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## ABOUT US

Hockey India is the governing body with exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both Men and Women's hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India. Headquartered in New Delhi, Hockey India was established on 20th May, 2009 and is affiliated to the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

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

Hockey India has also pioneered in bringing top International hockey events to India such as the FIH Men's World Cup in 2010, 2018 and 2023, FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016 and 2021, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2015 & 2017, Olympic Qualifiers, FIH Series Finals. With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India brought the Indian Men's Hockey Team into the top three in the world. Hockey India is also dedicated to getting the Indian Women's Hockey Team into the top three in the world.



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# Message

It has been an eventful year of hockey with some very memorable events that saw the Indian Men and Women's Team bring laurels to the country, namely the medals at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 where the Men clinched Silver and the Women won a historic Bronze Medal. The Women's team also went on to win the inaugural edition of the FIH Nations Cup that ensured them an automatic qualification for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-24 season.

The months between December and March were absolutely accelerating with Hockey India being able to establish several initiatives that will help grow the sport further in the country. Firstly and foremost, I would like to acknowledge the hardwork put in by Hockey India staff who tirelessly worked towards ensuring the success of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela. Yet again, we have shown the world India's prowess in hosting international hockey events. My deepest gratitude goes to Odisha State Government for their unparalleled support and the people of Odisha who turned up in large numbers, making the event successful and unique.

There was no time to rest after the World Cup as we quickly shifted our focus towards grassroots development. The host State Member Units did a fine job in conducting National Championships with the same look-and-feel as international events. We also rolled out the grassroots development program with the introduction of Zonal Championships and I am delighted to state that we are moving in the right direction towards building a strong pool of players for Indian teams in the coming years.

The Hockey India 5th Annual Awards 2022 was a historic event for all of us at Hockey India. It was a great pleasure for us to see so many members of our hockey fraternity, including current players, some of our sport's biggest legends, umpires, technical officials, and representatives from the Hockey India Executive Board, as well as our State Member Units, gather under one roof to recognise everyone who made a significant contribution to our favourite sport in the previous year.

I thank everyone for their continued support.

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

# Message

Hectic, exciting, exhilarating and nothing short of enjoyable – that’s been the story of the year gone by for the Indian hockey family. The season of 2022/23 has been a landmark year for the sport of hockey, and of course Indian Hockey.

While we celebrate the highs, there have been some tough times, which have taught us new things in the last year. And having turned a corner after that, we at Hockey India are keen to build on the momentum we have garnered over the second half of the last season.

From hosting successfully another Men’s Hockey World Cup at the FIH Odisha Men’s Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela, to being able to give the sport its biggest stadium in the world in the form of the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, to seeing the Indian Women’s Team win the inaugural edition of the FIH Women’s Nations Cup 2022 to qualify for another edition of the FIH Hockey Women’s Pro League 2023/24, it gives me immense joy as I look back at the year gone by.

While those were some of the top highlights for us with the Senior team, our Indian Junior Men’s Hockey Team also produced some scintillating performances in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, when they won the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

Another reason for which this season and year will be remembered fondly is that the former Indian Captain and Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey has taken on the charge in terms of leading from the front yet again, as President of Hockey India.

On the field and even off the field, the Indian hockey family have been the talk of town, and have received plenty of affection from various stakeholders around the globe, including recognition from the highest offices for the work done by Hockey India.

Onwards and upwards – it is time to ensure we continue to build and leave an indelible mark on the game at the global level next season.



**Shri Bhola Nath Singh**  
**Secretary General**  
**Hockey India**





# Message

The season of 2022/23 has been an immensely fruitful and satisfying one for Indian hockey, as we have not only raised the bar but set the standards as well. India has witnessed one of the best Men's Hockey World Cup tournament ever across 2 venues, the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and the World's Largest Stadium, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

The last year has been iconic and one that all of us in the Indian hockey fraternity can never forget, because there has not only been international success for both our Indian Men's Hockey Team and Indian Women's Hockey Team as well, but also our Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team.

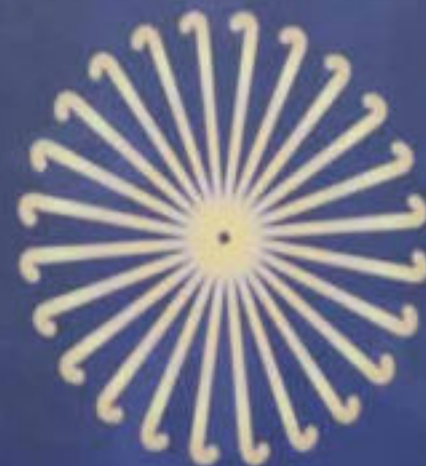
That apart, as part of the team that govern and look after the sport in the country, we at Hockey India, have been able to reach out to various corners in the country, taking the sport further to the masses – and one of the effects of that was visible during the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela, when tickets for the India games at the competition sold out like hot cakes and almost every other game too saw a full house in both the venues.

The year also marks the start of a very important journey with one of the most decorated and loved players coming onto the administration team in Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey. The Legend led the Indian Men's Hockey Team in his own emphatic style, and continues to do so from the boardroom.

The Indian hockey fraternity has benefitted and learnt a lot in the year gone by, and we would like to keep the momentum going as the curve continues to rise.



**Shri Sekar J Manoharan**  
**Treasurer**  
**Hockey India**



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# OVERVIEW

The Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams embraced 2022/23 season with the objective to build on their historic campaign at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Both the Indian Men and Women yet again inspired the nation with a remarkable showing in an action-packed calendar year.

From finishing third in their debut FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 season to clinching an historic Bronze at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games to winning the inaugural edition of FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022, the Indian Women's Hockey Team made giant strides in 2022.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team too had an eventful 2022. They clinched the Bronze medal at the Asia Cup in Jakarta with a new set of players who went on to show India's strong pool of players outside the regular features in the Senior India side. This was followed by the FIH Hockey 5s title and Silver Medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. They also finished third in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 season.

Emulating their senior compatriots, the Indian Junior Women's Team and the Junior Men's team had much to celebrate about in 2022 with some memorable outings in the international calendar.

While the Junior Women, got the nation to rally behind them in the FIH Junior Hockey Women's World Cup in Potchefstroom, South Africa when they gave nemesis England a close run for their money in the Bronze medal, the Indian Junior Men's team lifted the prestigious Sultan of Johor Cup.

In Year 2023, Hockey India successfully hosted the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 across Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. The highlight of the tournament was the 'new jewel' of hockey, the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium that captured the imaginations of the hockey fans all around the globe.

Indian Men's Hockey Team bounced back from the World Cup upset with a tremendous showing in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022/23 with registering over Australia and the reigning World Champions Germany in March.

The start of the year also saw Hockey India launching several initiatives to give a lift to the profile of the sport in the domestic circuit. In a bid to provide aspiring hockey stars and participating teams at the marquee annual National Championships an atmosphere that is akin to International matches, Hockey India signed multiyear deal with interactive live streaming platform FanCode.

Hockey India also announced decision to brand the venues along with features such as Captains line-up for handshake with the dignitaries, post-match presentations, and closing ceremony during National Championships. The umpires officiating at National Championships were provided radios for on-field communication and the Federation also worked on introducing video referral in the National Championships.

Hockey India also announced ambitious new Grassroots Development Program designed to unearth young talent and improve the bench strength of the National Senior and Junior teams for men and women. Under this initiative, the governing body for hockey in the country conducted Zonal Championships at the Sub-Junior (U-16) and Junior (U-19) levels. The first edition of the championship was held between 19 March to 26 March across four zones with 23 Junior Men's teams and 23 Junior Women's teams participating.

The Hockey India 5th Annual Awards 2022 took place in Delhi on 17th March 2023, which saw the National Federation celebrate India's best hockey stars, officials and former greats of the sport.

On a memorable day some of the legends of hockey made their presence known, Gurbux Singh won the prestigious Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022, while Hardik Singh and Savita won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year 2022 awards in Men and Women categories, respectively. This year, at the Hockey India 5th Annual Awards 2022, the total prize money was in excess of INR 2.7 Crore



# MEN'S & WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2022/23





S. No.	Events	Dates	Venue	Category
1	FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-2022	16 Oct 2021 - 30 Jun 2022	India, Oman, Belgium & Netherlands	Sr. Men
2	FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-2022	13 Oct 2021 - 19 Jun 2022	India, Netherlands, South Africa & Belgium	Sr. Women
3	FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup South Africa 2021	01 - 12 Apr 2022	Potchefstroom, South Africa	Jr. Women
4	Hero Asia Cup 2022	23 May - 01 Jun 2022	Jakarta, Indonesia	Sr. Men
5	FIH Hockey 5s (Men & Women)	04 - 05 Jun 2022	Lausanne, Switzerland	Sr. Men/ Women
6	Uniphar U23 5 Nations Tournament 2022	19 - 26 Jun 2022	Dublin, Ireland	Jr. Women
7	FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain and Netherlands 2022	01 - 17 Jul 2022	Spain & Netherlands	Sr. Women
8	Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (Men & Women)	29 Jul - 08 Aug 2022	Birmingham, England	Sr. Men/ Women
9	10th Sultan of Johor Cup	22 - 29 Oct 2022	Johor Bahru, Malaysia	Jr. Men
10	FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023	28 Oct 2022 - 11 Jun 2023	Birmingham, England	Sr. Men
11	India Tour of Australia, Test Matches	26 Nov - 04 Dec 2022	Adelaide, Australia	Sr. Men
12	India Tour of Spain	30 Nov - 08 Dec 2022	Valencia, Spain	Sr. Women
13	FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup	11 - 17 Dec 2022	Valencia, Spain	Sr. Women
14	FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela	13 Jan - 29 Jan 2023	Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, India	Sr. Men
15	India Tour of South Africa	14 Jan - 28 Jan 2023	Cape Town, South Africa	Sr. Women
16	India U21 tour of South Africa	17 - 25 Feb 2023	South Africa	Jr. Women

Men's  
FIH Hockey  
Pro League 2021/22  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022

The Indian Men's Hockey Team finished their campaign at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 in the third position after a narrow 1-2 defeat against the Netherlands in their last contest of the season in Rotterdam. Abhishek (1') was the lone goal scorer for India in the match.

Between April and June, the Indian Men's Hockey Team competed in eight games including double-headers against England and Germany at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. India beat England 3-3 (3-2 SO) in the first game with Abhishek (14'), Shamsher Singh (27'), and Harmanpreet Singh (52') scoring goals in the regulation time. In the second game against England, Harmanpreet scored a hat-trick (26', 26', 43') while Manpreet Singh (15+')

score a goal as India picked up a 4-3 win. Harmanpreet also took his goals tally for India past 100 in the match.

Next up against Germany, Harmanpreet (18', 27') scored a brace while Abhishek (45') scored a goal as India won 3-0. Sukhjeet Singh (19'), Varun Kumar (41'), and Abhishek (54') scored a goal each as India won 3-1 in the second match against Germany.

Indian Men's Hockey Team travelled overseas to Belgium to face off against the 2018 World Cup Winners in June, and picked a close 3-3 (4-5 SO) win in the first game, with Shamsher Singh (18'), Harmanpreet (52'), and Jarmanpreet Singh (58') scoring a goal each in the regulation time. India lost 2-3 to Belgium in the next game despite goals from Abhishek (25') and Mandeep Singh (60'). Next up, India travelled to Netherlands but lost both their games, the first one being a 2-2 (4-1 SO) defeat. Dilpreet Singh (22'), and Harmanpreet (60') scored goals in the regulation time.



Match No - 33

02<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2022 | 19:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

3 ENGLAND



Bhubaneswar, India

(3-2SO)



Match No - 34

03<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2022 | 19:30 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

3 ENGLAND



Bhubaneswar, India

Match No - 27

14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 19:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

0 GERMANY



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No - 28

15<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

1 GERMANY



Bhubaneswar, India

\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 63

11<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

3 BELGIUM



Antwerp, Belgium

(5-4SO)



Match No - 66

12<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

3 BELGIUM



Antwerp, Belgium

Match No - 67

18<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

2 NETHERLANDS



Rotterdam, Netherlands

(1-4SO)



Match No - 69

19<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

2 NETHERLANDS



Rotterdam, Netherlands

\*Timings are in IST



**FIH****PRO****LEAGUE****2021/22**

# Women's FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22

**13th Oct 2021 – 19th Jun 2022**

The Indian Women's Hockey Team, competing in the FIH Hockey Pro League for the first time, also finished in the third place with a stunning 4-0 win over the USA in their final game of the season in Rotterdam with Vandana Katariya (39', 54') scoring a brace, and Sonika (54') and Sangita Kumari (57') getting a goal each.

In April, Indian Women's Hockey Team played a double-header against the Netherlands in Bhubaneswar and won the first game 2-1, with Neha (11'), and Sonika (28') scoring a goal each. India lost the second game 1-1 (1-3 SO) in shootouts, despite Rajwinder Kaur's (1') goal in the regulation time. In June, the team travelled to Belgium for a double-header against the hosts. India suffered a 1-2 defeat in the first game with Lalremsiami (48') being the sole goal-scorer for the visitors. In the second game against Belgium, India suffered a 0-5 defeat.

India Women's Hockey Team travelled to Netherlands for a double-header against Argentina and won the first game 3-3 (2-1 SO) in shootouts. Gurjit Kaur (37', 51') scored a brace and Lalremsiami (4') scored a goal in the regulation time. India lost their second game 2-3 against Argentina with Salima Tete (23'), Deep Grace Ekka (48') scoring a goal each in the match.

India won both their games against USA, winning the first game 4-2 with Ekka (31'), Navneet Kaur (32'), Sonika (40'), and Vandana Katariya (50') scoring a goal each in the match.



Match No - 12

8<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 19:30 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

1 NETHERLANDS



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No - 14

9<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 15:30 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

1 NETHERLANDS



Bhubaneswar, India

(1-3SO)

Match No - 57

11<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 17:30 hrs



BELGIUM 2

VS

1 INDIA



Antwerp, Belgium



Match No - 60

12<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 17:30 hrs



BELGIUM 5

VS

0 INDIA



Antwerp, Belgium

\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 61

18<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 17:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

3 ARGENTINA



Rotterdam, Netherlands

(2-1SO)



Match No - 64

19<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 17:30 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

3 ARGENTINA



Rotterdam, Netherlands

Match No - 68

21<sup>st</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 2

VS

4 INDIA



Rotterdam, Netherlands



Match No - 70

22<sup>nd</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 0

VS

4 INDIA



Rotterdam, Netherlands

\*Timings are in IST

# FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup South Africa 2021

01<sup>st</sup> Apr – 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022

India Junior Women's Hockey Team went down 2-2 (0-3 SO) in shoot-outs against England in the 3rd/4th Place match in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2021. The Salima Tete-led team showed grit and determination in the regulation time as Mumtaz Khan (21', 47') scored a brace. But goals from England Captain Millie Giglio, and Claudia Swain (58') forced the match into a shoot-out.

Katie Curtis, Claudia Swain and Maddie Axword scored goals for England in the shoot-out while goalkeeper Evie Wood stopped the Indian attackers from scoring a single goal, as England clinched the Bronze medal, and India finished in the fourth place in the tournament.

The determined Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team began their campaign with a massive 5-1 win over Wales. Goals were scored by Lalremsiami (4'), Lalrindiki (32', 57'), Mumtaz Khan (41') and Deepika (58') while Millie Holme (26') was the lone goal scorer for Wales. The Salima Tete-led team following their 5-1 win over Wales with a thrilling 2-1 win over Germany in their second Pool D match. Lalremsiami (2') and Mumtaz Khan (25') scored for India while Jule Bleuel (57') scored a sole goal for Germany in the match. With the win, India confirmed a spot in the Quarter-Finals.



FIH  
HOCKEY WOMEN'S  
JUNIOR WORLD CUP  
SOUTH AFRICA 2021

India played their final group against Malaysia and earned a glorious 4-0 win, with Mumtaz Khan (10', 59') scoring a brace, and Sangita Kumari (11') and Lalrindiki (26') getting a goal each as well.

In the Quarter-Finals, India beat Korea 3-0 in spectacular fashion. Mumtaz Khan (11'), Lalrindiki (15') and Sangita Kumari (41') scored the three goals for India while goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam received high praise for her stunning work to attain a consecutive clean sheet.

But Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team was unable to make it to the final after going down 0-3 against the Netherlands in the Semi-Final. India put up a strong fight in the contest, but goals from Tessa Beetsma (12'), Luna Fokke (53') and Jip Dicke (54') earned the Dutch a thrilling win.

India finished fourth in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup while Mumtaz Khan finished as the third-highest goal-scorer in the tournament with six goals to her name.

Match No - 06

02<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2022 | 12:30 hrs



INDIA 5

VS

1 WALES



Match No - 12

03<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2022 | 14:30 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

1 GERMANY



Match No - 20

05<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 19:00 hrs



MALAYSIA 0

VS

4 INDIA





Match No – 26

Quarter Final

08<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 12:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

0 KOREA



Match No – 34

Semi Final

10<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 17:00 hrs



NETHERLANDS 3

VS

0 INDIA



Match No – 41

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

12<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

1 ENGLAND



(0-3SO)

All Matches at Potchefstroom, South Africa

\*Timings are in IST

# Hero Asia Cup 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> May – 01<sup>st</sup> Jun 2022

A new look Indian Men's Hockey Team featured as many as 11 debutants led by former India Captain and two-time Olympian Sardar Singh and BJ Kariappa as Coaches, won the Bronze medal at the Hero Asia Cup 2022 in Jakarta. Apart from the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 stars Yashdeep Siwach, Abhisek Lakra, Manjeet, Maninder Singh, Vishnukant Singh and Uttam Singh, Mareeswaren Sakhivel, Sheshe Gowda BM, Pawan Rajbhar, Abharan Sudev and S Karthi made their debut in the tournament for India.

India began their title defence in the tournament with a thrilling 1-1 draw against the neighbouring rivals Pakistan. Selvam Karthi (9') scored the goal for India, but late equaliser from Abdul Rana (59') brought things back to level pegging and the match ended in a draw.

In their second Pool A match, India suffered a 2-5 defeat against Japan. Pawan Rajbhar (45') and Uttam Singh (50') managed to find the back of the nets, but goals from Kosei Kawabe (40', 56'), Ken Nagayoshi (24'), Ryoma Ooka (49') and Koji Yamasaki (54') helped Japan in getting the win.

India bounced back in dramatic fashion in their final pool game against Indonesia, as they picked a 16-0 win to qualify for the

Super 4s. Dipsan Tirkey (42', 47', 59', 59'), Sudev Belimagga (45', 46', 55'), Pawan Rajbhar (10', 11), SV Sunil (19', 24'), Karthi Selvam (40', 56'), Uttam Singh (14'), Nilam Sanjeep Xess (20') and Birendra Lakra (41') scored the goals for India.

In their first Super 4s contest, India pulled off a thrilling 2-1 win over Japan with Manjeet (8'), and Pawan Rajbhar (35') getting a goal each. Takuma Niwa (18') scored the sole goal for Japan in the match. India followed the win a 3-3 draw against Malaysia as goals from Vishnukant Singh (32'), SV Sunil (53') and Nilam Sanjeep Xess (55') were cancelled out with a hat-trick from Razie Rahim (12', 21', 56').

In their final Super 4s game, Nilam Sanjeep Xess (9'), Maninder Singh (21'), Sheshe Gowda BM (37'), and Mareeswaran Shakhivel (37') scored for India, while Jang Jonghyun (13'), Ji Woo Cheon (18'), Kim Jung Hoo (28'), and Jung Manjae (44') scored for Korea as the match ended in a 4-4 draw. With the result, India missed out on a spot in the final.

In their Bronze medal match against Japan, the young Indian Men's Hockey Team held their nerves to pick a gritty 1-0 win with a goal from Raj Kumar Pal (7').



Match No - 4

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

1 PAKISTAN



Match No - 8

24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



JAPAN 5

VS

2 INDIA



Match No - 12

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 16

VS

0 INDONESIA



Match No - 15

28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

1 JAPAN



Match No - 18

29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



MALAYSIA 3

VS

3 INDIA



Match No - 21

31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 | 17:00 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

4 KOREA



Match No - 24

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place

01<sup>st</sup> Jun 2022 | 14:30 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

0 JAPAN



All Matches at Jakarta, Indonesia



\*Timings are in IST

# Men's & Women's FIH HOCKEY 5S

04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022

## Indian Men's Hockey Team clinch inaugural Hero FIH Hockey5s 2022



The Indian Men's Hockey Team clinched the inaugural Hero FIH Hockey5s held in Lausanne in June 2022. The nine-member squad led by Gurinder Singh remained unbeaten throughout the campaign. They started the competition with 4-3 win over Switzerland followed by a 2-2 draw against Pakistan on day one. One second day they defeated Malaysia 7-3 and Poland 6-2 to qualify for the Final. On the same day, they won 6-4 in the Final against Poland to clinch the Title. Mohammed Raheel scored a total of 10 goals and was awarded the Player of the Tournament.

Match No – 05

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:30 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

3 SWITZERLAND



\*Timings are in IST



Match No - 09

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:30 hrs



PAKISTAN 2

VS

2 INDIA



Match No - 13

05<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 16:30 hrs



MALAYSIA 3

VS

7 INDIA



Match No - 17

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:30 hrs



INDIA 6

VS

2 POLAND



All Matches at Lausanne, Switzerland

\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 22

FINAL

05<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 22:00 hrs



INDIA 6

VS

4 POLAND



## Indian Women's Hockey Team finished fourth in Hero FIH Hockey5s 2022

The Indian Women's Hockey Team could register only one win the campaign. They started the tournament with two losses against Uruguay 3-4 and Poland 1-3 on the opening day. On day two, they won 4-3 against Switzerland, and played a 4-4 draw against South Africa finishing fourth in the inaugural edition of the tournament.

Match No - 04

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:00 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

4 URUGUAY



Match No - 08

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

3 POLAND



Match No - 16

05<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:00 hrs



SWITZERLAND 3

VS

4 INDIA



Match No - 20

04<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

4 SOUTH AFRICA



All Matches at Lausanne, Switzerland

\*Timings are in IST

# Uniphar U23 5 Nations Tournament 2022

19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022



It was a great outing for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team as they won the Silver medal in Dublin in Ireland in June.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team had a superb run through the tournament and went into the final on the back some good results.

Having left for the tournament from Bengaluru, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team, who were Captained by Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, started their campaign in style, swatting away the challenge from the hosts, registering a 4-1 win.

In their next game, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team came up against the traditionally mighty Netherlands and both sides battled it out toe to toe and matched each other shot for shot, as they shared the spoils at 2-2.

Right after, it was Ukraine who were next, and India defeated them with a clinical 3-0 performance and then followed that up with another dynamic display against United States, winning 4-1, and booking their berth in the final of the tournament.

In the summit clash, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team played Netherlands, who were a tad bit better on the day won the Title with a 1-4 result. The Dutch were dominant in their performance on the day, as the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team flew back home proudly wearing the Silver medal.

Ahead of the tournament in Ireland, Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team Captain Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke had said, "We are excited about this tour. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to play against some quality teams. It will provide us with much-needed exposure and help us understand which areas to focus more on in our training. It's a great responsibility to lead the Indian Junior Women's Team and I am looking forward to doing my best and making the most out of this opportunity.

Match No - 02

19<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:30 hrs



IRELAND 1

VS

4 INDIA



Match No - 04

20<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 20:30 hrs



NETHERLANDS 2

VS

2 INDIA



Match No - 05

22<sup>nd</sup> Jun 2022 | 17:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

0 UKRAINE



Match No - 07

23<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2022 | 19:30 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

1 UNITED STATES



Match No - 13

26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022 | 18:45 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

4 NETHERLANDS



\*Timings are in IST

All Matches at Dublin, Ireland



# FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain and Netherlands 2022

**01<sup>st</sup> Jul – 17<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022**

Ahead of the important FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain and Netherlands 2022, the Indian Women's Hockey Team were in a good space. Competing hard amongst themselves, to bring out the best from within the unit, so that it would show in the performance on the field.



Led by Chief Coach Janneke Schopman and Captained by ace goalkeeper Savita, the Indian Women's Hockey Team was grouped in Pool B along with England, New Zealand and China, and began their campaign on 3rd July against nemesis England, to whom they lost the Bronze Medal in the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020.

The 20-member squad included goalkeepers Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam. Defenders Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita were also named in the squad along with midfielders Nisha, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Monika, Neha, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Sonika and Salima Tete.

The forwardline had the very experienced Vandana Katariya, Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur and Sharmila Devi while talented young stars Akshata Abaso Dhekale and Sangita Kumari were named as replacement players.

An upbeat Indian Women’s Hockey Team were held to a 1-1 draw by England in their opening game. Against hosts England, the Savita-led Indian Women’s Hockey Team came away with a 1-1 draw yet again. In the final game of the group stage, the Indian Women’s Hockey Team lost against New Zealand after a spirited performance.

The Indian Women’s Hockey Team went down 0-1 against the hosts Spain in their crossover match, thus bowing out of the World Cup. However, they registered win against Canada 1-1 (3-2 SO) in the 9th-16th classification match and later defeated Japan 3-1 to finish in a joint ninth place with China.

For India, it was Vandana Katariya, who scored the most goals, bagging 3, while Navneet Kaur netted 2 as well. Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Lalremsiami and Salima Tete also scored one each.



FIH  
HOCKEY  
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP  
SPAIN & NETHERLANDS 2022

Match No - 08

03<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2022 | 20:00 hrs



ENGLAND 1

VS

1 INDIA



Amstelveen, Netherlands



\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 13

05<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 1

V/S

1 CHINA



Amstelveen, Netherlands



Match No - 23

07<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 23:00 hrs



INDIA 3

V/S

4 NEW ZEALAND



Amstelveen, Netherlands





Match No – 29

10<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 21:30 hrs



SPAIN 1

VS

0 INDIA



Terrassa, Spain



Match No – 31

11<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 21:30 hrs



CANADA 1

VS

1 INDIA



Terrassa, Spain



Match No – 38

13<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 20:00 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

1 JAPAN



Terrassa, Spain



\*Timings are in IST

*Men's & Women's*

## **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**

**29<sup>th</sup> Jul – 08<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022**

### **Indian Men's Hockey Team claim podium finishes at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**

While the Indian Men's Hockey Team settled for Silver medal, the Women's Team clinched historic Bronze medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games held in August 2022.

The Men's team led by Manpreet Singh suffered a 0-7 loss in the Final against Australia, but had a number of positives to take away from the campaign. The Indian team marched into the Final on the back of remarkable performances as they remained unbeaten in the group stage. They started the campaign with a missive 11-0 win over Ghana, drew 4-4 against England, and back-to-back matches against Canada 8-0 and Wales 4-1. They edged past South Africa 3-2 in a thrilling Semi-Final before losing to Australia in the Final to settle for the Silver medal.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
**SILVER MEDAL**



Match No - 08

31<sup>st</sup> Jul 2022 | 20:30 hrs



INDIA 11

VS

0 GHANA



Birmingham, England



Match No - 10

01<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022 | 20:30 hrs



ENGLAND 4

VS

4 INDIA



Birmingham, England



\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 13

03<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022 | 18:30 hrs



CANADA 0

VS

8 INDIA



Birmingham, England



Match No - 17

04<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 | 18:30 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

1 WALES



Birmingham, England



\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 23

06<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022 | 22:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

2 SOUTH AFRICA



Birmingham, England



Match No - 27

08<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 | 17:00 hrs



AUSTRALIA 7

VS

0 INDIA



Birmingham, England



\*Timings are in IST

## Indian Women's Hockey Team claim podium finishes at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

The Women's team led by Savita put up a great show in Birmingham as they bounced back from a disappointing FIH Women's World Cup campaign to clinch the historic Bronze medal. The Women's team started their campaign with back-to-back wins against Ghana (5-0) and Wales (3-1) respectively but went down 1-3 against England in their third match. They registered a 3-2 win against Canada to finish second in Pool A. The Indian team fought valiantly against Australia in the Semi-Final, but couldn't get past as they suffered a narrow 1-1(0-3 SO) loss. However, they responded with a thrilling 1-1(2-1 SO) win over New Zealand to return home with the Bronze medal, thus also ending their 16-year wait for a medal at the prestigious Commonwealth Games.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
**BRONZE MEDAL**



Match No - 03

29<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 18:30 hrs



INDIA 5

VS

0 GHANA



Birmingham, England



Match No - 07

30<sup>th</sup> Jul 2022 | 23:30 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

1 WALES



Birmingham, England



\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 15

02<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2022 | 18:30 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

3 ENGLAND



Birmingham, England



Match No - 18

03<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022 | 15:30 hrs



CANADA 2

VS

3 INDIA



Birmingham, England



\*Timings are in IST



Match No - 24

05<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022 | 00:45 hrs



AUSTRALIA 1

VS

1 INDIA



Birmingham, England

(3-0SO)



Match No - 25

07<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 | 13:30 hrs



NEW ZEALAND 1

VS

1 INDIA



Birmingham, England

(1-2SO)



\*Timings are in IST

# 10th Sultan of Johor Cup

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022



At the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team put on a show for their fans and the royalty present, as they defeated Australia in a thrilling encounter in the final to lift the Title for the third time in the history of the tournament.

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team were scoring goals for fun and were the second highest scorers in the tournament. In the six-nation tournament that also included Australia, Great Britain, Japan, South Africa and Malaysia, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won 2 games and drew 2 while losing 1 in the league stages.

The Indian Colts were led by Uttam Singh and had Bobby Singh Dhama as his deputy. Goalkeepers Mohith HS and Ankit Malik were selected along with defenders Amir Ali, Shardanand Tiwari, Rohit, Amandeep Lakra and Cyril Lugun. The midfielders chosen for this prestigious tournament were Vishnukant Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ankit Pal, Poovanna CB, Amandeep and Johnson Purthy.

In the forward line, Captain Uttam Singh led the charge along with Angad Bir Singh, Araijeet Singh Hundal, Vice-Captain Bobby Singh Dhama and Sudeep Chirmako.

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team began their tournament with an emphatic 5-2 win against hosts Malaysia before being handed a 4-5 defeat in a nail-biter against South Africa.

The Indian Colts bounced back in some style against Japan, defeating them 5-1. After that, they played the Australian team, and it was a goal-fest with both sides scoring 5 goals each, matching each other shot for shot.

Against Great Britain too, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team again played out a 5-5 draw, before the grand finale.

In the summit clash, India was up against a competitive Australia and both sides were locked at 1-1 in regulation time, not giving each other an inch. However, in the shootout, it was India who held their nerve and came away to win the trophy.

For the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team, it was Sharda Nand Tiwari who led the charge in terms of goals, scoring 7. He finished as the top scorer in the tournament, while Amandeep, Sudeep Chirmako, Bobby Singh Dhama and Hundal Araijeet Singh all scored 3 goals each.

Match No – 03

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2022 | 18:05 hrs

 **INDIA 5** **VS** **2 MALAYSIA** 

Match No – 05

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2022 | 15:35 hrs

 **INDIA 4** **VS** **5 SOUTH AFRICA** 

Match No – 08

25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 15:35 hrs

 JAPAN 1 VS 5 INDIA 

Match No – 10

26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 13:35 hrs

 INDIA 5 VS 5 AUSTRALIA 

Match No – 13

28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 13:35 hrs

 GREAT BRITAIN 4 VS 4 INDIA 

Match No – 18

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place

29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 18:05 hrs

 AUSTRALIA 1 VS 1 INDIA   
(4-5 SO)

\*Timings are in IST All Matches at Johor Bahru, Malaysia



# FIH Hockey Pro League

2022/23 *Bhubaneswar*

28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 06<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

2022/23

The Indian Men's Hockey Team led by Harmanpreet Singh showed the nerves of steel during the first leg of FIH Pro League 2022/23 held at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar from 28th October - 06th November 2022.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team started the campaign well as they defeated New Zealand 4-3. Mandeep Mor (14') opened the account for the hosts joined by the skipper and star drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh (42'). Later on, Mandeep Singh (52', 57') hit two back-to-back goals in the last quarter to take the game away from the opponents. In response, New Zealand managed to score three goals. Sam Lane (23', 36') scored two goals at regular intervals in the second and third quarters. Jake Smith (35') also contributed with one goal but India's strong defence restricted the guests to just three goals and managed to mark off the tournament with a victory.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team played their second match of the tournament against Spain. Spain registered their second win of the tournament as the Indian Men's Hockey Team went down to the visiting team with a score line of 2-3. For India, Captain Harmanpreet Singh (27') and Abhishek (55') scored one goal each whereas Eduard De Ignacio-Simo (17'), Marc Miralles (27') and Marc Reyne (57') scored one goal each to take their side ahead of the hosts and win the game with a scoreline of 3-2.

In their third match of the tournament, the Indian Men's Hockey Team were seen determined not to leave any loose strings against New Zealand. The Indian Men's Hockey Team defeated New Zealand in a high-scoring game with a scoreline of 7-4. Captain Harmanpreet Singh (7', 19') and S. Karthi (17', 38') scored two goals each whereas Rajkumar Pal (31'), Sukhjeet Singh (50') and Jugraj Singh (53') also contributed with one goal each. In reply, Simon Child (2'), Sam Lane (9'), Jake Smith (14') and Nic Woods (54') scored one goal each but couldn't get past the strong defence of the host team.

In the last match of the tournament, the Indian Men's Hockey Team stepped on the field to equalise the previous match's loss against Spain. Captain Harmanpreet Singh (12', 32') scored two goals in the first half in quick succession and took the lead. In reply, Spain managed to equal the score by the end of the fourth quarter. Marc Miralles (43') and Pere Amat Caselles (55') scored one goal each. But, the Indian Men's Hockey Team didn't disappoint the fantastic crowd of Odisha and scored three goals in the shoot-out and restricted Spain with only one goal to take the game away from them. India defeated Spain 2-2 (SO 3-1).

# KRISHAN B PATHAK



Match No - 01

28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

3 NEW ZEALAND



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No - 03

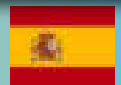
30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

3 SPAIN



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No - 04

04<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 7

VS

4 NEW ZEALAND



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No - 08

06<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

2 SPAIN



Bhubaneswar, India

(3-150)



\*Timings are in IST

# India Tour of Australia

26<sup>th</sup> Nov – 04<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

The Indian Men's Hockey Team took the ground against the mighty Australians at the Mate Stadium in Adelaide, Australia ahead of their campaign in the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela.

The first match of the series was a closely contested game where Australia defeated the Indian Men's Hockey Team 5-4. Akashdeep Singh (10', 59') and Harmanpreet Singh (27', 31') scored two goals each whereas in reply Lachlan Sharp (5'), Nathan Ephraums (20'), Tom Craig (42'), Blake Govers (57', 60') scored goals for the home team and took the game from India.

In the second match of the series, the Indian Men's Hockey Team played a hard fought contest with the Kookaburras where the Australian Men's Hockey Team defeated the Indian Men's Hockey Team 7-4. For India, Captain Harmanpreet Singh (3', 60') scored two goals joined by Hardik Singh (25') and Mohammed Raheel Mouseen (36'). On the other hand, Blake Govers (12', 27', 53') scored a hat-trick whereas Jack Welch (17', 24') and Jacob Anderson (48', 49') scored two goals each to take the second consecutive game away from the Indian Men's Hockey Team.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team made a comeback in a do-or-die game in the series where they defeated the Australian Men's Hockey Team 4-3. Manpreet Singh (12'), Abhishek (42'), Shamsher Singh (57') and Akashdeep Singh (60') scored one goal each to take the lead against the home side. For Australia, Jack Welch (25'), Aran Zalewski (32') and Nathan Ephraums (59') scored one goal each. The Indian defence restricted the hosts to just three goals and secured the first win in the series.

In the fourth match of the series, the Australian Men's Hockey Team defeated the Indian Men's Hockey Team 5-1. Jeremy Hayward (29', 41'), Jacob Whetton (30'), Tom Wickham (34') and Matthew Dawson (54') scored for the host side. In reply, Dilpreet Singh (25') scored one goal for the Indian Men's Hockey Team.

The last game of the series was a closely contested encounter between the two teams. Harmanpreet Singh (24', 60') scored two goals whereas Amit Rohidas (34') and Sukhjeet Singh (55') also contributed with one goal each. In reply, Tom Wickham (2', 17') and Jacob Whetton (40', 54') scored two goals each. Aran Zalewski (30') also scored one goal to take the game away from the Indian Men's Hockey Team. In this way, the Australian Men's Hockey team defeated the Indian Men's Hockey Team 5-4 and secured the series 4-1, at their home.

Match No – 01

26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | 11:00 hrs



AUSTRALIA 5

VS

4 INDIA





Match No - 02

27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | 11:00 hrs



AUSTRALIA 7

VS

4 INDIA



Match No - 03

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | 13:30 hrs



AUSTRALIA 3

VS

4 INDIA



Match No - 04

03<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022 | 11:00 hrs



AUSTRALIA 5

VS

1 INDIA



Match No - 05

04<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 | 11:00 hrs



AUSTRALIA 5

VS

4 INDIA



\*Timings are in IST

All Matches at Adelaide, Australia



# India Tour of Spain

## Practice Matches

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 08<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

A 20-member squad travelled to Valencia, Spain to play against the Spain National Women's Hockey Team from 30th November to 8th December 2022 in the Indian Women's Tour of Spain (Practice Matches) as part of their preparations for the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2022.

The squad consisted of Goalkeepers – Bichu Devi Kharibam and Savita, Defenders – Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Ishika Chaudhary, Nikki, Pradhan, Udita, Midfielders – Jyoti, Monika, Navjot Kaur, Neha, Nisha, Salima Tete, Sonika, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, and Forwards – Beauty Dungdung, Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, and Vandana Katariya.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team lost two of the three matches by 1-0 and 3-1 scorelines and managed to draw 1-1 in the other match.

Match No – 01

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 | --:-- hrs



SPAIN 1

VS

0 INDIA



Match No – 02

02<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022 | --:-- hrs



SPAIN 1

VS

1 INDIA



Match No – 03

03<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022 | --:-- hrs



SPAIN 3

VS

1 INDIA



All Matches at Adelaide, Australia

\*Timings are in IST



# FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup

11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022



The Indian Women's Hockey team triumphed at the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey women's Nations Cup that took place from 11th to 17th December 2022 at the Estadio Betero in Valencia, Spain.

The event served as the annual qualification tournament for the Women's FIH Pro League. Consequentially, India was promoted to the Women's FIH Pro League 2023–24. Spain finished with the Silver Medal as the runners up and Japan bagged the Bronze Medal for third place.

In Pool B, India picked up points in every match they played and enjoyed an undefeated campaign which began with a 3-1 victory over Chile on the 11th of December. Following this, the Indian team went on to defeat Japan, 2-1 and South Africa, 2-0. India led the Pool B table, followed by Japan, Chile and South Africa.

A 1-1 deadlock at fulltime between India and Ireland, resulted in India emerging victorious in the ensuing shootout, 2-1.

India secured the trophy after a 1-0 victory against Spain in the Final match. Gurjit's early goal was the sole goal of the encounter, and it ensured their berth in the 2023–24 Women's FIH Pro League.

At the closing ceremony, Savita was awarded the Title of Best Goalkeeper.



Match No - 03

11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 | 19:45 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

1 CHILE



Valencia, Spain



Match No - 07

12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 | 19:45 hrs



JAPAN 1

VS

2 INDIA



Valencia, Spain



Match No - 11

14<sup>h</sup> Dec 2022 | 19:45 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

0 SOUTH AFRICA



Valencia, Spain



Match No - 16

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 | 20:15 hrs



INDIA 1

VS

1 IRELAND



Valencia, Spain

(2-150)



\*Timings are in IST

Match No - 20

17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 | 20:15 hrs



SPAIN 0

VS

1 INDIA



Valencia, Spain





# FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar–Rourkela 13<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023



Germany was crowned champions as Hockey came home for the second consecutive time at The FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela that took place from 13 to 29 January 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and the recently inaugurated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, India, with a seating capacity of over 20,000.

During the event, the atmosphere in Odisha was incredibly festive, with jubilant crowds, colourful decorations, and a palpable sense of excitement that resonated across the country.

India began their campaign, with a comprehensive 2-0 victory over South Africa. In their next clash, a hotly contested

encounter against England ended in a 0-0 draw. Indian team followed it up with an assertive 4-0 victory against Wales.

In their crossover match against New Zealand, India failed to proceed to the quarter-finals following a loss to the black sticks. After a 3-3 deadlock at full time, India fell short losing 5-4, in the penalty shootout that followed.

Led by Harmanpreet Singh, the Men in Blue went on to secure convincing victories against Japan, 8-0 and South Africa, 5-2 to finish their campaign in 9th place, sharing it with Argentina.







Match No – 04

13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

3 SPAIN



Rourkela, India



Match No – 10

15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



ENGLAND 0

VS

0 INDIA



Rourkela, India



Match No – 20

19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 4

VS

2 WALES



Bhubaneswar, India



Match No – 26

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 3

VS

3 NEW ZEALAND



Bhubaneswar, India

(4-5SO)



\*Timings are in IST

Match No – 34

26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



JAPAN 0

VS

8 INDIA



Rourkela, India



Match No – 41

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 | 19:00 hrs



SOUTH AFRICA 2

VS

5 INDIA



Rourkela, India



WINNER - GERMANY



## India Tour of South Africa

14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

The Indian Women's Hockey team led by Savita toured South Africa for seven-match Test series in January 2023. The Indian side played four matches against the home team post which they took on the Netherlands in three matches.

The Indian team's tour kicked off from 16th January and they registered a 5-1 win in the opening match of the series in Cape Town. For India, Rani (12'), Monika (20'), Navneet Kaur (24'), Gurjit Kaur (25') and Sangita Kumari (30') scored, while South Africa found the back of the net through Captain Quanita Bobbs (44').

Also, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, the industrious midfielder took to the pitch as a Senior for the first time as she was selected to start against South Africa in this game. It marked a momentous occasion for the young player who led the Indian Women's Junior Team at the Uniphar U23 5 Nations Tournament 2022 in May.

In the second game, India recorded a stunning 7-0 win against the hosts. Udita (9'), Rani (22'), Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (22'), Sangita Kumari (25'), Navneet Kaur (26'), Vandana Katariya (27', 58') were on the scoresheet.

The third game witnessed India register a comprehensive 4-0 win to win the series against South Africa. Having won the first two matches rather convincingly, the Indian team stuck to basics as they executed the chances really well and played a disciplined structure to stay ahead. Rani (2'), Deep Grace Ekka (18'), Vandana Katariya (20'), and Sangita Kumari (46') scored a goal each for the visitors.

The fourth game of the series ended in a 2-2 draw with Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (29', 51') scoring a brace for India, while Quanita Bobbs (8') and Tarryn Lombard (35') netted a goal each for South Africa.

After remaining unbeaten against South Africa, the Indian Women's Hockey played their first game against Netherlands and lost 1-3 in the hard-fought match in Cape Town on 23rd January. The scoreline remained same in the second and third match as well as the Indian team were defeated 1-3 by Netherlands.

The results meant that the India team ended their seven-match tour with 3-0 series win against South Africa and 0-3 series loss against Netherlands.



Match No - 01

16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 | 21:00 hrs



SOUTH AFRICA 1

VS

5 INDIA



Match No - 02

17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 | 20:00 hrs



SOUTH AFRICA 0

VS

7 INDIA



Match No - 03

19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 | 20:00 hrs



SOUTH AFRICA 0

VS

4 INDIA



Match No - 04

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2022 | 18:00 hrs



SOUTH AFRICA 2

VS

2 INDIA



Match No - 05

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 | 19:00 hrs



NETHERLANDS 3

VS

1 INDIA



Match No - 06

26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 | 19:00 hrs



NETHERLANDS 3

VS

1 INDIA



Match No - 07

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 | 18:00 hrs



NETHERLANDS 3

VS

1 INDIA



\*Timings are in IST

All Matches at Cape Town, South Africa



# Indian Junior Team South Africa Tour

## 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Match No - 01

17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 | 21:00 hrs

 SOUTH AFRICA U21 **1** VS **8** INDIA 

Match No - 02

18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 | 21:00 hrs

 SOUTH AFRICA U21 **0** VS **8** INDIA 

Match No - 03

20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 | 21:00 hrs

 SOUTH AFRICA U21 **0** VS **0** INDIA   
(3-4SO)

Match No - 04

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 | 22:00 hrs

 SOUTH AFRICA A **4** VS **4** INDIA   
(5-6SO)

Match No - 05

25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 | 21:00 hrs

 SOUTH AFRICA A **0** VS **4** INDIA 

All Matches at South Africa

\*Timings are in IST



Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team led by Preeti as Captain and Rutaja Dadaso Pisal as Vice-Captain toured South Africa to play a series of matches on the tour between 17th and 25th February against South Africa Junior Women's Hockey Team and South Africa A-Team.

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team first locked horns with South Africa U-21 team in the three-match series. In the first game, Indian Colts registered an 8-1 win against the hosts. The visitors displayed good structure in their attack with successive goals coming their way from the very first minute of the match. Goals were scored by Deepika Sr. (1', 30'), Vice Captain Rujata Dadaso Pisal (18'), Hritika Singh (20'), Sunelita Toppo (28'), Deepika Soreng (36') and Annu (44').

For South Africa, Mikkela Le Roux (36') was the lone goal scorer.

In the second match, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team registered a big 8-0 win. The team's first goal came in the very 1st minute of the match through Annu followed by a 9th-minute goal by Vice Skipper Rujata Dadaso Pisal. The team extended their lead to 3-0 in the 26th minute when Jyoti Chhatri scored a field goal. She struck another one in the following minute to take the team's lead to a formidable 4-0.

Before the second quarter ended, the Indian Junior Women's side scored two more goals in the 29th and 30th minute via Deepika Soreng and Jyothi Chhatri. With a comfortable 6-0 lead on board, the visitors ended the fourth quarter with two more goals in the 54th and 59th minute scored by Annu and Deepika Sr.

The third game witnessed the India Colts register a 4-3 win in shootouts against South Africa Junior Women's Hockey Team after either team failed to score in regulation time.

Following the 3-0 series win against the South Africa Junior Women's Hockey Team, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team played two matches against the South Africa 'A' team on the 24th and 25th of February and recorded a 4-4 draw in the first game, while in the second game, they defeated the home team 4-0 to finish their tour of South Africa unbeaten.



# FIH Hockey Pro League

2022/23 *Rourkela*

10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

2022/23

The Indian Men's Hockey Team led by star drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh put up a brilliant show in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022/23, which was held at the newly constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela from 10-15th March 2023.

As per the tournament format, Rourkela hosted all six matches, where India, newly-minted world champions Germany, and Australia played each other twice.

Notably, India remained unbeaten in the tournament as they secured three outright wins while also winning a shootout bonus point in the fourth match against Australia.

In their first game, the hosts clinched a 3-2 win against reigning World Champions Germany. Goals were scored by Harmanpreet Singh (30') and Sukhjeet Singh (32' and 43') for India while Paul-Philipp Kaufmann (45') and Michel Struthoff (58') scored for Germany.

The Indian team then register a thrilling 5-4 win against Australia in their second match. It was a hat-trick by Captain Harmanpreet Singh (14', 15', 56'), and a goal each by Jugraj Singh (18') and Selvam Karthi (26') that helped in India's victory while Joshua Beltz (3'), Ky Willott (43'), Ben Staines (53') and Tim Howard (57') scored for Australia.

Indian Men's Hockey Team continued their winning ways in the tournament with a scintillating 6-3 win against Germany in their third match. Jugraj Singh (21'), Abhishek (22', 51'), Selvan Karthi (24', 46'), and Harmanpreet Singh (26') scored for India, while Germany's goals came from Tom Grambusch (3'), Gonzalo Peillat (23'), and Malte Hellwig (31').

After a hat-trick of wins, the Indian Team remained unbeaten as they put up a resilient performance against Australia in the last home game in the FIH Hockey Pro League. While Vivek Sagar Prasad (2') and Sukhjeet Singh (47') scored in regulation time, Harmanpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh and Dilpreet Singh scored in the shootout to ensure a 2-2 (4-3 SO) win ensuring the home team ended their campaign at home in style.

Notably, after playing eight matches in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League this season, India sits atop the table with five wins, two draws and one loss for a total of 19 points. They had begun this season of the prestigious league with a 4-3 and 7-4 win against New Zealand followed by a 2-3 loss and 2-2 (3-1 SO) win against Spain in the home games played in October-November last year.

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Match No - 25

10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 3

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Rourkela, India



Match No - 27

12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 5

VS

4 AUSTRALIA



Rourkela, India



Match No – 28

13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 6

VS

3 GERMANY



Rourkela, India



Match No – 30

15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023 | 19:00 hrs



INDIA 2

VS

2 AUSTRALIA



Rourkela, India

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# 2nd Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2022

**Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy won the Title after beating SAI Academy 2-1 in the Finals, meanwhile Raja Karan Hockey Academy secured third position after beating Salute Hockey Academy 1-0.



**Gold Medal – Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy**



**Silver Medal  
SAI Academy**



**Bronze Medal  
Raja Karan Hockey Academy**



# 12th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022

**Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Unit Of Tamil Nadu 1-1 (3-1 SO) and were crowned as Champions of the tournament, while Hockey Karnataka beat Hockey Maharashtra 4-3 to achieve third-place finish.



**Gold Medal – Hockey Haryana**



**Silver Medal**  
**Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu**



**Bronze Medal**  
**Hockey Karnataka**

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

### Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Naval Tata Hockey Academy – Jamshedpur beat SAIL Hockey Academy 2-2 (4-1 SO) via shootout to win the Championship while Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy beat Army Boys Sports Company 2-2 (2-0 SO) to finish third.



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

## Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

### 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat SAI-Academy 3-0 to clinch the Championship, and Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy beat Smart Hockey Academy, Raipur 7-0 in 3rd/4th Place Match.



**Gold Medal – Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy**



**Silver Medal  
SAI-Academy**



**Bronze Medal  
Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy**

# 12th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2022

**Goa**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Uttar Pradesh Hockey beat Hockey Jharkhand 3-0 in Final to be crowned Champions meanwhile, Hockey Association of Odisha beat Hockey Haryana 5-2 in 3rd/4th Place Match.



**Gold Medal – Uttar Pradesh Hockey**



**Silver Medal  
Hockey Jharkhand**



**Bronze Medal  
Hockey Association of Odisha**

# 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022

**Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Hockey Association of Odisha beat Hockey Karnataka 2-0 to claim Championship and Hockey Jharkhand beat Hockey Haryana 3-2 to earn third-place finish.



# 12th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2022

**Imphal, Manipur**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Jharkhand 2-0 to clinch the Title while Uttar Pradesh Hockey beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh 3-0 in the 3rd/4th Place Match.



**Gold Medal – Hockey Haryana**



**Silver Medal  
Hockey Jharkhand**



**Bronze Medal  
Uttar Pradesh Hockey**

# 12th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2022

**Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu**  
**17<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Hockey Chandigarh 2 – 0 to be crowned Champions meanwhile, Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Association of Odisha 3 – 0 to secure the 3rd place.



**Gold Medal – Uttar Pradesh Hockey**



**Silver Medal**  
**Hockey Chandigarh**



**Bronze Medal**  
**Hockey Haryana**

# 13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023

**Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh**  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023**

Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Hockey Maharashtra 5-1 to win the championship and Hockey Jharkhand beat Hockey Haryana 2-1 to claim third place.





# 3rd Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2023

**Bengaluru, Karnataka**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023**

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board defeated Railway Sports Promotion Board 2-2 (SO 3-1) in the final and claimed top spot. Meanwhile, Services Sports Control Board defeated Central Industrial Security Force 7-2 in the 3/4th place match.



**Gold Medal – Petroleum Sports Promotion Board**



**Silver Medal**  
**Railway Sports Promotion Board**



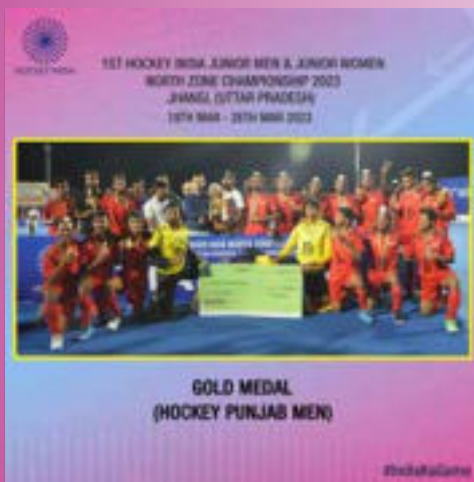
**Bronze Medal**  
**Services Sports Control Board**

# 1st Hockey India Junior Men Zonal Championships 2023

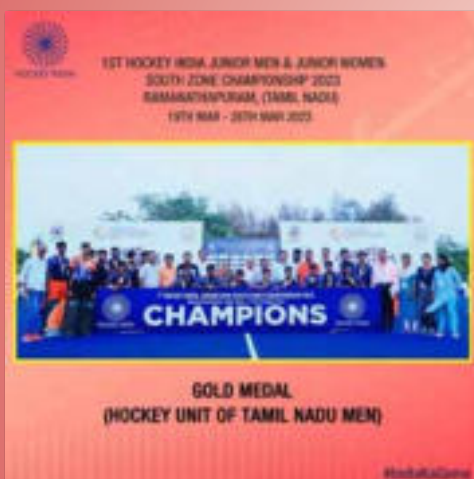
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The first Hockey India Junior Men Zonal Championships 2023 concluded in the North, South, East, and West Zones, with Hockey Punjab, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, Hockey Jharkhand, and Hockey Madhya Pradesh being crowned as Champions in their respective Zones.

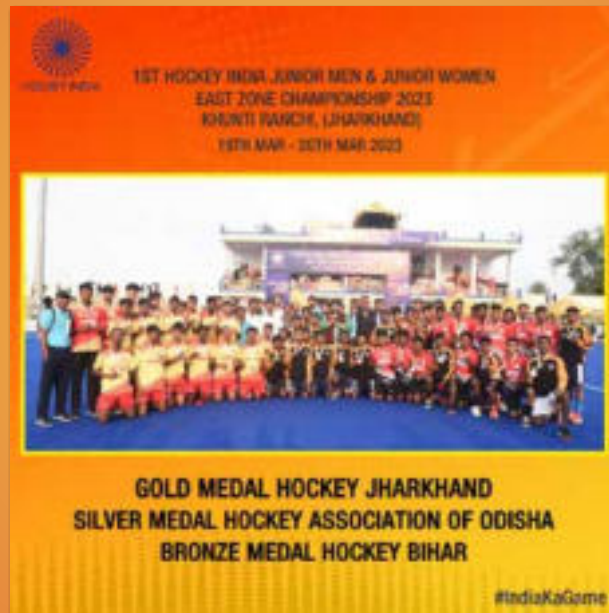
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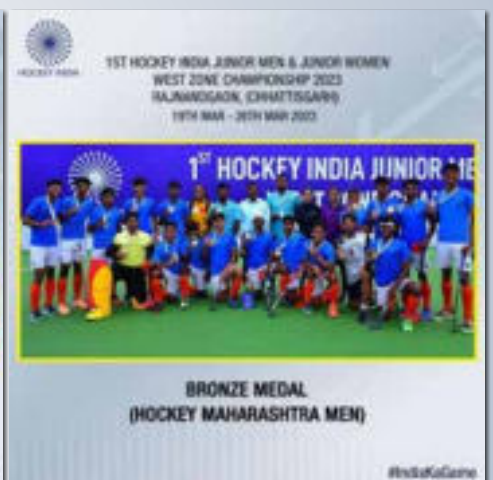
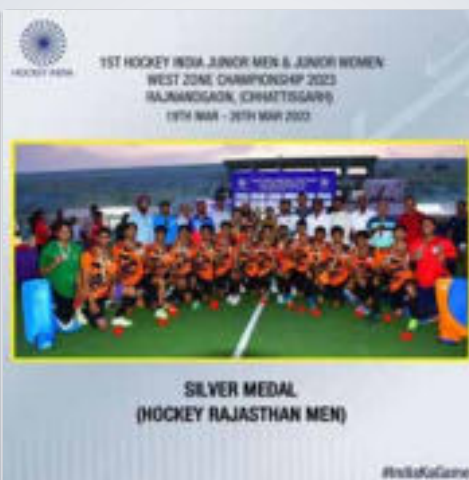
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## East Zone – Khunti (Ranchi), Jharkhand



## West Zone – Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh



# 1st Hockey India Junior Women Zonal Championships 2023

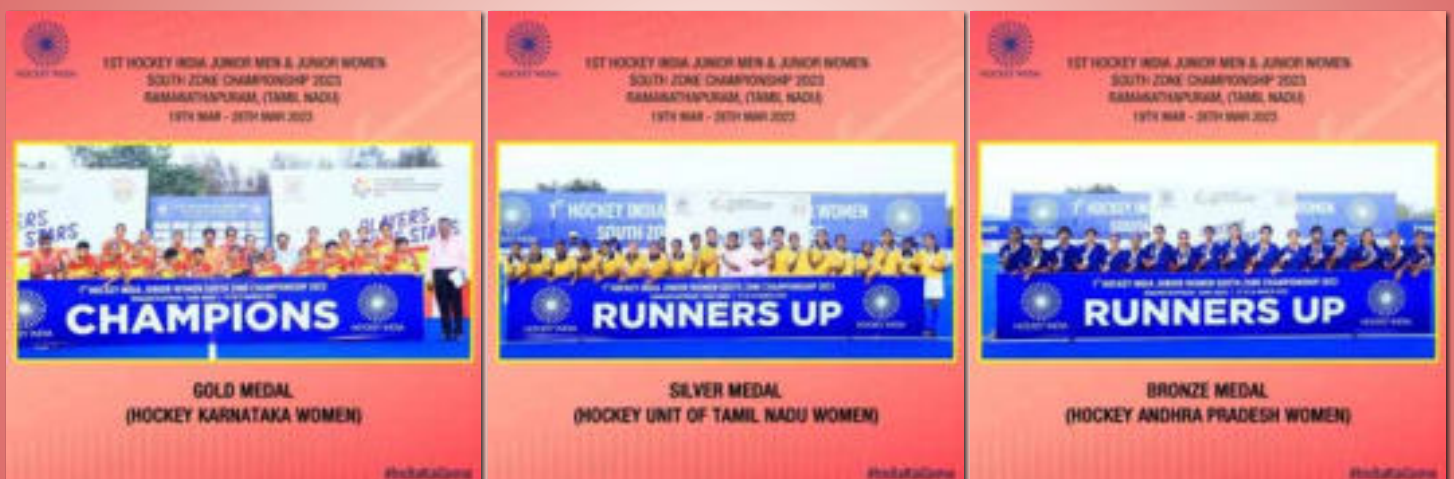
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The 1st Hockey India Junior Women Zonal Championships 2023 concluded with Hockey Haryana, Hockey Jharkhand, Hockey Madhya Pradesh, and Hockey Karnataka winning the Finals in their respective zones.

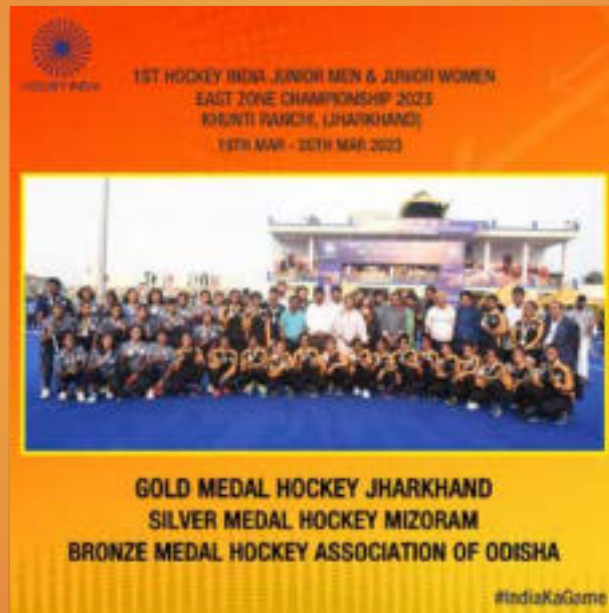
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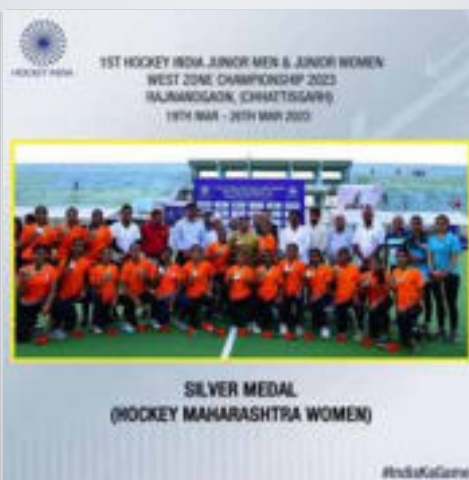
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## East Zone – Khunti (Ranchi), Jharkhand



## West Zone – Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh



## Khelo India Women's Hockey League 22 (Under-16) Phase – 1 New Delhi 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022



Sports Authority of India 'A', Sports Hostel Odisha, Ghumanhera Riser's Academy, Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy Sonapat, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Sports Authority of Gujarat Academy, Har Hockey Academy and Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre registered wins in their respective pool matches on the final day.



## Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under-16) Phase – 2 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022



In what was an excellent display of hockey, the last day of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under-16) Phase – 2 saw Smart Hockey Academy, Pritam Siwach Sports Promotion Foundation, Sports Authority of India 'A', Salute Hockey Academy, Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre and Sports Authority of India 'B' register wins in their respective matches.



# 2nd Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2022 New Delhi 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

Railway Sports Promotion Board defeated Petroleum Sports Promotion Board 3-3 (3-1) in the shootout to be crowned Champions and Services Sports Control Board defeated Punjab National Bank 1-0 to secure the 3rd place.



**Winner – Railway Sports Promotion Board**

# Khelo India Women's Hockey League 2022 (U-16 Final Phase) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022



Sports Authority of India 'A' beat Pritam Siwach Sports Promotion Foundation 2-1 to be crowned champions while Har Hockey Academy beat Sports Authority of India 'B' 3-1 to finish third.



**Winner – Sports Authority of India 'A'**

# Qualifiers – Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Men's Under 18)

**Bhubaneswar, Odisha**  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022**

Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Hockey Association of Odisha 6-5 to be crowned Champions and Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Jharkhand 2-0 to secure the 3rd place.



**Gold Medal – Hockey Madhya Pradesh**



**Silver Medal**  
**Hockey Association of Odisha**



**Bronze Medal**  
**Hockey Haryana**



# Qualifiers – Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Women's Under 18)

**Bhubaneswar, Odisha**  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022**

Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh 2-0 to take home the trophy while, Hockey Association of Odisha beat Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 to finish third.



**Gold Medal – Hockey Haryana**



**Silver Medal**  
**Hockey Madhya Pradesh**



**Bronze Medal**  
**Hockey Association of Odisha**

# 2023 Khelo India Women's Hockey League (Under-21), Phase 1

**New Delhi**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023**



Salute Hockey Academy, Sports Hostel Odisha, and HAR Hockey Academy picked up wins in their respective matches in the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21), Phase 1 matches at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on the last day.



# Khelo India Women's Hockey League

## 2023 (U21 – Phase 2)

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

29<sup>th</sup> Mar – 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2023



HIM Hockey Academy, Sports Hostel Odisha, Khalsa Hockey Academy, and Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation registered victories in their respective games on the last day of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21 –Phase 2), which was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

# 2nd Khelo India Women's Hockey League

## 2022 (U21)

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023

Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation defeated HAR Hockey Academy 2-0 to finish first while, Sports Hostel Odisha defeated SAI Bal 3-1 to finish third.



**Winner – Pritam Siwach Sports Foundtation**



**Runner Up  
HAR Hockey Academy**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Sports Hostel Odisha**

## Hockey India Sanctioned All India Tournaments

S. No.	Tournament Name	Date	Venue
1.	3rd Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament 2022	18 – 23 Apr 2022	Chandigarh
2.	Dhyanchand Cup All India Women's Hockey Tournament 2022	17 – 19 Jun 2022	Amravati, Maharashtra
3.	50th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament 2022 (Boys Under-17)	02 – 14 Sep 2022	New Delhi
4.	39th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament (Boys Under-15)	15 – 26 Sep 2022	New Delhi
5.	30th All India Baba Farid Gold Cup Hockey Tournament	20 – 23 Sep 2022	Faridkot, Punjab
6.	28th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament (Under 17) 2022	28 Sep – 09 Oct 2022	New Delhi
7.	6th SNBP All India Hockey Tournament 2022 (Under 16 Boys)	01 – 07 Oct 2022	Pune, Maharashtra
8.	39th Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament	27 Oct – 04 Nov 2022	Jalandhar, Punjab
9.	32nd Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament 2022	05 – 12 Nov 2022	New Delhi
10.	71st All India Police Hockey Championship 2022	16 – 30 Nov 2022	Kolkata, West Bengal
11.	1st Nehru Senior Women Hockey Tournament 2022	01 – 10 Dec 2022	Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi
12.	124th All India Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament	11 – 18 Dec 2022	Salt Lake, Kolkata
13.	Khaja Bandanawaz Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2022 (Under 17)	14 – 17 Dec 2022	Kalburagi, Karnataka

14.	45th G S Bains Liberals All India Hockey Tournament 2022	19 – 25 Dec 2022	Nabha, Punjab
15.	49th All India Shri Guru Gobind Ji Gold & Silver Hockey Tournament	12 – 29 Dec 2022	Nanded, Maharashtra
16.	90th All India Swami Shardhhanand Hockey Tournament	23 – 28 Dec 2022	Haridwar, Uttarakhand
17.	Maharaja Sir B.P. Singh Prize Money All India Hockey Tournament	26 – 30 Dec 2022	Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh
18.	Gooncha 58th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament (Men)	1 – 12 Jan 2023	Secunderabad, Telangana
19.	Chota Nagpur Rural Tribal Men Weekend Hockey Tournament 2023	8 Jan – 26 Mar 2023	Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi
20.	17th Edition of Balwant Singh Kapur Memorial Hockey Tournament 2022	15 – 22 Jan 2023	Jalandhar, Punjab
21.	Chota Nagpur Rural Tribal Women Hockey Tournament 2023	4 – 11 Feb 2023	Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi
22.	79th Mahant Raja Sarweshwardas Memorial All India Hockey Tournament	8 – 16 Feb 2023	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh
23.	All India Padma Shri Mohd. Shahid Invitational Prize Money Men’s Hockey Tournament 2023	27 Feb – 6 Mar 2023	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
24.	All India Invitational Prize Money Women’s Hockey Tournament 2023	1 – 5 Mar 2023	Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
25.	5th Navbharat Trophy Women All India Hockey Tournament	12 – 19 Mar 2023	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
26.	40th All India K.D. Singh ‘Babu’ Invitational Prize Money Hockey Tournament	23 – 20 Mar 2023	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
27.	All India Scindia Gold Cup Hockey Tournament	25 Mar – 05 Apr 2023	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh





## COACHING EDUCATION PATHWAY

Since its launch in March 2019, the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway has benefited thousands of candidates in pursuing coaching as a career option. The meticulously-designed program enables the coaches from the grassroots to meet the requirements of international hockey. It has provided certification to develop Coaches from grassroots through to a high performance/ International level.

The program is consisted of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process.

Hockey India, in close association with the International Hockey Federation (FIH), organised as many as four workshops in Bhubaneswar, Odisha in 2022.

S. No.	Courses	Date
1	FIH Academy Level '2' Coaching Course 2022	14 to 17 June 2022
2	FIH Academy Level '3' Coaching Course 2022	14 to 18 June 2022
3	FIH Academy Level '2' Coaching Course 2022	17 to 20 June 2022
4	FIH Academy Level '3' Coaching Course 2022	18 to 22 June 2022

# Hockey India Launches Grassroots Development Program to Identify and Train Young Talent

Hockey India announced on 7th March 2023, their ambitious new Grassroots Development Programme, which is designed to unearth young talent and improve the bench strength of the National Senior and Junior teams for men and women. Under this initiative, the governing body for hockey in the country conducted zonal championships at the Sub-Junior (U-16) and Junior (U-19) levels. The program aimed to find the most talented players in each of the four zones – north, south, east, and west.



The first zonal tournaments were held from 19th to 26th March 2023, with 23 Junior Men's teams and 24 Junior Women's teams participating in the Championships which featured 137 matches in total.





President of Hockey India, Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, spoke about the potential impact of the introduction of Zonal Championships, "The Zonal Championships will provide young athletes with exposure to the same match conditions as the Hockey India National Championships. Shortlisted athletes identified in the zonal championships will be required to participate in the National Championships, giving them opportunities to further develop their Hockey skills."

To promote the identification of talented athletes, each zone will be equipped with selection committees, Hockey India Secretary General Mr. Bholu Nath Singh said, "Each of the zones will have its own selection panel. The selection committee will consist of a minimum of three members. The selectors and the coaches of the zonal teams will be responsible for monitoring and keeping us updated on the further development of all the players."

The Grassroots Development Committee will identify locations for the players' training and adequate facilities will be provided for conducting specialized coaching camps with the support of Hockey India.

The program aims to track the development of players from the age of U16 and monitor their progression throughout their career. This will enable Hockey India to identify the current skill set of each player and focus on honing and polishing their skills. Mr. Tirkey further added, "The development of players in Junior and Sub-Junior teams is also a focus, as not everyone can play



for the Indian national team. The zonal championships will allow players to take pride in playing for their zonal team and enhance their resumes."

Hockey India officials are also looking to create U17 and U19 Indian teams and send them for domestic and foreign exposure.

Mr. Tirkey asserted that, "The development of players will be strictly scrutinized as they proceed through the various development phases, and Hockey India officials are determined not to miss a single talent."

Finally, the U-23 national development squad will also be integrated into the ecosystem to serve as a feeder for the Indian team.

Overall, the new grassroots development program augurs well for the development of hockey in India. The initiative aims to identify and train young talent, develop specialized positions and track the progression of players from a young age. With a strong focus on the development of players in Junior and Sub-Junior teams, the program will help enhance aspiring players and generate more interest in the sport.





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## Indian Hockey stars join #WhiteCard 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, Indian Hockey stars joined the #WhiteCard 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 #WhiteCard initiative for the peace-through-sport movement."

Meanwhile, Defender Deep Grace Ekka stated that sport is the biggest example of women empowerment. "We are extremely happy to see that our success stories have inspired the women of a new generation. Sport is the biggest example of women empowerment," said Ekka while showing the White Card to celebrate the power of sport.

The experienced forward Rani added, "Sport has the capacity to pull down barriers. It teaches us to look beyond race, caste, and religious differences. Nothing unites people

like sports does. It has the real power to empower humankind. Let's celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and here's my #WhiteCard 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.

While his teammate, Midfielder Manpreet Singh said that sport makes the world a better place.

"Sports play a major role in society. It empowers everyone. It brings people together and makes the world a better place. Join me to celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and here's #WhiteCard for the peace-through-sport movement," said the experienced midfielder.

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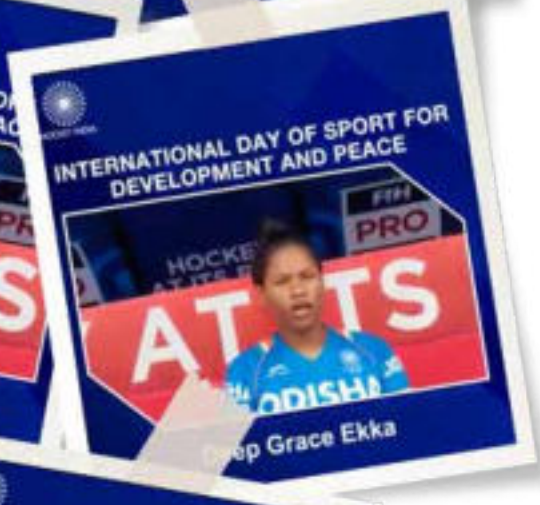
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# Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik unveil official logo of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela



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Hockey India and its Presenting Partner, Odisha hosted the marquee event for the second consecutive time in the country after successfully conducting the event in 2018.

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The 15th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup was staged in two cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, where world's largest hockey stadium is built.

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

The event was attended by Hon'ble Sports Minister of Odisha Shri Tusharkanti Behera among others various other dignitaries from Odisha State Government as well as Hockey India. The Indian Men's Hockey Team and Germany Men's Team who were based in Bhubaneswar for their FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 matches also posed for group photographs at the event.

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# Hockey India celebrated International Olympic Day 2022 with its Member Units





Hockey India with its member units, conducted week-long celebrations on the occasion of the 74th Olympic Day to promote Olympic values among the young children, players, coaches, and administrative staff through various activities.

The theme of the 2022 Olympic Day celebrations was - 'Together, for a Peaceful World', which represents the power of sports to bring people together in peace. Keeping that in mind, Hockey India's Member Units marked this special Olympic Day with various activities that spread the message of peace and togetherness through hockey-based activities including quizzes, drawing competitions, essay writing competitions, and the Olympic Day Run.

Olympic Day, which was first introduced in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games on 23 June 1894 at the Sorbonne in Paris, is observed every year on June 23 to promote participation in sports across the globe regardless of age, gender, or athletic ability.

Marking the 74th Olympic Day, Hockey India along with its member units, endorsed the International Olympic Committee's campaign and themes of #MoveForPeace in different parts of the country.

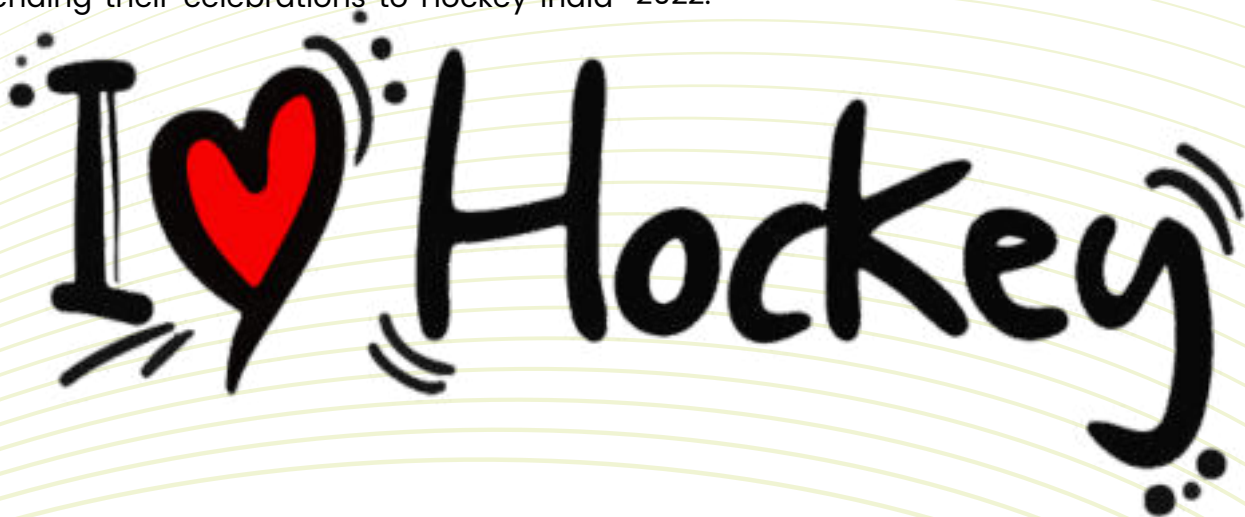
The Indian hockey community was united in sending their celebrations to Hockey India

in the form of pictures and videos. Among many such activities organised by the various Member Units, Hockey Rajasthan celebrated the day by organising an Olympic Day awareness run from Udaipur to several districts around Rajasthan under the guidance of officials who encouraged participants on the importance of Olympic Day. They also organized drawing and essay-writing competitions on the occasion.

Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre, which kickstarted its celebrations with a marathon, continued its celebrations until June 26. They conducted exhibition matches, quizzes, debates and essay writing competitions at their various grassroots centres in Odisha to inculcate Olympic values among young children. Telangana Hockey organized special Olympic runs in various parts of the state, while Hockey Jharkhand conducted a drawing competition.

Ghumanhera Riser's Academy played an exhibition match against the SSB Hockey team and Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy held friendly matches at their academy in Varanasi to mark the occasion.

Hockey Jharkhand organised a drawing contest and exhibition matches in Simdega and Khunti. Hockey Assam organised exhibition matches and a painting competition to commemorate Olympic Day 2022.





Meanwhile, Hockey Bengal's Freedom Hockey Academy carried out a rally and tree plantation activities to mark the Olympic Day celebrations. Tamil Nadu's Manaparai Hockey Academy also celebrated the day by hosting a friendly match at their academy ground.

Hockey Chandigarh held a cake-cutting ceremony and felicitated both Junior Men's and Senior Men's teams for their remarkable performances at the National Championships. Chhattisgarh Hockey hosted a hockey match and drawing competition to celebrate Olympic Day.

Manipur Hockey celebrated the day by organising an Olympic run, where almost 1000 athletes from various districts, clubs, schools and colleges took part in it. They also held an exhibition match between Chinglensana XI and Kothajit XI, while Hockey Mizoram celebrated the day by hosting a running event and exhibition matches.

Various units under Hockey Bengal celebrated this year's Olympic Day by conducting various Umpire and Technical workshops, Coaches workshops, and First Aid awareness camps and staged 5-a and 6-a side tournaments, in various districts, while Hockey Bihar also hosted a 5-a-side

friendly match, which was followed by a detailed discussion on various aspects of the game.

Apart from the exhibition matches, Hockey Maharashtra held a felicitation ceremony for Padmashri Mrs Eliza Nelson, Olympian Ajit Lakra, and Vikram Pillay.

Hockey Madhya Pradesh saw as many as 3000 participants across the state celebrating the Olympic Day celebrations, which were held from the 20th to 26th June. The unit hosted Olympic Day March Past and exhibition matches. Hockey Karnataka hosted U16 5-a-side matches for school teams, STC team, Department of Youth Empowerment, and Sports Hostel Teams and a match between Karnataka Internationals VS Sports Authority of India.

Uttar Pradesh Hockey conducted a friendly match between Olympians, International, and National players. Whereas Hockey Haryana held a discussion on the significance of the Olympic Games, which was followed by yoga and other sports activities for men and women. They distributed kits to the newcomers and also felicitated the 2022 National Medal winners.



# Indian Men's Hockey Team Visit National War Memorial in New Delhi

Ahead of India's 75th year of Independence, the Indian Men's Hockey Team visited the National War Memorial in New Delhi on August 11th. During their visit, the members of the team took a tour around the monument and visited the Veerta Chakra (circle of bravery), Tyag Chakra (circle of sacrifice), and Param Yoddha sthal among other locations of prominence.

The team also paid their tributes to the fallen heroes and then went on to see the murals of six significant battles fought by the courageous soldiers of the nation. The iconic National War Memorial boasts of thematic concentric circles with a tall ceremonial obelisk at its centre that bears the eternal flame 'Amar Jawan Jyoti'.

"Like the eternal flame in the Amar Chakra, one of the concentric circles, our heroes as well as their act of gallantry will remain immortal in our hearts," Indian Men's Hockey Team midfielder Manpreet Singh said.

"Visiting this monument, we have realised that there are tales of inspiration about each unsung hero of the country. And we request everyone to take out some time and visit this place to honour the people who have laid down their lives so that we live peacefully," he added.



# Indian Hockey stars meet with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi post Commonwealth Games 2022 success

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi hosted India's Commonwealth Games contingent at his residence after their return from Birmingham on August 13th. The Indian Men's Hockey Team that won the Silver medal and the Indian Women's Hockey Team that won the Bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games were among the athletes who met with Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

The Indian contingent won a total of 61 medals (22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze) in the tournament, finishing in the fourth position. PM Modi, in a speech, hailed Indian athletes' memorable performance at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

"I am happy that all of you have taken time out of your schedule to come to meet me at my residence as members of the family. I, just like all other Indians, feel proud to be talking to you. I welcome you all," PM Modi said.

"This is just the beginning for our Yuva Shakti... the Golden age of Indian sports has just begun! In the past few weeks, the nation recorded two major achievements in the field of sports. Besides historic performance in CWG, for the first time country hosted Chess Olympiad," he added.



## National Sports Day 2022

National Sports Day, celebrated on Major Dhyan Chand's birthday, 29th August. The Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams paid homage to the legendary player and reflected on the significance of sports in the country. Manpreet Singh, the Indian Men's Hockey Team midfielder, emphasized the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and nurturing a strong sports culture in the country. He also mentioned the Khelo India Youth Games as a positive initiative in encouraging children to be active.

Savita, who led the Indian Women's Hockey

Team to a historic Bronze medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, expressed her happiness in seeing more young women choosing sports as a career. She mentioned that the country's success in events like the Olympics and Commonwealth Games would inspire more children to lead an active lifestyle. Overall, both teams were optimistic about the future of sports in India and believed that recent achievements would continue to inspire young people to lead healthy and active lives.



# COA and FIH delegation visited Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium

A delegation of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) including the Acting President Mr. Seif Ahmed & CEO, Mr. Thierry Weil and a delegation of Hockey India including Committee of Administrators, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi and Mr. Zafar Iqbal visited Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium on 7 September 2022 to review the construction work of the stadium as the co-host venue for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela.





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President



Secretary General  
Mr. Bhola Nath Singh



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Mr. Sardar Singh



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Ms. Asunta Lakra



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Representative  
Ms. Joydeep Kaur



## Hockey India new Executive Board Meets

Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey on September 24th was elected unopposed as the Hockey India President. Hockey India elections were scheduled to be held on October 1 but the results were declared in advance as there were no contestants for any of the posts, paving the way for the incumbent candidates to be elected unopposed as per the federation's Constitution.

Former India Captain Tirkey was elected after Uttar Pradesh Hockey President Shri Rakesh Katyal and Hockey Jharkhand President Shri Bhola Nath Singh withdrew their nominations on Friday.

Bhola Nath Singh was also elected unopposed as the Secretary General. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has approved Dr. Dilip Tirkey and his team's appointments.

The other non-contested members of Hockey India declared were Asima Ali (Vice President) of Hockey Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka's SVS Subramanya Gupta (Vice President), Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu's Sekar J Manoharan (Treasurer), Hockey Rajasthan's Arti Singh (Joint Secretary) and Hockey Haryana's Sunil Malik (Joint Secretary).

The five Executive Board members are

Arun Kumar Saraswat (Hockey Rajasthan), Asrita Lakra (Hockey Jharkhand), Gurpreet Kaur (Delhi Hockey), V Sunil Kumar (Kerala Hockey) and Tapan Kumar Das (Assam Hockey).

After being appointed for the position, the newly-held Hockey India President chaired an Executive Board meeting in October which was attended by Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh, Treasurer Sekar J Monoharan, Vice President SVS Subramanya Gupta, Joint Secretary Aarti Singh, Joint Secretary Sunil Malik and Executive Board members Arun Kumar Saraswat, Asrita Lakra, Gurpreet Kaur, V Sunil Kumar and Tapan Kumar Das.

The major focal point of the meeting was the preparations for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar-Rourkela 2023 as well as reviving the grassroots program, particularly for Junior and Sub Junior categories. Dr. Dilip Tirkey also highlighted his plans to revive the grassroots structure in the country by introducing zonal-level tournaments for Sub Junior and Junior girls and boys, and specialised training program for goalkeepers and drag-flickers apart from having hockey training programmes at the grassroots level which is integrated with academics.



## Hockey India announces cash prize for Junior Men's team after Sultan of Johor Cup triumph

After the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won the 10th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup, Hockey India announced Rs. Two lakh each for the players of the winning team.

Besides, Hockey India also announced Rs. One lakh for the support staff of the team.

The Indian team emerged victorious in dramatic fashion after winning a nail-biting final via a shoot-out. The two teams were tied at 1-1 in regulation time, following which nine penalty shots were needed to decide

the winner. India edged the shootout 5-4 and won their third Sultan of Johor Cup title.

Hockey India is delighted to announce Rs Two lakh each for the players and Rs One lakh each for the support staff of the Indian Junior Men's Team for the winning performance at the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup," Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey had said.

### Hockey India announces reward for the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup winning squad



**Rs 2 Lakhs for each player and  
Rs 1 lakh for each staff**

## Hockey India CEO Ms Elena Norman – awarded FIH President’s award for her outstanding contribution to Hockey promotion and development in India and around the globe

Hockey India on 06 November 2022 congratulated Ms. Elena Norman, CEO of Hockey India, on receiving the FIH President’s Award for her outstanding contribution to Hockey promotion and development in India and around the globe. The President’s Award may be awarded to individuals for their long and valuable services to hockey, whether direct or indirect. Services that have had an indisputable beneficial effect for hockey at the international level.



## Hockey India announce Rs 50,000 each for the Indian Men and Women's Hockey players for every victorious outing

Hockey India on 6 November 2022 announced a new cash incentive policy to boost the morale of the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams. Under the new policy, players will be awarded Rs 50,000 for every win, and support staff will receive Rs 25,000 for each victory.

The announcement was made by Hockey India President Dr. Dilip Tirkey, who said, "Hockey India has unanimously decided to award cash incentive of Rs 50,000 each to the players of the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Team for every victory they register from here on."

Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh also praised the initiative, saying, "I believe this is a landmark decision taken by Hockey India. It will not only lift the spirit of the Indian teams to vie harder for victories but it will also make young aspiring hockey players believe that hockey can be a financially viable sport."

The new policy is believed to benefit players who come from financially challenging backgrounds and is likely to attract more youngsters to take up hockey as a profession.



# Social Media raves the HWC 2023; influencers soak up World Cup fever

While the global hockey fraternity soaked up top action from the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, for the first time in hockey events an array of distinct social media influencers made a beeline to the world class stadium in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela to soak up all the fun and fervour of one of the greatest sporting spectacle.

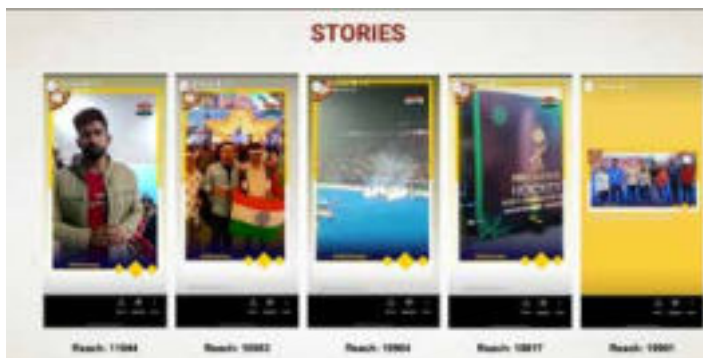
From the likes of Abhi and Niyu, Sports Yaari to The Bharat Army and the very popular Curly Tales, the list of A-list influencers also included Christian Betzmann from Europe.

The organisers created cultural experiences, fan zones, hockey chowk, and tourism initiatives within the city and beyond that

captivated the imagination of those visiting Odisha for the World Cup.

These initiatives created an immersive experience for influencers, giving them the opportunity to fully engage with the culture of Odisha and India.

The cultural activities held on the side-lines were a particular highlight, as they enjoyed traditional music, dance, and food of the region and even from other competing nations. "I've never had this much fun at a hockey event," remarked one of the influencers and signed off with, "My heart beats for Hockey."



## Hockey India Congress

The 12th Hockey India Congress was held on 12 November 2022 in New Delhi at the Hockey India office, where Goans Hockey and Hockey Bengal were named best State Member Unit for the year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively.

Additionally, Bhupender Singh, Asst. Manager Coordination, and Priyanka Yadav, P.A. to CEO, were named the Best Employee of the Year Award for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22.







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# Hockey India World Cup initiatives – Trophy Tour, Flashback Series, World Cup Memory, Hockey Te Charcha

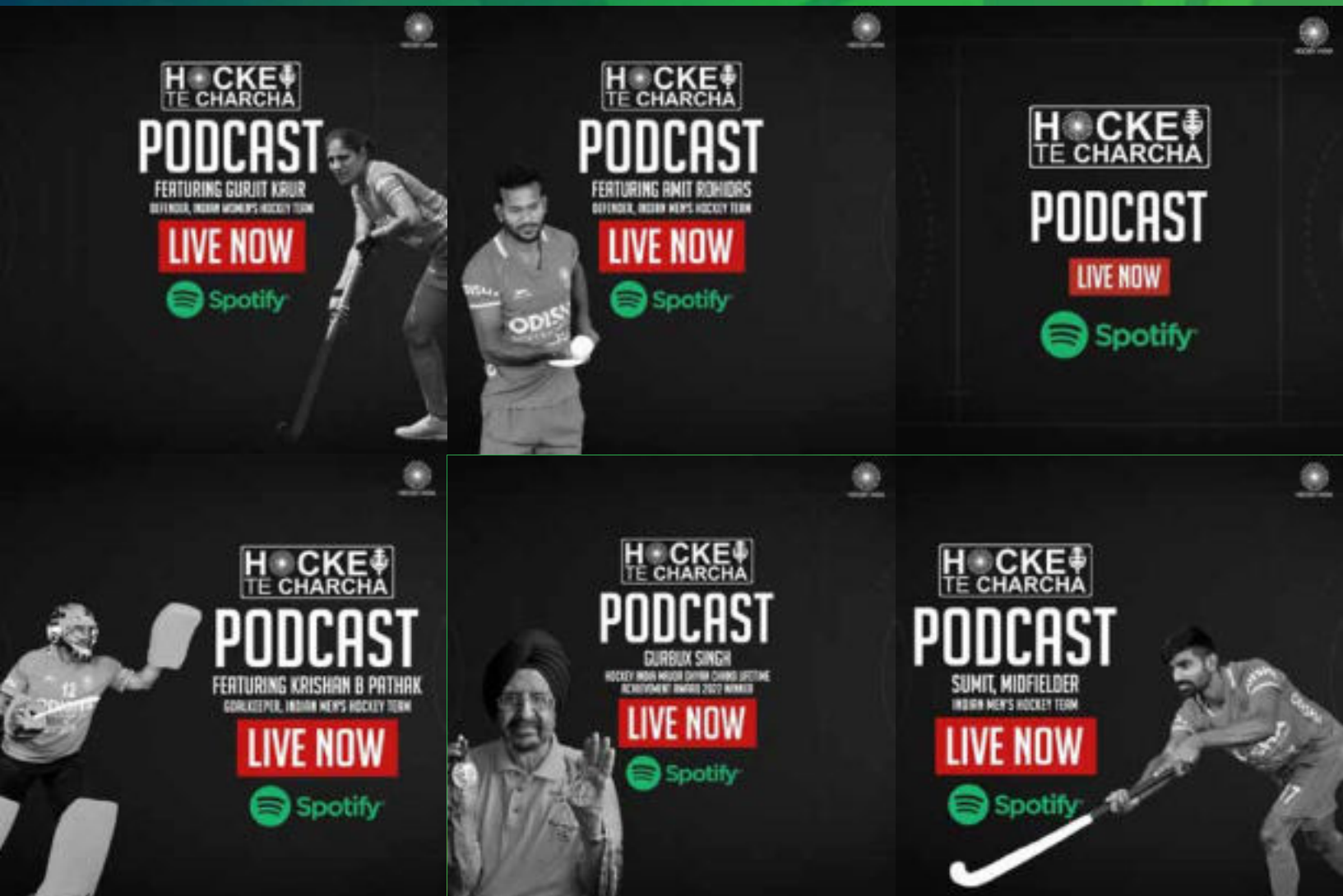




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As part of the build-up for the recently concluded FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela, Hockey India announced a series of initiatives to excite and engage the community before the marquee event. This included the 'Hockey Te Charcha podcast' featuring key members of the Indian contingent, the 'Flashback Series, a Trophy Tour, during which the prestigious World Cup trophy was taken across various parts of the country and the 'My Favorite World Cup Memory series.

On the 'Hockey Te Charcha' podcast, members of Indian Men's hockey team appeared in numerous episodes, shedding light on their journey to the Indian team, their bond within the squad and their preparation for the high-level competition at the World Cup.



# Trophy Tour

The grand trophy tour commenced on December 5th, with the Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, presenting the trophy to Hockey India President, Padma Shree Dr. Dilip Tirkey, in Bhubaneswar. Over the course of three weeks, the trophy journeyed across 14 states and one Union territory, including New Delhi, the national capital.

As fans gathered in huge numbers, the trophy travelled through West Bengal, Manipur, Assam, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Chhattisgarh, before returning to Bhubaneswar on December 25th where the trophy was received by the Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Odisha, Tusharkanti Behera, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, and Mayor of Bhubaneswar, Smt Sulochana Das.





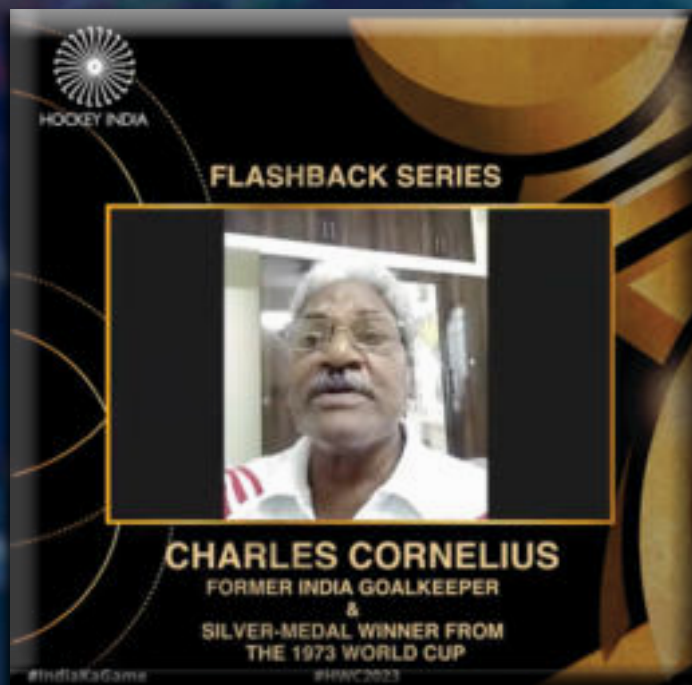
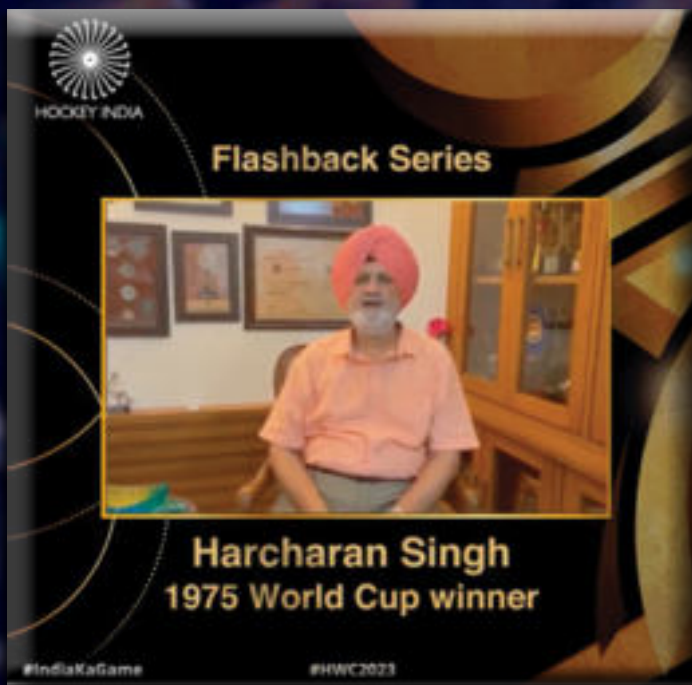
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# Flashback Series

The Flashback series kicked off with an interview featuring Harcharan Singh, a member of the victorious Indian team that won the 1975 World Cup. The series also featured the likes of as V Baskaran, BP Govinda, M.M Somaya, Sardar Singh, Viren Rasquinha, Ajit Pal Singh and Charles Corenlius.

In addition, the “My World Cup Memories” segment featured interviews with renowned hockey stars from around the world who have achieved greatness at this prestigious event in previous years. This included Thomas Briels, former captain of the Belgian National Team that clinched the 2018 World Cup, Vitor Wegnez, and Moritz Fuerste, all of whom were part of World Cup-winning teams for Belgium and Germany. Other notable players who shared their special moments, unknown facts, and fun anecdotes included Mink van der Weerden from the Netherlands, Glen Turner from Australia, Stephan Veen, a two-time World Cup winner from the Netherlands, an Indian icon, Zafar Iqbal, former Indian captain, and Tahir Zaman, a member of the 1994 World Cup-winning team. These interviews provided hockey fans with unique insights into the world of hockey and the memories cherished by top players from various countries among others






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**Flashback Series**



**BP Govinda**  
1975 World Cup Winner

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**FLASHBACK SERIES**



**V BASKARAN**  
1973 WORLD CUP  
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**Flashback Series**



**Jagbir Singh**  
1986 Bronze medal and 1990 Silver medal  
winner in the Asian Games

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**Flashback Series**



**Ajit Pal Singh**  
Captain of the Gold Winning  
1975 World Cup

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# Hockey India enters the world of Metaverse, launches 'Hockeyverse' for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela

Hockey India on 9th January, announced "Hockeyverse," the first-ever metaverse platform by the National Sports Federation. It provided a new virtual experience for global hockey fans who could visit and experience their favourite sport from the comfort of their own home on their personal computer.

Upon entering the "Hockeyverse" URL in a browser, fans were welcomed to the virtual world page. Fans can enter their name, and email address, and select their virtual avatar's gender between male or female buttons. Once they are in, the Hockeyverse can be explored using their keyboard and mouse.

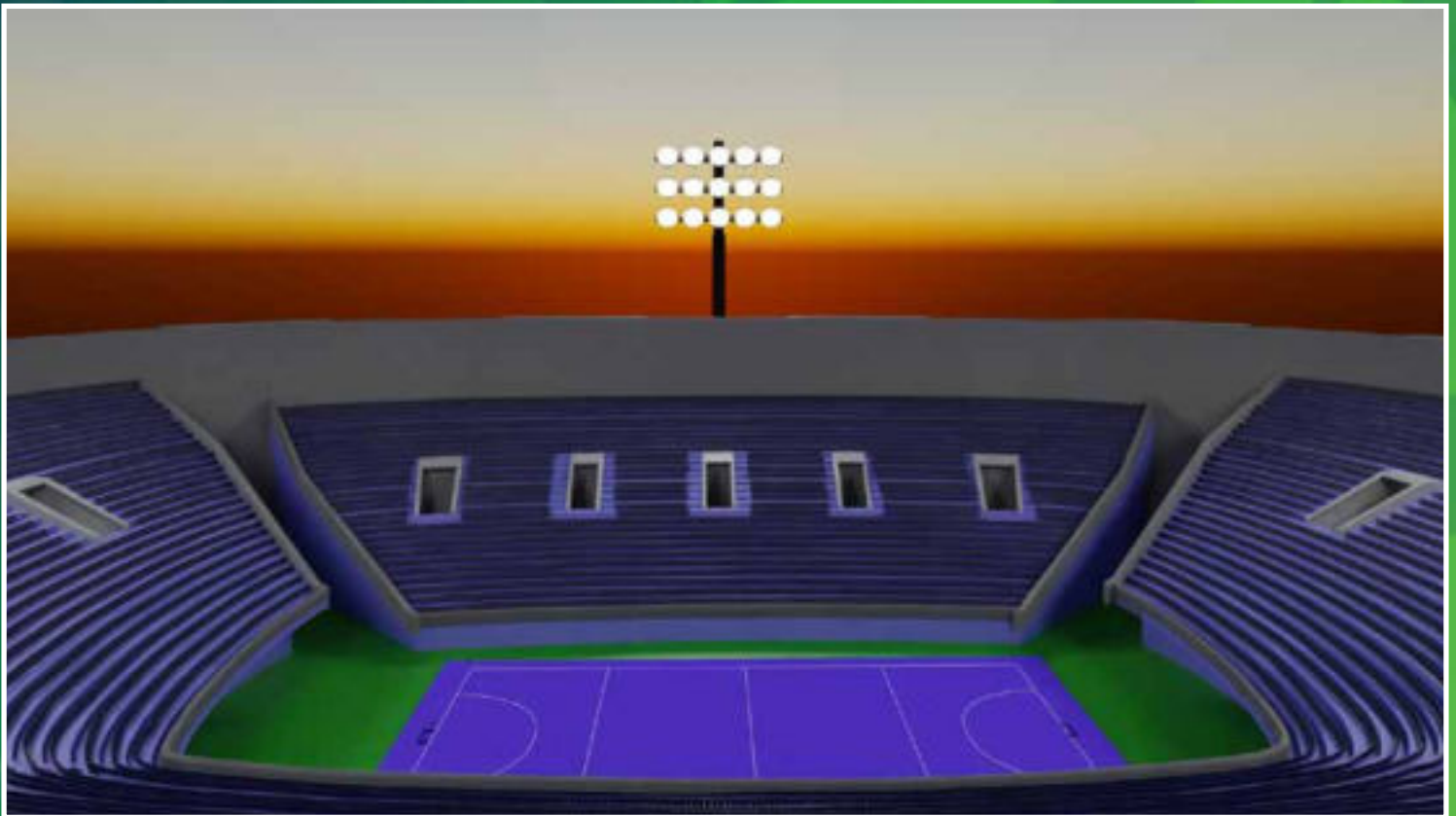
The 'Hockeyverse' featured unique attractions such as a replica of the newly built Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, The Time Machine, and The Trophy Room. Fans can use the Photo Booth feature where they could take selfies with players, and The Team Room welcomed fans with Hockey India's key players.

Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General of Hockey India, said: "Hockey India has taken a giant leap into the future with this innovative initiative of launching the Hockeyverse, which is a great way to get people, particularly youngsters, engaged and excited about hockey. This new metaverse platform is immersive and interactive and those who can't be here in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar to experience the best of world hockey can use this platform to connect with the event and enjoy it."

Hockeyverse also included a merchandise store for fans to purchase their favourite hockey gear. Hockey India has taken an innovative initiative by launching Hockeyverse to promote the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 in the country and globally. This new metaverse platform is immersive and interactive, providing an opportunity for fans who cannot attend the event to connect with the event and experience it.







# Olly Land amuses global hockey fans

Fans from all over the world congregated in the state of Odisha to experience the spectacle of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar- Rourkela, on the sidelines of this marquee event numerous fan experiences were curated, amongst those was Olly Land, a themed fan experience based on the mascot for Odisha sports, Olly.

Olly Land comprised many features to captivate visitors from all over including a stunning display of lights in the form of art installations that paid homage to the culture of Odisha. They featured the Sambar Deer, the Rath wheel (an iconic symbol of the sacred Konark temple), the coveted World Cup trophy, and a hockey stick.

The fan parks in both host cities were bustling with activity, providing an opportunity for fans to engage in a variety of activities and games. The screens set up for live screenings of the matches were also, providing an opportunity for fans to come together and cheer on their teams. The fan parks had several food and drink stalls selling delicious local delicacies, adding to the overall experience. Olly Land was a place to create unforgettable memories and celebrate as hockey came home to Odisha.

Fans further lauded the initiative as Olly is a representation of the critically endangered olive ridley sea turtle, which travels thousands of kilometres in the ocean. It is both the smallest and most prevalent marine turtle in the world. The Olly mascot promotes awareness for the Olive Ridley while also encouraging fair play and the growth of sportsmanship from a game standpoint.





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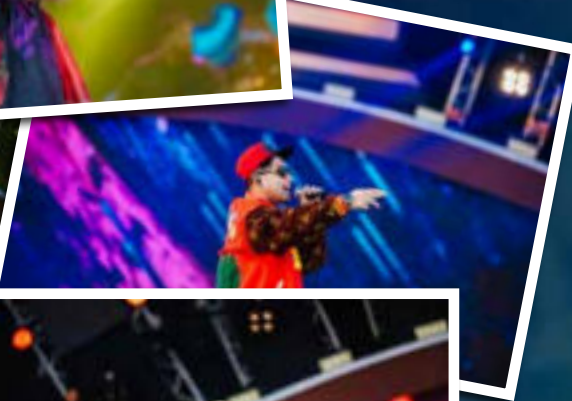
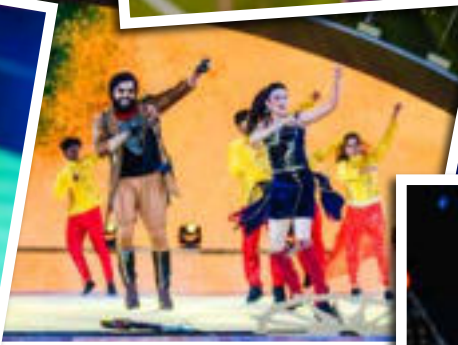
# The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 started with a star-studded celebration in Cuttack on January 11



The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, kicked off with a glorious celebration at the Barabati Stadium, Cuttack on January 11th. It was a breathtaking spectacle featuring a dazzling array of music and performances from some of India's most renowned and sought after celebrities. Among them were Bollywood superstars, Ranveer Singh and Disha Patani.

The event was attended by a large crowd of over 35,000 enthusiastic fans. The program also included addresses from prominent ministers and dignitaries, including Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik; Shri Anurag Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, as well as Dato Tayyab Ikram FIH President and Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President Hockey India.







# The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 – Closing Ceremony



Shri Sekar J. Manoharan Treasurer, Hockey India, presenting Fair Play Award to Belgium Captain Felix Denayer and a cheque of Rs 1,00,000



Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General, Hockey India, presenting the Maximum Team Goals Award to Netherlands' Captain Thierry Brinkman and a cheque of Rs 1,00,000



Shri Bhupendra Singh Poonia, IAS, Managing Director, IDCO, presenting the Best Team Goal Celebration Award to Korea Captain Nam Yong Lee and a cheque of Rs 1,00,000



Shri R Vineel Krishna, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha, presenting Fan's Choice Award to Christopher Ruhr from Germany and a cheque of Rs 1,00,000



Shri Bimlendra Jha, Managing Director, Jindal Steel & Power, presenting the JSP Foundation Best Junior Player of the Tournament Award to Mustaphaa Cassiem from South Africa and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



Dato Fumio Ogura, FIH Executive Board Member & President of the Asian Hockey Federation and Clare Prideaux, FIH Executive Board Member & President of the Oceania Hockey Federation, presenting Hero Top Scorer of the Tournament Award to Hayward Jeremy from Australia and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000





Shri Anil Kumar Singh, President, JSW BPSL, presenting the JSW Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament Award to Vincent Vanasch from Belgium and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



Shri Lazarus Barla, Olympian, presenting the Best Defender of the Tournament Award to Jeremy Hayward from Australia and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



Shri Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Odisha, presenting the Best Midfielder of the Tournament Award to Victor Wegnez from Belgium and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha, presenting Best Forward of the Tournament Award to Niklas Wellen from Germany and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President, Hockey India, presenting Odisha Best Player of the Tournament Award to Niklas Wellen from Germany and a cheque of Rs 3,00,000



# World's Largest Seated Hockey Stadium – Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela

Honourable Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium on the 6th of January 2023, ahead of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar- Rourkela. A matter of great pride for Odisha and Hockey India, the stadium was recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest seated Hockey Stadium in the world, with a capacity of over 20,000 spectators. It played host to 20 sold-out matches in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar- Rourkela.

On the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, the honourable Chief Minister of Odisha said, "This recognition is a testament that our state Odisha has come a long way and has made a mark on the international sports map. It is a matter of great pride for all of us and I thank everyone who was part of this project, the people of Sundergarh and the hockey fans for their unconditional support to the sport. It inspired us to accomplish this Herculean task. I dedicate this recognition to the people of Odisha."

Despite a series of pandemic-induced challenges, the stadium was built in a record time of 15 months. Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium is a precious gift to world hockey by the visionary Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik. On behalf of Hockey India, I extend my deepest gratitude and congratulate the entire workforce of Odisha State Government who tirelessly worked towards completing the construction of the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in record time of 15 months."

Situated within the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus in the Sundergarh district of Odisha, the stadium has been designed with the aim of providing an inclusive experience for all fans, including those with disabilities. The seating in the gallery has been strategically arranged to ensure that fans have an unobstructed view of the live action, regardless of their seating location.



The facility has been divided into two levels – the lower bowl and the upper bowl. Additionally, there are six spacious parking lots designated for fans who are travelling to the stadium by their own vehicles, all of which are located within a 100-meter radius of the stadium to ensure convenience. The pathway from the parking lots to the stadium has been thoughtfully designed, allowing fans to enjoy a pleasant walk while taking in the beautiful artwork that represents the true spirit of hockey. Signages have also been placed around the stadium to assist fans in navigating to their seats easily.

The stadium also boasts world-class facilities for players and match officials.

The Stadium features a “World Cup Village”, complete with over 225 rooms and star facilities serviced by Taj, allowing players to reside on the side-lines of the action. Greg Nicol, coach of the New Zealand Men’s Hockey team heaped praise on the facility and said, “A lot of these tournaments we go to, when we are playing at 3 o’clock, we must start preparing at 12 o’clock keeping travel time in mind. Having the stadium at the doorstep of the accommodation is fantastic. The Village has got everything you need. Some recreational facilities, a full dining room, and a recovery pool. Odisha and Hockey India have done an outstanding job. They’ve really set the benchmark very high.”



# FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela: Hockey India impresses with yet another successful event

The FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela drew curtains with Germany taking home the coveted trophy following a thrilling penalty shootout against former champions, Belgium. As the Final whistle blew and Germany was declared the champion, it marked the end of a massively successful event – a second on Odisha's soil and a third held in India. The hotly contested Final match was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, his Excellency Shri Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Hemant Soren and Minister of Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Shri Tusharkanti Behera. Also in attendance throughout the day were Former Chief Justice of India Shri Sharad Arvind Bobde and former Indian Captain and Hockey Legend Dhanraj Pillay.



As 44 matches of high-octane action unfolded, the response to the event as a whole has been tremendous, with fans from all over the world flocking to Odisha to soak in the atmosphere and support their teams. The tournament was held at two venues, the Kalinga Stadium and the radiant Birs Munda Hockey Stadium, built in just 15 months. The stadium was inducted into the Guinness Book of Records for being the largest seated hockey stadium in the world.

“The event could not have been possible without the continued support of the Odisha State Government and leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik. I also like to acknowledge the efforts of all the officials from Hockey India and the state department who tirelessly worked towards the successful completion of the event,” express Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India.

It wasn’t just the hockey that left an impression on fans and the competitors, as the tournament also featured a host of cultural experiences, fan parks, and tourism initiatives within the city and beyond. These initiatives created an immersive experience for fans, giving them the opportunity to fully engage with the culture of Odisha and India. The cultural activities were a particular highlight, with fans from all over the world enjoying the traditional music, dance, and food of the region and even from other competing nations.



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“The fan parks were also a huge success, providing a lively and festive atmosphere for fans to gather, watch the matches, and support their teams. The fan parks were equipped with state-of-the-art screens, food and beverage options, and entertainment for all ages. Beyond the fan parks, tourism initiatives were also in place to showcase the beauty and rich culture of Odisha and India,” added Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General of Hockey India.

The event has put the state and the country on the global sports map yet again, showcasing the world-class facilities and the rich culture on offer. The tournament has been a resounding success, not just for the sport of hockey, but for the entire nation. The facilities, the hospitality, and the organization of the tournament were all praised by fans and athletes alike, with many already looking forward to the next edition of the Hockey World Cup in India.



**#HWC2023**

## Hockey India National Championships gets mega boost; to be exclusively live streamed on FanCode



In a bid to provide aspiring hockey stars and participating teams at the marquee annual National Championships an atmosphere that is akin to International matches, Hockey India signed a multiyear deal with interactive live streaming platform FanCode which have the rights to show all the matches played at Hockey India National Championships in India and Indian subcontinent.

Each of the National Championships had specific look and feel designs and branding across the venues. Apart from this, the organisers also adopted features such as Captains line-up for handshake with the dignitaries, post-match presentations, and closing ceremony with trophy presentation ceremony along the lines of any other international tournament.

In a first, the umpires officiating at these National Championships were also provided radios for on-field communication and the Federation also introduced video referrals in the National Championships.

## On International Women's Day, Hockey Stars urge youngsters to dream big



On International Women's Day, the Indian Women's Hockey Team's star players heaped praise on some of the new initiatives by Hockey India.

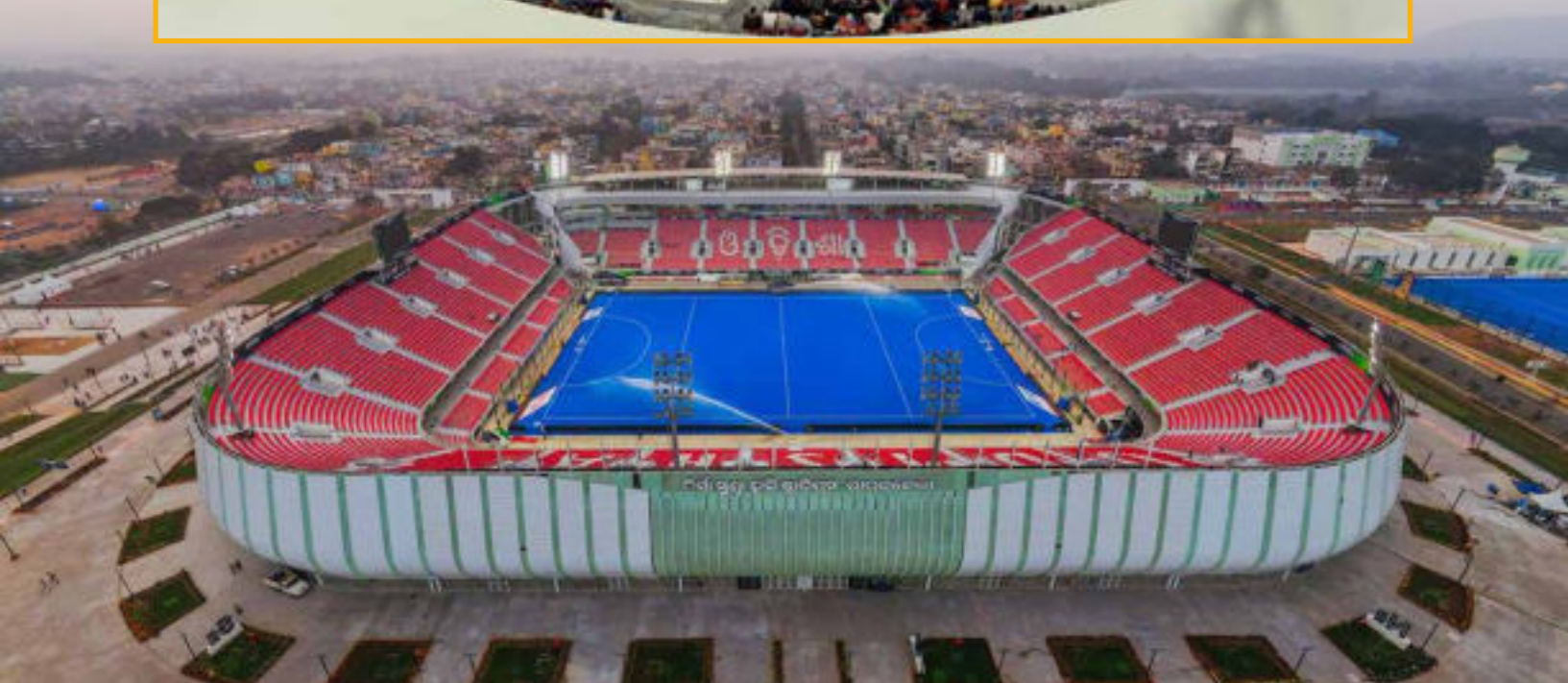
The Captain of the team, Savita said, "When we began playing hockey, there were so many uncertainties. There was not enough support for women's hockey or for that matter for women taking up the sport itself. But now so much has changed with the Federation announcing new initiatives right from the domestic circuit where recognition is guaranteed and players automatically get called up for jobs with a good show in the National Championships."

Charismatic forward Navneet Kaur said, "Today, with many initiatives by Government through Khelo India and Hockey India introducing more domestic tournaments, which are being held on par with international standards, there is more scope for players to showcase their talent and make it big in the sport. As cliché as it may sound, dreams do come true and we must just work towards it."

Vandana Katariya, Padma Shri Awardee also expressed that women's hockey is moving in the right direction. "It brings me great joy to see the number of talented young players coming up and pushing for a place in the national program. With all that's being done for the sport in the country, I feel like an Olympic Medal is not a distant dream anymore."

## Hockey India congratulates Odisha State Government on winning AHF Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure

Hockey India extended congratulations to the Odisha government for winning the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure at the AHF Congress held in Korea. The award was bestowed in recognition of the state government's efforts in constructing the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, which includes an Olympic-style Hockey Village. The picturesque stadium, named after Indian freedom fighter Birsa Munda, is spread over 50 acres of land inside the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus in Odisha's hockey belt. It was completed in a record time of 15 months and features two FIH approved hockey turfs, gymnasiums, a recovery centre, and a Hockey Village with over 200 rooms. During the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium with a seating capacity of 20,111 bucket seats remained packed with enthusiastic spectators for both India and non-India matches.





# Felicitation of Hockey India Organizing Committee Members for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar – Rourkela

Members of the Organizing Committee of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar – Rourkela from Hockey India were felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, for recognition of the smooth organization of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 during the half-time break of the ongoing FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 game in Rourkela.



Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey, President, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Dr RP Singh, Athlete Representative, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Ms Elena Norman, CEO, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Cdr RK Srivastava, VSM, Executive Director, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Shri BN Bhushan, Joint Director, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Shri Vikram Singh, Sr Manager Competitions & Development, Hockey India, getting felicitated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik.

## Hockey India distributed over 11,000 hockey sticks, over 3,300 hockey balls & other playing safety equipment to State Member Units, Hockey Academies



Hockey India on 29th March 2023 distributed over 11,000 hockey sticks, 3,300 hockey balls and other vital playing safety equipment to its State Member Units and Hockey Academies Members to bolster the development of the sport across India.

Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India President said that the initiative will help in making the sport more accessible to budding hockey players in the country. "Our aim is to ensure that aspiring hockey players in the country receive proper equipment in the early stages of their careers. The initiative has been taken to arm the member units and various hockey academies across the country with proper resources which can help them in driving the growth of players across all regions of India."

Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh also spoke on the initiative and said, "We have a dearth of talent available across all regions in the country and our aim is to provide them with quality equipment that can help them in their growth in the early stages of their careers."

# AHF Elections

Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General Hockey India and Smt Joydeep Kaur, Athlete Representative Hockey India, were elected as Vice President and Athlete Representative respectively at erstwhile Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea in March 2023. In addition to the above, Smt Bigan Soy, a goalkeeper, who was part of India's Bronze medal winning campaign at the Ergo Hockey Junior World Cup – Women Mönchengladbach, Germany, 2023, was appointed as a Member of the AHF Women's Advisory Panel.

Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey congratulated Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Smt Joydeep Kaur and Smt Bigan Soy on being elected as the new Vice President, Athlete Representative of AHF and a member of AHF Women's Advisory Panel respectively. "It is a proud moment for us in Hockey India to see Shri Bhola Nath Singh being elected as the Vice President of the Asian Hockey Federation, our former hockey star Smt Joydeep Kaur being elected as Athlete Representative of Asian Hockey Federation and, Bigan Soy getting appointed as a member of the AHF Women's Advisory Panel."

"I congratulate Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Smt Joydeep Kaur, Smt Ms Bigan Soy and wish them luck in their future endeavours," Dr Tirkey said



# AWARDS

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The year was truly a landmark for Hockey India, as it not only hosted the FIH Men's World Cup for a second consecutive time, in partnership with the State of Odisha, but also received numerous prestigious awards and recognised various members of the Indian Hockey fraternity for their key contributions.

## National Awards

Hockey India on 16 November 2022 congratulated former Indian player Dharamvir Singh and Indian Women's Hockey player Deep Grace Ekka on being named for the National Awards which was presented on 30th November at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.



Dharamvir Singh, who was part of the Indian Men's Team for the London Olympics 2012 and won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games 2014, received the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement. In his long career, he was part of the team that won Silver at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, Bronze at the Hockey World League Final in Raipur 2015, and also has to his credit a Bronze Medal from the 2010 Asian Games among several other feats.

Meanwhile, the experienced defender of the Indian Women's Team Deep Grace Ekka was honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award. The 28-year-old from Sundergarh district in Odisha has contributed to the team's resurgence over the last decade. She was part of the Indian team's historic fourth place at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020, she has to her credit a Silver and a Bronze Medal at the Asian Games 2018 and 2014 respectively. She was also part of the team that recently won the Bronze Medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. Among her many feats is a Gold Medal at the Asia Cup in 2017 and the recent title-winning feat at the FIH Nations Cup glory held in Valencia, Spain in December 2022.



# FIH Awards 2021-22



Indian hockey shone at the FIH Hockey Stars Awards for the year 2021-22, bagging six awards in October 2022. Harmanpreet Singh, Captain of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, was awarded the prestigious FIH Player of the Year Award 2021-22 at the FIH Hockey Stars Awards, recognizing his significant contributions to the team's success in the previous year. Indian Hockey Goalkeepers, PR Sreejesh and Savita, were also recognized and received the Goalkeeper of the Year award in their respective categories. Mumtaz Khan won the Rising STAR of the year in the Women's Category, while Indian Men's and Women's hockey coaches Graham Reid and Janneke Schopman won the FIH Coach of the Year awards in the Men and Women's categories respectively.



## Sportstar Aces Awards 2023

At the Sportstar Aces Awards 2023, Indian veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was awarded with the title of Sportsman of the Year (Team Sports). Similarly, Savita, the esteemed Captain of the Indian Women's Team, was lauded as the Sportstar ACES Sportswoman of the Year (Team Sports).



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik received the 'Best State for the Promotion of Sports' Award





HOCKEY INDIA

# HOCKEY INDIA 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

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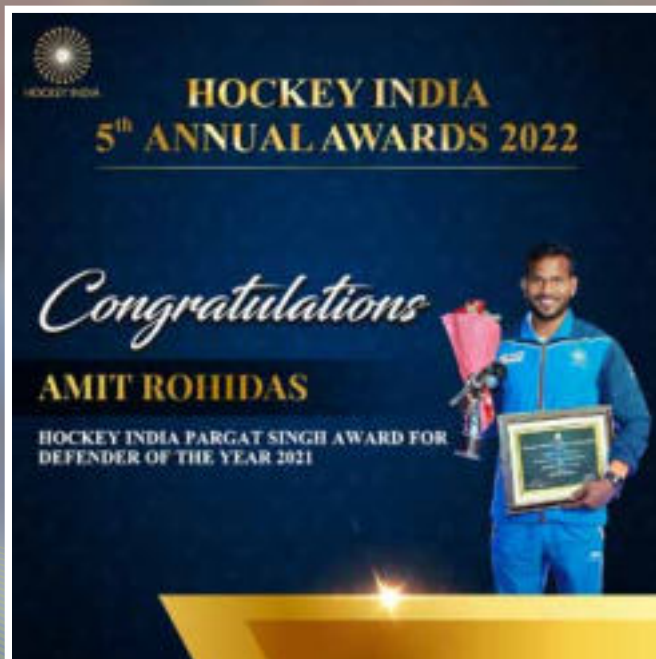
For 2022, the awardees included Gurbux Singh, who received the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award, while Hardik Singh and Savita Punia were honored with the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (men) and Player of the Year (women) respectively. Uttam Singh and Mumtaz Khan were awarded the Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (U21 men) and the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (U21 women) respectively.

Vandana Katariya received the Hockey India Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam was honored with the Hockey India Ajit Pal Singh Award for Midfielder of the Year, and Harmanpreet Singh received the Hockey India Pargat Singh Award for Defender of the Year. Krishan B Pathak was awarded the Hockey India Baljit Singh Award for Goalkeeper of the Year, and Pritam Siwach was recognized with the Hockey India Jaman Lal Sharma Award for Invaluable Contribution.

The Hockey Ace Foundation received the Hockey India President's Award for Outstanding Achievement, while Gurinder Singh Sangha and Mohd Mogul Muneer were honored with the Hockey India President Award for Umpire/Umpire Manager and Technical Official respectively.

While the 2021 awardees were Harmanpreet Singh, who was honored with the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (men), Savita Punia received the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year (women). The prestigious Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon Amit Singh Bakshi for his outstanding contributions to the sport of hockey.

# Hockey India Annual Awards 2021





**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**VANDANA KATARIYA**

HOCKEY INDIA DHANRAJ PILLAY  
AWARD FOR FORWARD OF THE  
YEAR 2021



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**SALIMA TETE**

HOCKEY INDIA ASUNTA LAKRA  
AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR 2021 (WOMEN – UNDER 21)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**SANJAY**

HOCKEY INDIA JUGRAJ SINGH  
AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR 2021 (MEN – UNDER 21)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**SAVITA**

HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH SR  
AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
2021 (WOMEN)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**HARMANPREET  
SINGH**

HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH  
SR AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR 2021 (MEN)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

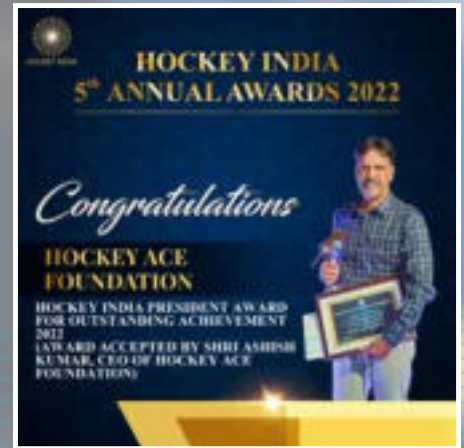
*Congratulations*

**A.S.BAKSHI**

HOCKEY INDIA MAJOR DHYAN  
CHAND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD 2021  
(AWARD ACCEPTED BY  
SHRI VIKRAM BAKSHI SON OF  
SHRI A.S BAKSHI)



# Hockey India Annual Awards 2022





**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**VANDANA KATARIYA**

HOCKEY INDIA DHANRAJ  
PILLAY AWARD FOR  
FORWARD OF THE YEAR 2022



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**MUMTAZ KHAN**

HOCKEY INDIA ASUNTA LAKRA  
AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR 2022 (WOMEN - UNDER 21)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**UTTAM SINGH**

HOCKEY INDIA JUGRAJ SINGH  
AWARD FOR UPCOMING PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR 2022 (MEN - UNDER 21)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
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*Congratulations*

**SAVITA**

HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH SR  
AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
2022 (WOMEN)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**HARDIK SINGH**

HOCKEY INDIA BALBIR SINGH SR  
AWARD FOR PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR 2022 (MEN)



**HOCKEY INDIA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS 2022**

*Congratulations*

**GURBUX SINGH**

HOCKEY INDIA MAJOR DHYAN  
CHAND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD 2022



## AHF Awards 2022

Salima Tete was honoured with the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Emerging Player of the Year Award for her brilliant performance in 2022, on March 23rd during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea. For their outstanding organisation of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela, Hockey India was awarded with the Best Organiser Award AHF while Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General Hockey India, was recognized with the prestigious Emerging Sport Leader Award. Cdr RK Srivastava, VSM, Executive Director of Hockey India, was honoured with a unique AHF Recognition Award by FIH President, Dato Tayyab Ikram and AHF President, Dato Fumio Ogura for his contributions to the sport of Hockey. Former India Captain Ajit Pal Singh was awarded with the AHF Ashwini Award for his outstanding achievements in the sport.

The Government of Odisha was also recognized with the 'AHF Best Structure Award' for their incredible efforts to build the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela which also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village.



# THE GALLANT



## Sourabh Singh Rajput and Rama Pramod Potnis have been promoted as FIH Advancement Panel & FIH International Panel respectively

Rama Pramod Potnis started officiating in May 2014 and has officiated in numerous major domestic tournaments such as 8th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2018 (A Division) held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, 10th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2020 (A division) held in Kollam, Kerala, 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2021 held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, 12th Hockey India Senior Women



National Championship 2022 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Khelo India Youth Games 2019 (Girls U17 & U21) held in Pune, Maharashtra, Khelo India Youth Games 2020 (Women U17 & U21) held in Guwahati, Assam, Khelo India University Games 2020 (Women) held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 2nd Khelo India University Games 2021 (Women) held in Bengaluru, Karnataka, 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021 (Under 18 Women's) held in Panchkula, Haryana are among others. Ms. Rama Pramod Potnis from Maharashtra started her international career as an umpire at the South Asia Games held in Guwahati, India in 2016 and she also went on to officiate at the 5 Nations Invitational (Valencia) - Junior Women in the same year. Potnis also umpired in major events such as Women's Junior AHF Cup 2019 held in Singapore and Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2021 held in Donghae City, South Korea.



Sourabh Singh Rajput from Maharashtra began his domestic career in 2010 as an umpire and has officiated in the 8th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2018 (A Division) held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, Khelo India Youth Games 2019 (Boys U21) held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, 10th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2020 (A division) held in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, 12th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, 2nd Khelo India University Games 2021 (Men) held in Bengaluru, Karnataka from 25 Apr - 1 May 2022 and soon after, Rajput earned an opportunity in officiating at the 8 Nations Invitational Tournament (U 21) 2019 held in Madrid, Spain. Rajput also umpired in major tournaments such as Hero Asian Champions Trophy Dhaka 2021 and Hero Asia Cup 2022 held in Jakarta, Indonesia including the Final of the latter competition.



## Indian Born Officials making it big at the World Stage

### SONIA BATHLA DELHI

Sonia Bathla, a Technical Official from Delhi, officiated in several Top tier international events including the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, the highly esteemed FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela, as well as the Odisha leg of the FIH Pro League 2022 and Pro League 2023 (Hobart). She was also appointed as a Technical Delegate for the Women's Asian Games Qualifier 2022 in Jakarta. The accomplished Delhiite is currently working as the Director of Sports at Ahmedabad University.

Technical Official

1. Women's Asian Games Qualifier 2022 (Jakarta)
2. 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (Odisha)
3. Commonwealth Games 2022 (Birmingham)
4. FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela (Odisha)
5. FIH Pro League 2023 (Hobart)



## MOGHUL MOHD. MUNEEER

### TAMIL NADU

Moghul Mohd. Muneer, a Tamil Nadu native, was yet another Official from India to get international exposure. Muneer worked as Technical Delegate in a couple of high-profiled hockey events this year, including the Asian Games qualifiers 2022 in Dhaka and the 29th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 in Ipoh.

Technical Delegate

1. Men's Asian Games Qualifier Bangkok 2022
2. 29th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022



## DEEPAK CHANDRA JOSHI

### DELHI

Deepak Chandra Joshi, who hails from Delhi, was one of several Indian umpires selected to work in some of the best hockey events in 2022. He was a member of the 2022 Africa Cup of Nations (M) and the 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League (M) Officials Teams. Deepak was also named as an umpire for the prestigious Commonwealth Games 2022 (M) (Birmingham).

Umpire

1. 2022 Africa Cup of Nations (M)
2. 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League (M)
3. Commonwealth Games 2022 (M)



## DURGA DEVI

### DELHI



Durga was another Delhi native who worked at high-level hockey events in 2022, such as the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022 and the Women's Junior AHF Cup.

Umpire

1. FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022
2. Women's Junior AHF Cup, Taldykorgan

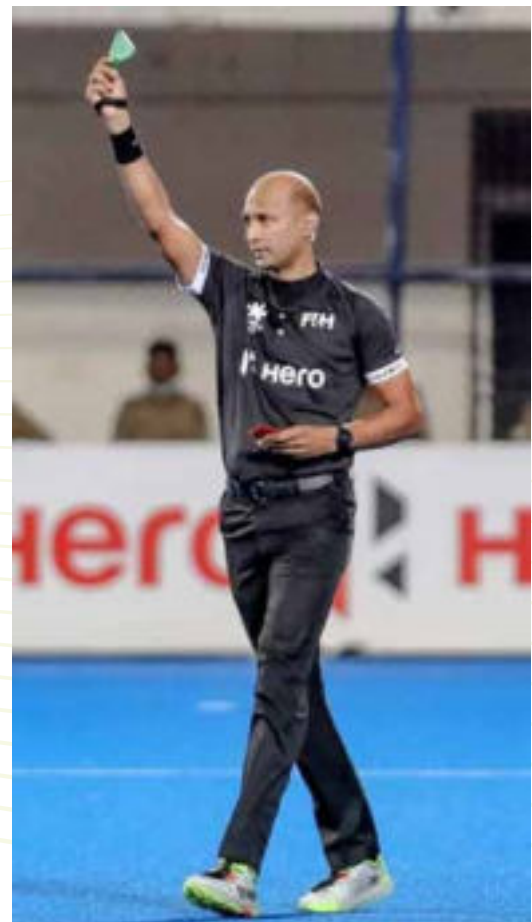
## JAVED NURUDDIN SHAIKH

### MAHARASHTRA

Javed Nuruddin Shaikh of Maharashtra worked as an umpire at four elite hockey events in 2022, including the prestigious FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. He also served as an umpire for the elite Official Teams of the 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League (W), the 2022 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, and the 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (W).

Umpire

1. 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League (W)
2. 2022 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup
3. 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (W)
4. FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela



# CHANAMTHABAM NAPOLEON SINGH

## MANIPUR

Chanamthabam Napoleon Singh of Manipur served as an umpire on the notable 2022 Sultan of Johor Cup.

Umpire

1. 2022 Sultan of Johor Cup, Malaysia



# RAGHUPRASAD RV

## KARNATAKA

Raghuprasad RV of Karnataka was one of the few Indian Umpires who had the opportunity to work in both the Men's and Women's 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro Leagues. He also serves as an umpire for the 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League tournaments for both men and women. Raghuprasad also served as an umpire for the Men's Asian Games Qualifier Bangkok 2022, the 2022 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, and the highly anticipated FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela.

Umpire

1. 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League (W & M)
2. Men's Asian Games Qualifier Bangkok 2022
3. 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League (M & W)
4. 2022 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup
5. FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela



# SOURABH SINGH RAJPUT

## MAHARASHTRA

Sourabh Singh Rajput, who hails from Maharashtra, served as an umpire for the Hero Asia Cup 2022.

Umpire

1. Hero Asia Cup 2022, Jakarta

Presently working for Services Sports Control Board in Armed Forces department



# SHWETA KISHOR PATIL

## MAHARASHTRA



Shweta Kishor Patil of Maharashtra was named to the Women's Asia Cup 2022 umpire team.

Umpire

1. Women's Asia Cup 2022, Muscat

# RIPUDAMAN SHARMA

## PUNJAB

In the Women's Junior AHF Cup in Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan Mr. Ripudaman Sharma of Punjab served as an umpire manager.

Umpire Manager

1. Women's Junior AHF Cup, Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan



# GURINDER SINGH SANGHA

## PUNJAB

Gurinder Singh Sangha, who hails from Punjab, has established himself as a key figure in the official committee of international hockey, particularly in the role of Umpires Manager. Gurinder Singh Sangha served as the Umpires Manager for the Men's AHF Cup held in Jakarta in 2022. He was also appointed as Umpires Manager in the Men's Junior AHF Cup. Additionally, he has taken on the responsibility of a Course Conductor for the AHF-Hong Kong Umpires Coaching Course 2023.

Umpires Manager

1. Men's AHF Cup Jakarta 2022
2. Men's Junior AHF Cup
3. Course Conductor AHF- Hong Kong Umpires Coaching Course 2023



# ROHINI BOPANNA

## KARNATAKA

Rohini Bopanna, a Karnataka native, has established herself as a prominent figure in the official committee of international hockey. She served as a judge at the Women's Asia Cup 2022, which was held in Muscat. In addition, Rohini Bopanna was appointed as the Technical Delegate for the Women's Junior AHF Cup, which was held in Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan.

1. Women's Asia Cup 2022, Muscat (Judge)
2. Women's Junior AHF Cup, Taldykorgan (KAZ) (Technical Delegate)







# PLAYERS MILESTONE

2022/23 saw a lot of players from both Men's and Women's Teams achieve incredible milestones. Two veteran stars, who Captained Indian teams at the prestigious Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games - Rani and Manpreet achieved milestones of 250 International Caps and 300 International Caps respectively. While Mandeep Singh completed 200 International Caps, Harmanpreet Singh achieved the milestone of 150 Caps and Vivek Sagar Prasad crossed the 100-cap mark. Whereas from the Women's Team, Navjot Kaur completed 200 International Caps and Navneet Kaur, Neha and Lalremsiami completed 100 International Caps. Sonika, Salima Tete, Nisha, Shamsher Singh and Jarmanpreet Singh achieved the milestone of 50 International Caps for India in 2022/23.

## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS SONIKA

Hockey India on 07 July 2022 congratulated Indian Women's Hockey midfielder Sonika on completing 50 International Caps. She achieved the milestone during India's FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 final Pool B match against New Zealand held in Amstelveen, Netherlands.

Sonika started her hockey career at a young age when she was 9 years old at the school level. Hailing from Hisar district of Haryana, Sonika was part of the Senior Nationals team that won the Gold medal in 2013. In 2014 New Zealand Test series, she went on to make her debut for India Junior Women's National Team, before leading the team as Captain in Spain in Five-Nations tournament. She was selected at the Senior Women's National Camp in 2016 and made her Senior debut at Hawke's Bay Cup in New Zealand. She was also part of the Indian Women's Senior Team that won the Gold medal at the Women's Asia Cup in 2017. After a break in 2020 due to personal reasons, Sonika made a return to the Indian team at the FIH Women's Hockey Pro League 2021/22 and played a significant role for the team. She was also part of the Bronze medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and the FIH Nations Cup glory last year.





## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# SALIMA TETE



Hockey India on 12 June 2022 congratulated Salima Tete on completing 50 International Caps. The midfielder achieved this during India's match against Belgium in the FIH Hockey Pro League match in Antwerp, Belgium.

The young midfielder, who hails from Jharkhand, has been a regular feature in the Indian team since her debut in 2016. She was one of the key players in India's fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympic Games, third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22, historic Bronze medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and the FIH Nations Cup glory. She was also a part of the Indian team that clinched the Silver medal at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires in 2018. The 21-year-old was recently honoured with the Asian Hockey Federation Emerging Player of the Year Award for her spectacular performance in the year 2022.

## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# NISHA

Indian Women's Hockey Team's opening match of FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022 against Chile on 11 December 2022 saw midfielder Nisha achieving the milestone of 40 International Caps.

She made her international debut for India at the 2019 FIH Women's Series Finals in Hiroshima. Nisha was a part of the India Women's Hockey Team which finished in the 4th position at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. She was part of India's midfield at the Women's Asia Cup 2022 where she helped the team win the Bronze medal and also played a crucial role in India's Bronze medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games as well as a title-winning campaign at the FIH Nations Cup 2022 held in Valencia Spain.



## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS SHAMSHER SINGH

Hockey India on 19 January 2023 congratulated Shamsher Singh on completing 100 International Caps for India. He achieved the milestone during India's Pool D match against Wales at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela held at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

The midfielder also contributed a goal in the team's 4-2 win. Shamsher started his career with the Junior team during the 4 Nations Invitational tournament held in Valencia, Spain in 2016. He made his senior team debut during the 2019 Men's Ready Steady Tokyo Hockey Tournament. He featured in all eight matches of the Indian team's campaign at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

The midfielder was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his contributions to the Indian team's historic Bronze medal feat in Tokyo. Having cemented his place, Shamsher played a vital role in India's Bronze medal win at the Asian Champions Trophy 2021, a third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22 and Silver medal at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.



## 50 INTERNATIONAL CAPS JARMANPREET SINGH

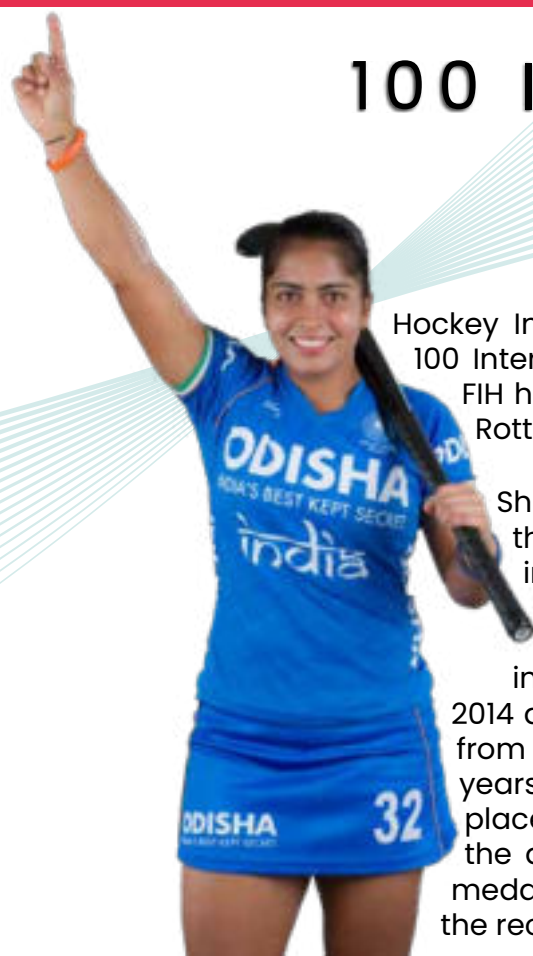
Hockey India on 03 December 2022 congratulated Jarmanpreet Singh on achieving the milestone of 50 International Caps for India. The defender achieved the feat during India's fourth game of five-match Test series against Australia held in Adelaide.

Jarmanpreet Singh was an integral member of the team that clinched the Silver medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. He made his debut for the national team at the 2018 Champions Trophy, where India clinched the Silver medal. He was also part of the team that won the Asian Champions Trophy Gold in 2018, which was only the second major tournament of his career. He was also part of the Indian Men's hockey squad that came third at the Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2021 and the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22.



# 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## NEHA



Hockey India on 18 June 2022 congratulated Neha on completing 100 International Caps. She achieved the milestone during India's FIH hockey Pro League 2021/22 match against Argentina held in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

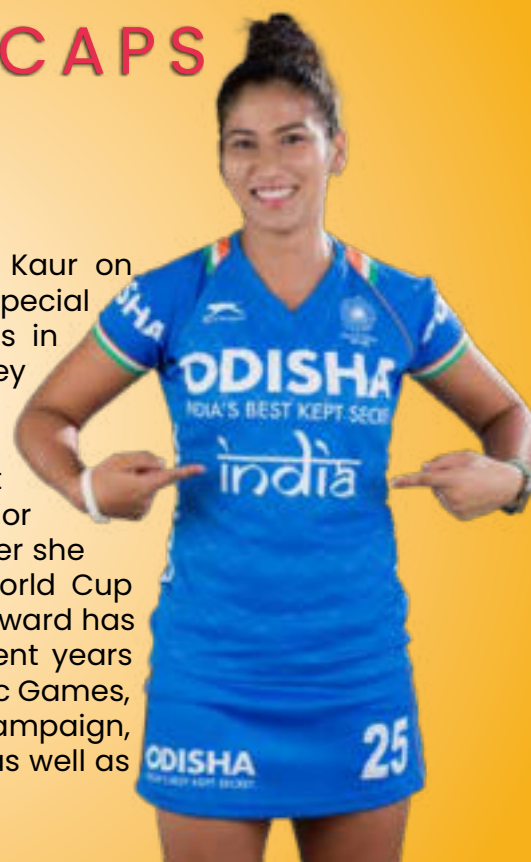
She earned her maiden call-up for the junior national camp at the age of 14 when she was selected for the Junior Asia Cup in 2011. She was also named the Player of the Tournament award for her outstanding performance at the U-21 Four-Nations Lal Bahadur Shastri Women's Hockey Tournament in 2011. She went on to make her debut for the senior team in 2014 at the FIH Champions Challenge in Glasgow. The midfielder from Haryana has become a key figure in India's midfield in recent years. She was one of the driving forces behind India's fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, a third-place finish at the debut FIH Pro League 2021/22 campaign, a historic Bronze medal win at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and the recent title win at the FIH Nations Cup 2022.

# 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## NAVNEET KAUR

Hockey India on 09 April 2022 congratulated Navneet Kaur on completing 100 International Caps. She achieved this special milestone during India's match against the Netherlands in the FIH Hockey Pro League being held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium.

Hailing from Haryana, Navneet has been one of the most consistent forwards in the Indian team. She made her senior debut in 2014 in the Test Series against Ireland, a year after she helped India earn Bronze at the Ergo Hockey Junior World Cup 2013, held in Mönchengladbach, Germany. The speedy forward has made key contributions to the team's successes in recent years including the fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, third place at the debut FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 campaign, Bronze at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games as well as FIH Nations Cup glory in December 2022.



## 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# LALREMSIAMI



Hockey India on 12 December 2022 congratulated Lalremsiami for completing 100 International Caps for the Indian Women's Hockey Team. The young forward achieved this milestone during the team's second match of FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022 against Japan held in Valencia, Spain.

From braving the death of her father ahead of Olympic qualifiers to a historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Lalremsiami has been an inspiration to many. She became the first female athlete from Mizoram to represent India at the Olympic Games. Since her debut in 2017, Lalremsiami has been a regular member of the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

Before breaking into the senior team, Lalremsiami made rapid progress in the Junior team. She played a key role in India's Silver Medal win at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was a key figure in the Indian team's Silver medal triumph at the 2018 Asian Games, third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22, and Bronze at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. She was also one of the key members of the team that won the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey Nations Cup. She also won the FIH Rising Star of the Year (2019) award.

# 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD

Hockey India on 10 February 2023 congratulated Vivek Sagar Prasad on completing 100 International Caps for India. The young midfielder achieved this incredible milestone during India's match against Australia in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 held at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

Vivek, who hails from Madhya Pradesh, rose through the ranks of the junior national team. He led the junior team to the Bronze medal at the 2017 Sultan of Johar Cup. He was also part of the Indian team that won a Silver Medal at the 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games held in Buenos Aires.

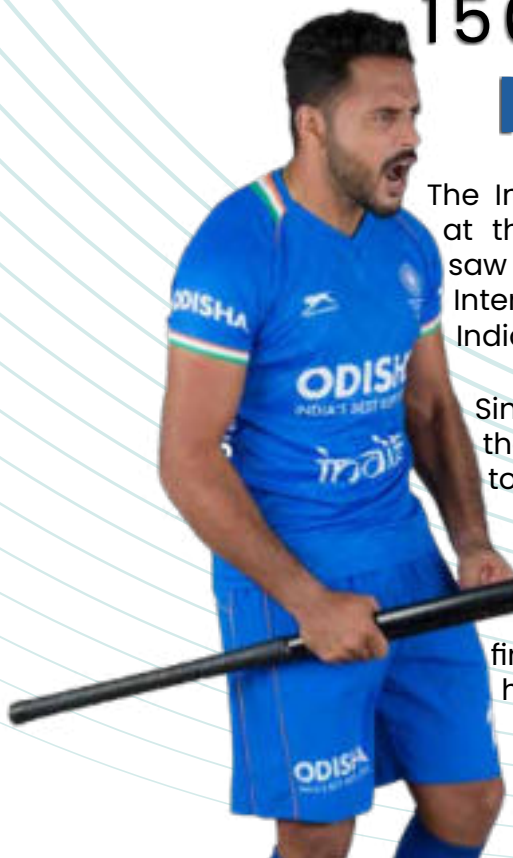
Vivek went on to make his senior debut at the Four Nations Invitational Tournament in New Zealand in 2018 and became the second-youngest player ever to debut for India at 17 years, 10 months and 22 days. Since then, he has been an integral member of the senior team, having won Silver medal at the FIH Men's Champions Trophy in Breda, Bronze at the 2018 Asian Games, and Gold at the 2019 FIH Series Finals. He also won the 2019 FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year Award. The young gun was also a key part of the Indian team that won the historic Bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. He was then awarded the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his contributions in Tokyo



## 150 INTERNATIONAL CAPS HARMANPREET SINGH

The Indian Men's Hockey Team's opening match against Ghana at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on 31st July, saw Harmanpreet Singh achieve an incredible milestone of 150 International Caps. The ace drag-flicker starred with a hat-trick in India's massive 11-0 win against Ghana.

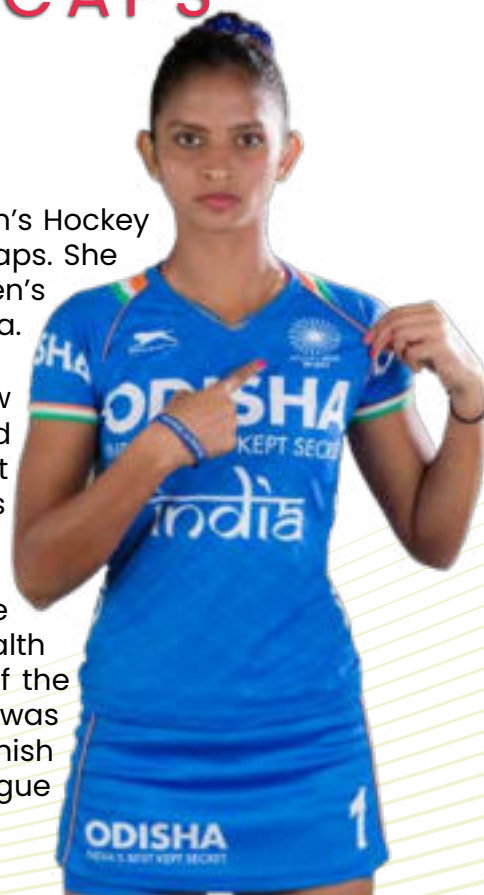
Since his debut in 2015, Harmanpreet has been an integral part of the squad. The double Olympian has made crucial contributions to the Indian Men's team's success in recent years, including the historic Bronze medal win at the Tokyo 2020 where he scored as many as six goals. The star drag-flicker was the leading goal-scorer having scored 18 goals in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 campaign, where India finished third. During the course of the tournament, Harmanpreet had also taken his senior international goal-tally past 100.



## 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS NAVJOT KAUR

Hockey India on 10 July 2022 congratulated Indian Women's Hockey midfielder Navjot Kaur on completing 200 International Caps. She achieved the milestone during India's FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 crossover match against Spain in Barcelona.

Navjot made her debut for India in a series against New Zealand in Napier in 2012. Following that, she never looked back as she went on to represent India in some of the most prominent events in the world, including the Asian Games in 2014 and 2018, when India won the Bronze and Silver medals, respectively. She also competed for the national team in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where India finished in fifth place, and in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast (4th position). She has been one of the key figures in the Indian midfield in the recent years and was also part of the sides during India's historic fourth-place finish at Tokyo 2020 Olympics, third place at FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 and FIH Nations Cup glory.



## 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

# MANDEEP SINGH



Hockey India on 28 January 2023 congratulated Mandeep Singh on completing 200 International caps for the Indian Men's Hockey Team. The skilful forward achieved this milestone during India's 9th to 12th placing match against South Africa at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela held at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

Hailing from Jalandhar, Punjab, Mandeep was one of the youngest players to break into the Indian team. He made his debut for the Senior team during the Hockey World League Round 2 in New Delhi in 2013. He has won many medals for both the junior and senior teams. He played a key role in the Indian Junior team's glory at the 2016 Men's Hockey Junior World Cup. He went on to win Silver medal with the Senior team at the 2016 FIH Champions Trophy and since then he has become one of the key figures in the Indian attack. The 28-year-old player was also part of the Indian team's historic Bronze Medal feat at the Tokyo Olympic Games, ending the country's 41-year medal drought in the prestigious quadrennial Games.

## 250 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

**RANI**



Hockey India on 11 June 2022 congratulated experienced striker Rani on completing 250 International Caps. She achieved this incredible milestone during India's match against Belgium in the FIH Hockey Pro League match in Antwerp, Belgium.

In a career spanning over 12 years, Rani has led the Indian team to many successes including the historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

She made her International debut in the 2009 Champions Challenge at the tender age of 15, becoming the youngest player to represent the national team. Hailing from Shahbaad Markanda in Haryana, She became the first Indian Women's Hockey player to be nominated for the FIH Women's Young Player of the Year Award. She was also given the "Best Young Player of the Tournament" award at the 2010 Women's Hockey World Cup in Argentina.

It was under her Captaincy that India created history as they won the Women's Asia Cup in 2017 after 13 long years. Under her Captaincy, the team qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup London 2018 and also won the Silver Medal at the 2018 Asian Games. She had also led the team to victory in the 2019 FIH Series Finals and was a catalyst in ensuring the Indian team made it to back-to-back Olympic Games with her stupendous performance in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers in 2019.

Rani was also felicitated with the Arjuna Award in 2016, the World Games Athlete of the Year in 2019, the Hockey India Award for Best Women Player of the Year in 2019, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2020 and the Padma Shri Award in 2020.



# 300 INTERNATIONAL CAPS

## MANPREET SINGH

Hockey India on 31 July 2022 congratulated Manpreet Singh on completing 300 International Caps. He achieved the milestone during Indian Men's Hockey Team's massive 11-0 win in the opening match at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games against Ghana.

Manpreet made his international debut for the men's team in 2011 at the age of 19. Since then he has represented the country at all major tournaments and featured in some of India's greatest victories.

In his career spanning over 11 years, Manpreet has led the Indian Men's team to many successes including the historic Bronze medal win at the Tokyo Olympic Games, which also ended the country's 41-year medal drought in the quadrennial Games. He was also the flagbearer of the Indian contingent at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Under his Captaincy, India has also won Bronze at the 2018 Asian Games, Silver at the 2018 Champions Trophy, Gold at the 2018 Asian Champions Trophy, Winners in the FIH Series Finals in 2019, Bronze at the 2021 Asian Champions Trophy and Silver at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. For his achievements, the veteran midfielder was conferred with the Arjuna Award in 2018, FIH Player Of the Year (Men's Category) in 2019 and won the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award in 2021. He was the flagbearer of the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as well as the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.



# HOCKEY INDIA NATIONAL CAMPS 2022/23





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With major international competitions in the pipeline, Hockey India conducted numerous National Camps in SAI, Bengaluru as well as Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha for Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men and Junior Women throughout the 2022-23 season.

In April 2022, the Core Probable groups of Indian Hockey Teams - Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Women, India 'A' Men and India 'A' Women - returned to the National Coaching Camp at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. For the Indian Women's Hockey Team, the camp which ran till May 31st, was a crucial step in their preparations for the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022, which began from June 1st.

After their impressive outing in Europe where the Indian Men's Hockey Team lived up to the billing against Belgium and the Netherlands in thrilling FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22 double-headers, the team returned to the grind at the National Camp in June 2022 at SAI Centre, Bengaluru. Hockey India named 31 players for the camp which concluded on 23rd July ahead of the team's departure for Commonwealth Games Birmingham, England.

After their impressive Silver medal win at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, the Indian Men's Hockey Team began their preparations for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 season opener in Bhubaneswar. With double-headers against New Zealand and Spain in sight, the 33-member core probable group returned to the National Coaching Camp at SAI, Bengaluru in October 2022.

After the culmination of the National Games that saw the top Indian Women's Hockey players competing, the 33-member Indian Women's Hockey Core group returned to SAI, Bengaluru for a four-week National Camp in October 2022. The camp which ran till November 26th was focused on preparing for the FIH Women's Nations Cup which was scheduled to be held in Valencia, Spain from December 11th, 2022.

High on confidence after winning the inaugural edition of the 2022 FIH Women's Nations Cup in Spain and securing qualification for the 2023-24 FIH Hockey Women's Pro League, the Indian Women's Hockey Team returned to the National Camp to kick off their preparations for key tournaments on January 2nd. Hockey India named 33 players as the Core Probables Group for the National Camp which ran till January 13th with the tour of South Africa which began from 14th January.

The core probable groups of four teams -- Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men, Junior Women, -- are currently at the National Coaching Camp at SAI Centre in Bengaluru.

## Senior Men

S. No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period		Venue
1.	Coaching Camp for FIH Pro League Matches with Germany	04 Apr 2022	10 Apr 2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
2.	Rehab Camp	05 Apr 2022	16 Apr 2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
3.	National Coaching Camp	25 Apr 2022	01 May 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4.	National Coaching Camp	02 May 2022	07 Jun 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5.	Coaching Camp for Non Selected Players for FIH Pro League Matches in Belgium & Netherlands	08 Jun 2022	11 Jun 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6.	Non Selected players (Commonwealth Games at Birmingham, England) coaching camp	12 Jun 2022	26 Jun 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7.	Preparation Camp for Commonwealth Games 2022	27 Jun 2022	23 Jul 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8.	Rehabilitation Camp	24 Jul 2022	31 Dec 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9.	National Coaching Camp	29 Aug 2022	08 Sep 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10.	Training & Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League with New Zealand & Spain	09 Sep 2022	24 Sep 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
11.	Training & Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League with New Zealand & Spain	03 Oct 2022	11 Oct 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
12.	Training & Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League with New Zealand & Spain	12 Oct 2022	20 Oct 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
13.	Training & Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League Matches with New Zealand & Spain	21 Oct 2022	25 Oct 2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
14.	Training & Preparation Camp of Non Selected Players for FIH Pro League Matches with New Zealand & Spain	26 Oct 2022	06 Nov 2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
15.	Training & Preparation for Australia Tour	12 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
16.	Training camp of Non Selected players for Australia Tour	20 Nov 2022	05 Dec 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
17.	Training Camp for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023	12 Dec 2022	26 Dec 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
18.	Preparation camp for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023	27 Dec 2022	10 Jan 2023	Rourkela Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium

19.	Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League 2022 - 23	13 Feb 2023	06 Mar 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
20.	Rehabilitation	07 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

## Senior Women

S. No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period		Venue
1.	Non selected players (Pro League 2021/22) camp	05 Apr 2022	09 Apr 2022	Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
2.	Training & Preparation camp for FIH Hockey 5s Matches, Pro League & Senior Women World Cup 2022	24 Apr 2022	31 May 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3.	Rehabilitation Camp	24 Apr 2022	31 May 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4.	Training & Preparation Camp for FIH Pro League 2021-22 (Belgium, Argentina & USA)	01 Jun 2022	07 Jun 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5.	Non selected players for FIH Pro League matches in Belgium and Netherlands	08 Jun 2022	11 Jun 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6.	Non Selected players for Women's World Cup 2022 in Spain & Netherlands	27 Jun 2022	23 Jul 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
7.	Training & Conditioning Camp to Select the New Core Group except CWG players	29 Aug 2022	03 Sep 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8.	Training & Conditioning Camp for selection new Core Group - for National Coaching Camps & International Tournaments	04 Sep 2022	16 Sep 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9.	Training & Conditioning Camp for FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup	17 Sep 2022	08 Oct 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10.	Training & Conditioning Camp for FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup and South Africa Tour	25 Oct 2022	26 Nov 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
11.	Training Camp for non selected players for Spain Tour & FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2022	27 Nov 2022	17 Nov 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
12.	Training & Preparation Camp for South Africa Tour	02 Jan 2023	13 Jan 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
13.	Rehabilitation	13 Jan 2023	11 Feb 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
14.	Training & Preparation Camp	12 Feb 2023	19 Mar 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
15.	Assessment Camp (List of Sr. Women Core Group)	20 Mar 2023	25 Mar 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru

## Junior Men

S. No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period		Venue
1.	TOPS NCOE National Coaching Camp for 24 Junior Men Core Probable's	16 Apr 2022	15 Jul 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
2.	TOPS NCOE Camp - for 10th Sultan of Johor Cup	27 Jul 2022	19 Oct 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
3.	TOPS NCOE Camp	31 Oct 2022	18 Nov 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
4.	Assessment Camp - for the new Jr. Men Core Group	19 Nov 2022	30 Nov 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
5.	TOPS NCOE Camp	01 Dec 2022	10 Dec 2022	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
6.	Training Camp & Test Event with Korea	21 Dec 2022	29 Dec 2022	Rourkela Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium
7.	Rehabilitation	21 Dec 2022	04 Jan 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
8.	TOPS NCOE Camp	05 Jan 2023	09 Jan 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
9.	TOPS NCOE Camp	10 Jan 2023	21 Jan 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
10.	TOPS NCOE Camp	22 Jan 2023	20 Feb 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru
11.	TOPS NCOE Camp	21 Feb 2023	31 Mar 2023	SAI Centre, Bengaluru



## Junior Women

S. No.	Purpose of the Coaching Camp	Period		Venue
1.	Coaching camp for non Selected player (Junior Women World Cup 2022)	01 Apr 2022	12 Apr 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
2.	TOPS NCOE Training Camp for 6 Nations.	25 Apr 2022	15 Jun 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
3.	Coaching camp for Non selected Players for 6 Nations Tournament	16 Jun 2022	26 Jun 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
4.	Training and Conditioning Camp	03 Jul 2022	06 Aug 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
5.	Training and Conditioning Camp	18 Aug 2022	28 Aug 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
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8.	Training and Conditioning Camp	05 Oct 2022	16 Nov 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
9.	Training and Conditioning Camp	17 Nov 2022	17 Dec 2022	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
10.	Training and Conditioning Camp for South Africa Tour	04 Jan 2023	13 Feb 2023	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
11.	Training Camp for non selected players for South Africa tour	14 Feb 2023	27 Feb 2023	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
12.	Training Camp	28 Feb 2023	26 Mar 2023	SAI NCOE Bengaluru
13.	Rehabilitation	27 Mar 2023	09 Apr 2023	SAI NCOE Bengaluru

## Appointments

### Hockey India announced Craig Fulton as the new Chief Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey Team

The 48-year-old South African was the Assistant Coach of Belgium Men's Team at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

He worked as the Assistant Coach with the reigning Olympic Champions Belgium, where the Belgium team won the Gold medal in Tokyo. He was also part of the Belgian Coaching Staff when the team lifted the World title in 2018, in Bhubaneswar.

He was named Belgium Coach of the Year 2023 after coaching the Belgium club which won the Belgium League. He has also been a part of the Belgium national team's rise in world hockey, taking the team from World No 5 in 2018 to World No.3 in 2023.



# Appointments

## Hockey India announced new support staff for the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams

Rhett Halkett and Alan Tan will join the support staff of the Indian Men's Hockey Team in their new roles as Analytical Coach and Scientific Advisor respectively.

Hockey India also announced that former Japan Women's Hockey Team Head Coach Anthony Farry will fill in the position of Analytical Coach of the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

Rhett, a former South African international, amassed 155 international caps between 2010 and 2018. In 2020, Rhett went on to join the Netherlands Women's Hockey Team as the Assistant Coach. In his one-year tenure, he was part of the support staff during the FIH Women's Pro League 2020-21, European Championships and Tokyo Olympics. In 2022 Rhett took over the role of Assistant Coach for the Scotland Men's Hockey Team and also led Scotland U-21 Men's Hockey Team as the Head Coach.

Alan Tan comes with over 10.5 years of experience working as the Strength and Conditioning Coach at the NSW Institute of Sport from January 2011 and September 2021. He also went on to take over the role of National Development Squad Program Manager at Wheelchair Rugby Australia from August 2021 to March 2023.

Meanwhile, Anthony Farry taking on the role of Analytical Coach is backed by a three-year stint as the Assistant Coach for Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia between December 2008 and 2011. He came into the limelight during his tenure as Canada Men's Hockey Team Head Coach and High-Performance Director between August 2011 and February 2017, with Canada successfully qualifying for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games through the World League qualification system, for the first time in history.



## Retirement

# Hockey India congratulates Midfielder Namita Toppo on an illustrious career with the Indian Women's Hockey Team

Hockey India congratulated veteran midfielder Namita Toppo, who on 15 September 2022 called time on her illustrious career with the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

The two-time Asian Games medallist is a graduate of the Sports Hostel, Panposh, Rourkela. She first represented her state team in 2007 and her performances in the domestic competitions saw her getting selected for the Girls U-18 Hockey Asia Cup in Bangkok, Thailand held in 2011 where the Indian team won the Bronze Medal. She quickly went on to make her Senior team debut in 2012 when she took part in the FIH Champions Challenge I in Dublin.



She has been part of various memorable wins for both the Junior and Senior teams including the Bronze Medal at the FIH Hockey Junior World Cup Women 2013 held in Mönchengladbach, Germany, Gold at the FIH Women's World League Round 2 in 2013, Bronze at 17th Asian Games 2014 and Silver at the 18th Asian Games 2018. She was also part of the team that won the Silver medal at the 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy in 2013.

The midfielder was also part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team's historic campaigns at the Rio 2016 Olympics as well as the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



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# PLAYERS DEBUTS

With important competitions played throughout the year, several players made debuts for India Men's Hockey Senior Team and Women's Hockey Senior Team.

As many as 11 players - Yashdeep Siwach (Defender), Abhisek Lakra (Defender), Manjeet (Defender), Vishnukant Singh (Midfielder), Uttam Singh (Forward), Mahesh Sheshe Gowda (Midfielder), Pawan Rajbhar (Forward), Abharan Sudev (Forward), Selvam Karthi (Forward), Mareeswaran Sakthivel (Midfielder) and Maninder Singh (midfielder), made their debut in Hero Men's Asia Cup 2022 which was played in the months of May and June last year at Gelora Bung Karno (GBK) Sports Complex, Jakarta.

All the 11 debutants featured in seven matches in the tournament and many of them made it to the scoresheet as well. While Manjeet scored a goal against Japan in Super4s Pool match and was named Player of the Match, Abharan Sudev scored a hatrick against Indonesia in Pool match.

Moreover, Selvam Karthi netted a goal against Pakistan in his debut match and scored two goals against Indonesia later in the tournament.

Also, Uttam Singh scored a goal each against Japan and Indonesia in Pool games and even won Rising Player of the Tournament award for his excellent show. Vishnukant Singh netted a goal against Japan in Super4s Pool match and was named Player of the Match, while Mahesh Sheshe Gowda found the back of the net against Korea in Super4s Pool match and was named Player of the Match.

Pawan Rajbhar scored 4 goals in the tournament and was named Player of the Match twice.







Meanwhile, Pawan (Goalkeeper) and Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh made their Men's Hockey Senior Team debuts during 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League, while Mohammed Raheel Mouseen (Forward) was handed his debut during 2022-23 FIH Hockey Pro League match against New Zealand at Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar.





For Indian Women's Hockey team, Mahima Choudhary (Midfielder), Aishwarya Rajesh Chavan, and Baljeet Kaur (Midfielder) made their debuts during 2021-22 FIH Hockey Pro League.

Also, Beauty Dungdung was handed her debut during FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022 and she also scored a goal in the tournament, while Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke made her debut this year in the Test matches vs South Africa where she netted three goals in as many matches.



# Hockey India deeply mourns our lost Hockey Heroes during the past year



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# Special Thanks

Hockey India are extremely grateful for the continued support of their sponsors for yet another year, and hope that the partnerships can help drive the sport to higher levels in the country.

Hockey India and the Indian Hockey Teams have had a memorable year in 2022/23 and none of that would have been possible without the continued and assured presence of the sponsors.

Hockey India would like to thank the principal sponsors that is the Odisha State Government, who have been one of the strongest sources of support for the team. From fantastic stadiums and world class facilities to a state-of-the-art World Cup village that accommodates more than 5 full international teams at any given point in time.

Along with them, another pillar of support for Hockey India has been the Government of India and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India and Fit India. All of these bodies have come together and pitched in at various points as per their expertise to ensure that the Indian Hockey Teams don't have to face any hurdles, big or small, at any given point in time.

Hockey India would also like to express their sincere gratitude towards Shiv Naresh, who have been central to the sport in the country, and have always provided the best and the most comfortable uniforms for the teams.



# Message

The past year has witnessed Hockey India once again gain the reputation of a trusted partner in promoting global hockey and setting a new standard in the sport by delivering yet another incredibly successful FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. We also hosted the home games of the FIH Pro League in 2022 at the Kalinga Stadium and in the start of 2023 at the newly-built Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium - with both these venues playing hosts for the World Cup matches as well.

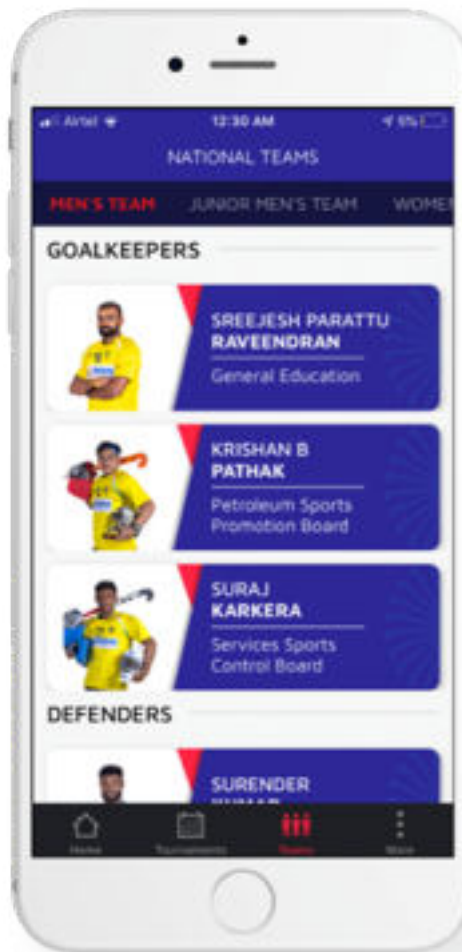
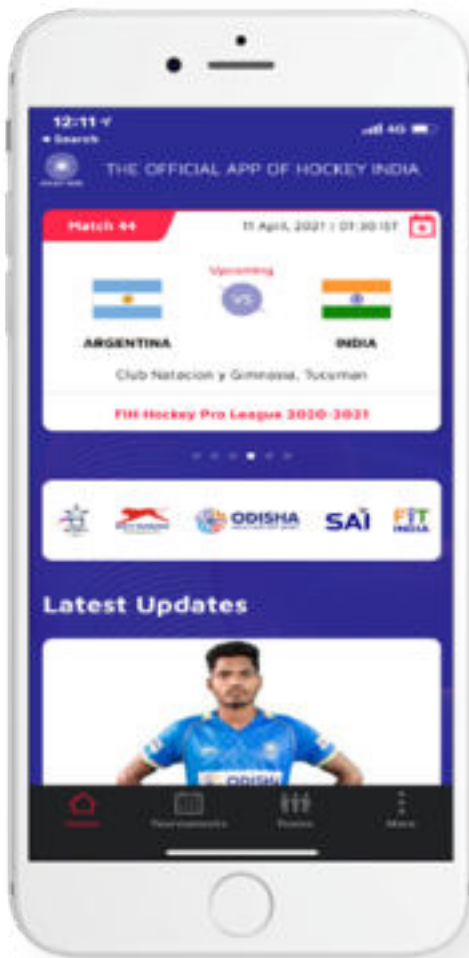
In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was a herculean task to deliver a mega event like the World Cup which was to be held in two venues with one of them being built in less than 15 months. While officials of Hockey India worked tirelessly towards achieving all the goals set out for this year, ensuring the Junior and Seniors team were provided with the right support in their endeavour to achieve success, delivered on the domestic front with the National Championships being held as per the schedule and also engaging a large community of coaches, umpires and technical officials in upskilling courses, it has been a memorable year, hosting the World Cup was yet another challenge we embraced and successfully completed.

Our success story is heavily backed by teamwork and continued support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports Authority of India, Odisha State Government and all our valuable sponsors.

As we look forward to yet another year of challenges, triumphs and adulation, I take a moment to thank my team in Hockey India and our stakeholders without whom Indian hockey wouldn't have been what it is today.



**Ms Elena Norman**  
CEO  
Hockey India



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