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Message from Hockey India President



Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam

Namaskar,

During the months of March and April 2022, the Indian Men's Hockey Team registered victories against Argentina, England and Germany, while, the Indian Women's Hockey Team recorded wins against Germany and Netherlands in the FIH Hockey Pro League. The Indian Junior Women's Team also put up a spirited performance at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup South Africa 2021. Unfortunately, they missed out on the Bronze Medal after going down in a close encounter against England.

I am also extremely delighted to note that Hockey India conducted seven National Championships during the course of the last two months. It has been absolutely magnificent to see young talents crop up through the National Championships and show the large depth we have in Indian hockey.

It has also been brilliant to see Core Probable groups of Indian Hockey Teams - Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Women, India 'A' Men and India 'A' Women - return to the National Coaching Camp at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. After a fantastic start to the year, all the Indian Hockey Teams will certainly work even harder during their training sessions and look to record much better results in the upcoming months.

I would like to congratulate the Indian Men's Hockey Team for being given the Moment of the Year Award for their Bronze Medal feat at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 and the Indian Women's Hockey Team for winning the Breakthrough Performance of the Year Award at the Sports Star Aces in March. Many congratulations once again to the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams for being awarded the Special Recognition Award from BBC India for their performance at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

All in all, Hockey India has moved forward leaps and bounds in the last two months. We have had huge successes on and off the field. We at Hockey India will continue to work towards growing the sport of hockey in India in the upcoming months.



TOP HIGHLIGHTS

Teams Arrivals Bhubaneswar, Odisha for FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22






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GERMANY WOMEN'S TEAM ARRIVAL
08 MARCH 2022






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ARGENTINA MEN'S TEAM ARRIVAL
13 & 15 MARCH 2022






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ENGLAND MEN'S TEAM ARRIVAL
29 MARCH 2022






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NETHERLANDS WOMEN'S TEAM ARRIVAL
06 APRIL 2022






ODISHA
 INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET.

GERMANY MEN'S TEAM ARRIVAL
12 APRIL 2022





FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 18

INDIA (W) VS GERMANY (W)

SCORE 1 - 1 (SO 1 - 2)

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

12 MAR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 20

INDIA (W) VS GERMANY (W)

SCORE 1 - 1 (SO 3 - 0)

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

13 MAR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 29
INDIA (M) VS ARGENTINA (M)
SCORE 2 - 2 (SO 1 - 3)
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
19 MAR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 30
INDIA (M) VS ARGENTINA (M)
SCORE 4 - 3
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
20 MAR 2022





FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 33

INDIA (M) VS ENGLAND (M)

SCORE 3 - 3 (SO 3 - 2)

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

02 APR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 34

INDIA (M) VS ENGLAND (M)

SCORE 4 - 3

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

03 APR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 12
INDIA (W) VS NETHERLANDS (W)
SCORE 2 - 1
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
08 APR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 24
INDIA (W) VS NETHERLANDS (W)
SCORE 1 - 1 (SO 1 - 3)
AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR
09 APR 2022





FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

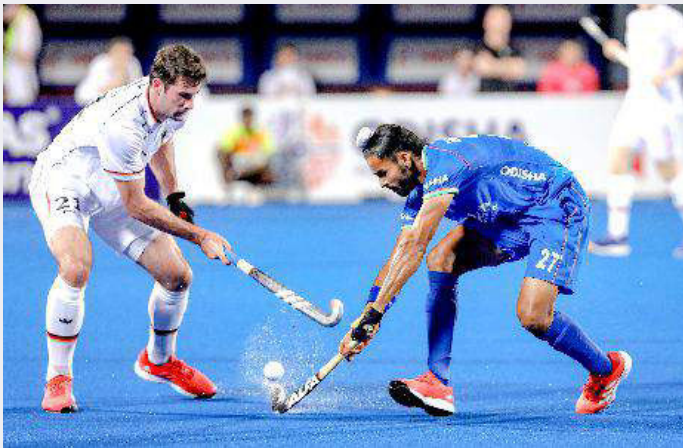
MATCH 27

INDIA (M) VS GERMANY (M)

SCORE 3 - 0

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

14 APR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MATCH 28

INDIA (M) VS GERMANY (M)

SCORE 3 - 1

AT KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

15 APR 2022



FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

DIGNITARIES













FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

WOMEN MATCH RESULTS

MATCH 18

SATURDAY, 12 MAR 2022



INDIA

1

17:00 IST

VS

1

1 SO 2

GERMANY



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 20

SUNDAY, 13 MAR 2022



INDIA

1

17:00 IST

VS

1

3 SO 0

GERMANY



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 12

FRIDAY, 08 APR 2022



INDIA

2

19:30 IST

VS

1

NETHERLANDS



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 14

SATURDAY, 09 APR 2022



INDIA

1

15:30 IST

VS

1

1 SO 3

NETHERLANDS



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

FIH PRO LEAGUE

2021/22

MEN MATCH RESULTS

MATCH 29

SATURDAY, 19 MAR 2022



2

19:30 IST

1 SO 3

2

ARGENTINA



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 30

SUNDAY, 20 MAR 2022



4

19:30 IST

VS

3

ARGENTINA



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 33

SATURDAY, 02 APR 2022



3

19:30 IST

3 SO 2

3

ENGLAND



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 34

SUNDAY, 03 APR 2022



4

19:30 IST

VS

3

ENGLAND



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 27

THURSDAY, 14 APR 2022



3

19:30 IST

VS

0

GERMANY



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR

MATCH 28

FRIDAY, 15 APR 2022



3

17:00 IST

VS

1

GERMANY



KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR



Senior Women's Team adding a sparkle to the Light & Sound show at Bindusagara on 17 March 2022.



The Netherlands Women's team exhibited their joy by visiting the Rajarani and Lingaraj temples in Odisha on 07 April 2022



Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Mahima Choudhary and Aishwarya Rajesh Chavan were handed their debuts for the Indian Women's Hockey Team Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem was handed his debut for the Indian Men's Hockey Team

As many as four players – Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Mahima Choudhary and Aishwarya Rajesh Chavan, 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 and April.

Defender Akshata Abaso Dhekale and Goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam made their international debuts India's first match of the double-header against Germany, which was

played on 12 March. While, midfielder Mahima Choudhary and forward Aishwarya Rajesh Chavan made their Senior team debuts during India's first of the two-game against the Netherlands on 8 April.

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





Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik unveils the Official Logo of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik on 14 April 2022 unveiled the Official Logo of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium. The prestigious quadrennial tournament is scheduled to be held from 13 January 2023 to 29 January 2023.

Hockey India and its Official Partner Odisha will host the marquee event for the second consecutive time in the country after successfully conducting the event in 2018.

"It's an honour and delight for me to unveil the logo of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup for the second consecutive time," expressed Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik after unveiling the official logo.

The 15th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup will be staged in two cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, where the country's largest hockey stadium is being constructed. The new world-class stadium will have a seating capacity of 20,000.

"We are thrilled that there will be two venues this time- Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. The 2018 FIH Men's World Cup gave us all memories that we still cherish to this day and the 2023 FIH Hockey Men's World Cup will be even more exciting and unforgettable. Odisha looks forward to welcoming global hockey fans and top teams from across the world to participate in the prestigious tournament," the Hon'ble Odisha Chief Minister stated



Shri Naveen Patnaik
Chief Minister of Odisha

On the occasion, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation (FIH) said, "The reveal of the logo is one of the important milestones on the road to the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. A wonderful show awaits athletes and fans in January next year as the best teams of the world will be in action in the state-of-the-art Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and the magnificent, brand-new Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium – the country's biggest hockey arena – in Rourkela. On behalf of FIH, I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to the Government of Odisha, and in particular the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik, for the continuous support to the development of hockey."

Hockey India President GyanendroNingombam also extended his gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik.



“On behalf of Hockey India, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik Ji for unveiling the logo of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. This marks an important step in Hockey India and Odisha State Government's proud journey to stage the prestigious event for the second consecutive time in the country. As always, we

are grateful towards Odisha's continued support to Indian hockey. We look forward to hosting this prestigious event and it is certainly going to be an exciting one for the hockey fans around the globe,” he expressed.

During the event, the Chief Minister released balloons to mark the momentous occasion.





Hockey India congratulates Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam on completing 200 International Caps

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 being 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. She has also represented India at the 2014 Asian Games where India won the Bronze Medal. She has participated in several major international tournaments and even Captained the Indian Women's Hockey Team at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games which was India's first appearance in women's hockey since the 1980 Olympics.



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 a 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.

He made his International debut for the Senior team at the Men's Asian Champions Trophy in 2013. A series of solid performances in the Hockey India League and domestic circuit helped him cement his place in the Senior Team, and since then he has participated in almost all the major tournaments including 2016 Rio Olympics, Hero Men's Asia Cup 2017, FIH Men's Hockey Champions Trophy 2018 and 2018 Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar.



Hockey India congratulates Navneet Kaur on completing 100 International Caps

Hockey India on 8 April 2022 congratulated Navneet Kaur on completing 100 International Caps with the Indian Women's Hockey team. The skillful forward reached this special milestone during India's match against World Number 1 side Netherlands in the FIH Hockey Pro League at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Navneet was an integral member of the forward line in the team that won the 9th Women's Asia Cup in November 2017, scoring four goals on the way to the team's triumph. She was also a part of the Bronze Medal winning team at the Junior Women's Hockey World Cup in Germany in 2013. Among her other achievements, she was also a part of the team that secured the Silver Medal in the Asian Champions Trophy in 2018, the Silver Medal in the 2018 Asian Games, the historic 4th place finish in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Navneet continues to play a vital role in the Indian Women's Hockey Team's composition and is a significant member of the team's forward line.



Film Screening of Documentary Taangh

On 21 March 2022, a documentary by the name of Taangh on members of the 1948 London Olympics Gold Medal winning Indian Hockey Team by Ms. Bani Singh was screened at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Bani Singh's documentary film Taangh is a personal homage as well as the coming together of unknown stories about India's hockey gold medal in the 1948 London Olympics.

On the one hand, it is the coming together of some unknown stories, both human and professional, associated with India's first hockey gold medal in the 1948 London Olympics, and on the other, it is a daughter's homage to her father, Grahnandan Singh (Nandy Singh, as he was popularly known), who had played in the right-forward position on that winning team.

Bani Singh's was felicitated by Manpreet Singh and Rani from the Indian Men and Women's team respectively with signed Men and Women National Team Jersey.





Indian Hockey stars join White Card Campaign to celebrate International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

On the occasion of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which is observed on April 6 each year, the Indian Hockey stars joined the White Card Campaign to support the peace-through-sport movement. Just like various color cards in the sporting world, the White Card is a symbol to promote worldwide peace efforts.

Joining the global initiative, the Indian Women's Hockey Team Goalkeeper Savita expressed, "Sport has the ability to unify and inspire a generation. Let's celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace through this wonderful White Card initiative for the peace-through-sport movement."



The Indian Men's Hockey Team Defender Amit Rohidas also joined the annual campaign. "Sport has not only given me confidence, but it has also made me a good person. It also teaches valuable life lessons. Let's celebrate sport's role in promoting peace," he said.

Indian Women's Hockey experienced forward Rani, defender Deep Grace Ekka, midfielder Navjot Kaur and forward Navneet Kaur too joined the White Card campaign along with Men's team midfielders Manpreet Singh and Vivek Sagar Prasad.

Congratulating Vandana Katariya for being awarded with the Padma Shri Award

Hockey India on 21st March congratulated Vandana Katariya on being conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri award from the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind in a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.





Hockey India congratulated Rupinder Pal Singh, Harmanpreet Singh and Savita for winning individual awards at the Sportstar 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.

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 performance at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 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.



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

The BCCI on Saturday 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.





Hockey India congratulated Indian Women and Men Hockey Teams on receiving the 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.



Hockey India commended Indian Oil's pioneering initiative of powering India's first Corporate Women's Hockey Team on the occasion of International Women's Day.





Hockey India thanked Delhi Commission for felicitating their Senior Women's Team athletes Namita Toppo and Rajani Etimarpu on the occasion of International Women's Day.



Savita gave an interview to the Entrepreneur Magazine spoke about her journey and the reception which the Indian team received after the successful campaign of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics



Hockey India condoles the Demise of former Indian Women's Captain Elvera Britto

Hockey India on Tuesday mourned the demise of Elvera Britto, former India Women's Hockey Captain and the eldest of the three famous Britto sisters who ruled the roost in hockey for nearly a decade in the 60s. She passed away in Bengaluru in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Elvera, and her two sisters Rita and Mae were synonymous to Women's Hockey and played for Karnataka State between 1960 to 1967 during which they won seven National titles with the three sisters at the helm. Elvera was conferred with the Arjuna award in 1965 and has played for India against Australia, Sri Lanka and Japan.



FIH Hockey Pro League A new Schedule to Enhance the Experience

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) and the FIH Hockey Pro League participating nations have agreed on a new schedule for the fourth season of FIH's global league celebrating 'Hockey at its Best'.

The season, which will run from 28 October 2022 to 5 July 2023, will be divided into a series of date blocks, agreed by all parties, to assist with international and domestic competition planning, within which "mini-tournaments" will be played where several teams will gather in one venue to play two matches against each other.

This move will have a major positive impact on players' welfare and the environment, thanks to a substantial reduction in the amount of travel needed for each team and the officials. Another great advantage of this revised format is that it increases the number of dates available for athletes to compete in their domestic leagues and club competitions.

For the first season with this new schedule, matches will be hosted in the following seven nations: Australia, Argentina, Belgium, England, India, the Netherlands and New Zealand.



FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 (Men)

SL NO	DATE	TEAM 1	VS	TEAM 2	HOST
1	FRIDAY, 28.10.2022	INDIA		NEW ZEALAND	INDIA
2	SUNDAY, 30.10.2022	INDIA		SPAIN	INDIA
3	FRIDAY, 04.11.2022	INDIA		NEW ZEALAND	INDIA
4	SUNDAY, 06.11.2022	INDIA		SPAIN	INDIA
5	FRIDAY, 10.03.2023	INDIA		GERMANY	INDIA
6	SUNDAY, 12.03.2023	INDIA		AUSTRALIA	INDIA
7	MONDAY, 13.03.2023	INDIA		GERMANY	INDIA
8	WEDNESDAY, 15.03.2023	INDIA		AUSTRALIA	INDIA
9	FRIDAY, 26.05.2023	INDIA		BELGIUM	GREAT BRITAIN
10	SATURDAY, 27.05.2023	GREAT BRITAIN		INDIA	GREAT BRITAIN
11	FRIDAY, 02.06.2023	INDIA		BELGIUM	GREAT BRITAIN
12	SATURDAY, 03.06.2023	GREAT BRITAIN		INDIA	GREAT BRITAIN
13	WEDNESDAY, 07.06.2023	NETHERLANDS		INDIA	NETHERLANDS
14	THURSDAY, 08.06.2023	INDIA		ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS
15	SATURDAY, 10.06.2023	NETHERLANDS		INDIA	NETHERLANDS
16	SUNDAY, 11.06.2023	INDIA		ARGENTINA	NETHERLANDS



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Hockey India Organized Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Course throughout the month of March & April

Hockey India successfully conducted the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 1 and Level 2 held across New Delhi and Bhubaneswar.

Four Batches of Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Courses were conducted with Batch 1 and 2 being conducted in Delhi on 5th, 6th and 7th, 8th

March respectively whereas Batch 3 and 4 were conducted in Bhubaneswar on 9th, 10th and 11th and 12th of March respectively.

Two Batches of Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '2' Coaching Course 2022 was also successfully conducted in Odisha on 27th, 28th and 29th, 30th of March respectively



Hockey India organizes Hockey India Umpires Online Workshops 2022

Hockey India once again organised the Hockey India Umpires & Technical Officials Online Workshops 2022 in February and March, as part of the induction program for the new Umpires and Technical Officials in the Hockey India officiating system. Hockey India Technical Officials 'Level 1' Online Workshops took place between 26



February and 31 March 2022 for which 64 candidates, comprising 25 females and 39 males, were nominated and registered through 24 Hockey India Member Units across India. Hockey India Umpires 'Level 1' Online Sessions took place between March 2 and March 31, for which 85 candidates, comprising 33 females and 52 males, registered for the sessions through 24 Hockey India Member Units across India.





Hockey India announced 20-member Indian Junior Women’s team for the FIH Hockey Women’s Junior World Cup South Africa 2021

Hockey India on Thursday, 17 March named the 20-member Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team for the much-awaited FIH Women's Junior World Cup 2021 which was postponed to 2022 due to the omicron-threat in South Africa. The tournament began on 1 April 2022 in Potchefstroom, South Africa.



The 20-member squad consisted of

Goalkeepers	Bichu Devi Kharibam	Khushboo	
Defenders	Akshata Abaso Dhekale	Ishika Chaudhary	Marina Lalramnghaki
	Preeti	Priyanka	
Midfielders	Ajmina Kujur	Baljeet Kaur	Lalremsiami
	Reet	Salima Tete	Sharmila Devi
	Vaishnavi Phalke		
Forwards	Beauty Dungdung	Deepika Jr.	Jiwan Kishori Toppo
	Lalrindiki	Mumtaz Khan	Sangita Kumari

Indian Junior Women's Hockey team leave for much-awaited FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup South Africa 2021

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team left for Johannesburg, South Africa from Odisha on Friday, 25 March to participate in the much-awaited FIH Women's Junior World Cup 2021. This will be Junior eves' first international outing since the Chile tour in 2021, where they remained unbeaten. Grouped in Pool D, India will begin their campaign on 2nd April when they take on Wales. Their second match will be against Germany on 3rd April, followed by their last pool stage game against Malaysia on 5th April.

Salima spoke about the team's preparedness owing to the exposure received by several players of the squad who were a part of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22 along with the practice matches against the Senior Team which has also helped them prepare well for the tournament.





FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 06
INDIA VS WALES
SCORE 5 - 1
AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
02 APR 2022



FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 12
INDIA VS GERMANY
SCORE 2 - 1
AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
03 APR 2022





FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 20
INDIA VS MALAYSIA
SCORE 4 - 0
AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
05 APR 2022



FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 26, QUARTER FINAL
INDIA VS KOREA
SCORE 3 - 0
AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
08 APR 2022





FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 34, SEMI - FINAL
INDIA VS NETHERLANDS
SCORE 0 - 3

AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
10 APR 2022



FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2021

MATCH 41, BRONZE MEDAL
INDIA VS ENGLAND
SCORE 2 - 2 (SO 0 - 3)
AT POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA)
12 APR 2022



FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP SOUTH AFRICA 2021

01 Apr, 2022 - 12 Apr, 2022
Potchefstroom, South Africa

JUNIOR WOMEN MATCH RESULTS

MATCH 06 SATURDAY, 02 APR 2022

 INDIA	5		1	WALES 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				

MATCH 12 SUNDAY, 03 APR 2022

 INDIA	2		1	GERMANY 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				

MATCH 20 TUESDAY, 05 APR 2022

 INDIA	4		0	MALAYSIA 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				




MATCH 26, 1ST QUARTER FINAL FRIDAY, 08 APR 2022

 INDIA	3		0	KOREA 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				

MATCH 34, 1ST SEMI FINAL SUNDAY, 10 APR 2022

 INDIA	0		3	NETHERLANDS 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				

MATCH 41, 3/4 PLACE TUESDAY, 12 APR 2022

 INDIA	2		2	ENGLAND 
NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY, POTCHEFSTROOM				

2nd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 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.

In the 5th/6th position match, Sports Authority of India picked up a solid 6-1 win over UCO Bank Women's Hockey Academy



THIRD POSITION
ALL INDIA POLICE SPORTS CONTROL BOARD



RUNNERS UP
SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL



WINNER
RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD



Army Boys Sports Company crowned Champions of the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022

Army Boys Sports Company won the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022 in Ghumanhera, New Delhi. Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy in the 3rd/4th place match.

Following a dramatic 0-0 tie-in regulation time, Army Boys Sports Company held their nerves to record a thrilling 3-2 shootout win over Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy. Goalkeeper Satish Kumar stood tall in the shootout to help his team win the second edition of the Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy

National Championship while Nitesh Sharma, Arsh Ali, and Sachin converted their attempts for Army Boys Sports Company.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy 5-3 to finish third in the tournament. Viveka Pal (30', 56') starred with a brace, while Sohil Ali (7'), Aashir Aadil Khan (34') and Aley Rasool (49') scored a goal each for the winning team. Sehbaz Singh (13') and skipper Gursewak Singh (40', 47') were the goalscorers for Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy.



THIRD POSITION
MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY



RUNNERS UP
OLYMPIAN VIVEK SINGH HOCKEY ACADEMY



WINNER
ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANY

Hockey Haryana crowned Champions of 12th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 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. Sakshi Rana (4', 60') scored a brace, while Kanika Siwach (45') scored the other goal for Hockey Haryana.

Speaking about his team's victory, Hockey Haryana's Coach Azad Singh Malik said, "We are very happy that we have won the competition, especially because we have won it for the second consecutive

time. We defeated Hockey Jharkhand in the Final of this tournament last time as well, however, this time we have won by a bigger margin."

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. Nikita Toppo (31', 41') scored a brace, while Munmuni Das (47') and Sumi Mundari (50') scored one goal each for Hockey Association of Odisha.



THIRD POSITION
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA



RUNNERS UP
HOCKEY JHARKHAND



WINNER
HOCKEY HARYANA



Hockey Haryana crowned Champions of 12th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Hockey Haryana were crowned as the Champions of the 12th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with a thrilling 1-1 (3-1 SO) victory over Hockey Unit Of Tamil Nadu in the Final of the competition.

The thrilling Final encounter started with Deepak giving Hockey Haryana a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute of the match, scoring an early goal for his side. But Saravana Kumar was able to quickly level the score, getting the equaliser in the 10th minute of the match for the Hockey Unit Of Tamil Nadu to make it 1-1. The two teams put on a terrific defensive display for the remainder of the regulation

time, preventing any goals on their respective ends and thereby pushing the match into a Shootout. In the Shootout, Hockey Haryana scored thrice in the first four attempts, while Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu scored in the first attempt but missed in the following three attempts. Thus, Hockey Haryana emerged as the winner of the match, winning the trophy for the first time since 2011.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Hockey Karnataka relied on late goals from Deekshith S P in the 47th minute and Nachappa Ir in the 52nd minute to beat Hockey Maharashtra 4-3 and claim a third-place finish in the competition.



**THIRD POSITION
HOCKEY KARNATAKA**



**RUNNERS UP
HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU**



**WINNER
HOCKEY HARYANA**

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy crowned Champions of 2nd Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The Finals of the 2nd Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship concluded in the most thrilling manner in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy clinched the Championships 2-1 in a closely contested encounter against SAI Academy.

Bhumika Sahu (34') and Hritika Singh (43') played extremely well and scored one goal each to help Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy to take the lead in the third quarter of the match. In response, Prini

Kandir (54') scored an impressive goal for SAI Academy giving a tough fight in the final. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy's strong defence helped them in maintaining the lead against their rivals and clinching the victory in front of the home crowd.

Meanwhile, Raja Karan Hockey Academy secured the third position in the tournament after beating Salute Hockey Academy 1-0 with a goal from Preeti (39).



THIRD POSITION
HOCKEY KARNATAKA



RUNNERS UP
HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU



WINNER
MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY



Naval Tata Hockey Academy - Jamshedpur clinch 2nd Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022

Hosts Naval Tata Hockey Academy - Jamshedpur eked out a 4-1 win over SAIL Hockey Academy in the shootout to lift the 2nd Hockey India Junior Men Academy National Championship 2022 Title on Sunday 01May, 2022. The thrilling Final went into shootout after both the teams were locked 2-2 in regulation time.

Reflecting on the thrilling win, Naval Tata Hockey Academy-Jamshedpur Coach Manish Kumar said, "I am really glad to see that the players didn't lose

hope and didn't give up at all till the last minute. They were patient and did really well till the last minutes to take the game into the shootout. That equaliser in the 58th minute weakened our opponent's morale and we just took advantage of it in the shootout."

Meanwhile, RoundGlass Punjab Hockey Club Academy defeated Army Boys Sports Company 2-0 in the shootout after both the teams finished 2-2 at the end of regulation 60 minutes.



THIRD POSITION
ROUNDGLASS PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY



RUNNERS UP
SAIL HOCKEY ACADEMY



WINNER
NAVAL TATA HOCKEY ACADEMY JAMSHEDPUR- JHARKHAND

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy crowned Champions of 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2022, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy emerged winners of the 2nd Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2022 after beating SAI-Academy 3-0 in the Final.

Tanvi (14') scored an early goal for Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy before Krishna Sharma's (53', 55') twin strikes in a span of two minutes sealed the deal and clinched the Championship for her team, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy

Speaking on the win, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy Coach Vandana Uikey said, "It was a really tough game. We did get the lead in the first quarter, but couldn't capitalize on it in the second and third quarter. After a lot of attempts, we finally got back-

to-back goals in the final quarter. Our defence played really well today. Overall, it was a great tournament for the team. We defeated tough opponents in the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and in the Final as well. It was really great to see these young players overcoming such challenges and emerge as the Winners of the Tournament."

Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy outplayed Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur to finish third in the tournament. Rakesh Rani (27', 50') and Captain Namneet Kaur (46', 48') scored a brace each, while Sanna (12'), Vanshika Sharma (29') and Prabhjot Kaur (56') were the other goal getters for Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy.





Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under 21) 2021/2022 Final Phase Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (23 to 30 March 2022).

Congratulations to Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy, Sonapat for securing the Gold Medal defeating Sports Hostel Bhubaneswar convincingly 5-0 in the final phase of the Khelo India Womens Hockey League (Under-21) 2021-22 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy secured the Bronze Medal by defeating Sports Authority of India B 4-3.



THIRD POSITION
MADHYA PRADESH HOCKEY ACADEMY



RUNNERS UP
SPORTS HOSTEL BHUBANESWAR



WINNER
PRITAM SIWACH HOCKEY ACADEMY, SONEPAT



Khelo India University Games 2021, (Men) 25 April to 01 May 2022

Congratulations to Bangalore City University for winning Gold in the sport of Hockey at Khelo India University Games 2021 (Men) defeating Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar by 3 goals to Nil in the finals of the competition being held in Bengaluru, Karnataka In the 3rd/4th place match, Savitribai Phule University, Pune defeated Punjabi University, Patiala 4 goals to 2 in the Shootouts after the match ended 2-2 in the regulation time



Khelo India University Games 2021, (Women) 25 April to 01 May 2022

Congratulations to I.T.M University, Gwalior for winning Gold in the sport of Hockey at Khelo India University Games 2021 (Women) defeating University of Mysore by 2 goals, being held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. In the 3rd place match Ranchi University narrowly defeated Punjabi University, Patiala by 3-2 in the Shootout after the match ended 0-0 in the regulation time





FEATURE STORY

‘Competing in FIH Hockey Pro League probably the best thing that happened to us,’ says India defender Nikki Pradhan

India Women's Hockey Team defender Nikki Pradhan was a part of the squad for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 matches against Spain, Germany, and The Netherlands, which took place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar between February and April. Speaking on the experience of playing for the first time in the FIH Hockey Pro League, Nikki Pradhan said these matches will help the team in preparing for the 2022 World Cup and the Asian Games.

"We are really excited to be playing in the Pro League for the first time and this was probably the best thing that could happen to us this year ahead of the a which are World Cup and the Asian Games, both very important events for us where these matches against top teams of the world will hold us in good stead," stated Nikki, who became the first woman Hockey player from Jharkhand to represent India at the Olympic Games in Rio.

India is currently placed in the top position in the table with 22 points, so far. Nikki, who was a key member of the Indian Women's Hockey Team that achieved a record fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics 2020, also went on to explain how training under India Women's Hockey Chief Coach Janneke Schopman is proving to be beneficial for the team.

"Janneke gets into the smallest details which makes a big difference in our individual performance. We use a lot of video analysis, not just of our opponents, but also of our own



individual performance and she takes us through the plus and minus of how we performed," Nikki said.

Nikki also said that Coach Janneke is also bringing her experience of playing at the highest level to the team, and is really helping in plugging the gaps in the defence.

"Since she herself has played at the highest level as a defender, she brings in great expertise. I feel there are still some gaps we need to work on in our defence and we are trying to improve in each match," the veteran defender added.

FEATURE STORY

How Sukhjeet Singh overcame severe back injury in 2018 to make his India debut at FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22



Sukhjeet Singh, who hails from Jalandhar, Punjab, made a memorable debut at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium, in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 matches against Spain in February. Playing against a strong Spanish team, Sukhjeet scored a goal in the 51st minute of the match for India,

showcasing his talents in front of the line.

Sukhjeet opened up about his severe back injury during a routine recovery process in 2018, which led to him being left out of the 33-member core group for the national camp. Recalling the days, Sukhjeet said that his friends and family support helped him in making a comeback to hockey.

"It was a very bad phase of my life. I was bed-ridden for almost five months and the recovery process was very challenging. Whenever I felt like I was losing hope of making a comeback in hockey, my family and friends stood by me to support me and motivate me. They always believed I had it in me to make the India cut someday," he said.

Sukhjeet started playing hockey when he was six years old after his father Ajit Singh, a former hockey player for Punjab Police, inspired him to pick up the stick. After learning basic skills in Jalandhar's academy,

Sukhjeet moved to Shivalik Public School in Mohali where he honed his skills further.

A gifted forward, Sukhjeet began getting recruitment offers from various public sector departments based on his performances in various domestic events and plied his trade for Sindh Bank, Punjab Police, and Indian Oil before he could get a permanent placement in Punjab National Bank. "From 2017, I have been playing for Punjab National Bank and started getting recognised for my game. Though I lost a chance in 2018, I was determined to make it back to the camp and worked really hard on my game and fitness."

"I feel the Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship is a great platform, particularly for players like me. This tournament gave me another chance to prove myself and I was the top scorer of the tournament and Punjab National Bank finished third," he said.



Hockey India **COVERS** successfully hosted **Men and Women** FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22. Both teams finishing the home leg on **top** of the **points** table

STORY

After a lull of nearly two years, hockey returned to its one true home in India's Odisha with the FIH Hockey Pro League season 3. Playing home games in their backyard, the Indian teams tested their potential when they faced off against some of the world's best hockey playing nations that descended in the temple-city of Bhubaneswar starting February with double-header games ending in April.

It was Spain Men's team that arrived first for their matches on 26th and 27th February. India had by then played against France and South Africa in matches held at Potchefstroom where they notched up winning points from three matches and a shock 2-5 defeat to France in one match. Taking on Spain, who had played England at home before arriving in India, the home team marched to a 5-4 win in the first game and lost 3-

5 in their second.

The Men, build on the momentum and home-advantage to secure match points against every team they played: 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). From the 12 matches they played so far in the season, the Men's team now led by defender Amit Rohidas ended up on top of the pool with 27 points. Germany are behind with 17 points, having played 10 matches while Netherlands are at 16 points with 6 matches played. In these matches, India also tried some of their young and upcoming players who rose to the occasion and delivered some memorable performances for the team.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS		FIH PRO LEAGUE 2021/22						
Country	Played	Wins	Draws	SO-Bonus	Losses	GD	Points	
INDIA	12	8	2	1	2	24	27	
ARGENTINA	10	5	2	2	3	3	19	
GERMANY	10	5	1	1	4	-1	17	
NETHERLANDS	6	4	2	2	0	19	16	
FRANCE	10	4	1	0	5	-5	13	
BELGIUM	6	3	1	0	2	7	10	
ENGLAND	6	2	1	0	3	1	7	
SPAIN	6	1	1	0	4	-6	4	
SOUTH AFRICA	10	0	1	0	9	-42	1	

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS		FIH PRO LEAGUE 2021/22						
Country	Played	Wins	Draws	SO-Bonus	Losses	GD	Points	
 INDIA	8	4	3	1	1	8	22	
 NETHERLANDS	8	5	2	2	1	17	19	
 ARGENTINA	6	6	0	0	0	15	18	
 GERMANY	8	3	3	1	2	6	13	
 BELGIUM	6	2	0	0	4	-5	6	
 SPAIN	6	1	2	1	3	-4	6	
 ENGLAND	4	1	1	1	2	-4	5	
 UNITED STATES	8	0	1	0	6	-26	1	
 CHINA	2	0	0	0	2	-7	0	

*The matches between India and England were cancelled. Consequently, it has been agreed that the 6 points available for these 2 matches are awarded to India.

The Women, on the other hand, playing their maiden FIH Hockey Pro League, soaked up the moment to impress with special performance that has them on the top of the pool table with 22 points. They have played 8 games so far and have won 4 of them and gained an extra point from a shootout. They lost two shootouts and lost only one game in regulation time. Netherlands, who have also played 8 matches, are behind India by three points and Argentina are currently third in the pool with 18 points from 6 matches. India led by Savita came up with strong performances against Spain (2-1 and 3-4) after opening matches victory against China (7-1 and 2-1) in Muscat.

They level scores against Germany 1-1 in both the double header before losing to them 1-2 in shootout of the first match and won 3-0 in the second. India also won a match against Netherlands 2-1 before losing 1-3 in a shootout after a 1-1 stalemate in regulation time in the second match against the world no.1 team.

Indian women's team significant FIH Hockey Pro League outing will undoubtedly be a big boost in their lead-up to the FIH Women's World Cup which start from 01 July 2022 Spain & netherlands.

While the two teams finishing on top of their pool tables is a big leap forward in gaining world ranking points, Hockey India has been on top of their game too by organising international hockey matches in India despite the challenges with the ongoing pandemic. Even though there were initial hiccups with select few teams requesting to postpone the matches due to unavailability of their players owing to the Covid-19 virus, Hockey India were successful in accommodating suitable dates to ensure these matches took place.

Speaking about the fine season, Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India said: "I must congratulate the entire team at Hockey India for successfully hosting home games for both Indian Men and Women's hockey teams in their Pro League calendar. While they ensured smooth execution of all the matches, the Indian teams put an icing on the cake with their fine performance. I wish both teams the very best for their upcoming events and I also extend my gratitude to the Odisha State Government whose continued and unparalleled support has helped us in hosting these back-to-back matches over the past three months."



FEATURE STORY

Women have the power to make the change

On the occasion of International Women's Day celebrated on March 8, the Indian Women's Hockey Team stars Vandana Katariya, Navjot Kaur and Gurjit Kaur, who played a vital role in the National team's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 last year, reflected upon the rise in women taking to sports as a profession. They spoke candidly with the media during a virtual media interaction held on this special occasion.

"After the Olympics 2020, it has been fantastic to see over 250 athletes play the game of hockey in Roshnabad (Uttarakhand) and majority of the 250 athletes are girls. It feels great to see the popularity of hockey and everyone in my hometown also tells me the rules of the game," stated Vandana who was awarded the Padma Shri recently on 19 March 2022.



**VANDANA
KATARIYA**



**NAVJOT
KAUR**



**GURJIT
KAUR**



might take a step backwards. We need to believe in ourselves and keep our focus on the game intact and ignore everyone who say wrong things," she said.

Midfielder Navjot Kaur, on the other hand, reflected on the positives on the women's team's Tokyo Olympics triumph where they surprised the world with a fine fourth place finish. "There has certainly been a change in the mindset since the Tokyo Olympics last year. Now, all the parents want their children to play sports. Most of the parents believe that the future of their children will be better if they play sports along with focusing on their studies."

She further went on to state that women must not bother about their detractors but just keep stay focused on their goal. "There will be a lot of people who say a lot of things when women step out to play sports, but we shouldn't listen to anybody. If we listen to people, then we

Defender Gurjit Kaur, too didn't mince her words as she went on to highlight: "Women have a lot of power and they can do anything. Women should continue to be strong and not give up. Whatever women do, whether it's playing sports or working in business, they should believe in themselves."

GURJIT KAUR,
Defender
Women's Hockey Team

VANDANA KATARIYA,
Forward
Women's Hockey Team

NAVJOT KAUR,
Midfielder
Women's Hockey Team



'Making debut at home ground was a proud moment,' says young defender Akshata Abaso Dhekale

20-year-old Akshata Abaso Dhekale – who has made steady progress in the ranks of the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team in recent years – took a significant step in her development when she made her debut for the Senior Team in March 2022. Turning out against Germany in both legs of the FIH Hockey Pro League matches held in the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Akshata stated how happy she was to reach this significant stage in her fledgling career.

"It was a very proud moment for me to be part of the team. My family was very happy as well. I made my debut in our home ground and it was an unforgettable experience," she said.

She further opened up on her own individual performance and revealed what her teammates told her after the two games.

"My teammates have told me that my performance was good considering it was my first Senior tournament. But I felt I made a few errors in the second game due to pressure. I gained a lot of experience in the two games, and I hope to improve my game going forward," she added.

Akshata, who hails from Satara district of Maharashtra, trained at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune, and went on to lead Maharashtra at the Junior Nationals tournament in Kerala in 2019. After a string of solid performances, she was selected for the junior national camp, and was a part of the junior team that travelled to Chile for a six-match series last year.

Making it to the senior team though, she's learnt the differences in the two levels.

"There is a lot of difference between playing at the junior and senior levels. The game speed is quite high at the senior level and the standards are very high," she said.

"Playing against Germany, I realised I have to improve quite a lot to play regularly at this level. I am ready to work hard to ensure I keep getting a chance to play consistently for the senior team." Both the games against Germany were stretched to a shootout after 1-1 draw in the regulation time. While Germany picked up a 2-1 win in the shootout in the first game, India won the second one with a 3-0 score line in the shootouts



EXCERPTS FROM HOCKEY TE CHARCHA

Episode with Former Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Dilip Tirkey, current Chief Coach Janneke Schopman and current Senior Women National team players Sushila Chanu, Vandana Katariya, Neha & Navneet Kaur.

Since its initiation as a medium for fans of Indian hockey to feel closer to the game by tuning into insightful conversations with past & present players and coaches, the Hockey India podcast Hockey Te Charcha has gone from strength to strength, with guest appearances from an array of eminent personalities in the Indian hockey ecosystem.

In Episode 20, Forwards Navneet Kaur and Neha spoke about their journey on the Hockey India podcast Hockey Te Charcha where they spoke in depth about the challenges they overcame to be where they are today and the role of their parents in their success.



In Episode 21, Indian Women's Hockey Team forward Vandana Katariya who became a household name in the country following her exploits for Team India in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics shared insights on her journey from her prolific goal scoring in the 2013 Women's Hockey Junior World Cup, to becoming a mainstay in the present Senior Indian Women's Hockey Team with over 250 International Caps to her name.

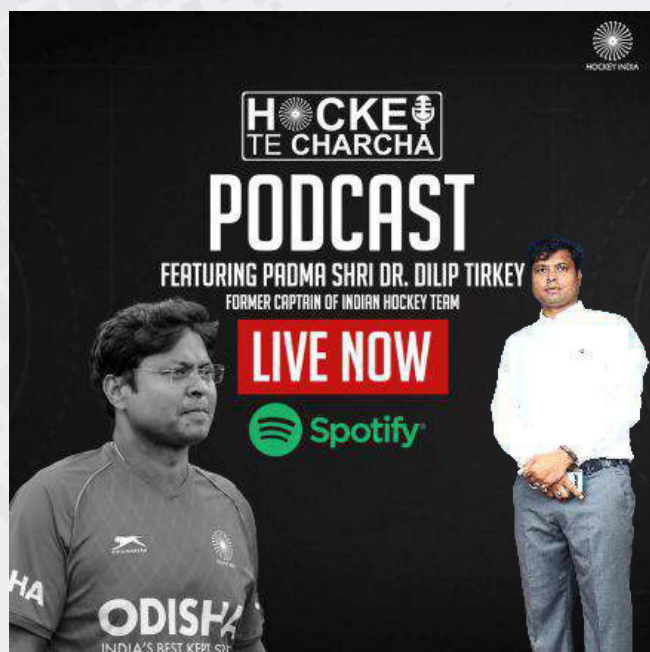




In Episode 22 of Hockey India podcast Hockey Te Charcha featuring Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam she spoke about the current Indian Junior Women’s Hockey Team’s prospects at the upcoming FIH Hockey Women’s Junior World Cup in Potchefstroom, South Africa.



In the 23rd Episode of Hockey Te Charcha featuring Former Indian Men’s Hockey Team Captain Dilip Tirkey, one of the most beloved figures in Indian hockey presently serving as the Chairman of the Odisha Hockey Promotion Council engaged in a candid conversation in his



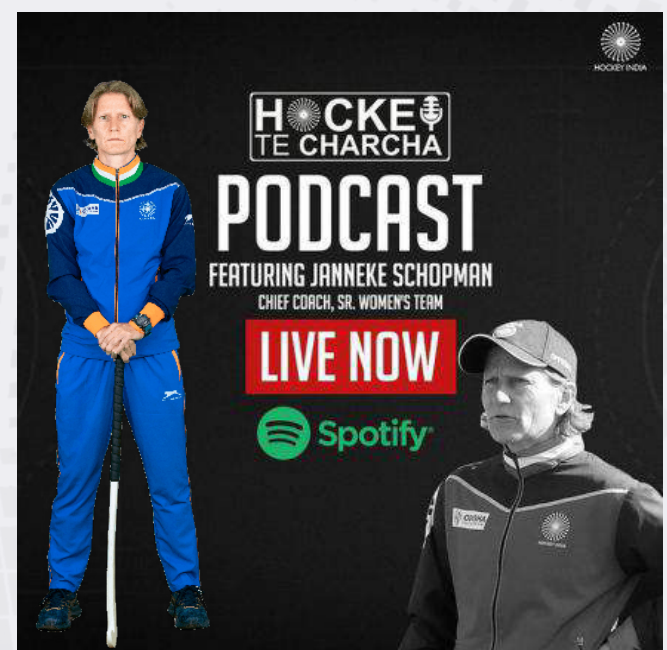
guest appearance on Hockey India podcast Hockey Te Charcha.

Speaking about the proactive role of the Odisha State Government in providing support to Indian Hockey, the former Captain of the Indian Men’s Hockey Team credited Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik for the Men’s and Women’s Team’s promising showing at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In the 24th episode of Hockey Te Charcha featuring Janneke Schopman, India's Chief Coach spoke about the team's preparations with a little over 60 days remaining for the FIH Women's World Cup in a candid conversation with Hockey Te Charcha.

Realistic in her assessment of the team's progress, Janneke Schopman, the team's Chief Coach highlighted that the FIH Hockey Pro League matches has been an ideal platform for the team to raise the bar ahead of the important World Cup campaign starting 1 July 2022.

She also spoke of India’s pool in the Women's World Cup where she believes that it is a pool where anybody can beat anybody and it is going to be a very tight group.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Aishbagh Hockey Stadium in Bhopal, India



Congratulations to Aishbagh Hockey Stadium in Bhopal, India, for receiving a FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

Women's Hockey Academy Kampoo in Gwalior

Congratulations to Women's Hockey Academy - Kampoo in Gwalior, India for receiving a FIH category 2 hockey field certificate based on construction, performance, and player welfare requirement



Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, Singhu, India



Congratulations to the Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, Singhu, India for being granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificate based on its construction, performance and player welfare requirements.



DDA Sector 17 Sports Complex, Dwarka



DDA Sector 17 Sports Complex, Dwarka, India has been granted FIH Category 5 Hockey field certificate based on its construction, performance, player welfare, and tournament hosting infrastructure.

Naval Tata Hockey Academy

A big congratulations to Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Golmuri, Jamshedpur, India for being granted an FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.



Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar India



The hockey field at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar India is now certified as FIH Category 2 Hockey Field! A big congratulations to them.

Review of the progress of the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium under the directive of the Hon'ble CM

Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary, Shri V K Pandian, IAS and Secretary to CM (5T) accompanied by R Vineel Krishna, Commissioner Cum Secretary, Department of Sports, visited Rourkela to review the progress of work and timely completion of Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium at BPUT campus.







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BHUBANESWAR

India will open its campaign in this year's FIH Women's Hockey World Cup against England on July 3, two days after the marquee tournament opens in Spain and the Netherlands.



Sushila Chano, India women's hockey team captain

The schedule was announced by the International Hockey Federation on Tuesday.

Placed in Pool B, India will next face China on July 5 and New Zealand on July 7. The team will play all its pool matches in Amstelveen, the Netherlands, in the event to be held from July 1 to 17.

Soon after the schedule was announced, half-back Sushila Chano said the team will not be intimidated by any opposition.

"It does not matter against which opponent we start our campaign. We are not afraid of our mentality and mindset is to take each game as it comes and try and win every match," Sushila said in a virtual press conference.

India's schedule: July 3: vs England; July 5: vs China; July 7: vs NZ; July 17: Final.

Free Press - Bhopal

Top teams start with easy wins on first day

KAKINADA (ANDHRA PRADESH)

Hockey Punjab, Uttar Pradesh Hockey, Hockey Mizoram, Hockey Andhra Pradesh and Hockey Karnataka won their respective matches on the opening day of the 11th Indian Hockey Union Women's National Championship 2022 here on Friday.



In the first match of the day Hockey Punjab defeated Hockey Mizoram 3-0 in their Pool F match. Moha (17, 22), Kaurmanjeet Kaur (33, 26), Anpreet Kaur (30, 27) scored a brace each, while Mittal (27), Susha Sahasravar (28), Sukpreet Kaur (18) and Charwag Taming (20) netted one goal each for Hockey Punjab.

In Pool G, Uttar Pradesh Hockey registered a comprehensive 7-1 victory over Hockey Karnataka. Captain Hina Bans (20, 22), Swarnika Kaur (14, 26), and Pooja Yadav (20, 26) scored a brace each, while Richika Choudhary (25) scored one goal for Uttar Pradesh Hockey. Uttar Pradesh also scored the only goal for Hockey Karnataka. Hockey Mizoram beat Hockey Bihar 4-2 in their Pool G match. Captain CS Ramasankari (17, 24) scored a brace, while Lakshmi (18) and Vanashikha (10) scored one goal each for Hockey Mizoram.

In Pool H, Hockey Andhra Pradesh registered a massive 12-0 victory over Hockey Bengal. Godeela Gayatri (14, 27, 30, 37, 40) scored five goals, while Bobbili Jyoti (19), captain Bhrami Sothram (7, 17) and Gurshika Verhalakanna (21, 27) scored a brace each, meanwhile, Chinna Kusuma (28) and Talari Ravathi (25) scored one goal each for Hockey Andhra Pradesh.

In the other Pool H match, Hockey Karnataka defeated Hockey Gujarat 1-0. Nizami (20, 12, 27, 30) scored five goals, while Heechamma Ganagathi (11, 30, 38) scored hat-tricks each. Kaveri S Lakshmi (28, 30) scored a brace, meanwhile, Sathana CM (23) scored one goal for Hockey Karnataka.

Free Press - Bhopal

FIH Pro League Indian women beat Germany 3-0 in shootout



BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women's hockey team beat Germany 3-0 in a dramatic shootout to avenge their first leg defeat to share the honours in the two-legged tie of the FIH Pro League here on Sunday.

The home side had lost 1-2 in the shootout in the first match at the same Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday. Just like on Saturday, both the teams were locked at 1-1 at the end of the regulation time, leading to the shootout while none of the Germans could score from their three tries with home side skipper and goal-keeper Savita doing a brilliant job to deny the visitors.

Earlier, Felicia Wiedermann gave world number 5 Germany the lead in the 29th minute through a penalty corner conversion but Nisha equalised in the 40th minute through a field goal. World number 9 India secured two points from the match, including a bonus point while Germany collected one point. India's next matches are against England on April 2 and 3 at the same venue.

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Indian women beat Germany to avenge defeat in the 1st leg

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BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women's hockey team beat Germany 3-0 in a dramatic shootout to avenge their first leg defeat and share the honours in the two-legged tie of the FIH Pro League here on Sunday.



Indian players celebrate their win in the shootout.

The home side had lost 1-2 in the shootout in the first match at the Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday. Just like on Saturday, both the teams were locked at 1-1 at the end of the regulation time, leading to the shootout.

Earlier, Felicia Wiedermann gave world No. 5 Germany the lead in the 29th minute through a penalty corner conversion but Nisha equalised in the 40th minute through a field goal.

World No. 9 India secured two points from the match, including a bonus point while Germany collected one point. India climbed one place to sit at second spot in the FIH Pro League standings with 12 points from six games. India got three penalty corners in the match but could not utilise any one of them while Germany converted one from the five PCs they earned in the match. The Germans took the lead from one of the two penalty corners they got in the second quarter with Felicia Wiedermann finding the target one minute before half-time.

The home side came out with renewed vigour and equalised in the 40th minute through a field goal from Nisha.

Hindustan Times - Ranchi

India women, men go down to Spain



Action during India's Pro League match against Spain in Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

Both sides took a goal in the 15th minute, but India's goal was nullified by a penalty corner conversion by Spain.

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Spain's goal was nullified by a penalty corner conversion by India. The match ended in a 1-1 tie, leading to a shootout. India lost 1-2 in the shootout. Spain won 3-0 in the shootout. India's next matches are against England on April 2 and 3 at the same venue.

The Hindu - Delhi

India wins shootout

Savita thwarts Germany with three saves



Joyous bunch: Indian players celebrate their win.

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India was successful from all its first three attempts in the shootout while none of the Germans could score from their three tries with the home side skipper and goal-keeper Savita doing a brilliant job to deny the visitors. Felicia Wiedermann gave Germany the lead in the 29th minute but Nisha equalised in the 40th.

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India women to play Eng in hockey World Cup

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BHUBANESWAR: India will open its campaign in this year's FIH Women's Hockey World Cup against England on July 3, two days after the marquee tournament opens in Spain and the Netherlands. The schedule was announced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on Tuesday. Placed in Pool B, India will next face China on July 5 and New Zealand on July 7.

India will play all their pool matches at the Wagener Hockey Stadium in Amstelveen, Netherlands in the event to be held from July 1 to 17. Soon after the schedule was made public, India women's team halfback Sushila

Chanu said the team won't be intimidated by any opposition. "It does not matter against which opponents we start our campaign. We are not afraid of our mentality and our mindset is to take each game as it comes and try and win every match," Chanu said.

"We have faced China recently in Muscat, Oman, in the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022, and in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22. And so it will be an advantage for us," she asserted. "We will be playing the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 matches against England next month. We had last played New Zealand in 2020. So we know these teams quite well and we know how we have to prepare for the upcoming challenges."

The Asian Age - Delhi

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Indian teams play Ghana in openers

Birmingham, March 31: Indian men's hockey team will open its campaign at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games against Ghana on July 31 while the women's team will also square-off against the same rivals on July 29.

Two-time silver medalist India men are placed in a relatively easy Pool B along side England, Canada, Wales and Ghana while the Pool A consists of six-time champions Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Scotland. The Indian women are in Pool A, which also has England, Canada, Wales and Ghana. After Ghana, the Indian men will play hosts and last edition's bronze winner England on August 1, followed by matches against Canada (August 3) and Wales (August 4). After Ghana, the women

will play Wales on July 30 and England (August 2) and Canada (August 3). The top four teams from each pool in both men and women's competition qualify for the semifinals. The men's semifinals will be played on August 4 and the final on August 8. The women's semifinals and final will be played on August 5 and 7 respectively. India will be sending its A teams for both men and women at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games due to the tournament being a CWG event. The Hangzhou Asian Games, which is a qualifying tournament for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The men's tournament will be held just 33 days apart and the national federation wants to keep its first-choice players fresh for the Asian Games. The Birmingham CWG is scheduled to be held from July 28 till August 8.



Morning India - Ranchi

India Men's Hockey Team Squad for FIH Pro League matches against England announced



The Sunday Guardian - New Delhi

Mandeep's last-minute goal helps India beat Argentina 4-3

17th minute—that too from a penalty corner—before Mandeep Singh scored a last-minute decisive goal after drag-flicker Jugraj Singh's two powerful penalty corner strikes as the Indian men's hockey team beat Argentina 4-3 in a drama-filled second match of its FIH Pro League tie and avenge its first leg shoot-out defeat here. Jugraj scored in the 20th and 52nd minutes after Hardik Singh struck in the

The Sunday Guardian - Delhi

INDIA NAME 22-MEMBER MEN'S TEAM FOR MATCHES AGAINST ARGENTINA

after a brief injury lull, following the 22-member men's team will face Argentina in the upcoming FIH Men's Hockey Pro League match on Sunday. The 22-member squad includes goalkeeper P.K. Sengupta, Krishna Bahadur Pathak, defender Harjinder Singh, Jugraj Singh, Navneet Kumar, Virender Kumar, Jansampal Singh and Anil Bahadur. Midfielder will be Manoj Singh, Virender Kumar, Hardik Singh, Sonu, Shant Singh, Nikansh Shukla and Navneet Kumar. The forward line will see Gurraj Singh return to the squad

The Hindu - Bangalore

India women hold the edge over Germany

The host is currently in the third spot with nine points

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Naval Tata, Raja Karan, SAI Academy register win in HI Sub-Junior National Championship

NEW DELHI: Raja Karan Hockey Academy, Naval Tata Hockey Academy - Jamshehpur, SAI - Academy recorded victories in their respective games on the fifth day of the 2nd Hockey India Sub-Junior Men's Academy National Championship 2022 here at Ghumanera Hockey Ground. In the opening contest of the day, Raja Karan Hockey Academy recorded a 4-1 victory over Salute Hockey Academy in Pool F. Deepak breaks the deadlock in the 20th minute for Salute Hockey Academy. Thereafter, they failed in finding the back of the net as their rivals netted four goals to win the match. Amrtej Singh (33, 43) scored a brace for his side while Shubhdeep Singh (41) and Sourav (54) added one goal each to the tally. Naval Tata Hockey Academy - Jamshehpur registered a thumping 8-0 win over Berar Hockey Academy (Vidharbha) Amravati in the second contest of the day. Jiten Topno opened the scoring for his side in

The Times of India - Bangalore

Savita to lead women's hockey team: Veteran goalkeeper Savita will continue to lead the women's hockey team in the upcoming FIH Women's Pro League



matches against Germany at the Kalinga Stadium on March 12 and 13. Two new faces - young defender Akshata Abaso Dhekale from Maharashtra and Haryana forward Deepika Jr - have been picked for the matches. The squad: Goalkeepers: Savita, Bichu Devi Kharibam. Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita and Akshata Abaso Dhekale. Midfielders: Nisha, Safima Tete,

Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam, Jyoti, Monika, Neha, Navjot Kaur and Sonika.

Forwards: Rajwinder Kaur, Sharmila Devi, Navneet Kaur, Lalremsiami, Sangita Kumari, Mariana Kujur and Deepika Jr.

Standbys: Rajani Etimarpu, Ishika Chaudhary, Namita Toppo.

The Political And Business Daily - Bhubaneswar

Salima Tete to lead India in FIH Women's Junior World Cup

NEW DELHI, MAR 17

MID-FIELDER Salima Tete was named captain of the 26-member Indian team for the FIH Women's Junior World Cup, starting in Potchefstroom, South Africa on April 1. Defender Ishika Chaudhary will serve as Tete's deputy for the tournament which was postponed from December last to the oncoming-thrust in South Africa. Mid-fielders Sharmila Devi, Lalremsiami, who were part of the Indian women's team that finished fourth in the Tokyo Olympics, are also in the squad. The Indian team has been grouped in pool D along with Germany, Malaysia and Wales. They will kick-start their campaign on April 2 with their first match against Wales followed by their game against Germany a day later on April 5 with their last group-stage match is



scheduled for April 5 against Malaysia. The quarterfinals will be held on April 8 whereas the semifinals are scheduled for April 10. The final will be played on April 12. The squad consists of goalkeepers Bichu Devi, Kharibam, who recently made her senior India debut at the FIH Hockey Pro League matches against Germany, and Khushboo. The defenders include Marina Lalrangmahli, Preethi, Chaudhary and Akshata Abaso Dhekale, who also made her senior India debut against Germany at the recently held Pro League matches in Bhubaneswar. The forward line will feature Lalrimthli, Jwan Kishori Topko, Mumtaz Khan, Beauty Dungleung, Deepika and Sangita Kumari, who also made her senior debut recently. The Indian junior women's team's best show came times back at the 2013 edition of the World Cup when it finished on the podium with a bronze medal, beating nemesis England in a shootout. -PTI

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INDIA MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM SQUAD FOR FIH PRO LEAGUE MATCHES AGAINST ENGLAND ANNOUNCED

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TEAMBIRTHDAYS

<u>SENIOR MEN</u>		<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNIOR MEN</u>	
RAJ KUMAR PAL	01	AMIR ALI	02		
NILAKANTA SHARMA	02	NIRAJ WARIBAM KUMAR SINGH	14		
SHILANAND LAKRA	05	BHAVIN KUSHALAPPA KR	16		
SANJAY	05	AMANDEEP LAKRA	26		
P R SREEJESH	08	CYRIL LUGUN	27		
AMIT ROHIDAS	10				
		<u>JUNE</u>			
MANPREET SINGH	26	SACHIN DUNG DUNG	03		
		ARUN SAHANI	13		

<u>MEN "A" TEAM</u>	
<u>MAY</u>	
PAWAN	01
RAHUL EKKA	05
SUNIL S.V	06
ABHARAN SUDEV BELIMAGGA	13
<u>JUNE</u>	
SUNIT LAKRA	02
ANGAD BIR SINGH	08

<u>SENIOR WOMEN</u>		<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNIOR WOMEN</u>	
MANPREET KAUR	17	MADHURI KINDO	25		
		JYOTI EDULA	30		
		<u>JUNE</u>			
DEEP GRACE EKKA	03	MANJU CHORSIYA	10		
NAMITA TOPPO	04	CHANDANA J	23		
RAJANI ETIMARPU	09				

INFOCUS

JUGRAJ SINGH

My age is 25

(Indian Men's Hockey Team)

My hometown is – Attari (Amritsar)

I play as a – Defender

My debut was in – South Africa

My most important target – Winning a Medal in Olympic Games

My favourite workout is – Biceps Exercise

My favourite actor is – Akshay Kumar

My favourite song is – Surma (Tarsem Jassar)

My favourite cuisine is – Punjabi Food

My best sporting moment – Hatrick Against South Africa

My idol is – Rupinder Pal Singh

My Dream destination is – Paris

If I wasn't a Hockey player, I would've been – Farmer

My Gym Buddy are – Surender Kumar

My Favourite Outfit is – Kurta Pyjama

My go-to Karaoke Song is – G.O.A.T (Diljit Dosanjh)

3 Things I Don't Travel Without – Headphones, Punjabi Books, Phone

My Cheat Meal – Burger





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