



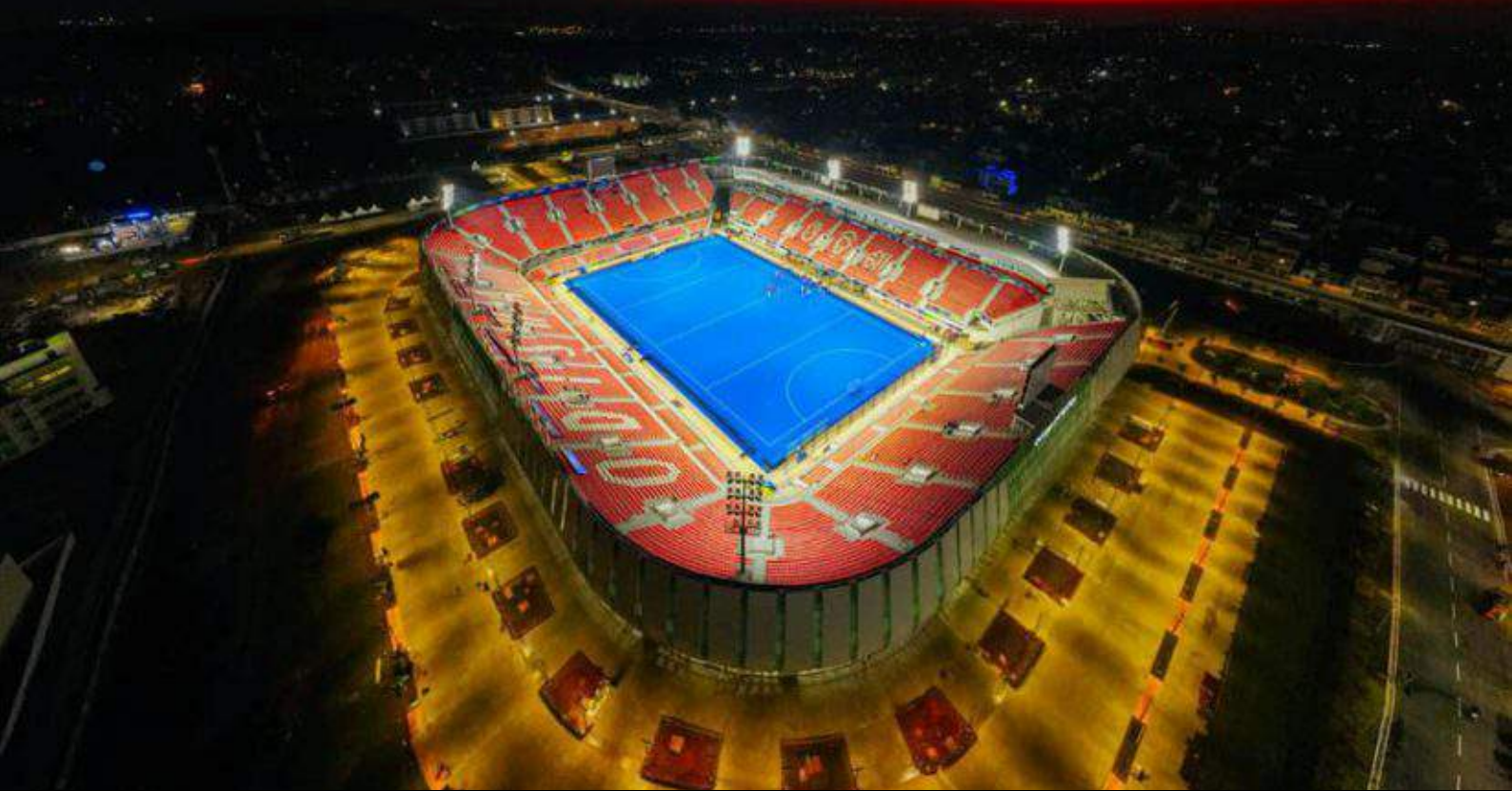
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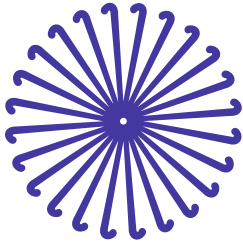




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Hockey India President Message



Namaskar,

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to become the first player who has assumed the position of President in the erstwhile Hockey India, the governing body for hockey in the country. I thank everyone who has supported me in this endeavour. It is a very responsible position and I see it as a way to build a strong culture for hockey in the country with the reliable experience and expertise of Hockey India officials as well as my fellow Executive Board Members.

The last few months have been 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 hard work 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 to 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.

I thank everyone for their continued support.

Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey
President Hockey India

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2nd Hockey India Senior Men Inter - Department National Championship 2022

DATE OF THE EVENT	WINNER	RUNNERS UP	THIRD POSITION	LOCATION
02 - 10 December	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board	Services Sports Control Board	New Delhi

In the Final, Railway Sports Promotion Board defeated Petroleum Sports Promotion Board 3-1 in the Shootout after both teams were tied at 3-3 in the regulation time. Pardeep Singh (9'), Joginder Singh (34') and Yuvraj Walmiki (45') scored goals for Railway Sports Promotion Board. Ankit Pal (7', 12') and Gurjinder Singh (56') struck goals for Petroleum Sports Promotion Board in what seemed to be a closely contested affair.

In the shootout, Pardeep Singh, Parampreet Singh and Gursahibjit Singh scored goals for Railway Sports Promotion Board. On the other hand, Arajjeet Singh Hundal, Talwinder Singh and Ankit Pal failed to score goals for Petroleum Sports Promotion Board. The star of the shootout was Goalkeeper Prashant Kumar Chauhan who went on to save 3 goals during the shootout.



WINNER
Railway Sports Promotion Board

13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
15 - 26 February	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Maharashtra	Hockey Jharkhand	Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh



WINNER
Hockey Madhya Pradesh

Hockey Madhya Pradesh relied on penalty corners to overcome Hockey Maharashtra in Final with Diksha Tiwari (2', 4') converting two early in the game. With just enough time left, Lalrindiki (25') scored to give Hockey Maharashtra some hope, but Manmeet Kaur (38'), Preeti Dubey (42'), and Aishwarya Chavan (42') scored for Hockey Madhya Pradesh to clinch the title.

Hockey Jharkhand defeated Hockey Haryana 2-1 in the third-place match.



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

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
26 Feb - 08 Mar	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Services Sports Control Board	Bengaluru, Karnataka



WINNER
Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board defeated Railway Sports Promotion Board in a tense shootout to win the 3rd Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2023 after the game was tied at 2-2 at the end of regulation time. Yuvraj Walmiki (6') got the Railway Sports Promotion Board off to a good start, but their joy was short-lived as Sunil Yadav (8') and Vikramjit Singh (27') scored one goal each for Petroleum Sports Promotion Board to take the lead at the half. Later, Ajit Kumar Reddy (58') scored a crucial goal in the final minutes of the game to tie the game at 2-2 at the end of the fourth quarter. Talwinder Singh, Captain Devindar Sunil Walmiki and Vikramjit Singh

were on the target for Petroleum Sports Promotion Board during the shootout while Pankaj Kumar Rajak stood tall for his side as they recorded an exciting victory. Petroleum Sports Promotion Board's Talwinder Singh, Captain Devindar Sunil Walmiki, and Vikramjit Singh were on target during the shootout, while Pankaj Kumar Rajak stood tall for his team as they recorded an exciting victory.

In the 3/4th place match, Services Sports Control Board defeated Central Industrial Security Force 7-2 to finish the tournament at the third spot.

The 1st Hockey India Junior Men Zonal Championships 2023

DATE OF THE EVENT	NORTH ZONE	SOUTH ZONE	EAST ZONE	WEST ZONE
19 - 26 March	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Madhya Pradesh



North Zone
Hockey Punjab crowned Champions while Uttar Pradesh Hockey and Hockey Haryana finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.



South Zone
Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu lift trophy on home turf; Hockey Karnataka and Kerala Hockey finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.



East Zone
Hockey Jharkhand champions at home; Hockey Association of Odisha and Hockey Bihar finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.



West Zone
Hockey Madhya Pradesh win Final, while Hockey Rajasthan and Hockey Maharashtra finished second and third respectively.

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19 - 26 March	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Karnataka	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Madhya Pradesh



North Zone

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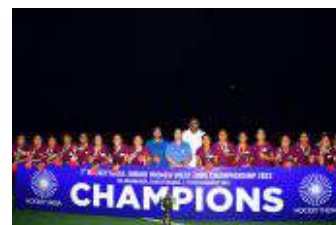
South Zone

Hockey Karnataka win Final; Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, Hockey Andhra Pradesh finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.



East Zone

Hockey Jharkhand win Final; Hockey Mizoram and Hockey Association of Odisha finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.



West Zone

Hockey Madhya Pradesh win Final, while Hockey Maharashtra and Hockey Rajasthan finished second and third respectively.

Khelo India Women's Hockey League 2022 (U-16) Final Phase

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
5 - 13 December	Sports Authority of India 'A'	Pritam Siwach Sports Promotion Foundation	Har Hockey Academy	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



WINNER

Sports Authority of India 'A'

The battle for first place was as close as it could get with Sports Authority of India 'A' beating Pritam Siwach Sports Promotion Foundation by a 2-1 scoreline. Sports Authority of India 'A' took the lead early through Binati Minz (12') and in the second half, Karuna Minz (34') doubled their lead. Pritam Siwach Sports Promotion Foundation came roaring back with a goal from Ravina (40') but were unable to capitalize on the momentum to stage a comeback.

The battle for third place was between Har Hockey Academy and Sports Authority of India 'B' which Har Hockey Academy won by a 3-1 margin.



Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Men's Under 18) Bhubaneswar

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
20 – 30 December	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Association Of Odisha	Hockey Haryana	Bhubaneswar, Odisha



WINNER
Hockey Madhya Pradesh

Hockey Madhya Pradesh dominated the Final from the start, claiming a dramatic 6-5 win against the Hockey Association Of Odisha. Zameer Mohammad (3', 6', 22') was the star of the Final, scoring a hat-trick for the winning side. Ali Ahmad (7'), Mohammad Zaid Khan (35') and Captain Ankit Pal (58') contributed to the victory as well, scoring one each. On the other hand, Anmol Ekka (15'), Paulus Lakra (17'), Deepak Minz (30'), Akash Soreng (45') and Anmol Ekka (54') found the back of the net for Hockey Association Of Odisha.

Hockey Haryana defeated Hockey Jharkhand 2-0 to finish third.

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

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
20 – 30 December	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Association of Odisha	Bhubaneswar, Odisha



WINNER
Hockey Haryana

The Final match between Hockey Haryana and Hockey Madhya Pradesh was won by Hockey Haryana 2-0. Pooja (42') and Gurmail Kaur (51') slotted in a goal each for Hockey Haryana to end the contest in their favour.

The 3/4th place match between Hockey Jharkhand and Hockey Association of Odisha was a close encounter with Hockey Association of Odisha winning 2-1.

5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Women's) 4 - 10 Feb 2023 Madhya Pradesh

Hockey Jharkhand won the gold medal on Day 12 of the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Women) Madhya Pradesh (KIYG2022MP).

Hockey Jharkhand defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh 1-1 (4-3 SO) in the Final. Meanwhile, the Hockey Haryana women's team took home the Bronze medal after finishing third in the competition.



5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Men's) 4 - 10 Feb 2023 Madhya Pradesh

Host Madhya Pradesh won the Gold medal on the penultimate Day 12 of the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 (Men) Madhya Pradesh (KIYG2022MP).

They defeated Hockey Association of Odisha 3-2 in the Final at the M.P Women's Academy turf in Gwalior. Hockey Punjab finished third in the competition.

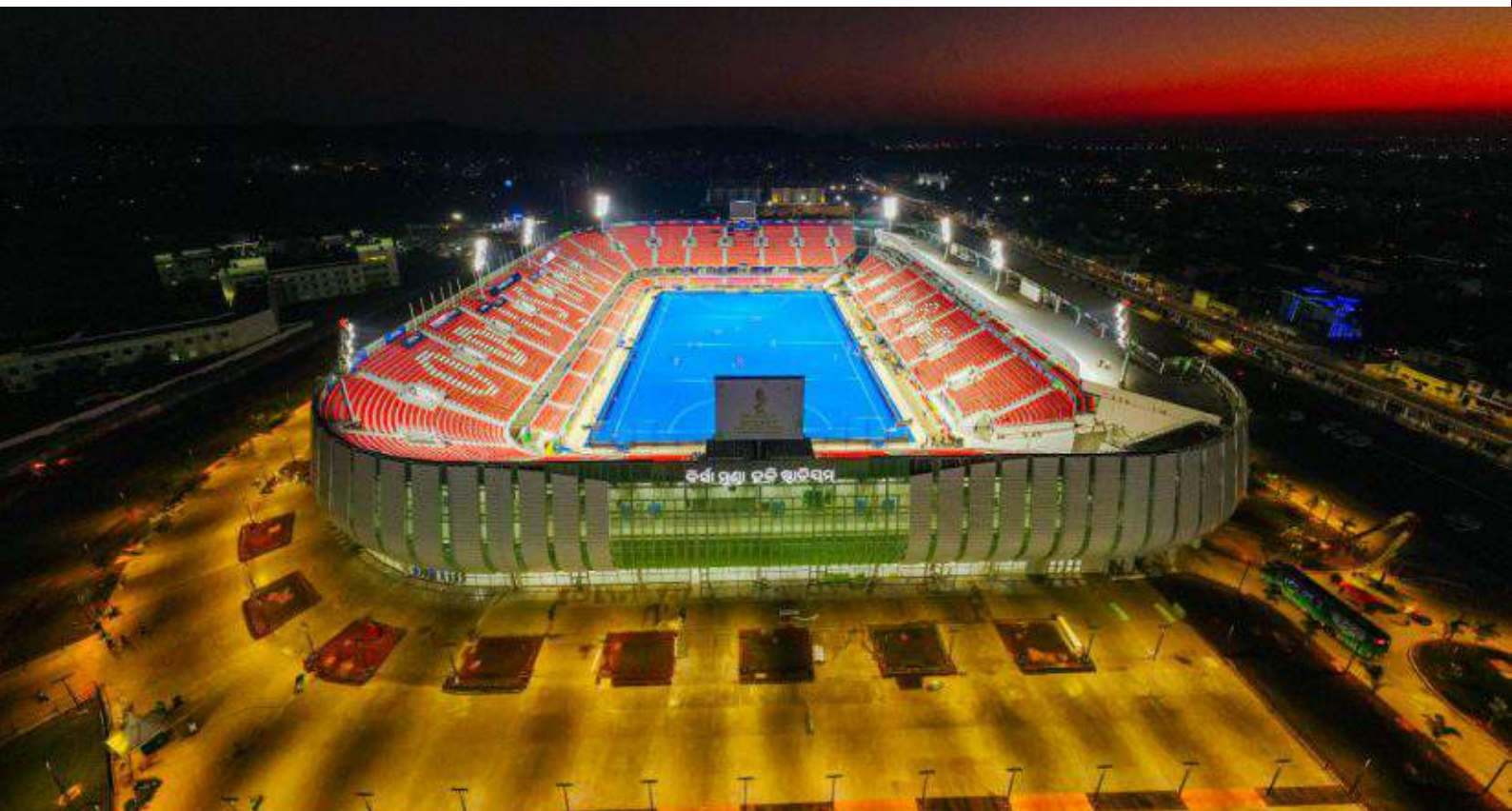




Newly-laid hockey pitches for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hockey India announced on December 8th that four new pitches were laid out for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. The main pitch in the Kalinga Stadium and the practice pitch had been re-laid, while Rourkela featured brand new pitches certified by the International Hockey Federation. The 15th edition of the prestigious event took place from January 13th to 29th, with 16 teams competing. India was in Pool D alongside England, Spain, and Wales. Padma Shri Dr

Dilip Tirkey, President, of Hockey India expressed his gratitude, saying "We are grateful to the Odisha State Government who have left no stone unturned in ensuring this edition of the World Cup will be a memorable one for everyone. Both Kalinga Hockey Stadium and Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium will provide world-class facilities for the participating teams and the spectators." Bhubaneswar hosted 24 matches, while Rourkela hosted 20.



Hockey India announced two Official Partners and three Official Suppliers for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hockey India announced as many as two Official Partners and three Official Suppliers for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. While Tata Steel Limited and Rungta Sons and Mines became Official Partners, Watergen, Limca Sportz and Apollo Hospitals were the Official Suppliers of the marquee event held in January 2023.

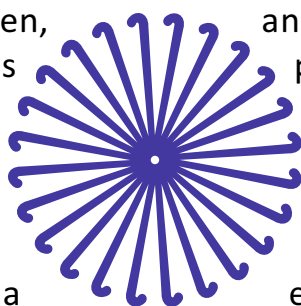
Tata Steel Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey India on December 13, 2022, to become an Official Partner.

Watergen, a global leader in the atmospheric drinking water devices (AWG) market on December 20, 2022, was

announced as a sustainability partner for providing 'drinking water from air' during the course of the tournament.

Limca Sportz on December 27, 2022, was announced as the official beverage partner and as part of the association, the Coca-Cola Company supplied all their beverage products to the players, staff members, coaches, dignitaries, officials, VIPs, etc, across both venues during the course of the tournament.

Apollo Hospitals came on board on December 28, 2022, as an Official Supplier of the tournament. As part of the deal, the finest medical facilities were provided across both venues.



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Team Arrivals for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Competing teams from all over the world descended on Odisha ahead of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela and were afforded a warm reception at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar.

The 16 teams in the tournament were Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, England, France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, South Africa and Wales.

Hosts, India arrived as early as 27th December. Former runners-up, Netherlands and Chile arrived on the 4th of January, while defending champions Belgium arrived on the 6th of January along with the Men's Hockey Teams from Malaysia, England Australia, South Africa, Argentina, and New Zealand. The German and Wales contingent arrived on the 7th of January. The France Men's Hockey Team arrived on the 8th of January, along with Spain and South Korea followed by the Japan Men's Hockey Team.



Team India



Team Argentina



Team Australia



Team Belgium



Team Chile



Team England



Team France



Team Germany



Team Japan



Team Korea



Team Malaysia



Team Netherlands



Team New Zealand



Team South Africa



Team Spain



Team Wales



Tickets for Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela matches sold out in Rourkela

The excitement and enthusiasm among hockey fans around the world reached beyond its peak before the start of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. Eager to witness the thrilling world hockey action taking place in Rourkela for the first time, the fans gathered in large numbers outside the newly constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium since the opening of the Box Office on December 19th to buy tickets. And within a week, all match tickets in Rourkela were sold out. A total of 20 matches

took place at the new 'jewel' of hockey, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, which has a seating capacity of over 20,000.



Indian Men's Hockey Team returns to National Camp for final preparation for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

A 33-member Indian Men's Hockey core probable group reported in Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru on 12th December for a two-week National Coaching Camp as part of their final preparations for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela which was scheduled to begin on 13th January 2023. The prestigious event featuring 16 top teams was held at state-of-the-art world-class venues in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

In their quest to excel, Hockey India called up Double Olympic Champion Bram Lomans from the Netherlands to work with the Indian drag flickers. Dennis Van De Pol, who was here in Bengaluru in 2019, has been invited to share his expertise in goalkeeping.

The special dragflick and goalkeeping camp began on 14th December and concluded on 20th December.



Hockey India announced squad for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hockey India on 23 December 2022 announced the 18-member team who represented India at the prestigious FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. The Indian team grouped in pool D along with England, Spain and Wales began their campaign on 13th January 2023 in the newly built Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

Ace dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh was named the Captain of the squad with Amit Rohidas as the Vice Captain.

Krishan B Pathak and PR Sreejesh were chosen as goalkeepers while the Indian team's defence was spearheaded by Captain Harmanpreet Singh along with Vice Captain

Amit Rohidas, Surender Kumar, Varun Kumar, Jarmanpreet Singh and Nilam SanjeepXess.

The midfield saw the return of young prodigy Vivek Sagar Prasad, who missed the tour of Australia 2022 as well as the FIH Hockey Pro League Bhubaneswar due to an ankle injury. He was joined by Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Shamsher Singh and the experienced Akashdeep Singh.

The forward line featured Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay and youngsters Abhishek and Sukhjeet Singh who continued to impress after making their debut earlier this year. The two alternate players chosen were Rajkumar Pal and Jugraj Singh.





Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik builds world's largest hockey stick

Ahead of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. Sudarshan Pattnaik, a well-known sand artist, created a 105-foot long hockey stick sculpture on the banks of the Mahanadi River in Cuttack. The artwork, which took two days to complete with the help of 15 students, was made up of 5,000 hockey balls and over five tonnes of sand. The sculpture also included a depiction of the newly constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. The sculpture featured 16 national flags of the participating teams in the tournament, to welcome them to

Odisha. The artwork was unveiled on January 11 during the opening ceremony, which attracted a large crowd, including Bollywood stars. The Padma Shri Awardee had previously participated in over 60 international sand art competitions and festivals, winning numerous awards and prizes for his work.



Hockey India launches nationwide World Cup Trophy Tour

Hockey India on 2nd December 2022 announced a nationwide Trophy Tour for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup. The Trophy Tour started on 5th December 2022 and after travelling across 14 states and one Union Territory returned to Odisha on 25th December 2022. Thereafter, the trophy went on a statewide tour of Odisha.

5 DECEMBER 2022	BHUBANESWAR
6 DECEMBER 2022	KOLKATA
7 DECEMBER 2022	IMPHAL
8 DECEMBER 2022	GUWAHATI
10 DECEMBER 2022	JAMSHEDPUR
11 DECEMBER 2022	RANCHI
12 DECEMBER 2022	LUCKNOW
14 DECEMBER 2022	AMRITSAR
15 DECEMBER 2022	SONIPAT
16 & 17 DECEMBER 2022	DELHI
18 DECEMBER 2022	BHOPAL
19 & 20 DECEMBER 2022	MUMBAI
21 DECEMBER 2022	CHENNAI
22 DECEMBER 2022	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
23 DECEMBER 2022	BENGALURU
24 DECEMBER 2022	RAIPUR



DATE	7 AM - 9 AM	3 PM - 5 PM
25 DECEMBER 2022	BHUBANESWAR (11:30 AM ONWARDS)	BHUBANESWAR
26 DECEMBER 2022	NAYAGARH	KHORDHA
27 DECEMBER 2022	PURI	KONARK
28 DECEMBER 2022	KANDHAMAL	GANJAM
29 DECEMBER 2022	BERHAMPUR	PARLAKHEMUNDI
30 DECEMBER 2022	RAYAGADA	KORAPUT
31 DECEMBER 2022	MALKANGIRI	-----
01 JANUARY 2023	NABARANGPUR	KALAHANDI
02 JANUARY 2023	NUAPADA	BALANGIR
03 JANUARY 2023	BOUDH, SUBARNAPUR (11 AM - 12 PM)	BARGARH/BIJEPUR
04 JANUARY 2023	SAMBALPUR	JHARSUGUDA
05 JANUARY 2023	DEOGARH	ANGUL
06 JANUARY 2023	DHENKANAL	-----
07 JANUARY 2023	KENDUJHAR	RAIRANGPUR
08 JANUARY 2023	MAYURBHANJ	BALESHWAR
09 JANUARY 2023	BHADRAK	JAJPUR
10 JANUARY 2023	KENDRAPADA	JAGATSINGHPUR
11 JANUARY 2023	CUTTACK	CUTTACK
12 JANUARY 2023	ROURKELA	ROURKELA
12 JANUARY 2023	SUNDARGARH	SUNDARGARH



INDIA TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA (TEST MATCHES)

14 JAN, 2023 - 28 JAN, 2023
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
01	16-01-2023	21:00	India Vs South Africa	5-1
02	17.01.2023	20:00	India Vs South Africa	7-0
03	19.01.2023	20:00	India Vs South Africa	4-0
04	22.01.2023	18:00	India Vs South Africa	2-2
05	23.01.2023	19:00	India Vs Netherlands	1-3
06	26.01.2023	19:00	India Vs Netherlands	1-3
07	28.01.2023	18:00	India Vs Netherlands	1-3

Indian Women's Hockey Team returns to National Camp in Bengaluru

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 in Bengaluru in December 2022.

Hockey India named a set of 33 players as the Core Probables Group for the National Camp held from January 2nd to 13th.

The core group for the national camp included goalkeepers Savita, Rajani Etimarpu, Bichu Devi Kharibam, and Bansari Solanki. Among the defenders, Deep Grace

Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshita Abaso Dhekale, Udita, Reet, and Mahima Chaudhary were named for the camp.

Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokhar, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, and Ajmina Kujur were picked in the midfield department. Forwards Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Rani, and Beauty Dungdung were also among the core probables.

Indian Women's Hockey Team South Africa Tour

The Indian Women's Hockey team led by Savita toured South Africa for seven-match 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 on 16th January and they registered 5-1, 7-0, and 4-0 wins in the first, second and third match against South Africa, while their fourth game against the home team ended in a 2-2 draw.

On 23rd January, the Indian Women's Hockey played their first match against the Netherlands and lost 1-3 in the hard-

fought match in Cape Town. The scoreline remained the same in the second and third match as well as Indian team suffered a 1-3 loss by the Netherlands.

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





Hockey India congratulates Mandeep Singh for completing 200 International Caps

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 the 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 Birsamunda Hockey Stadium.

The Jalandhar-born player was one of the youngest players to break into the Indian team having made his debut during the Hockey World League Round 2 in New Delhi in 2013. He has won many accolades for India, including the 2016 Men's Hockey Junior World Cup title and the historic Bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The experienced forward has featured in various important victories such as - Gold Medal at Hero Men's Asia Cup in 2017, Bronze Medal at Odisha Men's Hockey World League Final in Bhubaneswar 2017, Silver Medal at the FIH Men's Champions Trophy 2018 as well as Gold at 2018 Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat. For his contributions, Mandeep was conferred with the Arjuna Award in 2021.



Hockey India congratulates Vivek Sagar Prasad on completing 100 International Caps

Hockey India on 15 March 2023 congratulated midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad on completing 100 International Caps for India. He achieved this milestone during India's match against Australia in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 played here in the spectacular Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.

The young midfielder has been part of India's several incredible performances including the historic Bronze Medal feat at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

He rose through the ranks of the junior set-up, leading the national team to the Bronze medal at the 2017 Sultan of Johor Cup. He was 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 become the second-youngest player ever to debut for the senior team at 17 years, 10 months and 22 days. He was a part of the Silver Medal winning team at the FIH Men's

Champions Trophy in Breda, and the Bronze Medal-winning team at the 2018 Asian Games. He was named the best youngest player of the 2019 FIH Series Finals where India claimed the Gold medal.

In the same year, he also won the 2019 FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year Award. He was also awarded the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his contributions to Tokyo. He played a very crucial role for India in the midfield at the FIH Pro League 2021-22, where India finished third.





Indian Junior Team South Africa Tour

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 and the Indian Colts registered 8-1 and 8-0 wins in the first two games, while in the third game, the visitors won 4-3 in shootouts after either team failed to score in regulation time.

Following the 3-0 series win against South Africa Junior Women's Hockey Team, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team played two matches against South Africa 'A' team on 24th and 25th February.

The Indian Colts recorded a 6-5 win in the shootout after the game was ties at 4-4 in the regulation time in the first match against the South Africa 'A' team, while in the second game, they registered a 4-0 win against the home side to finish their tour of South Africa unbeaten.

INDIA U21 TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

17 FEB, 2023 - 25 FEB, 2023
SOUTH AFRICA

Match 01

2100 hrs (IST)

17-02-2023

India

8 - 1

South Africa U21

Match 02

2100 hrs (IST)

18-02-2023

India

8 - 0

South Africa U21

Match 03

2100 hrs (IST)

20-02-2023

India

0 - 0
so 4-3

South Africa U21

Match 04

22:00 hrs (IST)

24-02-2023

India

4 - 4
so 6-5

South Africa A

Match 05

21:00 hrs (IST)

25-02-2023

India

4 - 0

South Africa A

Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach Graham Reid resigns from position

Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach Graham Reid submitted his resignation to Hockey India President Padma Shri, Dr. Dilip Tirkey, a day after the conclusion of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. The Analytical Coach Greg Clark and Scientific Advisor Mitchell David Pemberton also tendered their resignation. All three served their notice period over the next month. Reid and his team of support staff have been part of the Indian Team's historic Bronze Medal feat at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, Silver Commonwealth Games medal in 2022, as well as securing

third place in the FIH Hockey Pro League season in 2021/22. Reid's successful outing as Chief Coach with the team also includes the FIH Series Final title victory in 2019.



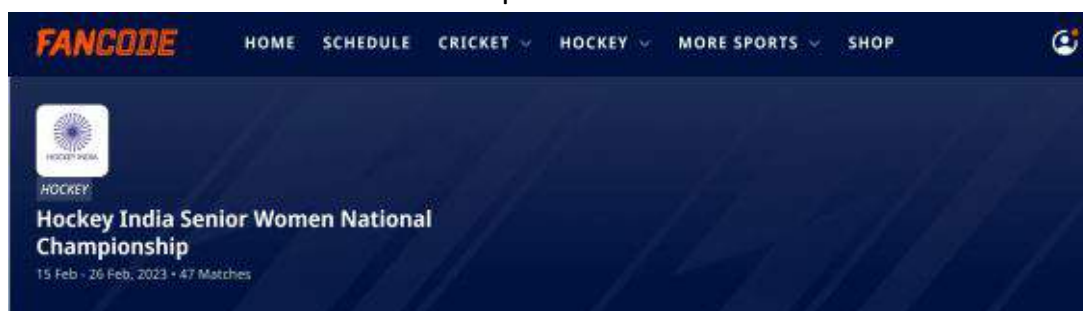
Hockey India National Championships gets mega boost; to be exclusively live streamed on FanCode

Hockey India has signed a multiyear deal with interactive live streaming platform FanCode which will have the rights to show all the matches played at Hockey India National Championships in India and the Indian subcontinent.

Starting with the 13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023 which began on 15th February in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, each venue had a three-camera setup

to capture and relay the action live and the matches were held on the same lines as the International Matches with Player of The Match award being given away for every match.

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



Matches



Hockey India congratulates PR Sreejesh and Savita on winning Sportstar ACES 2023 award



Hockey India on 28 February 2023 congratulated the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams' goalkeepers PR Sreejesh and Savita on receiving the Sportstar ACES 2023 award.

While PR Sreejesh was named Sportsman of the Year (Team Sports) in 2022 for his outstanding performance that saw the Indian team finish third in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-2022, followed by a silver medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022. He was also crucial to the team's performance in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 home matches against New Zealand and Spain in Bhubaneswar.

Savita, on the other hand, received the Sportstar ACES Sportswoman of the Year award (Team Sports). The Indian Women's Team Captain led the team to a glorious Bronze Medal performance at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022. She was also instrumental in the team winning the inaugural FIH Women's Nations Cup, which helped them qualify for the next season of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

Hockey India also congratulated the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik. Odisha was awarded the 'Best State for Sports Promotion'.



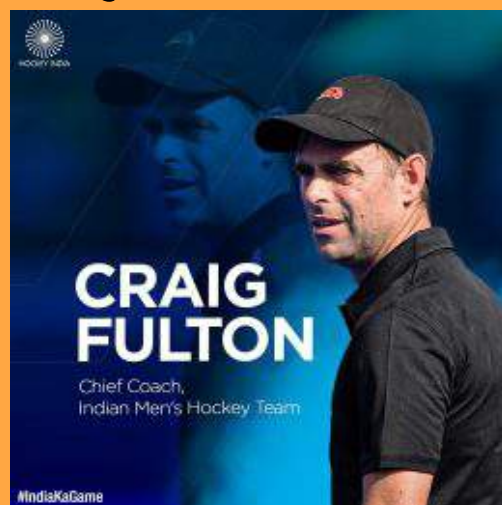
The Odisha Government along with Hockey India hosted the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 held in Bhubaneswar – Rourkela which garnered attention and admiration from the global hockey fraternity. Odisha under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has also been prioritizing the development of sports infrastructure in the state.

The iconic Kalinga Sports Complex is one of the finest sports facilities in the country while the Birsamunda Hockey Stadium was recently inducted into the Guinness Book of world records as the largest fully-seated hockey stadium in the world. The facility also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village with 225 rooms.



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

Hockey India confirmed the appointment of Craig Fulton as the new Chief Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey Team. The 48-year-old South African, with nearly 25 years of coaching experience, started his coaching stint with the Irish Men's Team as the Head Coach between 2014 to 2018. Under his reign, Ireland qualified for the Rio Olympic Games 2016, becoming the first Irish team to earn Olympic qualification in 100 years. This historic feat won him the FIH Coach of the Year in 2015. Following this, 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.



Ticket sales for FIH Hockey Pro League matches in Rourkela

After turning up in large numbers for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela at the newly constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, the box office ticket sales and Redemption of online tickets for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 Rourkela leg commenced on 6 March 2023.

Rourkela hosted six matches, where the three teams - India, Germany and Australia played each other twice; and it received a great response from the passionate hockey fans of Odisha as they gathered in large numbers at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium.





Hockey India names 20-member Indian Men's Team for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/2023 in Rourkela

Hockey India on 27 February 2023 named the 20-member Indian Men's Hockey Team for FIH Pro League 2022/23 Rourkela leg which was played against the World Champions Germany and World No. 4 Australia.

The 20-member team included experienced goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, and young and skilful Pawan, replacing Krishan Bahadur Pathak who has sought personal leave on the occasion of his marriage.

The defence was led by Harmanpreet Singh, Jugraj Singh, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Jarmanpreet Singh, Sumit, Manjeet, and Manpreet Singh.

The midfielders featured Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Vishnukant Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Shamsher Singh, and Raj Kumar Pal.

The forward line included S Karthi, Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, and Gurjant.

David John and BJ Kariappa were named as the interim Coaches along with Shivendra Singh for the Indian Men's Hockey Team for the FIH Pro League 2022/23 matches that were held at the brand-new Birsa Munda Stadium.



TEAM ARRIVALS

Team arrivals for FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 Rourkela leg



Team India



Team Australia



Team Germany



Team India



Team Australia



Team Germany

Reigning World Champions Germany and reigning Commonwealth Games Champions Australia Men's Hockey Teams arrived in Odisha for FIH Hockey Pro League.

The Germany Men's Hockey Team, who won the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela in January, arrived in Odisha on 6th March for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 which began on March 10.

Meanwhile, after landing at Jharsuguda Airport on 6th March the Australian Men's Hockey Team Coach, Colin Batch, said that he

is excited to play in Rourkela, where he is expecting big crowds.

Rourkela hosted six matches, where the three teams played each other twice. India clashed with Germany in the first match on March 10 and their second match against Germany was played on March 13. India took on Australia on March 12 and 15 and won all their matches.

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ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, HOCKEY STARS URGE YOUNGSTERS TO DREAM BIG

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Indian Women's Hockey Team's star players heaped praise on some of the new initiatives by Hockey India hailing it 'the right time to pursue hockey'.

The Captain of the team, ace goalkeeper 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 Hockey India announcing new initiatives right from the domestic circuit where recognition is guaranteed and automatically players get called up for jobs with a good show in the National Championships."

She further added that the recent announcement by Hockey India to introduce Inter Zonal Tournaments will be a 'game changer' for the

sport. "There are so many talented players and if I have to talk about my home state Haryana, there are plenty of aspiring hockey players but not all of them get a chance to represent the state because the competition is tough to make the team but with the introduction of Intra Zonal tournaments, more kids may get a chance to play for the state which is a big honour. I believe this is the right time for young women to choose hockey as a career."

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Hockey India distributes 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 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 in order 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."

Hockey India Names 39-member Indian Men's Core Group for National Coaching Camp

Hockey India on 31st March named 39-member Indian Men's Core group for the National Coaching Camp, which began on 1st April 2023. The camp will conclude on 21st May ahead of the team's trip to Europe where they will take on Belgium, Great Britain, Netherlands and Argentina in the remaining season of FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023.

The core group called up for the National Coaching Camp included Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Sreejesh Parattu Raveendran, Suraj Karkera,

Pawan Malik, Prashant Kumar, Jarmanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh, Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Gurinder Singh, Jugraj Singh, Mandeep Mor, Nilam Sanjeep Xess, Sanjay, Yashdeep Siwach and Dipsan Tirkey.

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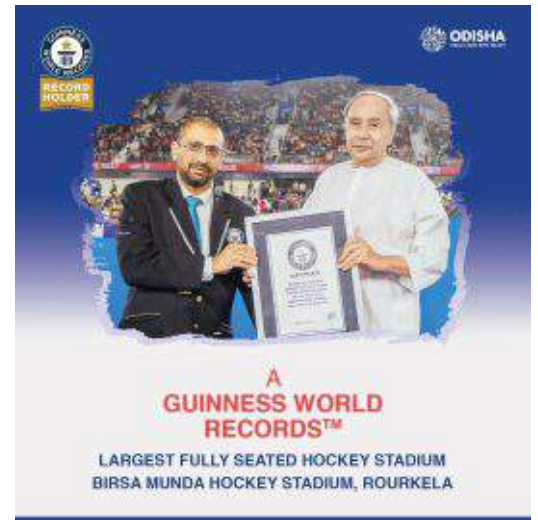
Dilpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Manjeet, Pawan Rajbhar were also named in the core group.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team is currently placed on top of the pool table in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23.



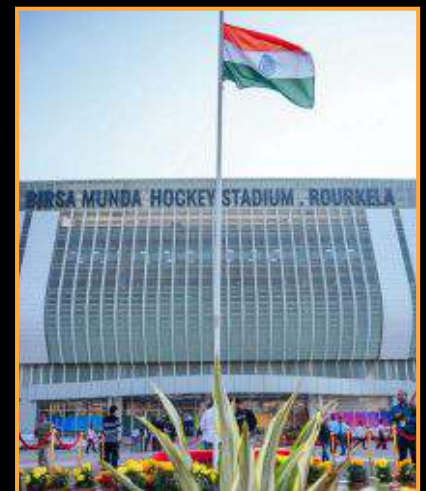
Guinness Book of World Records certifies Birsa Munda as world's largest hockey stadium

The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium in Odisha, India, was officially recognized as the world's largest fully seated stadium by the Guinness Book of World Records. The stadium, which was built in just 15 months for the 2018 Hockey World Cup, has a seating capacity of 20,011 and offers an uninterrupted viewing experience. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, accepted the certificate of recognition during India's game against Germany, which was witnessed by a cheering capacity crowd.



GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS CERTIFIES

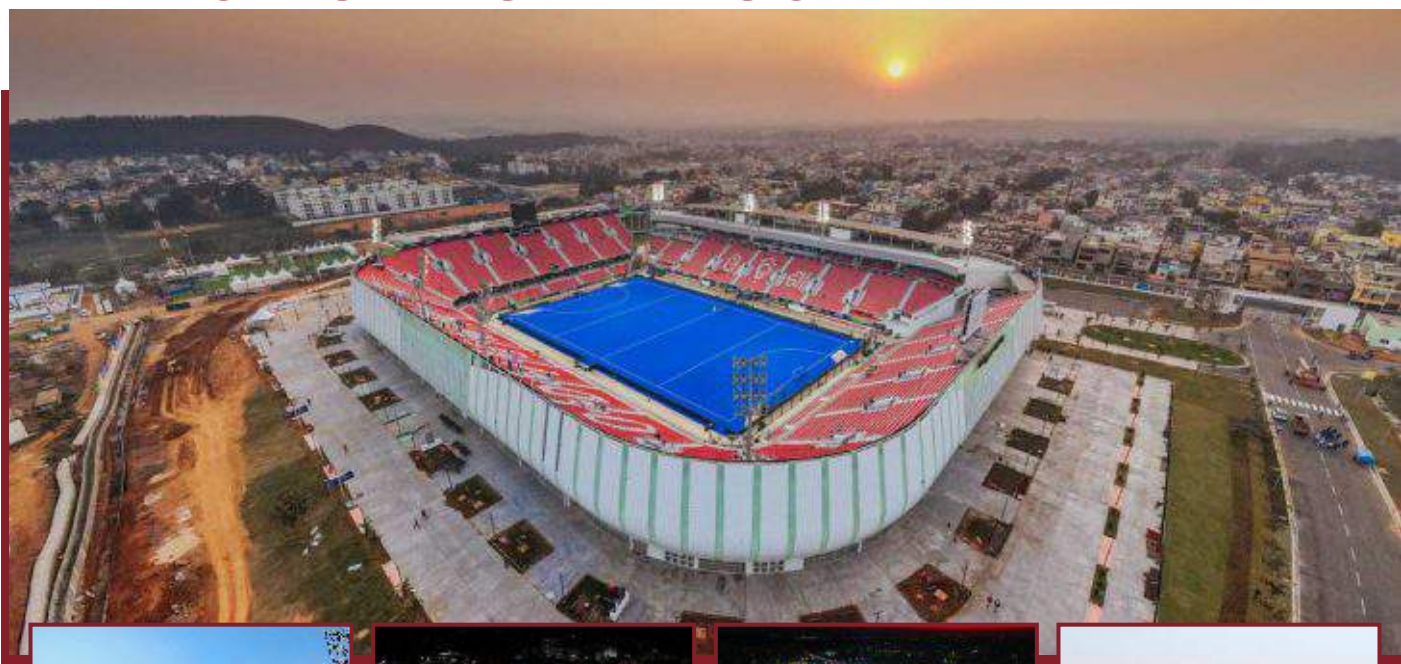
**WORLD'S LARGEST
HOCKEY STADIUM
BIRSA MUNDA**





HOCKEY INDIA

CONGRATULATES ODISHA STATE GOVERNMENT



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

Hockey India congratulated the Odisha State Government on winning the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea. The award was presented for the incredible efforts by the State Government to build the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela which also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village. With a seating capacity of 20,111 bucket seats,

the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium remained sold out throughout the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela with spectators thronging the stadium for India and non-India matches. At the recently-held FIH Hockey Pro League too, where India remained unbeaten against reigning World Champions Germany and Australia, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium remained house full.

FEATURE STORY

Indian Women's Hockey Team clinch inaugural FIH Women's Hockey Nations Cup; qualifies for FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24

The Indian Women's Hockey Team ended 2022 with an incredible title-winning feat at the FIH Women's Hockey Nations Cup held in Valencia, Spain in December 2022.



Savita-led Indian team defeated hosts Spain 1-0 to clinch the title and also secured a spot for the next edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament as they defeated Chile 3-1, Japan 2-1 and South Africa 2-0 to finish on the top of Pool B. They went on to register a hard-fought 1-1 (2-1 SO) win in the Semi-Final against Ireland before beating hosts 1-0 in the thrilling Final of the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey



Women's Nations Cup held on 17 December 2022.



Captain Savita was named the Goalkeeper of the Tournament as she played an instrumental role in the team's win. The team were greeted with rapturous applause on their arrival in New Delhi following their historic feat.

"Everyone gave their 100% during the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022, and we maintained our focus right from the start, on and off the field, and it really feels great to be part of such a team," Captain Savita said.

"We have had a good year in 2022 and going forward we will continue to aim for more wins and titles. We have the Asian Games 2022 coming up, and we will definitely try to come back with a good result," Savita said.

Gurjit Kaur, who scored the only goal in the Final against

Spain, stated, "Winning the Final at the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022 has to count as the best moment for me and the team. We had this as our goal from the beginning and to be able to achieve it felt really good."



The tournament in Valencia also saw the dynamic forward Lalremsiami cross the 100-cap mark for the Indian Women's Hockey Team.



"To be able to reach the 100-cap mark at such a young age is something that gives me immense joy. And I am very grateful for the continued support from everyone on the team. We are very happy to have won the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022, and we will continue to work hard going ahead," Lalremsiami said.



**MATCH 03
INDIA VS CHILE
SCORE 3 - 0
VALENCIA, SPAIN**



**MATCH 07
INDIA VS JAPAN
SCORE 2 - 1
VALENCIA, SPAIN**





**MATCH 11
INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA
SCORE 2 - 0
VALENCIA, SPAIN**



**MATCH 16
INDIA VS IRELAND
SCORE 1 - 1 (SO 2 - 1)
VALENCIA, SPAIN**





**MATCH 20
INDIA VS SPAIN
SCORE 1 - 0
VALENCIA, SPAIN**



FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP

11 DEC, 2022 - 17 DEC, 2022, VALENCIA, SPAIN

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
03	11-12-2022	19:45	India Vs Chile	3-1
07	12-12-2022	19:45	India Vs Japan	2-1
11	14-12-2022	19:45	India Vs South Africa	2-0
16	16-12-2022	20:15	India Vs Ireland	1-1 (so 2-1)
20	17-12-2022	20:15	India Vs Spain	1-0



HOCKEY INDIA

FEATURE STORY

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hockey India National Championships get International matches look & feel

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 has taken several initiatives that promises to lift the profile of the sport in the domestic circuit. As a first step towards this, Hockey India has signed a multi year deal with interactive live streaming platform FanCode which will have the rights to show all the matches played at Hockey India National Championships in India and the Indian subcontinent, starting with the 13th Hockey

India Senior Women National Championship 2023 in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

Making all matches viewer-friendly, each of the National Championships will have specific look and feel designs and branding across the venues. Apart from this, the organisers will also adopt 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.



Indian Men's Hockey Team remained unbeaten in FIH Hockey Pro League Rourkela leg

After a heart-breaking exit from the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela earlier this year, the Indian Men's Hockey Team bounced back in style as they remained unbeaten in the FIH Hockey Pro League matches held at the world's largest-seated Birsamunda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha in March.



India had registered successive wins against reigning World Champions Germany 3-2 and 6-3; and 5-4 against World No.4 Australia (5-4) and 2-2 (4-3 SO).



Harmanpreet Singh-led side 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. They are currently placed at the top of the points table with 19 points in eight games.



India will resume their matches in May 2023 when they travel to Europe to take on Belgium, Great Britain, Netherlands and Argentina.





TROPHY TOUR

FEATURE STORY

FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023 BHUBANESWAR-ROURKELA TROPHY TOUR

The magnificent FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela Trophy Tour kicked off on December 5th with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik presenting the trophy to Hockey India President Padma Shree Dr. Dilip Tirkey in Bhubaneswar. The trophy travelled across 14 states and one Union territory, including the national capital, New Delhi, over the period of three weeks.

The trophy traversed 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. The trophy was received by the Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Odisha, Tusharkanti Behera, Hockey India President Padma Shree Dr. Dilip Tirkey, and Mayor of Bhubaneswar Sulochana Das in the city.

Throughout the national tour, the fans gathered in large numbers to witness the unveiling of the

trophy at each venue. And gracing the august occasions were Indian hockey legends and respective state ministers.

In the capital, Hon'ble Union Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs, and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur graced the occasion and wished the Indian Men's Hockey Team the very best for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. The Hockey World Cup trophy was also displayed on the INS Mormugao in the esteemed presence of Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, CINC WNC and the national fraternity.



Bhubaneswar



Kolkata



Imphal



Guwahati



Janshedpur



Ranchi



Lucknow



Amritsar



Sonapat



Delhi



Bhopal



Mumbai



Chennai



Thiruvananthapuram



Bengaluru



Raipur



FEATURE STORY



Hockey India launches patriotic and motivational anthem for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

Hockey India on 5 January 2023 launched an exclusive hockey anthem ahead of the prestigious FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.

The emotion-filled sounds of the 'Jai Ho Hindustan Ki' Hockey India anthem awakened the patriotic feeling and motivated the youth of scripting history.

Sung by internationally acclaimed Indian playback singer Sukhvinder Singh, the newly launched anthem was composed by Odia composer Prem Anand. The lyrics which also credit the hockey stars for bringing pride to the nation are by Sameer Anjaan and creative director Aalok Kumar Mishra is also part of the team that has worked on this unique initiative.

The anthem also marked the 75th year of Indian Independence and inspiration-inducing words like - "Hockey ki rann bhoomi mein triranga hi leherayega" drawing parallels to the hopes of the nation to see the tri-colour flying high in this prestigious tournament received praise from Indian Hockey team's Captain Harmanpreet Singh.

"Everyone in the team is big music buffs and we

always plug into some motivating, pulsating songs which bring out the josh in us and this new Hockey India anthem is a perfect fit in our playlist. The initiatives Hockey India has taken to promote the World Cup calls for a lot of praise," Harmanpreet said.

Talking about this initiative, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dilip Tirkey said, "We at Hockey India felt that the World Cup is a great occasion to launch a 'hockey exclusive' anthem that built the tempo up before the players enter the field for an intense match which is nothing short of a battlefield. Back in my playing days too, almost all of us liked to listen to songs and beats that would get our tempo up."

Adding to the President's thoughts, Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh said, "The new Hockey India anthem holds the right to use this ahead of all India matches played by our Senior Men and Women, as well as Junior Men and Women's teams."

The anthem was launched in the presence of the Indian Men's Team during the grand opening ceremony of the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik.

Hockey India enters the world of Metaverse, launches 'Hockeyverse' for the 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.

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OLLY'S 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 side-lines of this marquee event numerous fan experiences were curated, amongst those was Olly's Land, a themed fan experience based on the mascot for Odisha sports, Olly.

Olly's 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's 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.



FEATURE STORY

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. Right from the grand opening ceremony in Barabati Stadium where Bollywood icons Ranvir Singh, Disha Patani, Benny Dayal among several others took to centre stage and enthralled the audience, there was so much for the hockey buffs to explore and enjoy as part of the World Cup proceedings. There was something in it for everyone.

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 sidelines 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."



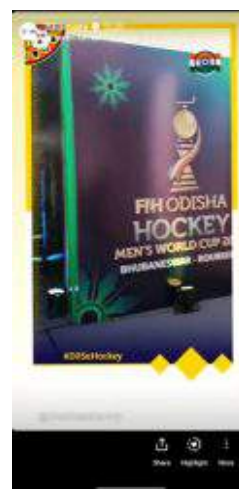
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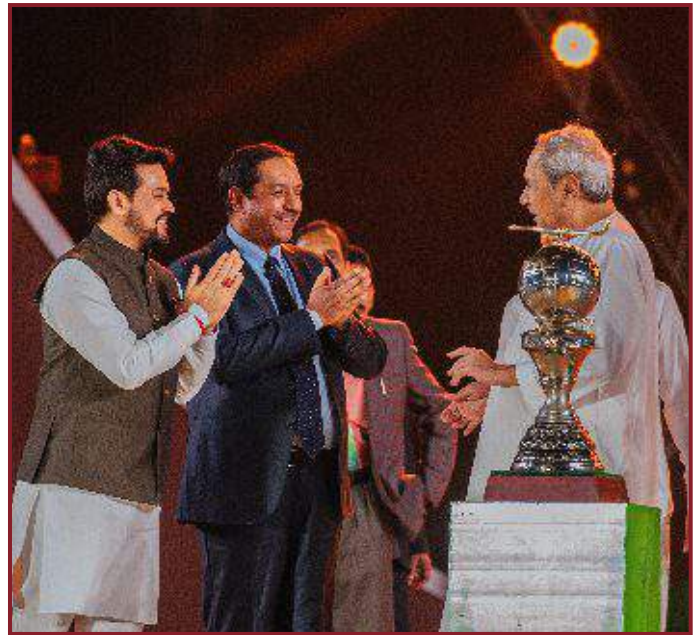
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OPENING CEREMONY

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, kicked off with a glorious celebration on 11th January at the Barabati Stadium, Cuttack. 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, President FIH and Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President Hockey India.







COVER STORY

Global hockey fraternity celebrates success of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's 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 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 Birsa 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. "For many of us it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in front of so many people," said Australian captain Eddie Ockenden when asked about the match experience in Odisha.

The facilities at both venues have also impressed athletes and fans alike, with one athlete quoted as saying, "The facilities here are top-notch, it's been an honour to compete on such a world-class stage."

But 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.

Mariano Ronconi, coach of the Argentina Men's Hockey Team couldn't help but be impressed by the effort that had been made to make the city as welcoming as possible. "The city is amazing; the streets are painted and

beautifully lit and there is hockey in everything. We knew it from before but the city still manages to surprise us every time"

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. One fan from Australia, Jeremy Craig, who took a tour of the 'Temple City' said, "I was blown away by the beauty and history of this place, it's truly a hidden gem that I never knew existed. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to experience it as part of the Hockey World Cup."

One fan from Germany, ecstatic about his team's victory, spoke about his experience, "The hospitality here has been incredible, the city and its culture have truly captured my heart. The indigenous culinary experience and the Bharatpur safari were my favourites. I will definitely be back."

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.



GLIMPSES

OF THE FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023 BHUBANESWAR - ROURKELA



Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Udhyanidhi Stalin, Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Tamil Nadu & Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey, President Hockey India with Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India.



Shri R Vineel Krishna, IAS, Commissioner Cum Secretary, Sport and Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha, felicitating Dr. Deepa Malik, President Paralympics Committee of India.



Mr Tapan Kumar Das, General Secretary Assam Hockey, Mohd. Mushtaque Ahmad, General Secretary Hockey Bihar, Shri Kalyan Chobey, President of All India Football Federation and Joint Secretary of the Indian Olympic Association and Shri Seker J Manoharan, Treasurer Hockey India with Dr RP Singh, Athlete Representative Hockey India.



Shri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Odisha, with Dato Tayyab Ikram, FIH President.



Shri Abhinav Bindra, Olympic Gold Medallist, with Ms Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India.



Dato Tayyab Ikram, President of the FIH, with members of the 1975 World Cup-winning squad and veteran Indian international players.



Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Professor Ganeshi Lal at the FIH Odisha Hockey men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela.



Shri Hemant Soren, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand with Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey President Hockey India.



Bhupender Singh, Asst Manager Hockey India, with Padma Shri Dhanraj Pillay, Khel Ratna awardee and four-time Olympian, as he receives a memento from Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General Hockey India.



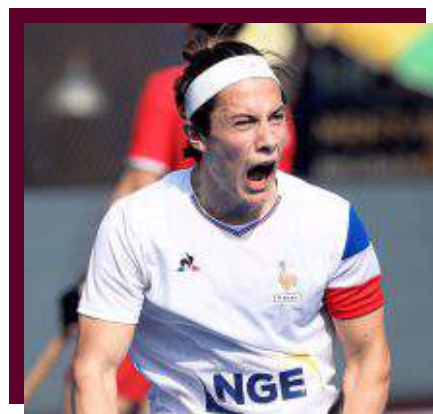
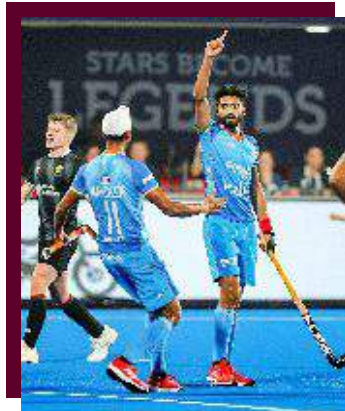
Olympian Rupinder Pal Singh, with veteran ace Yuvraj Walmiki and former India Captain Rajpal Singh.



The Hockey India Team With Fih President Dato Tayyab Ikram.



GLIMPSES OF THE FIH ODISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2023 BHUBANESWAR & ROURKELA







MATCH RESULTS

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
AUSTRALIA	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	INDIA
ARGENTINA	GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND
FRANCE	KOREA	MALAYSIA	SPAIN
SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN	CHILE	WALES

MATCH	DATE	TIME (IST)	POOL	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
01	13/1/2023	13:00	A	ARGENTINA vs SOUTH AFRICA	BHUBANESWAR	1-0
02	13/1/2023	15:00	A	AUSTRALIA vs FRANCE	BHUBANESWAR	8-0
03	13/1/2023	17:00	D	ENGLAND vs WALES	ROURKELA	5-0
04	13/1/2023	19:00	D	INDIA vs SPAIN	ROURKELA	2-0
05	14/1/2023	13:00	C	NEW ZEALAND vs CHILE	ROURKELA	3-1
06	14/1/2023	15:00	C	NETHERLANDS vs MALAYSIA	ROURKELA	4-0
07	14/1/2023	17:00	B	BELGIUM vs KOREA	BHUBANESWAR	5-0
08	14/1/2023	19:00	B	GERMANY vs JAPAN	BHUBANESWAR	3-0
09	15/1/2023	17:00	D	SPAIN vs WALES	ROURKELA	5-1
10	15/1/2023	19:00	D	ENGLAND vs INDIA	ROURKELA	0-0
11	16/1/2023	13:00	C	MALAYSIA vs CHILE	ROURKELA	3-2
12	16/1/2023	15:00	C	NEW ZEALAND vs NETHERLANDS	ROURKELA	0-4
13	16/1/2023	17:00	A	FRANCE vs SOUTH AFRICA	BHUBANESWAR	2-1
14	16/1/2023	19:00	A	ARGENTINA vs AUSTRALIA	BHUBANESWAR	3-3
15	17/1/2023	17:00	B	KOREA vs JAPAN	BHUBANESWAR	2-1
16	17/1/2023	19:00	B	GERMANY vs BELGIUM	BHUBANESWAR	2-2
18/1/2023 REST DAY						
17	19/1/2023	13:00	C	MALAYSIA vs NEW ZEALAND	BHUBANESWAR	3-2
18	19/1/2023	15:00	C	NETHERLANDS vs CHILE	BHUBANESWAR	14-0
19	19/1/2023	17:00	D	SPAIN vs ENGLAND	BHUBANESWAR	0-4
20	19/1/2023	19:00	D	INDIA vs WALES	BHUBANESWAR	4-2

MATCH	DATE	TIME (IST)	POOL	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
21	20/1/2023	13:00	A	AUSTRALIA  vs  SOUTH AFRICA	ROURKELA	9-2
22	20/1/2023	15:00	A	FRANCE  vs  ARGENTINA	ROURKELA	5-5
23	20/1/2023	17:00	B	BELGIUM  vs  JAPAN	ROURKELA	7-1
24	20/1/2023	19:00	B	KOREA  vs  GERMANY	ROURKELA	2-7
21/1/2023 REST DAY						
25	22/1/2023	16:30	CO	MALAYSIA  vs  SPAIN	BHUBANESWAR	2-2 (3-4 S/O)
26	22/1/2023	19:00	CO	INDIA  vs  NEW ZEALAND	BHUBANESWAR	3-3 (4-3 S/O)
27	23/1/2023	19:00	CO	ARGENTINA  vs  KOREA	BHUBANESWAR	5-5 (2-3 S/O)
28	23/1/2023	16:30	CO	GERMANY  vs  FRANCE	BHUBANESWAR	5-1
29	24/1/2023	16:30	QF	AUSTRALIA  vs  SPAIN	BHUBANESWAR	4-3
30	24/1/2023	19:00	QF	BELGIUM  vs  NEW ZEALAND	BHUBANESWAR	2-0
31	25/1/2023	19:00	QF	NETHERLANDS  vs  KOREA	BHUBANESWAR	5-1
32	25/1/2023	16:30	QF	ENGLAND  vs  GERMANY	BHUBANESWAR	2-2 (3-4 S/O)
33	26/1/2023	11:30	9/16	SOUTH AFRICA  vs  MALAYSIA	ROURKELA	6-3
34	26/1/2023	19:00	9/16	JAPAN  vs  INDIA	ROURKELA	0-8
35	26/1/2023	16:30	9/16	CHILE  vs  ARGENTINA	ROURKELA	0-8
36	26/1/2023	19:00	9/16	WALES  vs  FRANCE	ROURKELA	2-2 (2-1 S/O)
37	27/1/2023	16:30	SF	AUSTRALIA  vs  GERMANY	BHUBANESWAR	3-4
38	27/1/2023	19:00	SF	BELGIUM  vs  NETHERLANDS	BHUBANESWAR	2-2 (3-2 S/O)
39	28/1/2023	11:30	13/16	MALAYSIA  vs  JAPAN	ROURKELA	3-2
40	28/1/2023	14:00	13/16	CHILE  vs  FRANCE	ROURKELA	2-4
41	28/1/2023	19:00	9/12	SOUTH AFRICA  vs  INDIA	ROURKELA	2-5
42	28/1/2023	16:30	9/12	ARGENTINA  vs  WALES	ROURKELA	6-0
43	29/1/2023	16:30	3/4	AUSTRALIA  vs  NETHERLANDS	BHUBANESWAR	1-3
44	29/1/2023	19:00	FINAL	GERMANY  vs  BELGIUM	BHUBANESWAR	3-3 (5-4 S/O)



Hockey brings hope of a new future for players from Andaman and Nicobar Islands

FEATURE STORY

Hockey Andaman and Nicobar could not register a win at the 13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023 Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, but they left for their home not disappointed but motivated to return as a stronger unit next year.

In only their second outing in this prestigious National Championships, the Islanders were up against strong teams like Hockey Maharashtra, Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu and Le Puducherry Hockey in Pool H. Though they were unable to win any match, the players take home rich experiences from the event which was held on par with international matches. Hockey Andaman & Nicobar made their maiden appearance at the 11th Hockey India Senior Women National Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh last year.

Speaking of her experience at the tournament, 21-year-old Neelam Binita Kujjur said, "I am so grateful to have gotten this opportunity to play at the National Championships. I come from a very difficult background in Andaman and Nicobar Island where my parents work as daily wagers. But that does not deter my passion for hockey, I want to showcase my talent so that I

can get a permanent job and earn a good living for my family."

"I see hockey as an opportunity to create a new career. Many people don't know much about Andaman and Nicobar and through our participation in these Nationals, we want to draw more focus on the Island," she added.

Naw Madhu Prith Decosta, the 26-year-old Captain expressed her team's undying spirit and team's eagerness to take their game to the next level.

"Even though we could not win matches here, I know my team won many hearts with several players from other teams and officials taking note of our performance. They are all aware of the challenges we face back home and we are confident that in the coming years, we will perform well at the National Championships. Hockey India is now drawing focus on smaller teams like ours from Union Territories and this chance that they have provided will only help the sport grow on the island with more kids taking it up," she said.



**MADHU PRITH
DECOSTA**



SASHITA



**NEELAM BINITA
KUJJUR**

13TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023





With Eye on Reviving Glory Years, Hockey India's School Activation Program Takes Sport to Schools

FEATURE STORY



Ahead of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Hockey India launched School Activation Program to promote the sport of hockey in schools.

The Hockey India team visited 100 schools in Madhya Pradesh in the build-up to the World Cup to conduct a basic hockey skills session followed by a 5-a-side competition, as they motivated young students to pick up the stick. A special memento was also given to each School Principal in recognition of their efforts and contributions.

The campaign kicked off on 6th December 2022, Tuesday in Madhya Pradesh, in 14 schools across five regions - Narmadapuram, Ujjain, Indore, Bhopal, and Jabalpur. Around 2,000 students were present while over 500 kids directly participated on Day 1 of the school campaign.

Speaking on the initiative, Dr Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India President said, "The idea behind this programme is to give young people an

opportunity to experience what it's like to play hockey and how much fun it is. It also aims to pique their interest because some of these students may go on to play hockey professionally or develop into the sport's next major star.

He added, "The young kids are the future of Indian sports. It is an important initiative for the younger generation to be aware of how to play hockey and what the sport has traditionally meant for the people of the country."

Madhya Pradesh's Minister of State for School Education, Sh. Inder Singh Parmar said, "We are delighted with Hockey India's initiative to promote the sport of hockey among the younger generation. We believe that a lot of students will benefit from this program as they will not only learn about the sport but also develop a keen interest in it, which will lead to many future hockey stars originating from the state."



FEATURE STORY

Hardik Singh and Savita win the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022

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

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 the 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.

The awards ceremony started with the felicitation of awardees from 2021 & 2022.





For 2021, Indian Men's Hockey Team Legend Amit Singh Bakshi, who was part of the Indian team that won the Gold Medal at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, received the prestigious Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2021. Meanwhile, Harmanpreet Singh and Savita won the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year 2021 awards in the Men's and Women's categories, respectively.

The awards for 2022, started with Milestone Awards given to athletes who achieved important milestones in their careers in the past year. These included awards given to Manpreet Singh and Rani for earning 300 International Caps and 250 International Caps, respectively.

Navjot Kaur and Mandeep Singh were each awarded INR 2.00 Lakh with a trophy for earning 200 International Caps, while Neha, Navneet Kaur, and Lalremsiami were also honoured for earning 100 International Caps.

Harmanpreet Singh won two milestone awards - as he was presented with INR 1.50 Lakh along with a trophy for earning 150 International Caps and also a cash prize of INR 1.00 Lakh with a trophy for scoring 100 International goals. Karthi Selvam also received a cash prize of INR 1.00 Lakh for scoring a goal on debut while Umpire Javed Shaikh also was awarded a cash prize of INR 1.50 Lakh for officiating in his 150th Senior International Match.

The second set of awards for 2022 was given in recognition of the Individual Achievements of the players with PR Sreejesh and Savita earning INR Rs 5.00 Lakh each for winning the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year 2021-22 in Men's and Women's categories, respectively. Indian Women's team Coach JannekeSchopman won INR 5.00 Lakh for being named the FIH Coach of the Year 2021-22 Women's categories, while Mumtaz Khan also earned INR 5.00 Lakh for winning the FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year 2021-22. Meanwhile, the Indian Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh was awarded INR 10.00 Lakh for being named the FIH Men's Player of

the Year 2021-22.

Harmanpreet Singh was also awarded INR 1.00 Lakh for being the top goal-scorer at the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2021-22, while Savita was presented with additional prize money of INR 1.00 Lakh for being The Best Goalkeeper of the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022. Sharda Nand Tiwari was also honoured with a cash prize of INR 1.00 Lakh for being the Top Goal Scorer of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

Meanwhile, the Indian Women's Hockey Team that won the Gold Medal at the FIH Women's Nations Cup Spain 2022 was also felicitated during the ceremony with each player winning INR 2.00 Lakh while the Coaching staff was presented with INR 1.00 Lakh each. Also, the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team that won the Gold Medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 was also felicitated with each player earning INR 2.00 Lakh each and each member of the Coaching staff earning INR 1.00 Lakh each.

Hockey India showed their appreciation to the Odisha State Government for the successful completion of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela this year. Umpires and Technical Officials were also recognised at the ceremony for their contribution to the sport.

The thrilling day came to a stunning finish with the presentation of the most eagerly-awaited Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022 Awards for Men and Women, and the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hardik Singh and Savita received a standing ovation as they were announced as the winners of the Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year 2022 Awards for Men and Women, respectively.

The final award for the day, the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022, carrying a cash prize of INR 30.00 Lakh and a trophy, was presented to Gurbux Singh for his outstanding contribution to the sport of hockey.

MILESTONE AWARD 2021

HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

RAJWINDER KAUR

FOR SCORING GOAL IN HER DEBUT MATCH AGAINST THAILAND DURING WOMEN'S ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2021



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

SANGITA KUMARI

FOR SCORING GOAL IN HER DEBUT MATCH AGAINST SPAIN DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (WOMEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

SUKHJEET SINGH

FOR SCORING GOAL IN HIS DEBUT MATCH AGAINST SPAIN DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (MEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

GURJIT KAUR

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST KOREA DURING WOMEN'S ASIA CUP 2022




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

VARUN KUMAR

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SPAIN DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (MEN'S)




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

BIRENDRA LAKRA

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SPAIN DURING TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM

COMPLETED 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST GERMANY DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (WOMEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

PR SREEJESH

COMPLETED 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SPAIN DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (MEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

VANDANA KATARIYA

COMPLETED 250 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST MALAYSIA DURING WOMEN'S ASIA CUP 2022




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

AMIT ROHIDAS

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SPAIN DURING TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

AKASHDEEP SINGH

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST FRANCE DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (MEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

VANDANA KATARIYA

FIRST INDIAN WOMEN TO SCORE A HAT TRICK IN HOCKEY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA DURING TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020





MILESTONE AWARD 2022

HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

KARTHI SELVAM

SCORED A GOAL ON HIS DEBUT MATCH AGAINST PAKISTAN DURING ASIA CUP 2022



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

NAVNEET KAUR

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST NETHERLANDS DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (WOMEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

NEHA

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST ARGENTINA DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (WOMEN'S)



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

HARMANPREET SINGH

COMPLETED 150 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST GHANA DURING BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

MANDEEP SINGH

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA DURING FIH OISHA HOCKEY MEN'S WORLD CUP 2021



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

NAVJOT KAUR

COMPLETED 200 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST SPAIN DURING FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SPAIN & NETHERLANDS 2022



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

HARMANPREET SINGH

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL GOALS AGAINST ENGLAND DURING FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2021-2022 (MEN'S)




HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

JAVED SHAIKH

OFFICIATING IN 150 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL MATCHES DURING SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP 2022



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

MANPREET SINGH

COMPLETED 500 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST GHANA DURING BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022



HOCKEY INDIA
5th ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Congratulations

LALREMSIAMI

COMPLETED 100 INTERNATIONAL CAPS AGAINST JAPAN DURING FIH HOCKEY WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP SPAIN 2022




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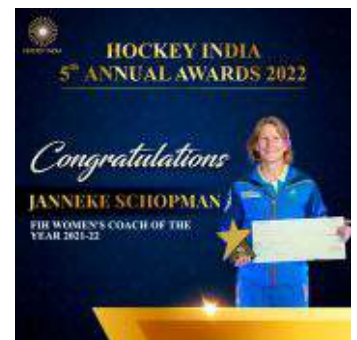
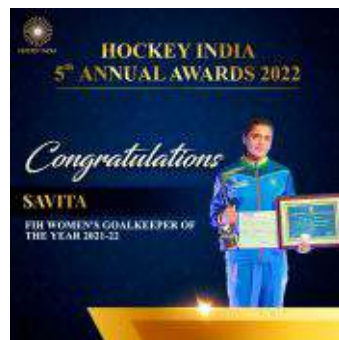
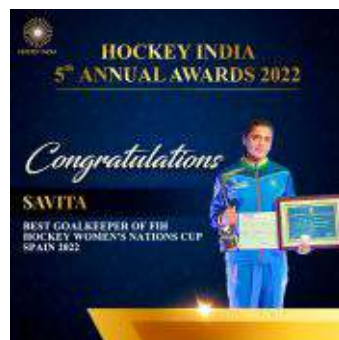
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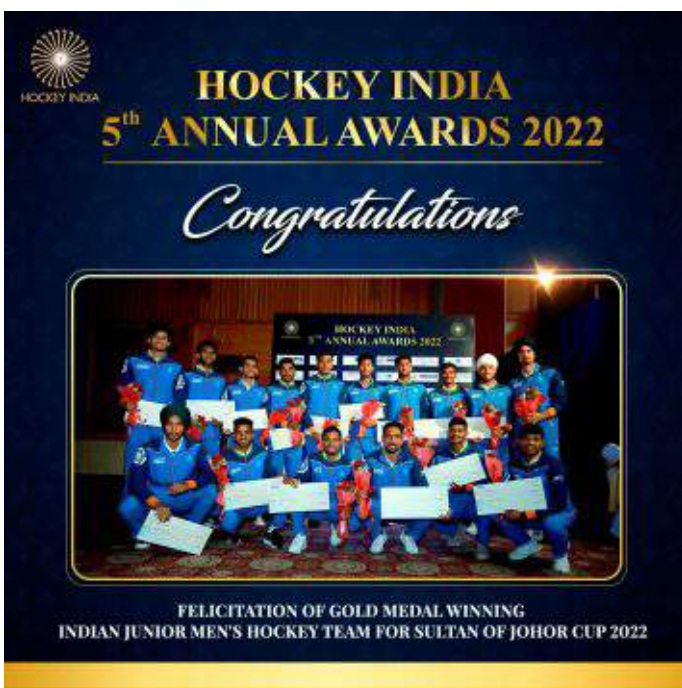
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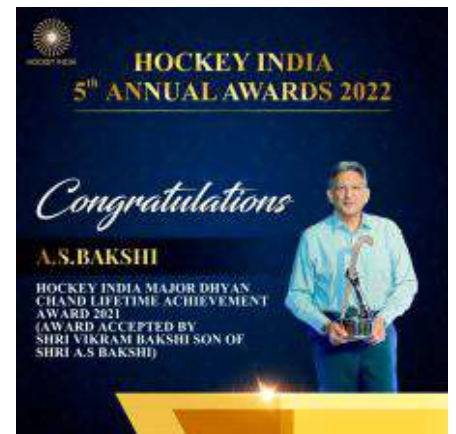
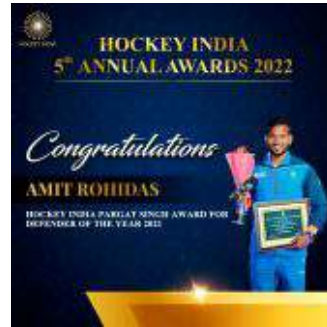
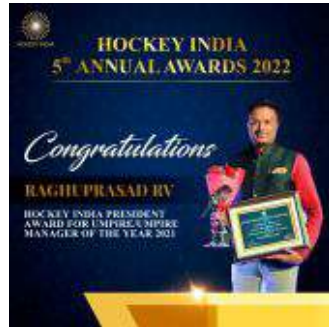


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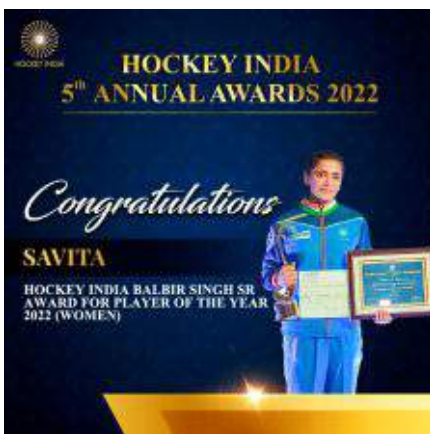
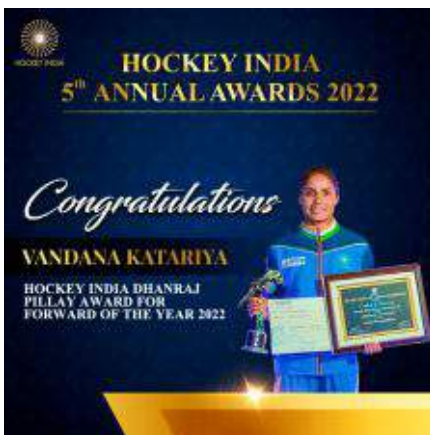
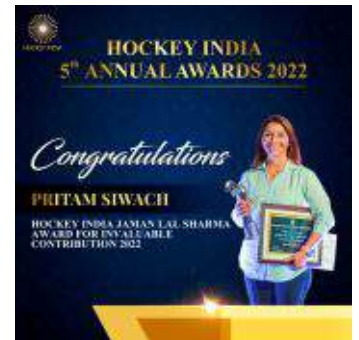
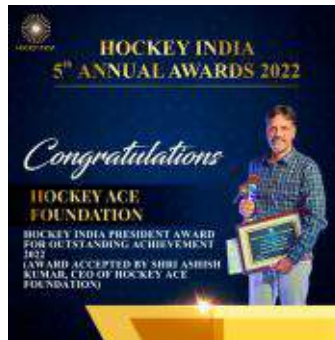




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FEATURE STORY

Hockey India congratulates Shri Bhola Nath Singh, and Smt Joydeep Kaur on their respective election as Vice President and Athlete Representative of the Asian Hockey Federation

Hockey India congratulated Shri Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General Hockey India, and Smt Joydeep Kaur, Athlete Representative Hockey India, on their induction into the erstwhile Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Executive Board as its newly-elected Vice President and Athlete Representative, respectively, during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea. In addition to the above, Smt Bigan Soy was also appointed as a Member of the AHF Women's Advisory Panel.

The AHF also awarded Bhola Nath Singh with the prestigious Emerging Sports Leader Award. Hockey India's Executive Director Cdr Srivastava VSM was also feted for his contribution towards the sport with the special AHF Recognition Award. He received this award from FIH President Dato Tayyab Ikram and AHF President Fumio Ogura.

Meanwhile, the Indian Women's Hockey Team midfielder Salima Tete was honoured with the AHF Emerging Player of the Year Award for her spectacular performance in the year 2022. Salima Tete was also appointed as the AHF Athletes Ambassador from India for a term of two years between March 25, 2023, to March 25, 2025.

Hockey India was also awarded the Best Organiser Award by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) for their exemplary execution of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela as the host nation. The award was received by Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea.



The Odisha State Government also won the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure during the AHF Congress held. The award was presented for the incredible efforts by the State Government to build the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela which also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village.

In other categories, the Indian Men and Women's Hockey teams too were feted with AHF Best Achievement Awards respectively for their performances in the year 2022-23. The iconic former India Captain Ajit Pal Singh, who successfully led the Indian Men's Team to World Cup victory in 1975 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was awarded the AHF Ashwini Award for his outstanding achievements in the sport.





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

This March, Hockey India announced their ambitious new Grassroots Development Program 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 will conduct zonal championships at the Sub-Junior (U-16) and Junior (U-19) levels. The program aims to find the most talented players in each of the zones – north, south, east and west.

The first inter-zonal tournaments began on 19th March 2023, with about 30 state teams participating.

Speaking on the occasion, President of Hockey India, Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey said, “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 talent identification, each zone will be equipped with selection committees, Hockey India Secretary General Mr. Bhol Nath Singh said, “Each of the zones will have its own selection panel. The selection committee will consist of a minimum of three members each. The selectors and the



coaches of the zonal teams will be responsible to monitor and keep us updated on the further development of all the players”

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.





FEATURE STORY

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 India vs Germany match in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 in Rourkela on March 10.



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.

MEMBER UNIT

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023



Congratulations to the Lephripara Hockey Stadium, Lephripara, India; Hockey Stadium Rajganpur, Kukuda, India; Manchamara Hockey Stadium, Manchamara, India; for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.



Congratulations to the main field, State Sports Hostel, Panposh, Rourkela, Odisha, India, for receiving the FIH Category 2 field certificate.

Tileikani Hockey Stadium in Tileikani, Odisha, has been granted the FIH Category 3 Hockey field certificate.



Congratulations to Khel Parisar, Sagar, MP Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, India, for receiving the FIH Category 2 field certificate.



Congratulations to the Hockey Stadium Lahunipara, Odisha, India, for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



Congratulations to Lnipe Tepesia Sports Complex, Guwahati, India for being granted the FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements



Congratulations to the Hockey Stadium Nuagaon, India, for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



A big congratulations to Saunamara Hockey Stadium in Saunamara, Odisha, for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



Congratulations to the Subdega Hockey Stadium in Subdega, Odisha, for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



Congratulations to the Hockey Stadium Gurundia in Odisha, India, for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



Congratulations to the Hockey Stadium Lahunipara; for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate.



HOCKEY INDIA

MEDIA COVERAGE

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023



Harmanpreet Singh in action during a practice match as New Zealand (left), India captain Harmanpreet Singh

Huge honour to play my fourth World Cup for India: Sreejesh

Bhubaneswar: All set to play his fourth world cup for India, experienced goalkeeper P. Sreejesh emphasised that it's the results that matter more than the number of times a player turns up for a tournament like the world cup. While he admits it's a huge honour to earn up for his fourth World Cup, Sreejesh knows very well that this is a great opportunity to change India's fortunes at the men's tournament for hockey in which India aims to finish on the podium since 1978 triumph, when the illustrious Ajit Pal Singh-led team won the tournament beating Pakistan in the final.

HOCKEY WC

"It is a great honour for me to play my fourth world cup, and the special part in this is my third world cup on home soil. I don't think any player has had this privilege of playing three world cups at home," said Sreejesh, who was instrumental in the Indian team winning a historic bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. "Most of the time, I have always felt it's not about how many times you have played a tournament but whether you have won it or not is what matters the most. This time

too, it's important for me to give my 100 percent and get the desired result from the tournament," he added. Sreejesh also got excited about his first outing at the world cup back in 2006 in New Delhi. "My first match in the world cup was against Pakistan. I still remember, during the team meeting, our coach said that Pakistan will come fully prepared for goalkeeper Adityan (37/50/100). So he decided to put me in the match's opponent team. When he asked me to put up, the feeling of getting a chance was simply incredible," a nostalgic Sreejesh said, adding

INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM ARRIVES IN ODISHA AHEAD OF FIH WORLD CUP

THE NETWORK

The Indian men's hockey team arrived in Bhubaneswar on Monday ahead of their opening match in the men's hockey FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The team was led by captain Harmanpreet Singh. The Indian team is expected to arrive at Bhubaneswar on Monday morning before heading to the venue for the first match against Spain on Tuesday.



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FI announces cash prize to boost morale of Indian team ahead of WC

FIH NEW DELHI

Hockey India on Wednesday announced cash prizes for the Indian team and support staff ahead of the men's hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The team will begin their campaign against Spain from January 13 and FIH decided to reward the team members with Rs 25 lakh each and the support staff with Rs 5 lakh each for a gold medal-winning team at the prestigious quadrennial event.



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Hockey India enters the world of Metaverse, launches 'HockeyVerse'

Bhubaneswar, (UNI): Embracing the latest tech buzzword, Hockey India becomes the first National Sports Federation to enter the world of metaverse. On Monday, only days prior to the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Hockey India launched the 'HockeyVerse' on their social media platforms. 'HockeyVerse' will provide a new virtual experience where global hockey fans can visit and experience their favourite sport from the comfort of their home, on their personal computer. Upon entering the 'HockeyVerse' URL, in a browser they are welcomed to the 'hockeyverse' virtual world page. Fans can then enter their name, email address and then select their virtual Avatar's gender between male avatar and female avatar. Then they should click on 'Enter HockeyVerse' button. Once they are in, the 'HockeyVerse' can be explored by fans using their keyboard and mouse.

India announces 18-member squad for Hockey World Cup, Harmanpreet Singh named captain

The Indian squad has been selected from 33 candidates after a two-day trial in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Bengaluru centre.



FIH PHOTO: Harmanpreet Singh celebrates with teammates after his team won a gold medal in the 2022 Hockey World Cup. The Indian squad has been selected from 33 candidates after a two-day trial in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Bengaluru centre.

Hockey India, on Friday, announced an 18-member Indian squad for the FIH men's World Cup scheduled for January 2023 in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, Odisha. The squad has been selected from 33 candidates after a two-day trial in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Bengaluru centre.

Excitement at all-time high for FIH Hockey Men's WC, all match tickets sold out in Rourkela

At the club-level, the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, the excitement and anticipation among hockey fans around the world has already reached beyond 80 per cent. The tournament, which is set to begin on January 13, 2023, will see 16 teams from 17 nations compete for the world's most prestigious trophy. The event is expected to be a huge success, with all match tickets sold out in Rourkela by the first week of the tournament. The excitement and anticipation among hockey fans around the world has already reached beyond 80 per cent. The tournament, which is set to begin on January 13, 2023, will see 16 teams from 17 nations compete for the world's most prestigious trophy. The event is expected to be a huge success, with all match tickets sold out in Rourkela by the first week of the tournament.

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THE trophy tour of the 2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup was kick-started on Monday with Odisha Chief Minister Navtej Pattnaik handing over the trophy to Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey.

Wishing the trophy tour a grand success, Pattnaik said it will be a memorable world cup for the teams and the fans. "I hope the Hockey Men's World Cup Trophy Tour will build excitement for the world cup across India. We will be hosting 16 teams and the matches will be played in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela," he said. Odisha's Sports Minister Tushar Kantu Behera and Secretary General of Hockey India Bholanath Singh were among those present at the programme. The tournament will start on Jan 13 and will continue till January 29. Over the next 21 days, the trophy will travel to 13 states and a UT, including West Bengal, Assam, Delhi, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, before returning to Odisha on December 28. Once back in Odisha, the trophy will tour all the districts of the state. The trophy will also be taken to 17 blocks of Sundergarh district, termed the cradle of hockey, officials said. The trophy will be returning to Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar where the finals will be played on January 29.

Proud moment



We are the best! The Indian hockey team celebrates after pipping host Spain 1-0 in the final to clinch the inaugural FIH Women's Nations Cup in Valencia on Saturday. Hockey India has announced a cash reward of ₹2 lakh per player and ₹1 lakh each for the support staff. FIH

FIH Cup: India are champs

The Indian hockey team won the Women's FIH Nations Cup 2022 final with a 1-0 victory over Spain, securing their spot in the 2023-24 FIH Pro League. Promotion to the Women's



Pro League hockey for the next season was up for grabs for the winner of the Women's FIH Nations Cup, which had just concluded its inaugural season. In the opening quarter, Gurjit Kaur (5) scored the lone goal which eventually turned out to be a game-winning goal. Spain played well in the first minutes of the game and nearly took the lead, but India captain Savita Punia made a quick save.



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Women's FIH Nations Cup: India beats Spain in final to gain promotion to Pro League 2023-24

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India won its first penalty corner of the match at the five-minute mark. Head coach Janneke Schepman has been concerned about India's dismal penalty corner conversion rate throughout the tournament.



Following the first goal, India, the eighth-ranked hockey team in the world, and Spain, who have both maintained perfect defensive records in the competition, kept things tight at the back.

Prior to the halftime, only two decent goal chances came from penalty corners. At half stretch, Spain's Clara Perez was able to stop Gurjit from scoring again, while Savita made another outstanding save with her feet to keep out an effort from Lucia Jimenez.

India had a 1-0 lead going into the second half, and both teams stepped up their offensive effort. Clara Perez once more stepped in to save a goal and keep her team in the reckoning as India came near to doubling their lead through a penalty corner.

As the game progressed, Spain started to pose threat to the Indian defence. Lucia Jimenez finally defeated Savita after receiving a free hit with five minutes remaining in

the third quarter. But following a review by the Indian team, the goal was ruled out for a foul committed during the buildup.

With a 1-0 deficit into the fourth quarter, the host team once more had the ball in the Indian goal following a goalmouth scramble, but the on-field referee disallowed it this time because of a foul. Spain ran out of reviews to support their request.

The Indian squad needed some desperate defence in addition, to some good fortune to retain their slim

Hockey India announces cash reward

NEW DELHI, 18 DECEMBER

Hockey India announced cash reward of Rs 2 lakh per player and Rs 1 lakh each for the support staff who formed the team which clinched the gold in the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022.

lead as the host team kept up the pressure in pursuit of a game-tying goal.

Hockey India signs Lima Sportz for Men's World Cup 2023

Bhubaneswar-Rourkela

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FIH Hockey India Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. Photo credit: Hockey India

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Official partner of the FIH, Hockey India has signed Lima Sportz as the official partner of Men's Hockey World Cup.

The collaboration will be for the duration of the tournament, which is scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 2023.



Photo credit: Hockey India

Odisha's Birsas Munda is the world's largest hockey stadium

Birsas Munda Stadium in Odisha's Rourkela has entered the Guinness Book of World Records as it has become the world's largest hockey stadium.



The 21,000-capacity facility was built in a record time of 15 months to host the World Cup matches. The 200-acre stadium has been built on an area of 35 acres in Rourkela.

The 'crazy' secret that worked wonders for hero Danneberg

Siddhi Prasad CHENNAI

Months after the German lifted the World Cup, goalkeeper Jean-Paul Dausberg, the hero of the penalty shootout, was still buzzing. The secrecy of the achievement was yet to end in.

Danneberg had stepped up to the plate for the second time in the tournament, the previous one during the quarterfinal against England when he effected two saves.

And on the biggest night of them all, his team gave Germany a third World Cup crown.

Czech Andrej Stepanek, captain and goalkeeper, all used the word 'crazy' while describing the 20-year-old Daneberg. He, too, had no hesitation in agreeing with them.

Amazing people: "Yeah, sure, of course! Goalkeepers are amazing people, goalkeepers are crazy," he said, breaking the ice for a smile.

Danneberg has a 'crazy' secret - even hearing his score of 2 - involving his backside and an apple pie in



The work Danneberg proved a goal, thanks to a penalty as the Belgians booked out during the final.

type that works wonders during penalties.

"On my bottle, I write Plan A for Pen. I write the recipe for an apple pie."

"Nobody knows what it is on my bottle when I am looking at it. The writers are drinking about this (revealing what I am going to do) and I am one up on them," he said, pointing the index finger to his head.

When warning the bench for a major part of the tournament to guard

ing the citadel in crucial situations with around 15,000 fans raving the die-hard level, Danneberg felt that he had to turn to be a specialist shot-stopper in shootouts.

"It's difficult. You can't not learn this, it's something you are born with. I am the lucky one. It took crazy," he said.

The gear attraction: Danneberg was drawn to gear grabbing as a kid because he thought that the gear looked like a 'vol-

lee' or a 'vachhar', selling himself that it was the coolest thing he saw. He also developed his skills playing indoor hockey.

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Unfortunately for Danneberg and Germany, the team lost in the final. Two years later, he has been a World champion.

Hosting World Cup

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Hockey World Cup off to a spectacular start

The FIH Hockey World Cup kicked off in spectacular fashion at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday. The opening match between India and Argentina was a thrilling affair, with India emerging victorious by a narrow margin. The match was characterized by high-paced action and several goals, setting the tone for a tournament expected to be one of the most exciting in the history of the sport.

GAME TIME

Match	Score	Time
India vs Argentina	3-2	19:30
Spain vs Netherlands	2-1	19:30
France vs Belgium	2-1	19:30
South Africa vs Australia	1-1	19:30
Wales vs Great Britain	1-1	19:30
Germany vs New Zealand	1-1	19:30
Canada vs United States	1-1	19:30
Japan vs South Korea	1-1	19:30
China vs Hong Kong	1-1	19:30
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get past Australia's defence. In recognition, Ajaylal was named the best defender of the tournament. He was instrumental in helping the team secure a 3-1 victory over Argentina. The match was a tactical battle, with both teams showing their defensive prowess.

Hockey WC: India Coach Reid, captain Harmanpreet exude confidence ahead of match against Wales, suspense continues about Hardik

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HOCKEY WORLD CUP

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Andal qualifying event for Paris City

The Andal qualifying event for the Paris City Hockey World Cup is set to take place in Bhubaneswar. The event will feature several teams competing for a spot in the main tournament. It is expected to be a highly competitive and exciting event.

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Hockey World Cup trophy to tour 14 states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
Bhubaneswar

CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday launched the trophy tour of FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 here.

The chief minister handed over the trophy to the Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey in presence of Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusarkanti Behera, Hockey India secretary Bholanath Singh, Hockey India executive director Cdr RK Srivastava, Sports and Youth Services department secretary R Vineel Krishna.

Wishing the trophy tour a grand success, Naveen said, "I hope the trophy tour will build excitement for the World Cup across India. We will be hosting 16 teams and the matches will be played in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. I am sure it will be a memorable World Cup for the teams and the fans."



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launches the trophy tour of hockey World Cup

In the next 21 days the trophy will travel across West Bengal, Manipur, Assam, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Chattisgarh before returning to Odisha on December 25. Once back in Odisha, the trophy will tour across all the districts. The trophy will also visit the 17 blocks of Sundargarh, the hockey cradle of the state.

The last leg of the tour will be in Rourkela before finally returning to Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar where the finals will be played on January 23, 2023.



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VICTORY BY NAME, VICTOR BY NATURE

INTERVIEW
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It's a 27-year-old Dutchman who has been in the hockey world for over a decade. He says, "I want to live by an environment that's not only nice but also healthy and safe. I want to live in a place where I can be a professional athlete and still have a good life. I want to live in a place where I can be a professional athlete and still have a good life. I want to live in a place where I can be a professional athlete and still have a good life."



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CALL OF KALINGA

Block-buster
Hockey World Cup 2023
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Hockey World Cup 2023 trophy receives grand welcome in Mumbai

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The Hockey World Cup 2023 trophy is displayed in Mumbai.

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SPORTS SINGLES

Defending champs Belgium arrive for Hockey Men's WC



#BHUBANESWAR

The defending Champions Belgium arrived in Odisha for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela on Friday, hoping to retain the title they won at the Kalinga Stadium four years ago. There was a definite buzz at the Biju Patnaik International Airport with a large gathering of fans to welcome some of the biggest stars of the game who arrived with the world no 2 team.

हॉकी टीम विश्व कप में हिस्सा लेने भुवनेश्वर पहुंची फ्रांस की टीम

भुवनेश्वर, 9 जनवरी (वार्ता) : फ्रांस की टीम हॉकी पुरुष विश्व कप-2023 में हिस्सा लेने भुवनेश्वर पहुंच गई है। इस टीम ने पुरुष विश्वकप 2018 में सभी को अपने प्रदर्शन से आश्चर्यचकित कर दिया था।



टीम के मुख्य कोच फ्रांज़िस्क सोयेज़ ने कहा, "हम फिरहाल खिताब की तलाश में नहीं हैं। हमारी टीम का ध्यान प्रतियोगिता के पहलू पर केंद्रित है। अगर देखते हैं कि हम कहाँ तक पहुंचते हैं। हम इस प्रतियोगिता में इस बार फिफ्टी बार की खुलना में अच्छा प्रदर्शन करने का मकसद लेकर आए हैं।" फ्रांस की टीम को ऑस्ट्रेलिया, अर्जेंटीना और दक्षिण अफ्रीका के साथ पूल-ए में रखा गया है। इस पूल में फ्रांस को अपना पहला मैच ऑस्ट्रेलिया का खिलाफ 13 जनवरी को भुवनेश्वर में खेला है।

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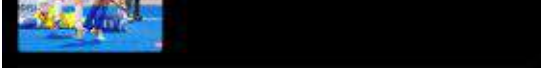
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Hockey World Cup: Mandoeep Singh - India's Mr. Fourth Quarter



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FIH World Cup: Japan Hockey Team Receives a Warm Welcome on Arrival in Odisha



Japan arrived in Odisha on Monday and received a warm reception at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar.
The athletes accompanied on Thursday by members of the Odisha Hockey Federation...

Placed in a group with defending champions Belgium and Germany along with Korea, the Japan men's hockey team aims to give its 100 percent in every match at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.

LIKE MUSIC TO THE EARS

Sanjay Hadkar



The hockey World Cup trophy dazzles in all its glory in Mumbai as a team of band members playing the bagpipe mark the countdown to the mega event starting in Bhubaneswar on January 13

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'Jai Ho Hindustan Ki' is Hockey India's anthem for the Odisha World Cup

STAFF WRITER
Bhubaneswar, 7 JANUARY
The 'Jai Ho Hindustan Ki' version by the famous Indian singer and music composer Alka Yagnik is the new anthem for the Odisha Hockey World Cup. The song is a tribute to the Indian national flag and the spirit of the game.



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TEAM BIRTHDAYS

<u>SENIOR MEN</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>JUNIOR MEN</u>	
KRISHAN B PATHAK	24	BIPIN B. R.	14
		NEERAJ	29
	<u>MAY</u>		
RAJKUMAR PAL	01	AMIR ALI	02
PAWAN MALIK	01	SUDEEP CHIRMAKO	12
NILAKANTA SHARMA	02	SUKHVINDER	14
SANJAY	05	WARIBAM NIRAJ KUMAR SINGH	15
SHILANAND LAKRA	05	AMANDEEP LAKRA	26
SREEJESH P.R	08	CYRIL LUGUN	27
AMIT ROHIDAS	10		
	<u>JUNE</u>		
MANPREET SINGH	26	SUNIT LAKRA	02
		ANGAD BIR SINGH	08
		ARUN SAHANI	13

<u>SENIOR WOMEN</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>JUNIOR WOMEN</u>	
REENA KHOKHAR	10	MAMITA ORAM	02
VANDANA KATARIYA	15	THOUNJAOJAM NIRUPAMA DEVI	05
ISHIKA CHAUDHARY	15	SUNELITA TOPPO	11
MARIANA KUJUR	20	MADUGULA BHAVANI	30
	<u>MAY</u>		
BANSARI SOLANKI	24	RITANYA SAHOO	28
		BHUMIKSHA SAHU	29
		EDULA JYOTHI	30
	<u>JUNE</u>		
DEEP GRACE EKKA	03	MANJU CHORSIYA	10
RAJANI ETIMARPU	09	CHANDANA J	23



IN FOCUS

BEAUTY DUNG DUNG

My age is 19

(Indian Women's Hockey Team)

My hometown is – Karngaguri baju toli,
Jharkhand

I play as a – Forward

My debut was in – 2022

My most important target – Gold in Olympics

My favourite workout is – Core Exercise

My favourite actor is – Ajay Devgan

My favourite song is – Khali haath aaye raho
moi

My favourite cuisine is – South Indian

My best sporting moment – When I got injured
at that time, I got lots of support from my
teammates, friends, and family

My idol is – Asunta Lakra

My dream destination is – Goa

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

My gym buddies are – Mariana, Ajmina,
Vaishnavi

My favourite outfit is – Saree

3 things I don't travel without – My Phone, My
ID, Purse

My cheat meal – Peri-peri French Fries



IN FOCUS

S KARTHI



My age is 21

(Indian Men's Hockey Team)

My hometown is – Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu

I play as a – Forward

My debut was in – Hero Asia Cup 2022

My most important target – Gold in Paris Olympics

My favourite workout is – Shooting practice

My favourite actor is – Vijay Devrakonda

My favourite song is – Pookkal pookkum melody song

My favourite cuisine is – South Indian

My best sporting moment – The recent goal I scored against Australia in FIH Pro League

My idol is – Mother

My dream destination is – Ladakh

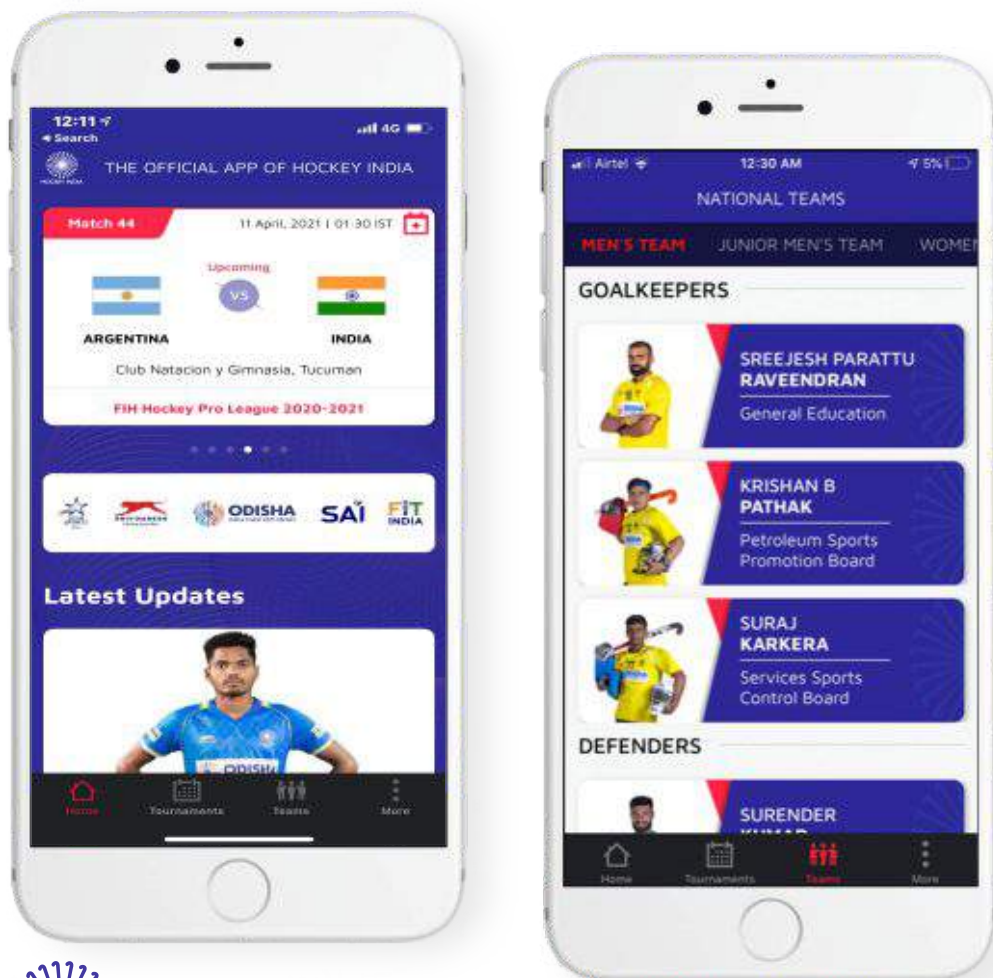
If I wasn't a hockey player, I would've been – Government Employee

My gym buddy is – Manjeet Singh

My favourite outfit is – Lower, T-Shirt

3 things I don't travel without – Phone, Water, Food

My cheat meal – Biryani



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