वां मिनट) ने गोल किए। एंजोसी

Central Chronicle - Bhopal



Hockey was always in my blood, says India junior men's defender Yashdeep Siwach

Agencies, Bhopal
 As the India Cubs program to defend their coveted title at the TFI Chhatra Hockey Club Senior World Cup in Bhubaneswar nears its final, young defender Yashdeep Siwach is a part of the side for the tournament, and a passion to reflect on his personal journey and what ahead of the tournament he sought from his coaches - former Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain and Asian Hockey Federation President Suresh.
 "I started playing hockey by following the footsteps of my very young brother who was the first captain of the Indian Men's Hockey Team and an Indian Hockey award. Therefore, hockey has always been in my blood. I have always followed my seniors and have wished to emulate his achievements. The first time I ever visited a hockey ground as a child was along with my mother. As my talent grew in the sport, there was no looking back for me then. Gradually, I started training with my brother being my first person coach in hockey," said Yashdeep Siwach in an official India Hockey release.
 As Yashdeep began training in hockey at a relatively late age of 14 years, he made sure appropriate steps in his game at a very young age and credits his steep learning curve to being mentored in the National Camp at NAC Bengaluru, at an early age. Yashdeep was a member of the Senior Men's national side that won the Silver Medal at the 2018 Sultan of Selangor Cup in Malaysia.
 "When I came to the national camp for the first time, it was a very new experience for me because I had never been used to living away from my home until that point. I was still relatively new to hockey and there was a lot of things I had to learn. But I quickly took the opportunity and learned a lot of things."

Telangana Today - HYD

Argentina champs; India lose bronze medal match



Lansing, Ontario, Canada
 Argentina defended their title as champions Sunday at the World Cup in Bhubaneswar, India. The South American side beat the host nation to retain their title in the final after a 4-2 victory. The tournament was held in the final runs of the week and was the last of a series of events that are being held in India for the first time since the country's lockdown.
 Argentina's victory was a surprise as they were not considered favourites. However, they were backed by a strong defence and a powerful attack.
 India's performance was disappointing as they were unable to score in the final. The game was a hard-fought affair, but Argentina's superior skill and teamwork proved to be the difference.
 The tournament was a success for India as it showcased the country's sporting infrastructure and the talent of its players. It was a proud moment for the nation and a testament to its growth as a sports superpower.

Central Chronicle - Bhopal

Hockey India announces Women's Jr WC squad, Lalremsiami to lead the charge

New Delhi (ANI)
 Hockey India announced the 18-member squad for TFI Hockey Women's Junior World Cup, South Africa 2022.
 Former Lalremsiami Head, who was part of India's historic performance at the Tokyo Olympics, was named the captain and defender Intha Chhangthary would serve as the Vice-Captain.
 The World Cup will begin on December 9 and the top 10 teams across the world will take part in the tournament.
 Talking about the squad selection, Chief Hockey Coach Jenet Singh Sangha said, "To pick the best players in the country was a mammoth task, especially as all 28 players in the Core Hockey Group worked very hard in the past months and made good progress. But, we had to select the best players from across the country who can compete with every team at the highest World Cup."
 With the experienced former national team and some great young talent, we will show the best India has to give. The team is very excited as they have waited a long time to compete at the world stage and were looking forward to making the most of the great opportunity," Sangha said.
 Intha Singh and Sherina Devi, who were part of the Indian Women's Hockey team at the Tokyo Olympics, also made cuts in the 18-member squad. Deepa and Poojitha Devi will join the team as alternate players.
 India are placed in Group C, alongside defending champions Argentina, Japan and Russia, and will begin their campaign on December 10 when they take the field against Russia.
 (India's squad: Lalremsiami (C), Intha Chhangthary (VC), Bhanu Devi, Karishma Gokhale, Shalini Gokhale, Anushka Sharma, Nisha Gokhale, Poojitha Devi, Sherina Devi, Shikha Kumari, Neha Yadav, Divyanshi Khanna, Pooja Yadav, Pragathi Yadav, Anshika Yadav, Anshika Yadav, Anshika Yadav, Anshika Yadav.)



Hindustan Times - New Delhi

Six-time champions Germany thrash India, march into final

New Delhi (ANI)
 Six-time champions Germany thrashed India 4-1 to reach the final of the Junior Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar on Sunday.
 The German side, led by skipper Tim Lutz, dominated the match from start to finish, scoring four goals to India's lone effort.
 India's goalkeeper, Sandeep Sikdar, made several saves to keep the scoreline from being even more lopsided.
 The match was a disappointing one for India, who were hoping to reach the semi-finals. However, the German team's superior play and clinical finishing proved to be too much for the Indian side.
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 "We were disappointed with our performance today, but we will learn from this and try to perform better in the final," said India captain Sandeep Sikdar.
 "Germany is a very strong team, but we will not let that intimidate us. We will give our best and try to reach the semi-finals."



Hindustan Times - New Delhi

After a long wait to start, Sudeep the go-to finisher



India's go-to finisher Sudeep Chitraman scored a hat-trick to help the hosts reach the final of the Junior Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar on Sunday.
 Chitraman, who has been in excellent form throughout the tournament, finished the match with three goals to his name.
 The goalkeepers were under a lot of pressure from the Indian players, but they managed to keep the scoreline from being even more lopsided.
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 "Sudeep is a very strong player, and his hat-trick today was a testament to his skill and teamwork."

HT - Lucknow



Indian players defend a penalty corner during their match against France at Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

India finish 4th; Argentina champions

New Delhi (ANI)
 India finished fourth in the Junior Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar on Sunday, losing to Argentina in the bronze medal match.
 Argentina, the defending champions, won the title for the 11th time after a 4-2 victory over India in the final.
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The Indian Express - Delhi

In hockey's conveyor belt of talent, World Cup to bring a whole new city

MEHR VASAVDA
JOURNALIST, DELHI

"NEVER, NEVER even in my imagination."
It's been two years since Bhubaneswar announced as the co-host of the 2021 Hockey World Cup but 2000 Olympic laureate Anura will back it tough to believe that the world's 16 best nations will play in this quiet sleepy "city of lakes".



Work on the 21,000-seat stadium, one month.

It's just while overlooking a dining at the Paragood Sports Bar.

A couple of kilometers from the old city, security contractors do the heavy lifting as a workforce of hundreds — most of them migrant workers from Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand — is hard at work 24/7 to raise the shell of eight boxes, surrounded by steel, to construct what will be India's biggest hockey stadium.
The 21,000-seater, semi-circular arena will be second only to the London Olympic stadium.

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The Hindu - Bangalore

German coach expects attractive play

Altenburg feels competing teams would be focusing on their own strengths

HOCKEY

German coach Volker Altenburg hints the lack of enough knowledge about participating teams in the opening match, Hockey Junior World Cup in Bhubaneswar from an early game, referring to some attractive hockey in the final.
"The best strategy is to look at your own game and your own game. You need a coaching team to get the best out of our team and don't look too much at the



Volker Altenburg, Germany coach.

opponent. Sometimes you have too much information on the opponent key players and tactics and you really make the mistake of focusing too much on them."
"We would also have to watch our own strengths and try to get them through at the game plan. Probably other nations will also focus on their own strengths. This is going to be interesting for the hockey fans around the world because every team will try to go to its own strength through and we will have very open and attacking hockey," said Altenburg during an interview on Friday.

There are having similar problems regarding to travel in order to compete. That's why we are expecting a lot of variation in the assistance because not everybody knows as much about the opponent. Some of the teams are new in the World Cup. It's going to be exciting."
"We try to contact each other through video analysis throughout the world and try to compare and exchange ideas here in Bhubaneswar," he said.
Germany is tied 0-0 with Argentina, Egypt and Pakistan.

The Statesman - Bhubaneswar

AM/NS is official partner of Hockey Junior World Cup

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, 18 NOVEMBER: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) – a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, was announced as the Official Partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021.

up to host the rising stars in the world of hockey, we are delighted to partner with Hockey India and support its efforts to bring fans and players across the globe closer to this important national sport. Odisha has become synonymous with the success of Indian hockey and it is one of the key states for AM/NS India, given our extensive operations' presence here."

Gyanendra Ningombam, president Hockey India said "We are excited that India is once again the host to international sporting events. The biggest gainers from AM/NS India's support are the sport of hockey itself, and more importantly the talented players who will be taking part in the tournament".

The tournament will be held from 24 November to 5 December 2021 at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar. AM/NS India has signed an agreement in this regard with Hockey India, the country's National Sports Hockey Federation, which leads the promotion of the sport across the country.
Mr Dilip Oommen, CEO of AM/NS said "As Odisha gears

The Political, Business Daily - Bhubaneswar

Kalinga Stadium all set for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021

TATHYA
BHUBANESWAR, 20/11

HOCKEY State Odisha in association with Hockey India has made all arrangements for the smooth conduct of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup-2021 which starts here at Kalinga Stadium here from tomorrow morning.

All 16 participating teams including Pakistan, which are camping in Bhubaneswar city, are getting ready to battle it out for top honours at the tournament. The players and team officials are being housed in a bio-secure bubble given the Covid-19 situation, officials said on Tuesday.
The twin city Police Commissioner has



View of Kalinga Hockey Stadium.

made elaborate security arrangements for the mega sporting event while Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) have decorated the city.
Police commissioner Soumenendra Patra said that five ASPs, eight DSPs, 26 Inspectors, 72 Officers, 30 Havildars, and around 20 platoons have been deployed for the event.
The cops will remain present at the gates and internal periphery of the stadium as well as on the grounds and they have been briefed about the players' security, he said.
As no spectators will be allowed into the stadium to witness the matches, there is no pressure on traffic

arrangements, said Prayodanishi.
Speaking about arrangements made for the teams at their places of stay, the Police Commissioner said, "The security of foreign teams especially Pakistan is at our top priority. Police escort is being provided to the players starting from their arrival at the airport to their hotels and the stadium."

experience in providing security arrangements during the World Cup. Chhannamani Trophy, and FIH Pro League," the commissioner said.
Similarly, BMC Commissioner Sanjay Singh said the Corporation is looking after sanitation at the stadium and also other places.
A fire fighting drill was conducted prior to the Hockey Men's Junior World Cup on Tuesday.

The event was conducted by orders of Administrator Kalinga Stadium, Joint Secretary Bijaya Nayak and it was planned by Chief Security Officer Kalinga Stadium. Evacuation of the drill was done by an Assistant Security Officer. Technical Assistance was given by experts in manufacturing fire fighting equipment and providing fire.
The city will have been decked up with paintings while colourful lights have been put on major streets.
All the participants including team officials are being provided to mandatory Covid-19 tests every 72 hours.
However, there is indeed disappointment among the hockey lovers as the event will not have any spectators due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
As per the schedule, the first match will be held at 9.30 am in between Belgium and South Africa. The first match of India will be against France at 4 pm tomorrow. Five matches are on schedule for tomorrow.

Hindustan Times - Mumbai

After Olympics high, Reid transforming India juniors

After the high of the Olympics, Reid is transforming the Indian juniors. The coach has been instrumental in the development of the team's skills and tactics.



Quarter-finals... The team has shown significant improvement in their performance, particularly in the defensive half. Reid's coaching has been a key factor in their success.

Orrisa Post - Bhubaneswar



INDIA'S DEMOLITION ACT... The article discusses the impact of the demolition act on the local economy and infrastructure.

HT - Lucknow



Sharda takes Lucknow's hockey legacy forward... The article highlights the achievements of Sharda and his contribution to the sport in Lucknow.

Hindustan Times - Mumbai

India crush Poland, set up last-8 clash with Belgium

Hindustan Times Correspondent

NEW DELHI: India crushed their goal-scoring spree at the quarter-finals where they will take on Pool A toppers Belgium. Sharda 4-1 by France in the opener on Wednesday. India bounced back to beat Canada 3-0 on Thursday before Saturday's contest, which was a vital pre-quarter final.
The capsule: Sunday 14th 19th, Anurag Singh Hazrat (10), 40th and Sudarshan Chakrabarti (20), 40th scored a brace each while Ujjwal Singh (10) and Sharda (10) (10) put one each just before goalkeeper Mandeep Wadhwa.
Drug (hockey) is now the joint highest scorer at the tournament with France captain Dominique Charvet on equal goals. The India squad will be the previous two matches while 54 live penalty corner specialist Sharda had scored a hat-trick



India skipper Vivek Prasad in action on hockey.

against Canada. Poland's two goals came in the 30th and 35th minutes via Wojciech Florkowski and Robert Pawlik.
"The plan was to put some back pressure on them from the start. We started the second half in the same way. Our press and defence has been better than it was in the last few days. We created a lot of opportunities and Sharda's penalty well," said India coach Graham Reid, who is in charge of the junior squad until the World Cup.
India's match against Belgium on Wednesday will be a repeat of the 2005 edition final

where India India went on to beat the Red Lions 2-1 and clinch their second title in Lucknow.
"We have three days to prepare. We will be using our past and their (Belgium's) videos, analysing our game. We watched their play. Malaysia was an excellent and hopefully we can get a victory," added Reid.
Malaysia edged past South Africa 4-3 to finish second in Pool A and qualify for the quarter-finals. They will face France. Belgium topped the group with a 3-0 win over Chile. In Pool D, Pakistan won their first game of the event, beating Egypt 3-1.

The Statesman - Delhi

16 teams ready to battle it out for FIH Men's Junior World Cup

16 teams ready to battle it out for FIH Men's Junior World Cup. The tournament is set to be a highly competitive one with many upsets expected.



The Pioneer - Bhubaneswar

K Stadium ready for Hockey World Cup

K Stadium ready for Hockey World Cup. The stadium is well-equipped and ready to host the event. The organizers are confident that it will provide a great experience for all participants.

The Indian Express - Delhi

India seniors taking notes and guiding the U-21s at Jr Hockey Worlds



India seniors taking notes and guiding the U-21s at Jr Hockey Worlds. The senior players are providing valuable advice and support to the younger players.



BIRTHDAYS

SENIOR MEN

JUNIOR MEN

JANUARY

GURINDER SINGH	01	SUKHMAN SINGH	01
HARMANPREET SINGH	06	SHARDANAND TIWARI	07
MANDEEP SINGH	25	GREGORY XESS	09
GURJANT SINGH	26	DILJEET SINGH	16
JASKARAN SINGH	27	ARAJEET SINGH HUNDAL	21
		GURMUKH SINGH	31

FEBRUARY

BIRENDRA LAKRA	03	MANINDER SINGH	04
GURSAHIBJIT SINGH	05	ABHISHEK LAKRA	07
VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD	25	DINACHANDRA SINGH MOIRANGTHEM	12
		ARSHDEEP SINGH	27

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JUNIOR WOMEN

JANUARY

UDITA	14	MUMTAZ KHAN	15
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Dilpreet Singh

My age is 22
(Indian Men's Hockey Team)

My hometown is – Butala, Amritsar, Punjab

I play as a – Forward

My debut was in – 2018

My most important target – to win Gold Medal at Paris Olympics

My favourite workout is – Nothing specific

My favourite actor is – Vicky Kaushal

My favourite song is – Mil Ke Baithange

by Amrinder Gill

My favourite cuisine is – Dal Roti

My best sporting moment – winning Olympic Bronze in Tokyo

My idol is – Akashdeep Singh

My dream destination is – Paris

If I wasn't a hockey player, I would've been – Footballer

My gym buddy are – Varun Kumar

My favourite outfit is – All types of casuals

My go-to karaoke song is – Mil Ke Baithange by Amrinder Gill

3 things I don't travel without – Phone, Ipad and books

My cheat meal – Pizza





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