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# HOCKEY INDIA

## PRESIDENT MESSAGE



**Namaskar,**

The past couple of months have truly been exciting as all four of our National Teams were in action. Our Junior Men's and Women's Teams put up a spirited performance at their respective World Cups. The Senior Women's Team emerged victorious at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 and achieved their best rankings in November. The Senior Men's Team, on the other hand, toured Spain for a 5 Nations Tournament.

The commencement of our Grassroots Development Programme in March marked a promising start, with the successful completion of the Zonal tournaments over the past two months. We also saw our players from senior men's and women's teams taking an active part in the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023 and the 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2023.

As we look forward to 2024, all eyes will be on the all-important FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024, and we are confident that the Women's team will give their best to qualify for the prestigious Olympic Games set to take place in Paris.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. There's a lot more in store for hockey in 2024.

Jai Hind!

**Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey**  
President Hockey India



# TOP HIGHLIGHTS

## NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN WEST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
9th – 16th October	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey	Chhattisgarh Hockey	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men West Zone Championship 2023 concluded in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh with Hockey Madhya Pradesh being crowned Champions. Hockey Madhya Pradesh defeated Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey by 8-1 to claim the bragging rights. Chhattisgarh Hockey finished third in the tournament.

The Final saw Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey by 8-1. Aashir Aadil Khan (32', 48', 52', 53', 59', 60') spearheaded the title charge for Hockey Madhya Pradesh, while Siddharth Ben (15') and Love (39') pitched in with one goal each. The only goal for Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey was scored by Sharma Ankit (32').

Chhattisgarh Hockey defeated Hockey Maharashtra by 1-0 in the 3rd/4th place match.



**HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH**



**DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU HOCKEY**



**CHHATTISGARH HOCKEY**

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9th – 16th October	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Chhattisgarh Hockey	Hockey Maharashtra	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women West Zone Championship 2023 concluded in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh with Hockey Madhya Pradesh being crowned Champions after their 3-1 triumph over Chhattisgarh Hockey, accompanied on the podium by Hockey Maharashtra, which finished third.

The Final ended with Hockey Madhya Pradesh beating Chhattisgarh Hockey by 3-1. Chhattisgarh Hockey scored first through Sidar Madhu (5'), but Hockey Madhya Pradesh flipped the switch towards the end of the game and goals from Sujata Jayant (43'), Kanak Pal (53'), and Tanvi (60') ensured their Gold medal in the tournament.

The 3rd/4th place match witnessed Hockey Maharashtra register a 3-2 win over Hockey Rajasthan in penalty shootouts after the game was tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation time.



**HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH**



**CHHATTISGARH HOCKEY**



**HOCKEY MAHARASHTRA**



# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

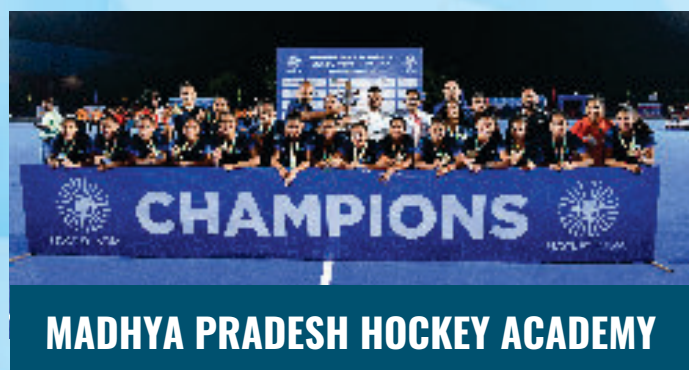
Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
12th – 19th October	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar)	HIM Academy	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) concluded in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy being crowned Champions. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) 9-0 to win the Gold Medal while HIM Academy finished in 3rd place.

The Final saw Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat

Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) 9-0. Gurmail Kaur (8', 13', 14', 58', 59'), Katariya Khushi (32', 43') and Swati (56', 60') scored the goals for Madhya Pradesh without conceding any goals as they clinched first place in the tournament.

In the 3rd/4th place play-off, HIM Academy beat Salute Hockey Academy 2-1.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
12th – 19th October	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Ghumenhera Risers Academy	Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) concluded in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy being crowned Champions after their 4-0 win over Ghumanhera Risers Academy, accompanied on the podium by Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy, who finished third.

The Final ended with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy

beating Ghumenhera Risers Academy 4-0. Tahur Naaz (36', 50') scored a brace while Bamaniya Shivani (15') and Bhabar Keshar (44') scored for Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy as they ensured their Gold medal in the tournament.

The 3rd/4th place match witnessed Meghbaran Singh Hockey Academy register a 2-1 win over Raja Karan Hockey Academy.





# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN

## SOUTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17th – 24th October	Hockey Karnataka	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Hockey Andhra Pradesh	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men South Zone Championship 2023 concluded with Hockey Karnataka defeating Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu by 3-2 to claim the bragging rights. Hockey Andhra Pradesh finished third in the Championship.

The Final saw Hockey Karnataka beat Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu by 3-2 in a tightly contested battle. Jashan Thammaiah M.C (9') and Kakhandaki Rohit (29') scored

for Hockey Karnataka in the first half. Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu answered back through goals from Kamlesh (31') and Captain Sugumar M (35'). Nishanth M (57') broke the deadlock from a penalty corner in the dying moments of the game to confirm the Gold medal finish for Hockey Karnataka.

Hockey Andhra Pradesh beat Le Puducherry Hockey by 4-2 in the 3rd/4th place match.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

## SOUTH ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

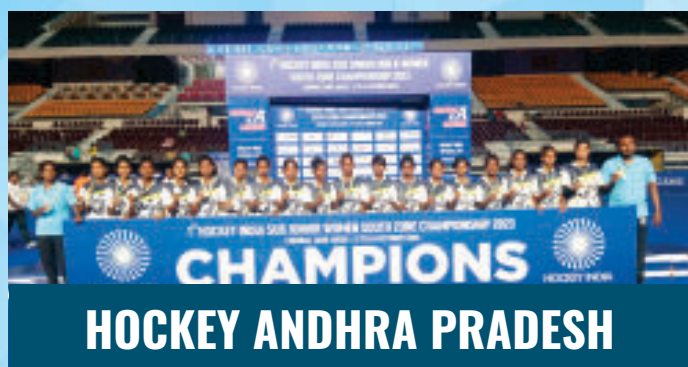
Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17th – 24th October	Hockey Andhra Pradesh	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Hockey Karnataka	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women South Zone Championship 2023 concluded with Hockey Andhra Pradesh being crowned Champions after their 5-0 triumph over Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, accompanied on the podium by Hockey Karnataka, which finished third.

The Final ended with Hockey Andhra Pradesh defeating Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu by 5-0. Captain

Thirumalasetty Sree Vidya (7', 20', 23') stepped up in the Final, scoring a hat-trick for Hockey Andhra Pradesh. Patan Mujiya Begum (35') and Kuppa Tulasi (45') followed up with goals of their own to seal the victory.

The 3rd/4th place match witnessed Hockey Karnataka beat Kerala Hockey by 3-2.





# 3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN INTER-DEPARTMENT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
15th – 21st November	Indian Oil Corporation	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Sports Authority of India	New Delhi

The Indian Oil Corporation defeated defending Champions Railway Sports Promotion Board 4-4 (SO 3-2) in a thrilling match to win the 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter-Department National Championship 2023. Meanwhile, Sports Authority of India finished third in the tournament.

Captain Vandana Katariya opened the scoring (12') for Railway Sports Promotion Board and was quickly followed up by Mariana Kujur (15') to extend the lead to 2-0. Sharmila Devi (28') scored for Indian Oil Corporation to reduce the deficit but a goal from Sangita Kumari (33') meant the score would read 3-1 at the end of the third quarter. Jyoti (49') scored for IOC

but Vandana Katariya scored a fine field goal (49') within no time as the score read 4-2 in favour of the Railway Sports Promotion Board. Goals from Rajwinder Kaur (55') and Jyoti (59') in the dying embers meant that the scoreline would read 4-4 at the end of the final quarter taking the match into a penalty shoot-out. Deepika, Baljeet Kaur, and Jyoti scored for Indian Oil Corporation, while Bichu Devi Kharibam stood tall at the goalpost as IOC defeated Railway Sports Promotion Board to win the tournament.

Meanwhile, in the 3rd/4th place match, Sports Authority of India produced a fine show to beat Sashtra Seema Bal 3-1 to clinch the Bronze medal.



**INDIAN OIL CORPORATION**



**RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD**



**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**



# 13<sup>TH</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
17th – 28th November	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

A star-studded Hockey Punjab featuring Indian Team players claimed the Gold medal after their penalty shootout triumph over defending Champions Hockey Haryana in the Final of the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023. Meanwhile, the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu overcame Hockey Karnataka in penalty shootouts to claim the Bronze Medal.

The thrilling shootout saw Hockey Punjab defeat Hockey Haryana 2-2 (9-8 SO). Hockey Punjab started the match strong, scoring the first goal in the 13th minute thanks to Harjeet Singh. However, Hockey Haryana's Sanjay (25') scored from a penalty corner to level the score. In the second half, Hockey Punjab's Captain Harmanpreet Singh (42') scored a powerful drag flick from a penalty corner to put his team in the lead. But Hockey Haryana's Rajant (50') scored again to equalize and take the game to penalty shootouts.

During the shootouts, Sanjay, Deepak, and Abhishek scored for Hockey Haryana while Harmanpreet Singh, Simranjeet Singh, and Sukhjeet Singh scored for Hockey Punjab, taking the match to sudden death. In the seventh penalty shootout, Simranjeet Singh scored, securing the hard-fought victory for Hockey Punjab.

In the 3rd/4th place match Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu defeated Hockey Karnataka by 5-3 in penalty shootouts after the game was tied at the 3-3 draw at the end of regulation time.



**HOCKEY PUNJAB**



**HOCKEY HARYANA**



**HOCKEY UNIT OF TAMIL NADU**



# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE B)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
20th – 30th November	SAIL Hockey Academy	Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre	Hubli Hockey Academy	Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) witnessed SAIL Hockey Academy win after having defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3-2 in the Final. Hubli Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.

SAIL Hockey Academy defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3-2 in the Final. Munda Satish (3') put Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre in the lead early in the game but successive goals from Ekka Samir (14') and Nabin Lakra (19') for SAIL Hockey Academy took them to a 2-1 lead at halftime. Irengbam Rohit Singh (43') equalized late in the third quarter but it was the goal from Toppo Amit (49') for SAIL Hockey Academy in the final quarter that sealed the deal as they went on to win the Gold medal.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Hubli Hockey Academy defeated Berar Hockey Academy (Vidarbha) Amravati 2-1.



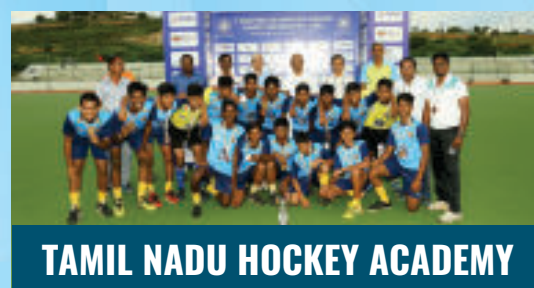
# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE B)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
20th – 30th November	SAIL Hockey Academy	Smart Hockey Academy	Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy	Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) witnessed SAIL Hockey Academy win after having defeated Smart Hockey Academy, Rapiur in the Final. Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.

SAIL Hockey Academy defeated Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur 4-1 in the Final of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone B) to take the trophy home. Hasti Anand (12', 45') paved the way with a brace while Kaetha Bishal (6') and Kujur Manish (39') found the back of the net as well for SAIL Hockey Academy. Meanwhile, Bakawale Gagan (59') netted the lone goal for Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur.

In the 3rd/4th place match, Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy defeated Lakshmi Ammal Sports Academy 3-1 to win the Bronze medal.





# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
3rd – 10th December	Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy	Namdhari XI	Army Boys Sports Company	New Delhi

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) witnessed Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy win after defeating Namdhari XI in the Final. Army Boys Sports Company finished third in the Championship.

In the Final, Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy defeated Namdhari XI 3-1. Captain Navraj Singh (14') put Namdhari XI in the lead late in the first quarter with a penalty corner conversion. Another penalty corner was converted in the second quarter, this time by Japnit Singh (25', 34', 50') from Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy to equalize. He then helped Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy take the lead in the third quarter with a field goal before converting yet another penalty corner in the fourth quarter as his hatt-rick enabled Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy to win the Gold after dominating their opponents throughout the tournament.



**ROUNDGLASS  
PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY**

In the 3rd/4th place match, Army Boys Sports Company defeated HAR Hockey Academy 3-1.



**NAMDHARI XI**



**ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANY**

# 1<sup>ST</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONE A)

Date	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Location
3rd– 10th December	Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy	Ghumanhera Riser's Academy	HAR Hockey Academy	New Delhi

The final day of the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Men Academy Championship 2023 – (Zone A) witnessed Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy win after defeating Ghumanhera Risers Academy in the Final. HAR Hockey Academy finished third in the Championship.

In the Final, Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy defeated Ghumanhera Riser's Academy 6-1. Inderjit Singh (2', 8', 32') led the way for Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy with a hat-trick, while Charanjeet Singh (35', 44') scored a brace and Deepakpreet Singh (55') scored a field goal in the final quarter. Tashu (37') scored for Ghumanhera Riser's Academy in the third quarter but Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy didn't give space for any more errors to happen as they went on to win the Gold.



**ROUNDGLASS  
PUNJAB HOCKEY CLUB ACADEMY**

In the 3rd/4th place match of the Sub Junior Category, HAR Hockey Academy defeated Raja Karan Hockey Academy 5-2.



**GHUMANHERA RISER'S ACADEMY**



**HAR HOCKEY ACADEMY**



# 2<sup>ND</sup> KHELO INDIA SUB JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE - PHASE 1

SAI Shakti Team, Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre, SAI Bal Team and Salute Hockey Academy won their respective matches on the final day of the 2nd Khelo India Sub Junior Women's Hockey League - Phase 1.

SAI Shakti Team defeated Khelo India Sports Excellence Centre Chhattisgarh 9-0 in the 1st game. Ravina (15', 27', 59') scored a hat-trick, Purnima Yadav (22', 36') scored a brace, while Captain Kajal (12'), Bhavya (25'), Binati Minz (48') and Ruthi Lallawmzuali (54') contributed with a goal each. Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre defeated Anantpur Sports Academy 5-0. Payal Sonkar (13', 19', 29') scored a hat-trick while Sweety Kujur (5') and Sheetal Yadav (32') scored a

goal each.

SAI Bal Team defeated Jai Bharat Hockey Academy 11-0. Lalpeksangi (2', 4', 30'), Sree Vidya T. (3', 29', 37') and Shanti Horo (35', 54', 59') scored hat-tricks while Tani Shorensangbam (22') and Riya (56') scored a goal each.

Salute Hockey Academy defeated Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy, Bhagta 4-1. Janvi (17') scored the first goal of the game with a field goal early in the second quarter for Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy, Bhagta but a hat-trick from Loveleen (24', 29', 57') and a field goal from Jyoti (47') for Salute Hockey Academy ensured a comfortable victory.





# INDIAN SUB JUNIOR MEN

## TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS

The 20-member Indian squad led by Captain Manmeet Singh Rai left from New Delhi to Amsterdam, on 10th October 2023.

The Indian squad began the tournament on 13th October with a clinical 8-0 win over EDE Men's Team. In the next game, the Sub Junior Men's Team lost 1-7 against the Netherlands U18 Team. Following this, the Sub Junior Men's Team secured an impressive 4-2 victory against the Netherlands U16 Men's Team. The historic maiden Indian

Sub Junior tour ended with the Sub Junior Men beating the Netherlands U16 boys 4-0.

In the Men's game, the opening goal from Rohit Irengbam Singh in the first quarter was followed up by goals from Ketan Kushwaha and Rahul Rajbhar to extend the lead to 3-0. Captain Manmeet Singh Rai added to the tally with a goal in the second quarter. The Indian defense remained unconquered throughout the game as they went on to win the game 4-0.

### GOALKEEPERS

**RAHUL BHADWAJ**

### DEFENDERS

**ASHU MAURYA**

**NEERAJ**

**PRADIP MANDAL**

**ROHIT KULLU**

**SOHIL ALI**

**SUKHMANPREET SINGH**

**UJJWAL PAL**

### MIDFIELDERS

**GHURAN LOHRA**

**MANMEET SINGH RAI**

**RAHUL RAJBHAR**

**RAHUL YADAV**

**ROHIT TIRKEY**

**SURESH SHARMA  
ADHIKARIMAYUM**

### FORWARDS

**AJEET YADAV**

**DEEPAK PRADHAN**

**KETAN KUSHWAHA**

**RITENDER PRATAP SINGH**

**ROHIT IRENGBAM SINGH**

**SRIJAN YADAV**



# INDIAN SUB JUNIOR WOMEN

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Women losing to the Netherlands U16 Girls 1-4.

In the Women's game, Kajal Jr. brought up the first goal of the match but that was negated by the Netherlands U16 team as they equalized in the second quarter before taking the lead and further extending it with two more goals in the third quarter. A final goal for Netherlands in the fourth quarter meant that the game ended on a score of 1-4.

### GOALKEEPERS

HODAM PABITRA DEVI

TARRA SAILAJA

### DEFENDERS

BHAVYA

KOMAL PAL

PARWATI TOPNO

RITIKA AHIRWAR

### MIDFIELDERS

KAJAL PUNDIR

KARUNA MINZ

KIRTI

PRIYANKA

RAJNI KERKETTA

TAMANNA

TANUJA TOPPO

### FORWARDS

DOLI BHOI

KAJAL

KRISHAN SHARMA

NISHA DADEL

PURNIMA YADAV

RAVINA

SWITI DUNGUNG





# 11<sup>TH</sup> SULTAN OF JOHAR CUP 2023

A thrilling penalty Shoot-Out win sealed the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team's Bronze-medal win at the 11th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023.

With Arun Sahani, Bobby Poovanna Chandura, and Captain Uttam Singh scoring a goal each, India recorded a 3 - 3 (6 - 5 SO) victory over Pakistan on 4th November. The 20-member Indian team led by skipper Uttam Singh travelled to Johor, Malaysia

from Bengaluru on October 25th.

India followed it up with a 3-1 win over Malaysia, and a 6-2 win over New Zealand to reach the Semi-Finals, where a 3-6 loss to Germany led to the side missing out on the Final. But India bounced back in the Bronze medal match to finish the tournament on the podium.

## GOALKEEPERS

MOHITH H.S

RANVIJAY SINGH YADAV

## DEFENDERS

AMANDEEP LAKRA

AMIR ALI

ROHIT

SUKHVINDER

SUNIL JOJO

YOGEMBER RAWAT

## MIDFIELDERS

ABDUL AHAD

AMANDEEP

POOVANNA CB

RAJINDER SINGH

SUNIT LAKRA

VISHNUKANT SINGH

## FORWARDS

ADITYA LALAGE

ANGAD BIR SINGH

ARUN SAHANI

GURJOT SINGH

SATHISH SINGH

UTTAM SINGH



# FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S JUNIOR

## WORLD CUP 2023

A penalty Shoot-Out win over the USA helped the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team to finish in the ninth position at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023. With goals from Manju Chorsiya and Sunelita Toppo, India won the match 2 - 2 (3 - 2 SO) on November 9th. The 18-member Indian squad led by skipper Preeti travelled to Santiago, Chile on November 22nd.

A close 3-4 and a 2-3 loss to Germany and Belgium respectively led to India missing out on a spot in the Quarter-Finals. India picked a 3-3 (3-2 SO) win over New Zealand and a 3-1 win over Korea to earn the opportunity to take on the USA in the 9th/10th Place match, where a win helped the side finish the tournament on a high.

### GOALKEEPERS

**KHUSHBOO**

**MADHURI KINDO**

### DEFENDERS

**NEELAM**

**PREETI**

**ROPNI KUMARI**

### MIDFIELDERS

**HINA BANO**

**JYOTI CHHATRI**

**JYOTI SINGH**

**MAHIMA TETE**

**MANJU CHORSIYA**

**RUTUJA DADASO PISAL**

**SAKSHI RANA**

**SUJATA KUJUR**

### FORWARDS

**ANNU**

**DEEPIKA SORENG**

**DIPI MONIKA TOPPO**

**MUMTAZ KHAN**

**SUNELITA TOPPO**





# FIH HOCKEY MEN'S JUNIOR

## WORLD CUP 2023

Despite a goal from Sunil Jojo, India went down 1-3 against Spain in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023 Bronze-medal match to finish in the 4th position in the tournament on 16th December. The 18-member Indian squad led by Captain Uttam Singh left from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2nd December.

A solid 4-1 win over Spain and a 10-1 win over Canada secured India's road to the Quarter-Finals. India picked a thrilling 4-3 win over the Netherlands to book a spot in the Semi-Finals, but a 1-4 loss to Germany halted their path to the Final and the Indian team missed out on a podium finish after a loss to Spain in their final game of the tournament.

### GOALKEEPERS

MOHITH H.S

RANVIJAY SINGH YADAV

### DEFENDERS

AMANDEEP LAKRA

AMIR ALI

ROHIT

SHARDANAND TIWARI

SUNIL JOJO

### MIDFIELDERS

ADITYA SINGH

AMANDEEP

POOVANNA CB

RAJINDER SINGH

VISHNUKANT SINGH

### FORWARDS

ADITYA LALAGE

ARAJEET SINGH HUNDAL

BOBY SINGH DHAMI

SOURABH ANAND KHUSHWAHA

SUDEEP CHIRMAKO

UTTAM SINGH





# 5 NATIONS TOURNAMENT VALENCIA (MEN)

With a brace each from Jugraj Singh, and Harmanpreet Singh and a goal from Vivek Sagar Prasad, Indian Men's Hockey Team finished the 5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023 with a thrilling 5-4 win over France on 20th December 2023. The 24-member Indian squad led by Captain Harmanpreet Singh left from Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru, to Valencia, Spain, on 11th December.

After losing 2-7 to Belgium in their next game, Indian Men's Hockey Team went down 2-3 to reigning World Champions Germany in their third game on the tour. But the Indian side fought hard in the final game of the tournament against France to finish the tournament on a high note.

## GOALKEEPERS

KRISHAN B PATHAK

PR SREEJESH

SURAJ KARKERA

## DEFENDERS

AMIT ROHIDAS

HARMANPREET SINGH

JARMANPREET SINGH

JUGRAJ SINGH

NILAM SANJEEP XESS

SANJAY

SUMIT

VARUN KUMAR

## MIDFIELDERS

NILAKANTA SHARMA

RABICHANDRA SINGH  
MOIRANGTHEM

RAJKUMAR PAL

SHAMSHER SINGH

VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD

YASHDEEP SIWACH

## FORWARDS

ABHISHEK

AKASHDEEP SINGH

DILPREET SINGH

LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY

MANDEEP SINGH

S KARTHI

SUKHJEET SINGH





# 5 NATIONS TOURNAMENT VALENCIA (WOMEN)

The Indian Women's Hockey left from Bengaluru on 11th of December ahead of their campaign at the 5 Nations Tournament in Valencia, Spain where the Indian contingent competed alongside Germany, Ireland, Belgium and hosts, Spain. The team was led by ace goalkeeper, Savita and forward, Vandana Katariya as the Vice-Captain.

Despite three losses in the competition including a 3-2 defeat to Spain, a 2-1 defeat to Belgium and a 3-1 defeat to Germany, the Indian Women's Hockey Team finished on a positive note with a 2-1 victory against Ireland.

## GOALKEEPERS

BICHU DEVI KHARIBAM

SAVITA

## DEFENDERS

UDITA

GURJIT KAUR

ISHIKA CHAUDHARY

NIKKI PRADHAN

AKSHATA ABASO DHEKALE

## MIDFIELDERS

BALJEET KAUR

JYOTI

MONIKA

NAVNEET KAUR

NEHA

NISHA

SALIMA TETE

SONIKA

VAISHNAVI VITTHAL PHALKE

## FORWARDS

BEAUTY DUNGUNG

DEEPIKA

JYOTI CHHATRI

SANGITA KUMARI

SHARMILA DEVI

VANDANA KATARIYA



# HOCKEY INDIA GEARED UP TO HOST

## FIH OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS RANCHI 2024

The FIH in the month of October moved the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers to Ranchi, India from Changzhou, China. This development came after the Chinese Women's Hockey Team earned direct qualification to the Paris 2024 Olympics by winning the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou in 2022.

Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers is scheduled to be held at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand from 13th to 19th January 2024. Apart from India, seven national teams from across the globe are to travel to Ranchi for the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in their bid to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics. The top three teams in the tournament will secure their spot for the Paris 2025 Olympics.

Speaking about Ranchi hosting the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Hemant Soren said, "It is

an honour to welcome the global hockey fraternity to Ranchi, Jharkhand. Hosting this event will solidify Jharkhand's position as a growing sports hub in the country. We have a long history of supporting sports, and we are thrilled to host such a prestigious event."

"We at Hockey India are delighted that FIH has supported India's proposal to host the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers. This is a huge event for our players, and we are thrilled that it will take place on our home turf as the support from Indian fans will undoubtedly fuel our players' determination to excel and secure their spot in the Paris 2024 Olympics," said Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey.

"We would also like to thank the Government of Jharkhand and the state's Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Hemant Soren ji, for their assistance in hosting the event," he added.



**HOCKEY INDIA**





# HOCKEY INDIA CONVENED 13<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

## ANNOUNCES SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES

Hockey India held its 13th Congress on Friday, 3rd November 2023 at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium meeting hall. The Congress saw the announcement of several important decisions and initiatives to boost the sport in the country.

In a revolutionary move to strengthen their State Member Units, Hockey India has decided to award Rs 10.00 lakhs to each Member Unit that won medals at the Hockey India National Championships held throughout the year 2023. The State Member Units that will currently benefit from this initiative in 2023 are Hockey Haryana, Hockey Jharkhand, Hockey Association of Odisha, Hockey Madhya Pradesh, Hockey Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh Hockey and Hockey Chandigarh.

During the Congress, Hockey India has resolved to award financial support to its Member Units for their participation in the Hockey India National Championships. Under this initiative, each Permanent State Member Unit that participates in at least 4 of the 6 National Championships will receive a support of Rs 1.50 lakhs. Units that participate in all six National Championships will

receive a substantial grant of Rs 9.00 lakhs. Similarly, Associate State Member Units will be awarded 50% of Rs 1.50 lakhs for their participation in each Hockey India National Championship, provided they play in at least 4 annual National Championships.

The Congress representatives also received a thorough update from the Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey, who is also the Chairman of the Hockey India League (HIL) Committee.

In addition to these initiatives, the Congress also focused on Member Unit Compliance at the State and District levels, underscoring Hockey India's commitment to good governance within the sport at all levels.

In addition to the foregoing, Hockey India has decided to appoint Deloitte as Internal Auditor from FY 2024/25 in order to increase transparency in their affairs.



# HOCKEY INDIA INDUCTS

## TWO NEW ACADEMY MEMBERS

Hockey India announced Southern Alpha Sports Academy and Ritu Rani Hockey Academy as the two new Academy Members on Tuesday, 7th November 2023 as a continuing effort to unearth young talent at the grassroots level, The decision was formally made during the 13th Hockey India Congress held on 3rd November 2023 at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium meeting hall.

The Southern Alpha Sports Academy, based in Bangalore, Karnataka was founded by Mr Parthasarathi Jha. The academy promises

excellence in a variety of sports programs.

Named after former Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Ritu Rani, the Ritu Rani Hockey Academy was founded by Mr Harsh Sharma and has Mr Baljinder Singh as the Director of the Academy. The academy is based in Patiala, Punjab.

With the inclusion of new members, Hockey India currently has 27 Permanent Members, 33 Associate Members, 51 Academy Members and 2 Hoc-Key Members.



**SOUTHERN ALPHA  
SPORTS ACADEMY**

**RITU RANI  
HOCKEY ACADEMY**



## HOCKEY INDIA MOURNS THE DEMISE OF SAHARA GROUP CHAIRMAN **SHRI SUBRATA ROY**

Hockey India mourned the demise of Sahara Group Chairman Shri Subrata Roy, who passed away on 15th November in Mumbai of a cardiorespiratory arrest. He was 75 years old.

Led by Roy, the Sahara India Pariwar was at the forefront of promoting sports in India, including hockey. Sahara Group was the major partner of Hockey's apex body from 1995 to 2017 and played a pivotal role in the revival of the sport through its unwavering support.

Condoling Subrata Roy's demise, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey said, "We at Hockey India are deeply saddened to hear about the demise of Mr Subrata Roy. He was a true sports

lover, and his vision with the Sahara India Pariwar in promoting sports was inspirational. His contributions to hockey will be remembered forever. We extend our deepest condolences to his family in this moment of grief."

Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh said, "Mr Subrata Roy was very passionate about hockey. His support through Sahara India Pariwar has played a very important role in the revival of hockey in India, and he will forever be remembered among the hockey fraternity for his contributions to the sport. We at Hockey India express our deepest condolences to his family and friends."



# CRAIG FULTON CONDUCTS COACHING

## SESSION FOR HEAD COACHES OF MEMBER UNITS

Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach Craig Fulton conducted a coaching session for the Head Coaches of the Member Units participating in the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023. The objective of the session, which was organized at the Conference Hall of the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, was to raise coaching standards within the domestic circuit. The session provided an opportunity for knowledge exchange between the coaches.

Notable Head Coaches who participated in the session were Batham Sumit of Hockey Jharkhand, Vinay Kishor of Hockey Uttarakhand, Daljeet Singh of Hockey Punjab, Mukesh Kumar of Hockey Haryana, Yendala Sagar of Telangana Hockey, Satender Sharma of Delhi Hockey, Moirangthem Rinash Mettei of Manipur Hockey, Aravindan Ramachandran of Le Puducherry Hockey, Charles Dixon of Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, and Deepak Saini of Hockey Arunachal.

The interactive coaching session, facilitated by Fulton, delved into diverse topics, including the Indian principles of play both with and without the ball, strategic game management to the score and remaining time, and effective player management considering the demanding schedule, among other crucial aspects.





# CORE ANNOUNCEMENT

## HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 34 MEMBER CORE PROBABLE GROUP FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S COACHING CAMP

Hockey India on November 11th November 2023, named the 34-member core probable group for the Senior Women's National Coaching Camp, that took place from 22nd November to 10th December 2023 at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. The camp was held ahead of the 5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023, which unfolded from 15th December 2023 to 22nd

December 2023. India, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, and hosts Spain competed in the five-nation tournament in Valencia. The tournament was a key step in the Indian Women's Hockey Team's preparations for the all-important FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 set to begin from 13th January 2023.

### GOALKEEPERS

TARRA SAILAJA

HODAM PABITRA DEVI

TANUJA

### DEFENDERS

MUSKAN

RAJNI KERKETTA

PARWATI TOPNO

SUSHMITA DUNGUNG

AMISHA EKKA

HARJEET KAUR

KOMAL PAL

BHAVYA

TAMANNA

PRIYANKA

### MIDFIELDERS

PUSHPA DANG

ROSHNI AIND

SHARANJIT KAURGDUNG

LEISHANGTHEM NATALI CHAN

MUTUM PRIYA DEVI

PUJA MAJHI

NISHA DADEL

RITIKA AHIRWAR

PURNIMA YADAV

POOJA

### FORWARDS

TULASI KUPPA

SWEETY DUNGUNG

JAMUNA KUMARI

LAKSHMI

KAJAL

KRISHNA SHARMA

GUNGUN KAUR

DOLI BHOI

DIPIKA BARWA

TANUJA TOPPO

KARUNA MINZ

BINATI MINZ

MANISHA PATEL

VANDANA PATEL

KAJAL

RAVINA

KIRTI

# CORE ANNOUNCEMENT

## HOCKEY INDIA NAMES 39-MEMBER CORE GROUP FOR MEN'S NATIONAL COACHING CAMP

Hockey India named a 39-member core group for the Men's National Coaching Camp that started on 29th November 2023 at SAI Bengaluru. The Asian Games Champions prepared for their assignment

in Spain where they took on Germany, France, Belgium and the hosts Spain in a 5 Nation Tournament starting 15th December 2023 in Valencia.

### GOALKEEPERS

KRISHAN BAHADUR PATHAK

SREEJESH PARATTU RAVEENDRAN

SURAJ KARKERA

PAWAN

PRASHANT KUMAR  
CHAUHAN

### DEFENDERS

JARMANPREET SINGH

SURENDER KUMAR

HARMANPREET SINGH

VARUN KUMAR

AMIT ROHIDAS

GURINDER SINGH

JUGRAJ SINGH

MANDEEP MOR

SANJAY

NILAM SANJEEP XESS

YASHDEEP SIWACH

DIPSAN TIRKEY

MANJEET

### MIDFIELDERS

MANPREET SINGH

HARDIK SINGH

VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD

MOIRANGTHEM  
RABICHANDRA SINGH

SHAMSHER SINGH

NILAKANTA SHARMA

RAJKUMAR PAL

SUMIT

AKASHDEEP SINGH

GURJANT SINGH

MD. RAHEEL MOUSEEN

MANINDER SINGH

### FORWARDS

S. KARTHI

MANDEEP SINGH

LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY

ABHISHEK

DILPREET SINGH

SUKHJEET SINGH

SIMRANJEET SINGH

SHILANAND LAKRA

PAWAN RAJBHAR





# CORE ANNOUNCEMENT

## HOCKEY INDIA ANNOUNCES 34-MEMBER CORE PROBABLE GROUP FOR NATIONAL WOMEN'S COACHING CAMP

Hockey India on 26 December 2023 announced the 34-member core probable group for the Senior Women's National Coaching Camp, Which commenced on 27th December on 27th December at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. The upcoming camp is significant as the Indian Team will aim to fine-tune their preparations ahead of the crucial FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 and the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup 2024.

The FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 are scheduled to take place from 13th to 19th January in Ranchi, with India placed in Pool B alongside New Zealand, Italy, and the United States. Meanwhile, Pool A comprises Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic. Following that, India will participate in the FIH Hockey5s Women's World Cup 2024 in Muscat, Oman, which is set to begin on 24th January and conclude on 27th January.

### GOALKEEPERS

SAVITA

RAJANI ETIMARPU

BICHU DEVI KHARIBAM

BANSARI SOLANKI

### DEFENDERS

DEEP GRACE EKKA

GURJIT KAUR

NIKKI PRADHAN

UDITA

ISHIKA CHAUDHARY

JYOTI CHHATRI

AKSHATA ABASO DHEKALE

MAHIMA CHAUDHARY

### MIDFIELDERS

SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM

SALIMA TETE

NISHA

JYOTI

NAVJOT KAUR

MONIKA

MARIANA KUJUR

SONIKA

NEHA

BALJEET KAUR

REENA KHOKHAR

VAISHNAVI VITTHAL PHALKE

AJMINA KUJUR

### FORWARDS

LALREMSIAMI

NAVNEET KAUR

VANDANA KATARIYA

SHARMILA DEVI

DEEPIKA

SANGITA KUMARI

MUMTAZ KHAN

SUNELITA TOPPO

BEAUTY DUNGUNG



# PETER HABERL JOINS INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM AS MENTAL CONDITIONING COACH

Hockey India in October welcomed Mr. Peter Haberl as the Mental Conditioning Coach for the Indian Women's Hockey Team, joining Chief Coach Janneke Schopman. Hailing from Colorado Springs, USA, Haberl, a licensed psychologist, brings expertise from nine Olympic Games, aiding medal-winning athletes with innovative mindfulness techniques and team-building strategies.

With the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi approaching (13th to 19th January), Haberl's appointment boosts the Indian Women's Hockey Team. A former professional ice hockey player, his first-hand experience equips him to handle athletes' pressures. Haberl has a rich history, serving as a Sports Psychology Consultant for the U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team (1996–2006) and in senior roles at the U.S. Olympic Committee (2001–2023).

Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India, expressed excitement about Haberl's addition, anticipating enhanced performance. Haberl conveyed eagerness to contribute, envisioning a stellar future for the Indian Women's Hockey Team, aiming to elevate them to the pinnacle of the sport.



**COACH**  
**INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM**  
**PETER HABERL**  
**MENTAL CONDITIONING**



# INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM RALLIES BEHIND INDIAN WOMEN DURING THE JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2023





# HOCKEY INDIA CONGRATULATES **VANDANA KATARIYA**

**ON ACHIEVING**

# 300

## INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Hockey India on 31st October congratulated Indian Women's Hockey Team forward Vandana Katariya for earning her 300th International Cap. Vandana, who hails from Roshnabad, Uttarakhand, achieved the feat during India's match against Japan at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. With this, Vandana also became the first woman player from India to play 300 international games.

Vandana came into the spotlight after she finished top scorer for the Indian Team at the Junior Women's World Cup in Monchengladbach, Germany and played a key role in helping the team secure the Bronze medal. She also played an important role in India's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. She is also the first Indian Women's Hockey Player to score a hat-trick in the Olympic Games.





She has also been honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 2022. The veteran forward was a member of the Indian Team that won the Asian Champions Trophy in 2016 and the 2017 Women's Asia Cup. She helped the team clinch the Bronze medal at the 2022 Asia Cup, finished third in the FIH Pro League 2021/22 and then won the FIH Nations Cup 2022. She also has the 2022 Commonwealth Bronze medal to her name.

Speaking on the milestone, Vandana said, "I am privileged to have represented India at national and international tournaments. Earning my 300th Cap is truly a special moment for me and the

memory will live long in my mind. The journey has been really special and I feel blessed to wear the national jersey again and again. I would like to thank Hockey India, my teammates and the support staff for their constant support over the years."

Congratulating Vandana Katariya on the accomplishment, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "I congratulate Vandana Katariya for earning her 300th International Cap. It is truly a memorable moment for any player to don the Indian Jersey and represent the country for this long. Her journey has been nothing but exceptional and I hope that we see more phenomenal performances from her going forward."



# SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

## HOCKEY INDIA ANNOUNCE 18-MEMBER SQUAD FOR FIH HOCKEY OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS RANCHI 2024

Hockey India on 30 December 2023 named an 18-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024, taking place in Ranchi from 13th to 19th January.

Seasoned Indian custodian Savita, who recently won her third consecutive FIH Goalkeeper of the Year Award, will once again be leading the squad. Meanwhile, Nikki

Pradhan has been named Savita's deput for the tournament.

India have been placed in Pool B, along with New Zealand, Italy, and the United States. Meanwhile, Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic will battle it out in Pool A

### GOALKEEPERS

SAVITA

BICHU DEVI KHARIBAM

### DEFENDERS

NIKKI PRADHAN

UDITA

ISHIKA CHAUDHARY

MONIKA

### MIDFIELDERS

NISHA

VAISHNAVI VITTHAL PHALKE

NEHA

NAVNEET KAUR

SALIMA TETE

SONIKA

JYOTI

BEAUTY DUNGUNG

### FORWARDS

LALREMSIAMI

SANGITA KUMARI

DEEPIKA

VANDANA KATARIYA





# 'JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY RANCHI 2023 WILL HELP US IN PREPARING FOR 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS QUALIFIERS,' SAYS BICHU DEVI KHARIBAM

Before the start of Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, which took place from 27th October to 5th November 2023, Indian Women's Hockey Team goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam expressed her excitement about playing in the prestigious tournament in front of the home crowd.

"I am thrilled about being selected for the Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi. It's a joyous moment for me, and I'm grateful for the opportunity. Apart from seeking help from my seniors in the upcoming tournament, I am looking forward to utilise the experience which I gained during the Asian Games in Hangzhou," Bichu Devi, who made her Indian team debut in 2022, said.

Bichu Devi also emphasized the importance of the tournament in preparing for the 2024 Paris Olympics Qualifiers as she asserted, "The tournament will serve as a crucial stepping stone for us as we prepare for the 2024 Paris Olympics Qualifiers, scheduled for January."

"It goes without saying that we'll have to work really hard for the next three months to qualify for the Paris Olympics, hence, the tournament in Ranchi is essential for assessing our progress and testing our mettle against formidable opponents," she added.



The seventh edition of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy was held in Ranchi, a city renowned for its ardent hockey fan base. Bichu Devi also expressed her enthusiasm about

the local support as she expressed,

"Ranchi is full of passionate hockey fans and we are expecting them to turn out in large numbers to cheer for us in the stadium. We will draw inspiration from fans and aim to give our all on the field. Though the heightened expectations bring pressure, we'll rally as a team to motivate one another."

It is worth noting that the Indian Women's Team won the Asian Champions Trophy title in 2016 and in the following edition in 2018, they finished runners-up. Hence, the team's aim going into the tournament was to finish on the podium.

The Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 featured a formidable lineup of teams including the host nation India, along with China, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, and Thailand.

Regarding the preparations and India's prospects, the 22-year-old Bichu Devi expressed her confidence, saying, "We have the capability to go all the way and secure that elusive trophy. Our approach will be to take it one match at a time and learn from our past experiences."





## INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY RANCHI 2023

In an electrifying showdown at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand, the Indian Women's Hockey Team triumphed with a commanding 4-0 victory over reigning champions Japan, clinching the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 on 5th November 2023. This historic win marked India's second title in this prestigious tournament.

"We came with a target. We wanted to set the record straight after falling short in the recent Asian Games," shared Captain Savita, reflecting on the team's mission. "This win on home ground means a lot. It's a testament to the hard work and determination of every player."

Hockey India recognized the team's exceptional performance, rewarding each member with Rs 3.00 Lakhs and support staff with Rs 1.50 Lakhs for their remarkable feat.

"The whole team had a point to prove, and I'm glad we were able to do so," Savita added, emphasizing the team's focus on one game at a time and their determination to elevate their game.

The title victory, which was preceded by an unbeaten streak in the tournament, propelled the team toward the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, scheduled in Ranchi from January 13th to 19th, 2024.

Coach Janneke Schopman praised the team's on-field decisions, saying, "The players showed remarkable decision-making. Their intent to be better was evident in every move."

Notably, India scored a whopping 27 goals in the 7 games they played during the tournament to clinch the Maximum Team Goals Award. Amidst individual accolades, Sangita Kumari claimed the Rising Star of the Tournament award, while Savita received the Women Leader of the Tournament award.

With a formidable goal tally of 27 and a resilient defense conceding only two penalty corner goals and no field goals, the team gears up for the Paris Olympics qualification, aiming to replicate their tournament success on the global stage.

"The aim is to bring our practice performances to the pitch," Savita affirmed, highlighting the team's drive to secure their spot at the Olympics. "We know we're good enough, and it's about showing that in the Qualifiers."

The Indian Women's Hockey Team's resounding victory signifies a step toward Olympic qualification, poised to shine brightly on the international stage once more.





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY RANCHI 2023









# MEDAL CEREMONY

HOCKEY INDIA

ASIAN HOCKEY CUP

## FAN CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST GOAL



— Deepika —

HOCKEY INDIA

ASIAN HOCKEY CUP

## BEST GOALKEEPER OF THE TOURNAMENT



Akio Tanaka

HOCKEY INDIA

ASIAN HOCKEY CUP

## JHARKHAND PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT



Salima Tete

HOCKEY INDIA

ASIAN HOCKEY CUP

**JSW**

## WOMEN LEADER OF THE TOURNAMENT



— Savita —







**BEST RISING  
GOALKEEPER  
OF THE TOURNAMENT**



**Kim Eunji**

**MAXIMUM  
TEAM GOALS AWARD**



**India  
(27 goals)**

#JWACT2023

#IndiaKaGame



**RISING STAR  
OF THE TOURNAMENT**



**Sangita Kumari**

**HOCKEY INDIA ANNOUNCES  
REWARD FOR THE  
JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY  
RANCHI 2023 GOLD MEDAL WINNING SQUAD**



**RS. 3,00,000 FOR EACH PLAYER  
RS. 1,50,000 FOR EACH SUPPORT STAFF**







Participating Teams					
One Pool					
India		China		Japan	
Korea		Malaysia		Thailand	



Match No	Time (IST)	Pool	Match	Venue	Score
<b>Friday, 27 October 2023</b>					
1	16:00	One Pool	JAPAN vs MALAYSIA	RANCHI	3 - 0
2	18:15	One Pool	CHINA vs KOREA	RANCHI	0 - 1
3	20:30	One Pool	INDIA vs THAILAND	RANCHI	7 - 1
<b>Saturday, 28 October 2023</b>					
4	16:00	One Pool	JAPAN vs KOREA	RANCHI	4 - 0
5	18:15	One Pool	THAILAND vs CHINA	RANCHI	0 - 6
6	20:30	One Pool	INDIA vs MALAYSIA	RANCHI	5 - 0
<b>Sunday, 29 October 2023 – Rest Day</b>					
<b>Monday, 30 October 2023</b>					
7	16:00	One Pool	KOREA vs MALAYSIA	RANCHI	1 - 1
8	18:15	One Pool	THAILAND vs JAPAN	RANCHI	0 - 4
9	20:30	One Pool	CHINA vs INDIA	RANCHI	1 - 2
<b>Tuesday, 31 October 2023</b>					
10	16:00	One Pool	KOREA vs THAILAND	RANCHI	3 - 0
11	18:15	One Pool	MALAYSIA vs CHINA	RANCHI	0 - 4
12	20:30	One Pool	JAPAN vs INDIA	RANCHI	1 - 2
<b>Wednesday, 1 November 2023 – Rest Day</b>					
<b>Thursday, 2 November 2023</b>					
13	16:00	One Pool	MALAYSIA vs THAILAND	RANCHI	2 - 0
14	18:15	One Pool	CHINA vs JAPAN	RANCHI	1 - 0
15	20:30	One Pool	INDIA vs KOREA	RANCHI	5 - 0
<b>Friday, 3 November 2023 – Rest Day</b>					
<b>Saturday, 4 November 2023</b>					
16	15:30	5/6th Place	MALAYSIA vs THAILAND	RANCHI	1 - 0
17	18:00	Semi-Final 1	CHINA vs JAPAN	RANCHI	1 - 2
18	20:30	Semi-Final 2	INDIA vs KOREA	RANCHI	2 - 0
<b>Sunday, 5 November 2023</b>					
19	18:00	3/4th Place	CHINA vs KOREA	RANCHI	2 - 1
20	20:30	Final	JAPAN vs INDIA	RANCHI	0 - 4



# INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CLIMBS TO 6<sup>TH</sup> IN FIH WORLD RANKINGS

On the back of their performance in the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, the Indian Women's Hockey Team achieved their best FIH World Rankings (No. 6 with 2368.83 points). They were placed 8th earlier but clinching the bronze medal at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 and their victory at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 has catapulted the Indian Women's Hockey Team back to their best-ever placement, which was last achieved during the FIH Pro League in June 2022.

Praising the Indian Women's Hockey Team, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "I would like to congratulate the team on achieving this ranking, it is a testament to the hard work and sacrifices they have made in their careers so far. The aim is to break into the top three with time and this serves as a good indicator that the team is on the rise. With Peter Haberl also joining the setup as a mental conditioning coach I am confident that the team will go from strength to strength and outdo themselves in the near future."

# INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



# FIH 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD RANKINGS



### SANGITA KUMARI, SALIMA TETE AND NIKKI PRADHAN EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO **HOME FANS FOR STRONG SUPPORT IN JHARKHAND WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY RANCHI 2023**

Following their title-winning feat at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, local players Sangita Kumari, Salima Tete and Nikki Pradhan expressed gratitude to home fans for their strong support during the campaign.

Scoring a goal in the team's 4-0 win over Japan in front of home fans was an unforgettable moment for Sangita, who described it as one of the best moments of her career.

"I am grateful for the support staff, my teammates and coaches for trusting me and I am proud I was able to repay their faith. In a Final, it is always important to get an early goal and I am glad I was able to deliver for the team," Sangita said.

Sangita Kumari, the highest goal scorer for India with 6 goals in the tournament, also won the Rising Star of the Tournament Award. "This has been one of the best moments of my career. More than anything, I am just elated. I was able to contribute to our team's win and I hope to continue in the same vein of form in the future," Sangita added.

Another star performer for the Indian team during the tournament was Salima, who was presented with the Jharkhand Player of the Tournament Award for her performance. She not only scored 5 goals in the tournament but also created crucial opportunities for India inside the circle.

"It was an honour to perform in front of the home fans in an international tournament for the first time. A lot of friends and family were

able to see me compete at the stadium, which really boosted my confidence and gave me strength to perform to the best of my abilities," Salima said.

In recognition of their exceptional title-winning performance, Hockey India announced a reward of Rs 3.00 Lakhs for each member of the Indian Women's Hockey Team and Rs 1.50 Lakhs for each member of the support staff.

"It was great to see the massive support from Ranchi fans for hockey during the tournament, who made their voices heard every time we stepped out on the field. Playing in front of home fans will be a memory that will remain with me for a lifetime," Salima added.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team will now return to Ranchi at the Women's FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers scheduled to be held at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand from 13th January 2024 to 21st January 2024. Veteran Indian defender Nikki Pradhan, who also hails from Jharkhand, believes India would have an advantage going into the tournament, having already played at the stadium.

"It was great to see Ranchi fans being so loud and packing the stadium in numbers to cheer for us and we are thankful for their support. We have already played so many tight games here in this tournament and hence, now we are aware of the conditions, the turf, and the atmosphere. This would give us an advantage heading into the all-important Olympics Qualifiers in January," Nikki Pradhan said.



Eight teams will compete at the FIH Qualifiers in Ranchi with India being placed in Pool B along with New Zealand, United States, and Italy. Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic form

Pool A.

“We know there are some strong teams that will be competing alongside us. We aim to continue our dominance and get positive

results. Having already played here, we know what to expect and we will work on the areas where we feel we need to improve before the FIH Olympics Qualifiers,” Nikki Pradhan signed off.



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**SANGITA KUMARI**  
FORWARD



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MIDFIELDERS



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DEFENDERS



## 'HAPPY TO TAKE ON TOUGHER TEAMS IN RANCHI,' SAYS INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CAPTAIN SAVITA

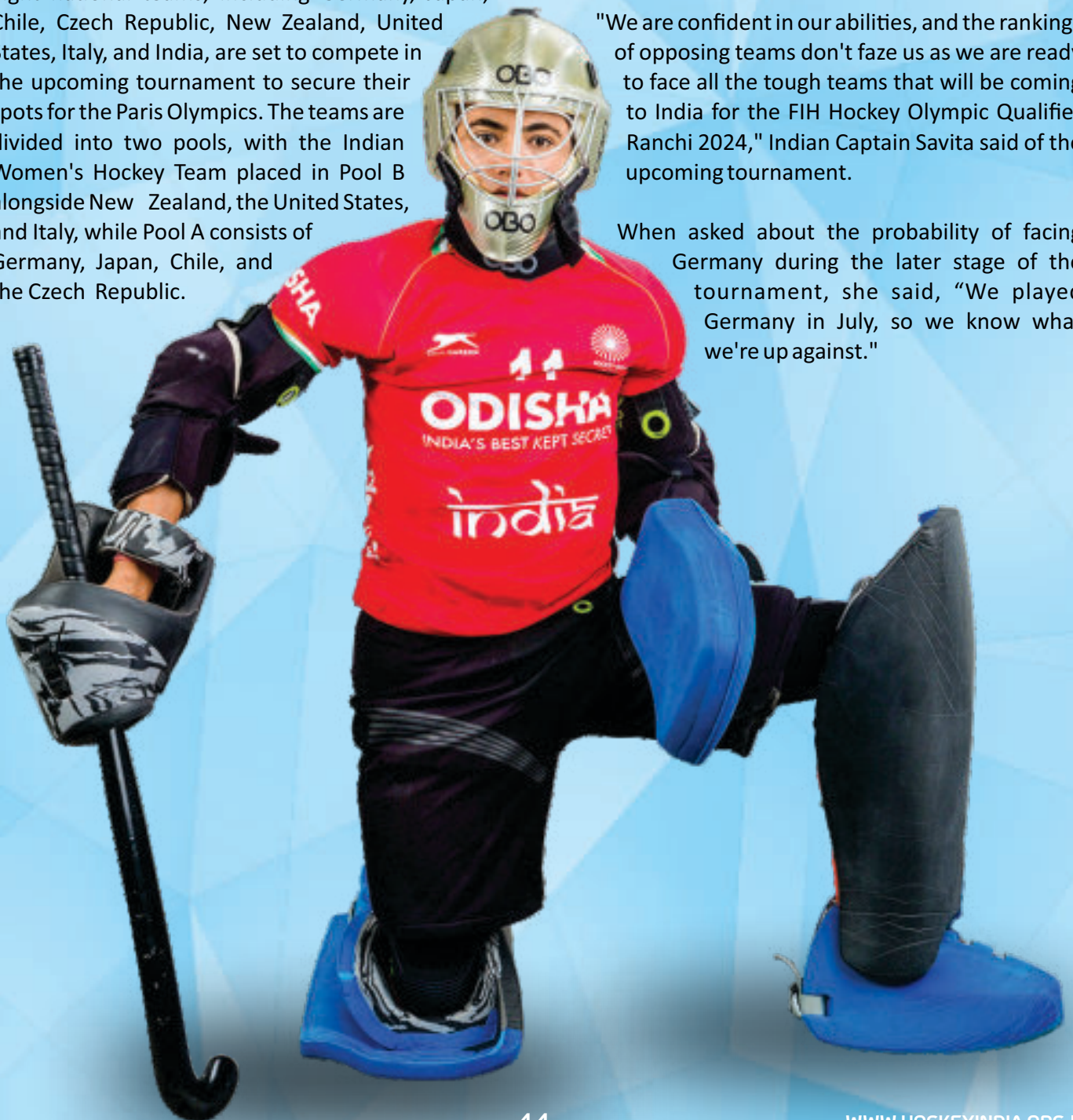
The Indian Women's Hockey Team are gearing up for the upcoming FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024, scheduled to be held in Ranchi from 13th to 19th January. Following a successful campaign at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain Savita asserted that her team is unfazed to take on tougher teams at the all-important qualifying event for the Paris 2024.

Eight national teams, including Germany, Japan, Chile, Czech Republic, New Zealand, United States, Italy, and India, are set to compete in the upcoming tournament to secure their spots for the Paris Olympics. The teams are divided into two pools, with the Indian Women's Hockey Team placed in Pool B alongside New Zealand, the United States, and Italy, while Pool A consists of Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic.

During the Pool stage of the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024, each team will face every other team in their respective group once. The top two teams from each group will then progress to the Semi-Finals scheduled for 18th January. The Final as well as the 3rd/4th place match is slated to take place on 19th January. Notably, the teams that will finish in the top 3 at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024 will secure their qualification for the Paris Olympics.

"We are confident in our abilities, and the rankings of opposing teams don't faze us as we are ready to face all the tough teams that will be coming to India for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024," Indian Captain Savita said of the upcoming tournament.

When asked about the probability of facing Germany during the later stage of the tournament, she said, "We played Germany in July, so we know what we're up against."





Chief Coach Janneke Schopman echoed Savita's confidence, saying that there was a lot to learn from the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy

Ranchi 2023, where they went undefeated against Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand.

"A lot of things went well for us, but there are always areas where we can improve. We need to avoid unnecessary cards and make better use of our referrals. Similarly, with our attacking style of play, we have to face a lot of teams that play with 11 players behind their 25-yard line and we have to get better at creating opportunities playing against a closed defence," she added.

"This tournament showed we are a tough team. So, we will continue to focus on ourselves, look for ways to improve and leave no stone unturned in our preparation for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024. After the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023, we are back on track and we need to keep doing the right things on the way to the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024. We are familiar with New Zealand, we played the United States as well in the FIH Pro League last year, but most importantly I am happy to take on these tough teams at home," Janneke Schopman elaborated on the preparations.

The victory in Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 has catapulted the Indian Women's Hockey Team back to their best-ever ranking of sixth in the world. With the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024 set to be held in the same venue, the Indian Eves can count on the unwavering home support to encourage them again.

"The support we received in Ranchi spurred us on. Home crowd can be an added pressure sometimes but we were mentally prepared. Janneke advised that such occasions come by rarely and that we should embrace them. The residents of Ranchi turned up in droves and we couldn't let them down, we had to put on a show for them. The team knows that we will receive the same backing during the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifier Ranchi 2024 as well and if people are coming to support us the onus is on us to repay their faith," the Captain signed off.





# 'HOCKEY INDIA'S RELENTLESS EFFORTS IN ENHANCING THE GAME STANDARDS ARE COMMENDABLE,' SAYS HOCKEY PUNJAB CAPTAIN HARMANPREET SINGH AFTER WINNING THE 13<sup>TH</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR MEN NATIONAL

After Hockey Punjab claimed the Gold medal in the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023, with a 2-2 (9-8 SO) win over the defending Champions Hockey Haryana in the Final at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, skipper Harmanpreet Singh praised the exceptional standard of the tournament.

Harmanpreet, who finished as the top scorer for Hockey Punjab in the tournament by netting nine goals, hailed the competitive edge prevalent in the domestic hockey scene. "The Final match truly portrays the escalating competitiveness within domestic hockey," he said before adding, "The quality of hockey being played in the country has improved drastically and the remarkable exhibition of skills by individual players surpasses any previous displays."

The 27-year-old defender, pivotal in the national squad, lauded Hockey India for its instrumental role in elevating the sport's stature within the country. "Hockey India's relentless efforts in enhancing hockey standards are commendable. By adhering to international protocols and standards, this championship almost mirrored an international event, which is a testimony to Hockey India's efforts in raising the sport to unprecedented levels," Harmanpreet said.

Harmanpreet also emphasized the tournament's potential in honing players' skills, rectifying weaknesses, and ultimately contributing to the betterment of the Indian national team. "The competition intensity witnessed in this championship will undoubtedly serve as a crucible for refining our players' abilities and addressing their shortcomings, thereby fortifying the Indian team," he affirmed.

Notably, a staggering count of 31 players from India's core group participated in the 13th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2023. Highlighting the impact of elite Indian players gracing the tournament, Harmanpreet reckoned an upsurge in the players' prowess, foreseeing an unparalleled escalation in Indian hockey's stature on the global platform.

"The presence of numerous Indian international players in this tournament signifies a trajectory towards an unparalleled standard. I firmly believe this will propel Indian hockey to uncharted heights, amplifying our prowess on the international stage," Harmanpreet concluded optimistically.





# 'MY TEAMMATES, COACHES, AND SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN MY PILLARS OF SUCCESS,' SAYS HARDIK SINGH FOLLOWING FIH PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD WIN

The Indian Men's Hockey Team celebrated a triumphant moment as Vice Captain and standout midfielder Hardik Singh claimed the prestigious FIH Player of the Year for 2023 in December. The highly anticipated FIH Awards for 2023 were revealed, recognizing Hardik's stellar contributions to the sport.

"It's an absolute honour to receive this esteemed award," expressed an elated Hardik Singh. "My teammates, coaches, and supporters have been my pillars of success. This recognition fuels my determination to give my best to the sport I love."

Hardik's journey to this accolade embodied resilience and teamwork, bouncing back after an injury during the 2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup.

The Vice Captain's exceptional talent, leadership, and consistent performance garnered him this honour. This crowning achievement followed his earlier triumph of the esteemed Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022.

Becoming the third Indian Men's Hockey Team player to clinch this honour, Hardik joined the ranks of Manpreet Singh (2019) and Harmanpreet Singh (2020-21 and 2021-22).

From his pivotal role in India's Bronze-medal victory at the 2020 Olympics to his instrumental contributions in securing Gold at the Asian Champions Trophy 2023 and the Asian Games 2023, Hardik's impact on the field has been nothing short of extraordinary.

The FIH Player of the Year Award 2023 stands as a testament to Hardik Singh's unwavering dedication and serves as an inspiration for aspiring athletes across the nation. His achievement solidifies his position as a true ambassador of the sport, reinforcing India's storied legacy in hockey and inspiring generations to come.





## FEATURE STORIES

# 'IT'S OVERWHELMING TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW,' SAYS INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM CAPTAIN

# SAVITA

Indian Women's Hockey Team Captain and revered custodian Savita in December secured the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year Award at the prestigious FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2023, marking her third consecutive win since 2021.

"It's overwhelming to receive this award for the third year in a row," shared a thrilled Savita. "My aspiration to excel is fueled by our shared objective of team victories. I dedicate this award to my team; we defend as one."

Voted by an Expert Panel, National Associations, fans, and media, Savita emerged as the clear choice, earning 40.9 points, surpassing her closest competitor, Germany's Julia Sonntag, who earned 22.8 points.

"This recognition reaffirms I'm on the right path," added Savita. "Heading into 2024, my aim is to sustain peak performance, especially at the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi next month."

With 266 caps since her debut in 2011, Savita remains a stalwart for India, steering the team to significant victories, including the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2022 title and an Asian Games Bronze in Hangzhou 2022, followed by the title win at the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. Under her leadership, India achieved their best-ever world ranking (No. 6 with 2368.83 points).

As the team braces for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024, having the world's best goalkeeper guarding the goal provides a significant boost for India's aspirations. Savita's consistent excellence exemplifies her unwavering commitment to the team's success, setting a standard of goalkeeping prowess globally.



**'SUPPORT AND ENERGY FROM FANS IN RANCHI ARE TREMENDOUS,' SAYS**

# SALIMA TETE

**AHEAD OF FIH HOCKEY OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS RANCHI**

Amidst nationwide hockey fervour, the Indian Women's Hockey Team anticipates a triumphant return to Ranchi, Jharkhand, for the imminent FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024, scheduled from January 13th to 19th next year. The quest for a Paris Olympics berth intensifies as the team gears up to exhibit their prowess on home turf.

The team's midfielder Salima Tete, renowned for her fierce gameplay, eagerly anticipates these exhilarating matches on familiar ground. As a proud representative of Jharkhand, Tete carries not just her passion for the sport but also the hopes of a nation rallying behind its heroes.

For the team, returning to Ranchi holds profound significance after securing the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023 through sheer skill and determination. They aim to replicate this performance during the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi. This homecoming stands as a pivotal moment for Indian hockey enthusiasts, offering fervent support at this crucial stage of Olympic qualification.

"Ranchi feels like a heartfelt homecoming. This city nurtured my love for hockey and honed my skills," shared Salima Tete, expressing her excitement about returning to her roots. "The fans' energy fuels our determination on the field. We're eager to create moments they'll cherish."

"This tournament is more than qualification; it's about showcasing our relentless spirit," Tete added, emphasizing the team's readiness to secure a spot in the Paris Olympics while carrying Ranchi's spirit on the global stage.

India's journey in the qualifiers commences with challenging clashes against the United States, New Zealand, and Italy in Pool B. Meanwhile, formidable adversaries in Pool A—Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic—set the stage for a high-stakes competition, promising an intense battleground for Olympic qualification.





**'I WAS ELATED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SQUAD FOR THE VALENCIA TOUR,' SAYS**

# JYOTI CHHATRI

Indian Women's Hockey Team forward Jyoti Chhatri said her experience at the 5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023 has helped her grow as a player. The 19-year-old has been a key figure in the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team setup for the past year and played across all six games for India at the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023, scoring a goal during the thrilling 3 - 3 (3 - 2 SO) win over New Zealand. She also played an important role during India's Gold-medal-winning performance at the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023.

Jyoti made her Senior team debut at the 2023 4 Nations Women's Invitational Tournament (Barcelona) in 2023 against England, the 5 Nations Tournament Valencia 2023 was an opportunity for her to compete against some of the top teams - Ireland, Germany, Spain, and Belgium.

"I was elated to be considered for the squad for the Valencia tour. It is always a great opportunity to learn when you get to train alongside the senior team. Having competitive matches against such strong oppositions also helped me understand the tenacity and mental strength needed to fight to win at the highest levels," she said.

"The preparatory tour in Valencia has boosted my confidence as an individual. This past year has really helped me develop as a player and I am eager to grab on to every opportunity that comes my way. The senior players, coaches, and support staff have been thoroughly supportive and have helped me a lot whenever needed," she further added.





## YEAR-IN-REVIEW

# A LOOK AT THE NATIONAL TEAMS

The Indian Men's Hockey Team had a remarkable year in 2023. Despite a lukewarm start to the season following a disappointing outing at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela in January. However, the Harmanpreet Singh-led side managed to turn things around with stellar performances in the FIH Pro League in Odisha, the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023, and a historic Gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, ending a 9-year wait to stand on top of the podium.

Reflecting on the year, Captain Harmanpreet Singh said, "As a team, we knew that winning the Asian Games would be ideal for our preparations to change the colour of the medal in the Paris Olympics. It has given us almost a year to prepare and be our best. Some of them asked if we would get complacent and satisfied after winning Asian Games Gold, if anything, it has only made us more eager and determined to stand on the podium again in Paris."

For the Indian Women's Hockey team, 2023 was also a triumphant year as they achieved their best-ever FIH World Rankings (No. 6 with 2368.83 points) in November. Despite missing out on direct qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at the Asian Games in China, they came home with a bronze medal. Soon after, they bounced back to clinch the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. Other successes of the year included their outing at 4 Nations Invitational Tournament in Terrassa where they remained unbeaten against the hosts Spain and England. The

Indian Women's Hockey Team also clinched the Hockey5s Asia Cup held in Salalah in August 2023.

In 2023, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team sought to mirror the success of the senior teams. The zenith of their year was their stellar campaign at Men's Junior Asia Cup in June where they emerged as winners following a 2-1 victory against arch-rivals Pakistan. Arajjeet Singh Hundal emerged as India's top scorer, scoring eight goals. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team followed this up with their second medal of the year, winning bronze at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023, held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 27th October to 4th November. The team signed off the year with a fourth-place finish for the second consecutive time at the the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2023.

In 2023, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team also created lasting memories, particularly during the Women's Junior Asia Cup held in Japan. The team secured a historic victory by beating Korea 2-1 in the final, claiming the Junior Asia Cup trophy for the first time in India's history. At the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2023 held in Santiago, Chile in November, the team secured the 9th position. Following a thrilling triumph against Canada in the initial match, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team faced setbacks against Germany and Belgium, leading to their elimination from the Pool stage. However, undeterred by this, their resilience propelled them to victories against New Zealand, Korea, and the United States in the classification matches.



# HOCKEY TE CHARCHA

In the latest episodes of Hockey TeCharcha, a podcast series launched by Hockey India, we sat down with former Indian goalkeeper, Adrian D'Souza, coach of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team, C R Kumar, Captain of the Indian Junior Women's Team, Preeti and former captain of the Indian team, Padma Shree, Eliza Nelson.

On the podcast, Adrian D'Souza lauded Hockey India's Sub-Junior National programme for its outstanding initiative in nurturing young talent. Having recently joined the coaching staff at the Sub-Junior National Camp for men and women in Rourkela, D'Souza further emphasised the significance of giving an India kit to Sub Junior players in the first week of the camp and said, "Imagine the first week itself, you get an India kit. You know, it starts with that. Because every player, anyone who



wants to play and represent the country, will always dream of wearing a jersey, having the Indian armband around them, and hearing the national anthem. If you can give these dreams to youngsters at this age, imagine what they will achieve five years down the line."



D'Souza also expressed his confidence in the Sub Junior Teams' potential for future success, "We are going to get and achieve the Gold in one of the future tournaments very soon. Because we are on the right track. And having these young guys, coaches like Sardar and Rani, who are still good players today in the current form of modern hockey, are teaching the right notes to these kids."



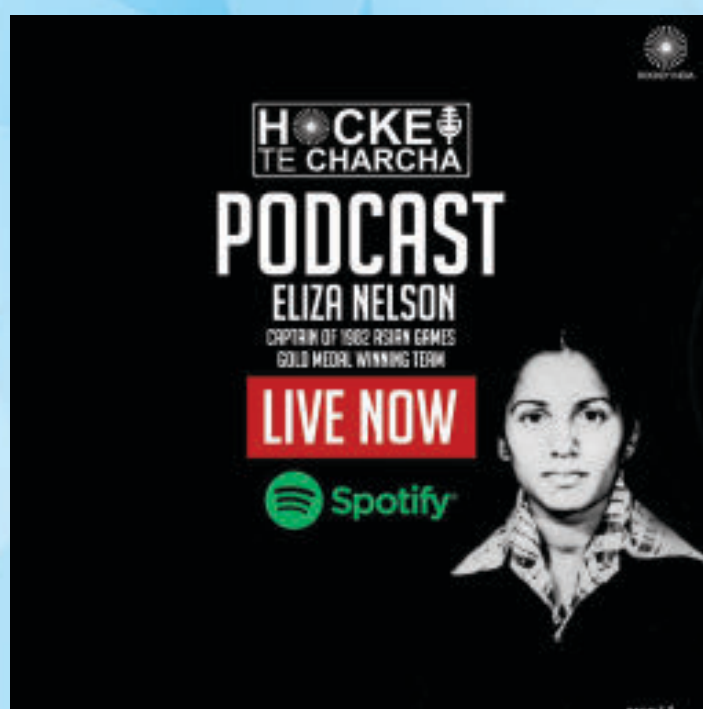
In another episode Indian Junior Men's Team Coach C R Kumar spoke about the team's preparations and development. He said, "These players are very fortunate that we stay with the Senior Men's Team in SAI Bangalore. We have been getting opportunities to play friendly matches with them and so the boys have firsthand knowledge of the demands required to play at the highest level. The difference between the European teams and the Asian teams is that they employ tactical hockey and physicality, which we often experience with the Senior Men's Team as well, and that prepares our mindset for the international standards. We know how to deal with that now and the players have fine-tuned their minds."

In the landmark 50th episode of Hockey TeCharcha, Preeti, who also led India to a Gold medal at the Women's Junior Asia Cup earlier this year, spoke on the growth of Indian Hockey. She said, "After successful campaigns at the Tokyo Olympics 2020, hockey has been regaining prominence once again in the country. Hockey India has also been focusing on the development of players at the grassroots level and a lot of attention is now being also given to the junior teams. This has really boosted the morale of all the players."

Eliza Nelson used the opportunity to wish Indian Women's Hockey Team the best ahead of the all-important FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Ranchi 2024 and offered her advice to them to take it one game at a time. She said, "Take one match at a time and make your way to the

Final. We have to win, as there are no two ways about it."

Eliza Nelson also recalled her first call-up to play for the Indian Women's Hockey Team at the Begum Rasool International Tournament in Chennai. Going down memory lane, she said, "We were in Patiala at the time. I remember we all ran when the team selection news came out. We all ran to the post office as there was no phone or landline. We had to send telegrams. We all rushed to the telegraph office where we sent messages to our families and loved ones saying that we have been selected for the team."



# MEMBER UNIT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



Congratulations to the Katoch Stadium, Jalandhar and Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) School, Kochi as they have been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificates.

















# As Sarita Punia and Co win title in Ranchi, a look at five takeaways for India

INDIA'S HOCKEY TEAM has won the Asian Women's Hockey Cup for the first time in 16 years, clinching the title in Ranchi on Sunday. The victory was a significant milestone for the Indian women's hockey team, marking their first continental title since 1999. The team, led by captain Sarita Punia, defeated South Korea 2-1 in the final match. This triumph sets the stage for the team's preparation for the Paris Olympics, where they aim to qualify for the main event.



The victory in Ranchi is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication. Coach Craig Fulton, who has been instrumental in the team's development, highlighted the team's improved performance and teamwork. The win also provides valuable experience for the players, particularly in high-pressure situations. As the team prepares for the Paris Olympics, the success in Ranchi serves as a strong motivator and a source of confidence for the players.

# Aggressive Jharkhand hests Chandigarh

INDIA'S HOCKEY SENIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP is set to start on Friday in Ranchi. The tournament, which is the premier event for Indian men's hockey, will feature 31 teams from across the country. The competition is expected to be highly competitive, with several teams vying for the top spots. The event will provide a platform for players to showcase their skills and for coaches to assess their teams' performance. The tournament is a crucial part of the national hockey calendar and is highly anticipated by fans and players alike.



# HI Senior Men National Championship to start on Friday

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The 10th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship will begin on Friday in Ranchi, Jharkhand.



A total of 31 players from the India Hockey team will be taking part in this tournament. The players will represent various states and union territories across India. The tournament is a key event for the national hockey development program and is expected to attract a large audience of fans.

The winners of the Senior Men National Championship will qualify for the Asian Cup. The tournament will also provide a platform for players to showcase their skills and for coaches to assess their teams' performance. The event is a crucial part of the national hockey calendar and is highly anticipated by fans and players alike.

# HI names 34-member core probable group for national women's coaching camp

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Hockey India on Monday named a 34-member core probable group for the national women's coaching camp to be held from November 22 to December 11 in the 11 Indian states across the country. The camp is a key step in the Indian Hockey Federation's preparation for the upcoming Paris Olympics. The group includes players from various states and union territories, representing a diverse cross-section of the national team.



The list of players includes Sarita Punia, Neelima, and other key players. The camp will focus on technical and tactical aspects of the game, as well as physical conditioning. The players will be coached by experienced international coaches to prepare them for the challenges of the Paris Olympics.

The Indian team, which had won a bronze medal at the Asian Games, also remained unbeaten in the tournament. The team's performance in the Asian Games was a significant achievement and provided valuable experience for the players. The coaching camp will build on this success and aim to further improve the team's performance for the Paris Olympics.

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# Aim is to become World No. 1 in six months, says coach Fulton

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CHENNAI: It's been only seven months since Craig Fulton took over as the India men's hockey head coach and since then they have won the Asian Games gold medal and qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Fulton, who is here in Chennai to observe the Indian players' performance in the senior hockey Nationals, said he admires the ambition of the squad. In an interview, the 40-year-old South African spoke on Olympic preparation, his bond with the team and more. **Excerpt:** **How is the Paris Olympics preparation going?**

First thing was to qualify as world's best team at the Asian Games. It was a good milestone. Now, it's just to put a good programme together, so we peak at the right time physically, and everything comes together at the right moment. We've quite a few tournaments before the Olympics which can become difficult, but we need a bigger squad, so we have a lot more players to share the load. **Your predecessor Graham Reid won a historic bronze at the Tokyo Olympics and there are expectations on you to go the distance this time. How do you deal with it?**



Craig Fulton in Chennai on Saturday

preparation for me as a coach is any tournament is to play to win. But you have a real objective

and an idealism. The ideal one is to win gold. And the realistic one is that we are ranked third in the world. So, realistically, where should we finish? The objective is to try and get higher up the pecking order to No. 2 or 1 in the world in the next six months. **It's been only a few months since you were appointed head coach. How has your relationship grown with the team?**

I've learnt a lot about how things work in India, specifically within the training environment. And the thing I like the most is the ambition of the group. They want to progress. They want to do more. We have a golden opportunity to do it now. But it's not just about Paris. The winner of the FIH Pro League qualification for the 2026 World Cup straight away. So, there'll be some players who are in the squad but won't play in Paris. But will be eligible and probably ready to play the next cycle. So, it's always about knowing where you are but having a goal through a goal. **And how has the team adapted to your style of play?**

It's given them another way to play. And I think that's important because we need a few different levels and a few different ways of playing different opponents. As long as we know that the stability in our game and the guys feel confident to do it, then it makes sense. And I think we've shown in the last three months that it's starting to take shape. **How crucial is Paddy Dixon's (mental conditioning coach) role in the team?**

With Paddy, it's just to get some of the players by making them a little bit more mentally aware that they can ask questions. He can set a framework and he gives them mental skills to help deal with certain expectations. Playing hockey in India is totally different to playing hockey outside of India. It's two different worlds. So, there are two different skill sets that you need to manage it.



# India go down to Spain in Jr Men's Hockey WC

In a gripping encounter, India succumb to a 1-3 defeat in the bronze medal playoff

By Anshu Lakshmi

In a gripping encounter at the FIH Junior Men's World Cup Mexico 2023, the Indian captain Manoj Yadav leads a tough challenge against Spain in the bronze medal playoff.

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However, the early opportunities India created evaporated as the Spanish players showed a great deal of skill from the Indian forward line.

## Regular outplay India in 5-nation tournament

Men's hockey team produced brilliant show to go down 2-1 against Spain in bronze medal match of the 5-nation tournament in Mexico, last on Saturday.

The final lineup saw captain Manoj Yadav and regular forward line scoring three quick goals, courtesy Gurvir Chahal (11), Alexander Bhatnagar (27) and Vishnu Shankar (30) to put India in the lead. Skipper Yadav finished the lead after another goal from Vishnu Shankar (37) nearly in the same manner. Bhatnagar (38) scored a first goal for India but it was followed by another goal from Bhatnagar (39) as India were left trailing 1-2. Later in the end of the second quarter, Gurvir Singh (27) converted a penalty corner but India in the score read 2-2 in favour of Belgium of half-time. Minutes were passed in the third quarter despite both the teams playing excellent pressure on each other.

India, however, struggled with determination in the final 15 minutes to level up against a crucial equaliser in the 59th minute. Captain Yadav's leadership in the final minutes was a testament to his experience and skill from the Indian forward line.



The battle demonstrated intense hockey skills from both sides.

# ओलिंपिक क्वालिफायर के लिए हॉकी कैंप आज से

34 खिलाड़ी टूर्नामेंट के लिए तैयारी करेंगे

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34 भारतीय खिलाड़ी हॉकी कैंप में हिस्सा लेंगे। यह कैंप ओलिंपिक क्वालिफायर और हॉकी 5, भारत का जो तैयारी के लिए लगाना था है। क्वालिफायर 13 जनवरी से राबोत में होना है।

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# डैग फिलकर रुपिंदर पाल दे रहे इंडियन विमन टीम को टिप्स

हॉकी एम्पायर होने ओलिंपिक क्वालिफायर को मेजबानी भला को करने है और इसके बीच राबोत में होंगे। भारतीय महिला टीम के कोच को फो है और सदा डैग फिलकर रुपिंदर पाल को भी जो उन्हें टिप्स दित। उन्होंने साई सेंडर में 5 दिन का कैंप लिये और दोनों क्वालिफायर भारतीय टीम को टैपिका और सुनील को भी इसका विमन थे। भारतीय टीम यहां से पैंसि ओलिंपिक का टिप्स हासिल करने की संभावना होगी। इसका अग्रिम 13 जनवरी से होगा और 19 जनवरी को विमन का फैसला होगा। भला को फुल-बी में न्यूजीलैंड के साथ खड़ा था है, जबकि इटली और ऑस्ट्रेलिया भी उनके साथ खड़े। फुल-ए में जर्मनी, जापान, फिली और फेडरलियलक शामिल है। रुपिंदर पाल रिश्ते भारतीय टीम के सदा डैग फिलकर को है और उन्होंने



233 मैच में 234 गोल दिये। 2021 में उन्होंने मेस टीम से रिटायरमेंट ली और वे 2020 टोक्यो ओलिंपिक की टीम में भी शामिल थे। उन्होंने कहा कि सुनील और दीपिका दोनों ही अच्छी डैग फिलकर हैं। वे अपनी कप्तानी के काम कर रहे हैं और वे पैंसि ओलिंपिक क्वालिफायर राबो-2024 में भारत के लिए अच्छा प्रदर्शन करेंगे। पूरी टीम अच्छी फॉर्म में है वे जल्द 2024 पैंसि ओलिंपिक के लिए क्वालिफायर करेंगे।

# From Odisha's low to Haranghoo's high, Manpreet unlocks a new level

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# Savita Punia to lead 18-member Indian women's hockey squad in Olympic Qualifiers in Ranchi

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India have been placed in Pool B along with New Zealand, Italy, and the United States, while Germany, Japan, Chile, and the Czech Republic will battle it out in Pool A. India will open their campaign against the United States on January 13, followed by a match against New Zealand on January 14. They will go up against Italy in the last Pool B match on January 16.

# India down France for lone victory

Record 5-4 win in last match of five-nation tournament



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# Indian men's hockey team loses 2-3 against Germany in 5-Nation tournament

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# UNBELIEVABLE COMEBACK

India's junior men's success thrilling victory over Netherlands 4-2

In a well-deserved year without doubt, the FIH Asian Junior Men's Hockey World Cup, India's junior men's hockey team delivered a most unexpected victory in quick succession to reach victory from the ground.



**INDIA SCORES**  
34' (Goal)  
43' (Goal)  
52' (Goal)  
57' (Goal)

The victory over the Netherlands was a real surprise for the Indian team as they were not expected to win the tournament.

The Indian team's comeback was a real surprise for the Netherlands as they were not expected to win the tournament.

# Hardik and Savita win accolades at FIH annual awards

## HOCKEY

### Player of the Year



Hardik Singh, Player of the Year



Savita Punia, Hero Asian Champions Trophy Winner

The awards were bestowed following a year of an event packed, national association - represented by their respective national team's captains and coaches.

Hardik Singh is the first Indian to win the award for Player of the Year 2022.

Savita Punia is the first Indian to win the award for Hero Asian Champions Trophy Winner.

# Jyoti Chhattri eyes spot in India's squad for Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

NEW DELHI, DEC 22

Women's Hockey Team Captain Jyoti Chhattri has been named as one of the key players in the Indian Hockey Team's squad for the Hockey Olympic Qualifiers. Chhattri has been a key player in the Indian Hockey Team's squad for the Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.



Jyoti Chhattri, Women's Hockey Team Captain

# 2023 - A Silver year for India's Women's Hockey

The Indian Women's Hockey Team began the tournament with a 2-0 loss to Spain and a 1-1 tie to Belgium in Valencia, before losing 1-0 to Germany in their final game of the competition. India scored a brilliant 2-1 win over Ireland for their first win.



Indian Women's Hockey Team

The team's performance was a silver year for India's Women's Hockey. They finished the tournament with a 2-1 win over Ireland.

# Savita to lead 18-member Women's team at Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

The squad will take the field with the aim to finish as one of the top three teams in the competition

STATISTICAL SERVICE



Goalkeeper Savita Punia is the 18-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for the Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

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Savita Punia is the first Indian to win the award for Hero Asian Champions Trophy Winner.

# INDIAN HOCKEY IN 2023

## MEN: SENIOR

- FIH Pro League 2022-2023 - Fourth
- FIH World Cup: Joint 9th, with Argentina
- Hero Asian Champions Trophy Winners
- Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier: Winners
- Asian Games: Winners

## JUNIOR

- Asia Cup, 2023: Winners
- Sultan of Johor Cup: Third
- FIH Junior World Cup 2023: Fourth

## WOMEN: SENIOR

- Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier: Winners
- Asian Games: Third
- Asian Champions Trophy: Winners

## JUNIOR

- Junior Asia Cup: Winners
- FIH Junior World Cup: Ninth

## FIH AWARDS

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR: MEN



HARDIK SINGH

### GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR: WOMEN



SAVITA PUNIA

# Familiar follies as India lose bronze to Spain

India's performance in the tournament was a familiar story of underachievement. They lost the bronze medal match to Spain.



India vs Spain, Bronze Medal Match

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# RISING FROM THE ASHES

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# PLAYERS BIRTHDAY'S

## SENIOR MEN

## SENIOR WOMEN

Gurinder Singh 01

### JANUARY

Sharda Nand Tiwari 07

Harmanpreet Singh 06

Aditya Singh 12

Mandeep Singh 25

Aditya Lalage 15

Gurjant Singh 26

Araijeet Singh Hundal 21

Maninder Singh 04

### FEBRUARY

Shahbaz Khan 14

Vivek Sagar Prasad 25

Mohith H.S 27

Mohit Karma 29

Mandeep Mor 16

### MARCH

Bipin B. R 14

Rohit 23

Chetan Sharma 25

## JUNIOR MEN

## JUNIOR WOMEN

Udita 14

### JANUARY

Priyanka Dogra 01

Mumtaz Khan 15

Nidhi 01

Navneet Kaur 26

Sushila Chanu  
Pukhrambam 14

### FEBRUARY

Nisha Minj 11

Navjot Kaur 07

### MARCH

Hina Bano 10

Jyoti Chhatri 08

F. Lalbiaksiami 13

Sonika 20

Kshetrimayum Sonia  
Devi 20

Baljeet Kaur 22

Himanshi Sharad  
Gawande 30

Lalremsiami 30



MY AGE IS  
23

MY HOMETOWN IS  
TARN TARAN, PUNJAB

I PLAY AS A  
MIDFIELDER

MY DEBUT WAS IN  
2018 ASIAN YOUTH  
OLYMPICS QUALIFIER

MY MOST IMPORTANT TARGET  
PLAYING IN THE OLYMPICS

MY FAVOURITE WORKOUT IS  
FOOTWORK

MY FAVOURITE ACTOR IS  
PARMISH VERMA

MY FAVOURITE SONG IS  
RUTBA, SATINDER SARTAJ

MY FAVOURITE CUISINE IS  
INDIAN

MY BEST SPORTING MOMENT  
WINNING SILVER MEDAL AT  
THE 22018 YOUTH OLYMPICS

MY IDOL IS  
DILPREET SINGH

MY DREAM DESTINATION IS  
SWITZERLAND

IF I WASN'T A HOCKEY PLAYER,  
I WOULD'VE BEEN  
A STUDENT

MY GYM BUDDY IS  
ISHIKA

MY FAVOURITE OUTFIT IS  
SUIT SALVAR

3 THINGS I DON'T TRAVEL WITHOUT  
PHONE, HEAPHONES, CHARGER

MY CHEAT MEAL  
KAJUKATLI

IN FOCUS

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

# BALJEET KAUR





MY AGE IS  
26

MY HOMETOWN IS  
JALANDHAR, PUNJAB

I PLAY AS A  
FORWARD

MY DEBUT WAS IN  
FIH PRO LEAGUE 2022

MY MOST IMPORTANT TARGET  
OLYMPIC GOLD

MY FAVOURITE WORKOUT IS  
BICEPS WORKOUT

MY FAVOURITE ACTOR IS  
SALMAN KHAN

MY FAVOURITE SONG IS  
ON TOP BY KARAN AUJLA

MY FAVOURITE CUISINE IS  
INDIAN

MY BEST SPORTING MOMENT  
SCORING A GOAL IN MY  
DEBUT AGAINST SPAIN

MY IDOL IS  
MY FATHER

MY DREAM DESTINATION IS  
CALIFORNIA

IF I WASN'T A HOCKEY PLAYER,  
I WOULD'VE BEEN  
BASKETBALL PLAYER

MY GYM BUDDY IS  
DILPREET SINGH

MY FAVOURITE OUTFIT IS  
KURTA PAJAMA

3 THINGS I DON'T TRAVEL WITHOUT  
PHONE, HEADPHONE, FOOD

MY CHEAT MEAL  
WHITE SAUCE PASTA

# IN FOCUS

## INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

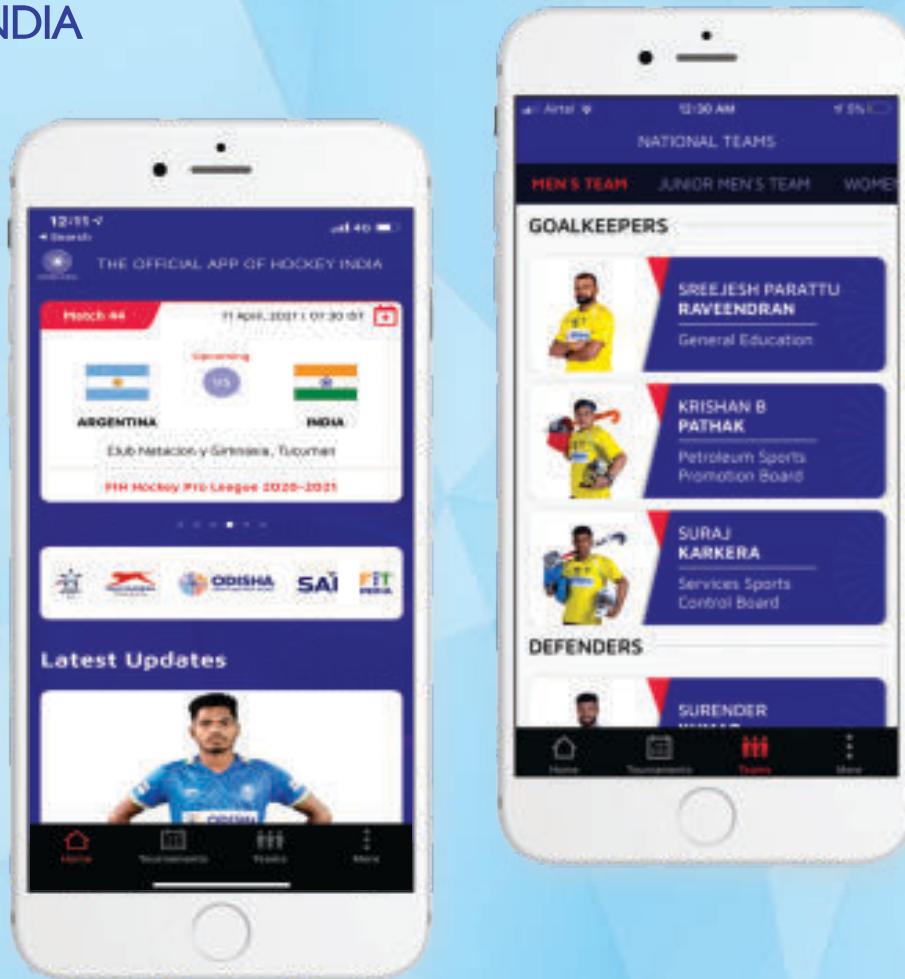
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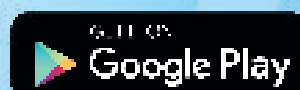
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