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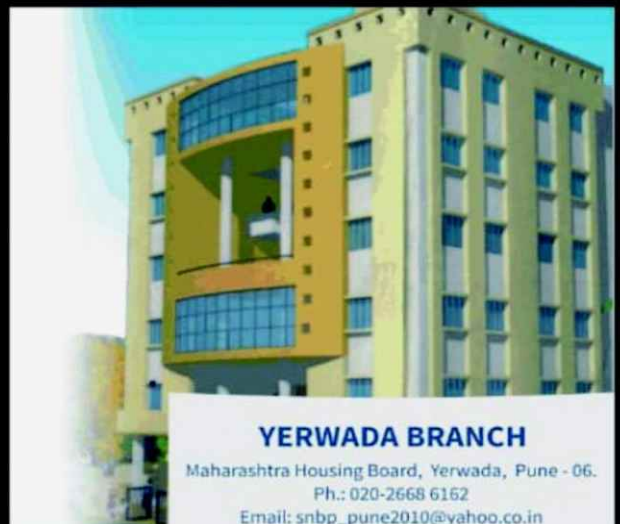
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FOREWORD

When it comes to India and hockey you close your eyes, remember the smell of humid grass and remember it as a nation where hockey is a 'National game'. It is also a nation that has gone 39 years without reaching the semi-final at the Olympics or World Cup and is desperate to do so again. Well, nothing lasts forever, not even droughts.

I know that 2018 was supposed to be a big year for Indian hockey Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and especially the World Cup in Bhubaneshwar was supposed to be India's big opportunity for renewal. There is no doubt that the current Indian hockey team has a bunch of strong, young players who play refreshing hockey but that fatal twist continues to block its march in spite of recent transformations in substance and flair (hockey league, incentives, more money and foreign experts) for some years now.

In this narrative of despair and frustration, the silver lining, though, has been the effervescent Indian hockey fan, who is a beacon of hope for young players. We, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS) have witnessed the love and affection of Indians for hockey, generation after generation since 1964. In an online report, it is claimed that field hockey has an estimated global following of 2 billion fans, most of them in India, Pakistan and Australia field hockey is in third position in global popularity behind soccer (4 billion following) and cricket (2.5 billion following). This is a great sign for the sport and I hope the remaining season of 2021 ushers in a golden chapter for Indian hockey at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Closer home, we at the JNHTS conducted all our five annual tournaments successfully as in previous years. The Nehru Hockey season began with the Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament on October 17, 2019, and concluded with the Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament on December 25, 2019.

The JNHTS is needed fortunate to have hockey-lovers as sponsors for our annual tournaments. I wish to compliment the sterling efforts made by JNHTS' Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia to rope in new sponsors for our tournaments. He deserves the credit and applause of the hockey fraternity for his unstinted initiatives to conduct so many tournaments successfully, year after year. The Society's vibrant and dynamic Secretary General has shown great leadership qualities in implementing the vision of the founding fathers by helping the age group tournaments to penetrate into the remotest areas of the country with his network of administrators and hockey-lovers across India. The JNHTS is indeed fortunate to have an inspiring and indefatigable administrator like Shri Walia to promote and implement its goals.

I also thank the die-hard supporters and hockey fans who throng the MDC National Stadium and other venues for the JNHTS tournaments, year after year. The print, online and electronic media has been extremely supportive of the Society's efforts to promote hockey and offered constructive suggestions. I am thankful to each one of the member of the press for their relentless encouragement and coverage of our champion players performing in the Nehru tournaments.

President

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MESSAGE

The Hon'ble Vice President of India is happy to know that the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), New Delhi, is publishing its annual souvenir (2019-2020) in July, 2020.

The Hon'ble Vice President extends his greetings and congratulations to all the office bearers and members of the JNHTS.


(D. Prasanth Kumar Reddy)

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MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to share that the prestigious edition of the Annual Souvenir of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society is being published uninterruptedly despite the virus upheaval.

Our annual activities for season 2019-2020 concluded on a great note, but the world at large is besieged with impact of Covid-19 virus since March 2020. All the members of the Society have been debating the pros and cons of conducting sporting activities for quite some time now.

As always, I am grateful to the dynamic Secretary General of the Society, Shri Kukoo Walia for his relentless zeal and commitment, and guiding us during the lockdown. I congratulate Kukoo Ji and his team for collating and putting together an exciting volume of articles written by distinguished journalists, along with highlights of the year and the regular pool of stats.

I have no doubt that the Souvenir will delight both the cognoscenti and connoisseurs of the game.

We look forward to your feedback and response to our Annual Souvenir. Happy browsing!

(Subhash Kapur)
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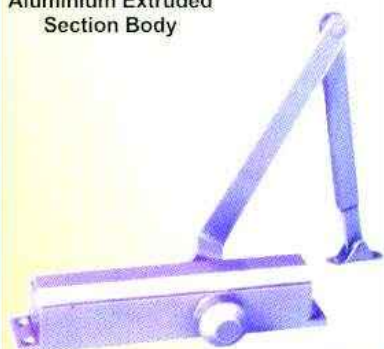
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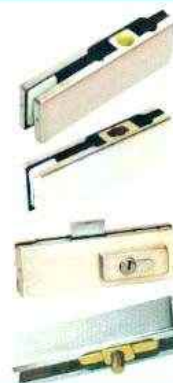
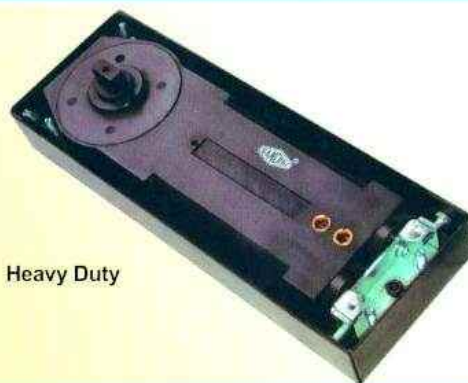
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Each year is a time for reflection over the activities of the past year and to put on record the achievements of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society. Another successful season in 2019-20 was conducted with the completion of our five annual tournaments. The standard of competitions continues to improve every year. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the winners of our annual tournaments in the season gone by and to all participating teams in all our competitions.

JNHTS has been very fortunate that several sports-minded personalities have associated themselves with the Society with the sole aim of improving and popularising the national game of hockey. The JNHTS has always endeared itself to the high ideals set by the founding fathers of the Society, almost 56 years ago. We at the JNHTS continue to support and encourage talent at every level.

As in the past years, this year also the Society successfully conducted as many as five most popular tournaments for boys, girls, senior men and universities, starting from October 17, 2019 which concluded with the 48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament on December 25, 2019. These tournaments, considered most praiseworthy events, continued in spite of nagging financial constraints.

Our series of annual tournaments received lot of encouragement from the fans who thronged the stadium to watch the players in action. Here is a brief resume of the tournaments conducted last season (for future report, please see "Five Jewels of Nehru Hockey").

STEELBIRD HELMET-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament

MPHA Bhopal pumped 11 goals against their opponents in their last two matches when it mattered the most while conceding just three goals, to lift the 37th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament for under-15 boys which was held at New Delhi's MDC National Stadium from October 17-30.

The Bhopal school clinched their semifinal outing against Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow, winning the eight goals contest 5-3. The other semi-final also ended with the same scoreline in favour of Town Government High School, Sundergarh (Odisha) playing against old favourites CRZ Senior Secondary School, Sonapat (Haryana). The final, however, was far from an even contest with MPHA Bhopal firing all cylinders against the Sundergarh lads to clinch the title by a huge margin of 6-0.

The winners took home the glittering Nehru Sub-Junior Trophy and a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000, while their coach, Olympian Mr. Rajinder Singh also bagged the 'Winning Team Coach' prize and received a purse of Rs 15,000 in appreciation. Town Government High School, Sundergarh collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, while their coach, Mr Bijay Kumar Lakra received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'.

Ankit Pal (Shirt No. 15) of MPHA Bhopal bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Tournament Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000. The 'Fair Play Trophy' in the memory of hockey legend and one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), the late Mr K.G. Kakkar, was awarded to SNBP School, Pune.

Earlier, 34 schools teams from across the country, nominated by 29 state governments, IPSC, DG-NCC, Army Sports Control Board, CBSE and Kendriya Vidyalaya took part in the prestigious 37th edition of the Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. The tournament got off to a splendid inaugural ceremony which was presided by JNHTS President and Chairman of Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., Mr Subhash Kapur.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the JNHTS President, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support for the conduct of the premier boys' hockey tournament.

Mr Walia said, "At the outset I express my gratitude and heartfelt thank to the Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., Mr Subhash Kapur for taking out his valuable time for the inauguration as well as presiding over the finals and distributing the prizes to the future champions of hockey. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees for their unstinted support and guidance in holding the tournament successfully."

Mr Walia also lauded the efforts of all the State Education Departments for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament and conducting the qualifying tournaments at the district level and sponsoring the state champions for their participation in the main round. He also thanked the Sports Authority of India for granting financial support for the tournament.

The JNHTS Secretary General also thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Hockey India for their support, and the print and electronic media for their generous coverage of the tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter Univ Hockey Tournament

Uttar Pradesh once again signaled its domination in grass root hockey as MGKV University Varanasi were crowned champions of the SNBP-27th Nehru-All India Inter University hockey tournament held at the LNIPE ground, Gwalior from November 3-12, 2019. Amongst the semi-finalists were two teams from Uttar Pradesh this year, the other semi-finalist being VBSP University, Jaunpur.

In a highly contested final, MGKV University, Varanasi finished on top with a brilliant 2-1 victory against Bangalore Central University to lift the Nehru Trophy. Earlier in the semi-final, MGKV University, Varanasi outclassed VBSP University, Jaunpur by a 2-0 margin. Bangalore Central University wrapped up the five-goal contest against MDU Rohtak in the other semifinal.

In the playoff for the third place, VBSP University, Jaunpur notched up a thrilling 5-3 win against MDU Rohtak.

In the individual honours category, Mukul Sharma (Shirt No. 4) of MGKV University, Varanasi was declared the 'Best Player of the Match' and he received an exquisite Flash hockey stick. Harsdeep Kapur (Shirt No.4) of Banaras Hindu University was declared the 'Best Player of the Tournament'. He received the Pushp Naranjan cash prize of Rs 25,000. LNIPE University, Gwalior received the 'Fair Play Trophy' in the sweet memory of Shri Saiyid Hamid, one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.

The top-16 university teams from across the country were invited to participate in the tournament top-four teams qualified from each zone, emerging from their respective zonal tournaments, North, South, East and West zones. The 16 teams were divided into four groups and the top-two teams were eligible to play the semi-finals.

This year the tournament was inaugurated by the LNIPE vice-chancellor, Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha. Dr Vrishali Bhosale, President, SNBP Group of Institute presided over the finals and distributed the prizes. The tournament was Title sponsored by SNBP Group of Institute, Pune and was Co-sponsored by Shri Sumant Bhasin.

Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the sponsors and the media for extending their overwhelming support for the Nehru-AIU hockey tournament.

Mr Walia said, "I take this opportunity to convey my special gratitude to LNIPE vice-chancellor, Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Dr Vrishali Bhosale, President, SNBP Group of Institute for Title Sponsoring the tournament and Mr Sumant Bhasin for Co-sponsoring the tournament. I am also thankful to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, LNIPE and Hockey India."

He added, "I also wish to thank Mr Samar Hamid, the chairman of the Champion Colleges/University Hockey Tournament and Director (Administration), Hamdard Education Society for his guidance and leadership."

Mr Walia also thanked the print, electronic and digital media for their wide coverage to the Nehru-AIU hockey tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament

A star-studded Punjab National Bank beat Punjab Police 6-3 in the final of the Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament which was held at the Capital's MDC National Stadium from November 14-25.

The winners received the Nehru Gold Cup, Torex Cup and Japan Trophy, while the runners-up team received the Nehru Silver Cup and Torex Cup. Air India received the 'Fair Play Trophy' award in the sweet memory of hockey legend and one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Society, the late Major General Virendra Singh. Meanwhile, Army XI received the Lt. General Harbaksh Singh Trophy as the 'Best Services Team'.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Punjab Police scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Army XI, while PNB thrashed Air India 5-1. The final was presided over by the JNHTS's Vice Presidents, Shri Samar Hamid, Shri Bhupinder Singh and Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman of the Souvenir Committee, JNHTS, in the august presence of the 'chief guest', Shri R.P. Singh, National In-charge, BJP.

A total of 13 leading teams from across the country participated in the prestigious 56th edition of the Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament. The Society expressed its thanks to Steelbird International, IFFCO, FLASH, Shakti Enterprises and Hockey India for supporting the conduct of premier tournament.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia conveyed his gratitude to the dignitaries, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament.

Mr Walia said, "I am deeply obliged to all our stakeholders and the media for their wide coverage of the tournament which goes a long way in popularizing this annual tournament both in India and abroad. I also wish to express my grateful thanks to our worthy Chairman, Tournament Committee, Dr. D.R. Saini, Director, DPS Society for his valuable guidance. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees and the volunteers for their unstinted support and guidance in running the tournament successfully. Our thanks are also due to the Sports Authority of India for their overwhelming support to the tournament."

CHARANJIT RAI - 26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament

For all the leading contenders trying to win the most prestigious title in girls' hockey in the land there was a big lesson to be learnt in the 26th edition. Next time they will come better prepared with kid gloves to take the field against Gwalior's Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School.

The eventual winners sustained high pressure in two back-to-back matches to deservingly clinch the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey title for under-17. In the title clash, Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School maintained their slender 1-0 lead over Directorate General NCC till the last minute after romping into the final with a 4-0 win against Tika Ram Senior Secondary School (Haryana) earlier.

Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School took a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000, NDMC Gold Cup and Charanjit Rai Trophy, while their coach, Ms Neha Rawat bagged the 'Winning Team Coach' and prize purse of Rs 15,000. Directorate General NCC collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, NDMC Silver Cup and Charanjit Rai Trophy, while their coach, ex-India captain, Ms Pritam Rani Siwach received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'.

Earlier, the eventual runners-up got the better off SS Girls Secondary School, Simdega (Jharkhand) 3-2 in the other semi-final clash. The Simdega school had the consolation of bagging the 'Smt. Geeta Bajaj Fair Play Trophy' and a prize purse of Rs 15,000. Jyoti Singh (Shirt No.10) of Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School was declared the 'Charanjit Rai Best Player of the Tournament' and deservingly took home the prize purse of Rs 25,000. Preeti (Shirt No. 17) of Directorate General NCC bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Match Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000.

A total of 26 teams, nominated by various states, IPSC and NCC, took part in the 26th edition of the Nehru Girls Hockey Championship which was held at the Capital's Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium from December 1-12, 2019. The tournament was conducted on a league basis in both phase I and phase II and the top-four teams featured in the semi-final face-offs.

Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the sponsors and the media for extending their overwhelming support to conduct yet another fine season for the country's premier girls' hockey championship.

Mr Walia said, "I take this opportunity to convey my special gratitude to Ms Dimple Rai Ji, Bansuri Foundation & Alicon Group for supporting the championship as the title sponsor." He added, "I also wish to thank the NDMC, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India for their support. I am also thankful to our esteemed guests of honour, former India star, Ms Pritam Rani Siwach for gracing the opening ceremony. I am also grateful to Hon'ble Sports Minister of Haryana and Olympian, Shri Sandeep Singh, and ex-India women star, Ms Surinder Kaur for presiding over the final." Mr Walia also thanked the print, electronic and digital media for their wide coverage to the Nehru Girls Hockey and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

KANWARJI CONSTRUCTION-48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament

MPHA Bhopal launched their campaign in the 2019 Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's annual tournaments in style with two titles. The young guns from Bhopal first bagged the title of the Kanwarji Constructions-48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament for under-17 boys which was held at the Capital's MDC National Stadium from October 13-25 and then followed up with an encore in the Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament for under-15 boys which was held at the MDC National Stadium from December 13-25.

In the under-17 boys tournament, the Bhopal school beat Directorate General NCC Red 2-1, to lift the prestigious Kanwarji Constructions-48th Nehru Junior Trophy and a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000. Their coach, Mr Rajinder Singh received the 'Winning Team Coach' prize which carried a purse of Rs 15,000 in appreciation. Directorate General NCC Red collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, while their coach, Mr R.K. Saini received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'.

Earlier in the semi-finals, NCC Red thrashed Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur 5-2, while MPHA Bhopal defeated Punjab Institute of Sports 3-2 in a close encounter.

Simon Bodra (Shirt No. 18) of Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Tournament Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000, while Ali Ahmad (Shirt No. 9) of MPHA Bhopal bagged the 'Best Player of the Match' and prize money of Rs 1,000. The 'Fair Play Trophy' in the memory of hockey legend and the founding father of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), the late Mr Shiv Kumar Varma, was awarded to Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur.

A total number of 27 schools teams from across the country, nominated by 22 state education departments, IPSC, NCC, Army Sports Control Board (Boys Wing), Sainik School took part in the prestigious 48th edition of the Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. The championship was inaugurated by 'chief guest' and Member of Parliament, Shri S.P. Singh Baghel.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia conveyed his gratitude to the dignitaries, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament.

Mr Walia said, "I am deeply obliged to our chief guest for the inaugural and the final respectively, Member of Parliament, Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, and Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP, and to Shri S.K. Gola, Chairman of Kanwarji Constructions for presiding over the final and presenting the prizes to the winners. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees for their unstinted support and guidance in holding the tournament successfully."

Mr Walia also lauded the efforts of all the State Education Departments for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament and conducting the qualifying tournaments at the district level and sponsoring the state champions for their participation in the main round. The JNHTS Secretary General also thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Hockey India for their support, and the print and electronic media for their wide coverage of the tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

Annual Souvenir is a big hit

JNHTS's Annual Souvenir continues to be the most sought-after publication on the game of hockey, not only in India but in all other hockey-playing nations as well. It features rare hockey statistics and team details over the last five decades, along with articles by seasoned hockey experts and sports journalists which makes it a compulsive reading for hockey lovers. The Souvenir has received plaudits from experts and fans alike, both in India and overseas.

FLASH hockey sticks to encourage juniors

JNHTS is continuously thinking of innovative measures to make the national game of hockey more popular among the younger generation, especially school children. One of the latest method to encourage juniors was to present the state-of-the-art composite hockey sticks, sponsored by FLASH, to every 'Man of the Match' winner. These sticks have their own benefits: they are light in weight; their performance is a lot more consistent; and they are specially engineered to ensure that the lower kick-point allows to shoot rapidly and powerfully. The technically superior modern sticks are exclusively made in India by FLASH.

No.1 portal for hockey fans

JNHTS's website www.nehruhockey.com has been a massive hit, with over 1,25,000 sports-lovers having visited the site. Interestingly, the number is increasing rapidly. The Society offers its grateful thanks to M/s Hero Moto Corps, a renowned sports promotional set-up at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, for sponsoring the Society's website. It provides information and details about the five annual tournaments of Nehru Hockey and its other activities to promote the game, besides featuring news from Indian hockey and abroad, and interesting articles by experts.

Lucrative prize money for 'future champions'

One of the salient features of the five tournaments annually conducted by the Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has been the cash incentives to various participating teams and individuals, in order to get the best performances out of them.

The Nehru Hockey Society has been one of the pioneers in the country to introduce substantial amount of prize money to teams, coaches and individual players. The Nehru Hockey Society is perhaps the only private sports organisation in the country today to honour coaches of successful teams in all our age-group competitions.

This year also the Society gave substantial cash awards to the top two finishers and their coaches, which are as follows:

1.	Girls Tournament:	Rs	3,62,500
2.	Sub-Junior Boys Tournament:	Rs	3,06,000
3.	Junior Boys Tournament:	Rs	3,29,000

In conclusion, I once again extend my grateful thanks to my dear colleagues and members of the staff for their unstinted support and co-operation in every matter I had to deal with. It must be said that without their co-operation it would not have been possible for me to run the organisation.

I also thank the electronic and print media for their continued support to Nehru Hockey.

I thank one and all and look forward to a brighter tomorrow for the game of Hockey in the country.

(ROHIT CHAUHAN)
Secretary

*Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.*

-Mahatma Gandhi

STEELBIRD HELMET-37th NEHRU SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (BOYS U15)

MDC National Stadium, New Delhi, Oct. 17-30, 2019

MPHA Bhopal lift 37th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey title

Bhopal lads give a 6-0 walloping to Town Government High School from Sundergarh

MPHA Bhopal pumped 11 goals against their opponents in their last two matches when it mattered the most while conceding just three goals, to lift the 37th Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament for under-15 boys which was held at New Delhi's MDC National Stadium from October 17-30.

The Bhopal school clinched their semifinal outing against Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow, winning the eight goals contest 5-3. The other semi-final also ended with the same scoreline in favour of Town Government High School, Sundergarh (Odisha) playing against old favourites CRZ Senior Secondary School, Sonapat (Haryana). The final, however, was far from an even contest with MPHA Bhopal firing all cylinders against the Sundergarh lads to clinch the title by a huge margin of 6-0.

The winners took home the glittering Nehru Sub-Junior Trophy and a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000, while their coach, Mr Rajinder Singh also bagged the 'Winning Team Coach' prize and received a purse of Rs 15,000 in appreciation. Town Government High School, Sundergarh collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, while their coach, Mr Bijay Kumar Lakra received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'. Ankit Pal (Shirt No. 15) of MPHA Bhopal bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Tournament Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000. The 'Fair Play Trophy' in the memory of hockey legend and one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), the late Mr K.G. Kakkar, was awarded to SNBP School, Pune.

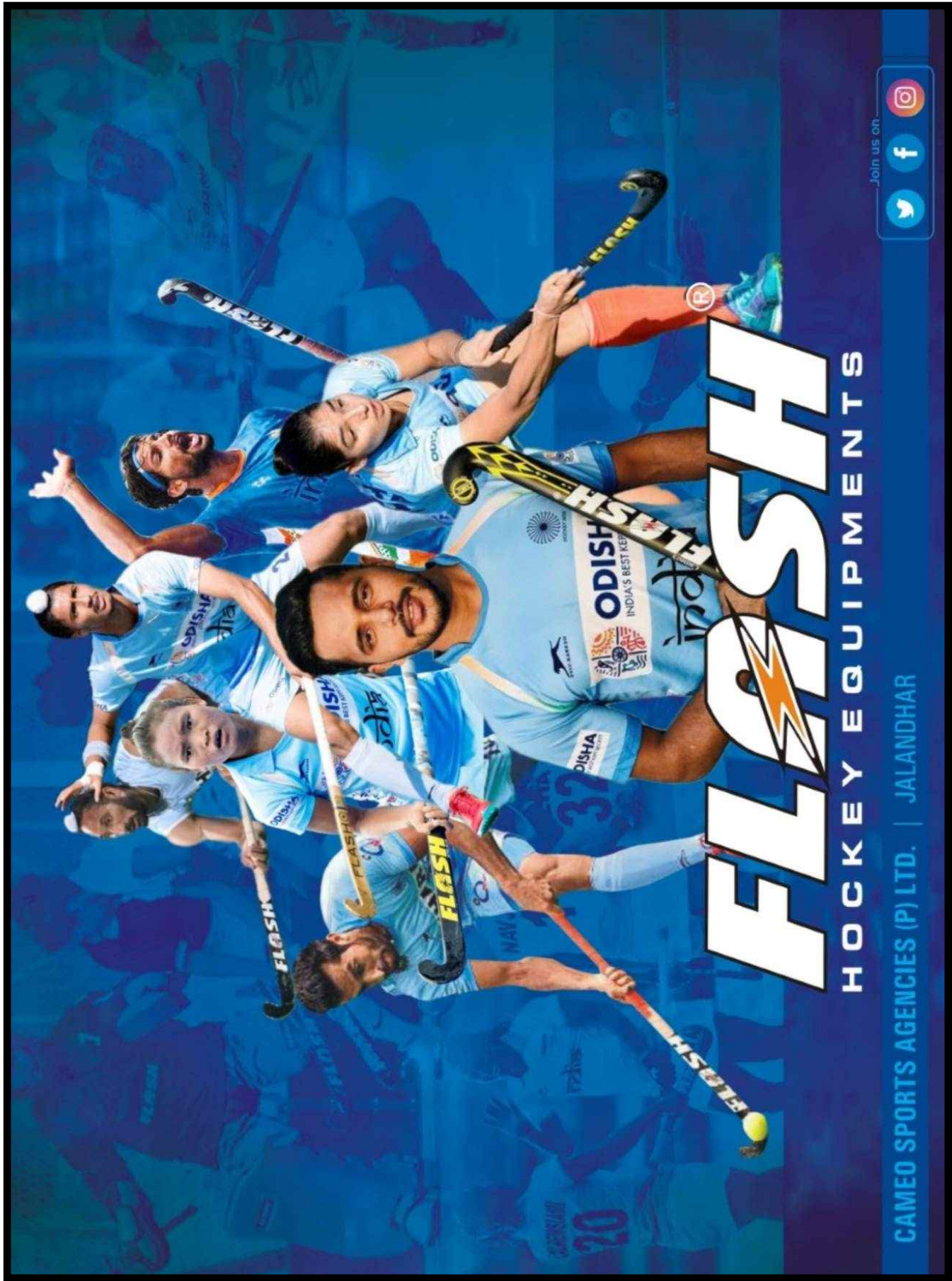
Earlier, 34 schools teams from across the country, nominated by 29 state governments, IPSC, DG-NCC, Army Sports Control Board, CBSE and Kendriya Vidyalaya took part in the prestigious 37th edition of the Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. The tournament got off to a splendid inaugural ceremony which was presided by JNHTS President and Chairman of Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., Mr Subhash Kapur.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the JNHTS President, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support for the conduct of the premier boys' hockey tournament.

Mr Walia said, "At the outset I express my gratitude and heartfelt thank you to the Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., Mr Subhash Kapur for taking out his valuable time for the inauguration as well as presiding over the finals and distributing the prizes to the future champions of hockey. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees for their unstinted support and guidance in holding the tournament successfully."

Mr Walia also lauded the efforts of all the State Education Departments for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament and conducting the qualifying tournaments at the district level and sponsoring the state champions for their participation in the main round. He also thanked the Sports Authority of India for granting financial support for the tournament.

The JNHTS Secretary General also thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Hockey India for their support, and the print and electronic media for their generous coverage of the tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

An advertisement for Flash Hockey featuring a group of Odisha Hockey League players. The players are wearing light blue jerseys with 'ODISHA' and 'INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRETS' printed on them. They are holding hockey sticks with the 'FLASH' brand logo. The background is a vibrant blue with faint silhouettes of hockey players in action. The 'FLASH' logo is prominently displayed in large white letters with a yellow lightning bolt graphic. Below the logo, the text 'HOCKEY EQUIPMENTS' is written in white capital letters. At the bottom, the text 'CAMEO SPORTS AGENCIES (P) LTD. | JALANDHAR' is visible. In the top right corner, there are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, with the text 'Join us on' above them.

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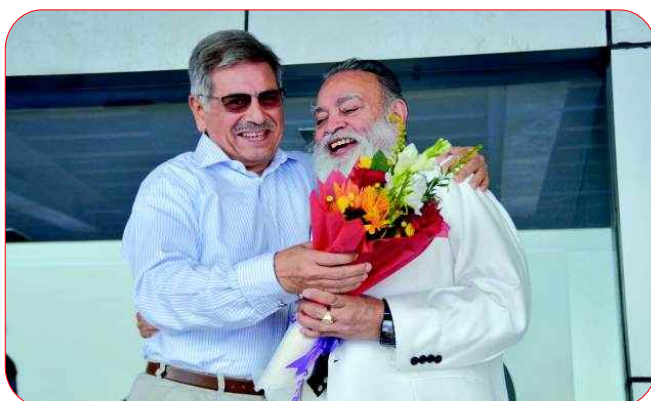
**STEELBIRD HELMET- 37th
Nehru Sub-Junior Boys
Hockey Tournament**



'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Limited and Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General at the inauguration of Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.



A glimpse of the gallery during the inauguration of Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



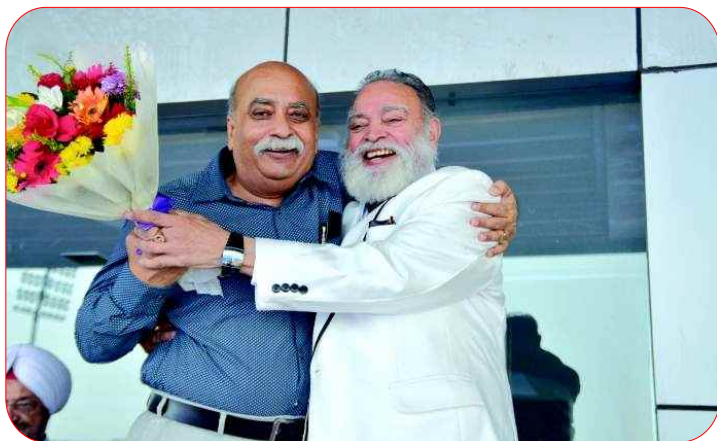
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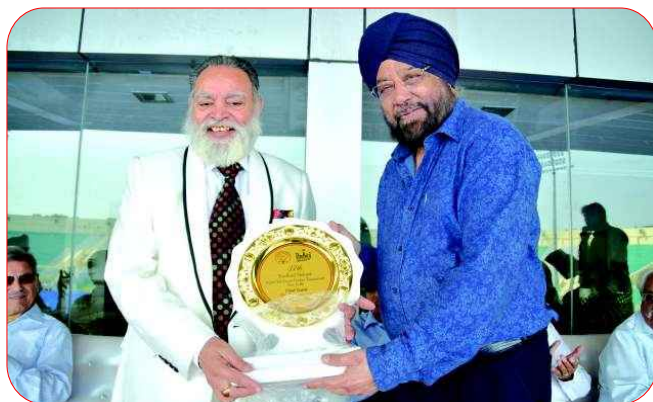
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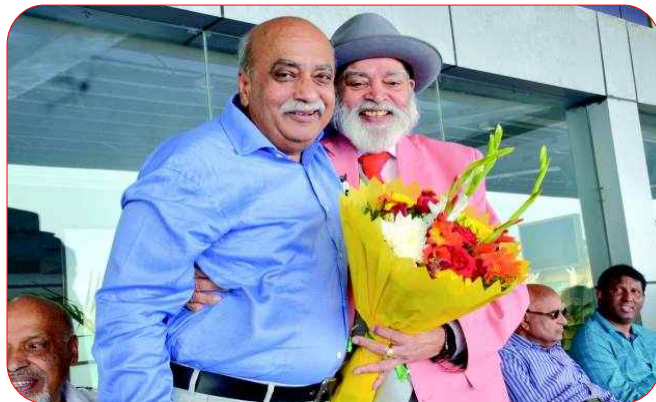


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The participating teams in the Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament during march past as 'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Limited takes the salute.

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'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Limited interacting with the teams before the final of Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



A glimpse of the gallery during the final of Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



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'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur and Shri Suresh Kakar presents the 'Fair Play Trophy' for the Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament in the fond memory of hockey legend and one of the founding members of JNHTS, the late Shri K.G. Kakar, to SNBP School, Pune.



'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur along with Shri Sumant Bhasin presents the 'Best Player of the Tournament Award' to Ankit Pal shirt No. 15 of MPHA Bhopal. He received the Pusp Naranjan cash award of Rs 25,000.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presents a memento to 'Chief Guest' Shri Subhash Kapur after the finals of Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



'Guest of Honour' Shri P.L. Dhall, Director, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Limited addresses the gathering after the presentation ceremony of the Steelbird Helmet-37th Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.

SNBP - 27TH NEHRU ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (INTER ZONAL FINAL)

LNIFE University, Gwalior (MP) - (November 3-12, 2019)

MGKV Varanasi emerges University champion

Varanasi boys fend challenge from Bangalore Central University to win 2-1

Uttar Pradesh once again signaled its domination in grass root hockey as MGKV University Varanasi were crowned champions of the SNBP-27th Nehru-All India Inter University hockey tournament held at the LNIFE ground, Gwalior from November 3-12, 2019. Amongst the semi-finalists were two teams from Uttar Pradesh this year, the other semi-finalist being VBSP University, Jaunpur.

In a highly contest final, MGKV University, Varanasi finished on top with a brilliant 2-1 victory against Bangalore Central University to lift the Nehru Trophy. Earlier in the semi-final, MGKV University, Varanasi outclassed VBSP University, Jaunpur by a 2-0 margin. Bangalore Central University wrapped up the five-goal contest against MDU Rohtak in the other semifinal.

In the playoff for the third place, VBSP University, Jaunpur notched up a thrilling 5-3 win against MDU Rohtak.

In the individual honours category, Mukul Sharma (Shirt No. 4) of MGKV University, Varanasi was declared the 'Best Player of the Match' and he received an exquisite Flash hockey stick. Harsdeep Kapur (Shirt No.4) of Banaras Hindu University was declared the 'Best Player of the Tournament'. He received the Pushp Naranjan cash prize of Rs 25,000. LNIFE University, Gwalior received the 'Fair Play Trophy' in the sweet memory of Shri Saiyid Hamid, one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.

The top-16 university teams from across the country were invited to participate in the tournament top-four teams qualified from each zone, emerging from their respective zonal tournaments, North, South, East and West zones. The 16 teams were divided into four groups and the top-two teams were eligible to play the semi-finals.

This year the tournament was inaugurated by the LNIFE vice-chancellor, Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha. Dr Vrishali Bhosale, President, SNBP Group of Institute presided over the finals and distributed the prizes to the winners, runners-up and the rest of the prize ceremony event. SNBP Group of Institute were the sponsors of the tournament.

Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the sponsors and the media for extending their overwhelming support for the Nehru-AIU hockey tournament. Mr Walia said, "I take this opportunity to convey my special gratitude to LNIFE vice-chancellor, Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Dr Vrishali Bhosale, President, SNBP Group of Institute for Title Sponsoring the tournament and Mr Sumant Bhasin for Co-sponsoring the tournament. I am also thankful to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, LNIFE and Hockey India."

He added, "I also wish to thank Mr Samar Hamid, the chairman of the Champion Colleges/University Hockey Tournament and Director (Administration), Hamdard Education Society for his guidance and leadership."

Mr Walia also thanked the print, electronic and digital media for their wide coverage to the Nehru-AIU hockey tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

**SNBP - 27th Nehru All India
Inter University Hockey Tournament
INTER ZONAL FINAL**



JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia presents a bouquet and memento to 'Chief Guest' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE Gwalior during the inauguration of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament at LNIPE University, Gwalior.



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Shri Paramjit Singh, SAI hockey coach presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE Gwalior during the inauguration of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament at LNIPE University, Gwalior.





The participating teams in the SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament during march-past as 'Chief Guest' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE takes the salute.



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JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia and 'Guest of Honour' Col. Janak Singh Shekhawat (Retd), Registrar of LNIPE University Gwalior watching the inaugural match of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.



Shri Virendra Bahadur Singh, JNHTS Member and 'Chief Guest' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE Gwalior watching the inaugural match of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.



Mrs Vrishali Bhosale, President, SNBP Group, Pune makes a scintillating entry as the 'Chief Guest' for the final of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament at LNIPE University, Gwalior. JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia is accompanying the Mrs Bhosale.



Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha, Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE Gwalior makes a scintillating entry as the 'Guest of Honour' for the final of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament at LNIPE University, Gwalior. Shri Virendra Bahadur Singh is accompanying the 'Guest of Honour'.



JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia watches as 'Chief Guest' Mrs Vrishali, Bhosale and 'Guest of Honour' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha greet each other.

'Chief Guest' Mrs Vrishali, Bhosale, 'Guest of Honour' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha and JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia on the dais before the start of the final of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.





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A glimpse of the gallery during the final of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.



JNHT Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia addresses the gathering before the start of the presentation ceremony of the SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.



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'Chief Guest' Mrs Vrishali Bhosale and 'Guest Honour' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha presents the memento to the band.



'Chief Guest' Mrs Vrishali Bhosale and 'Guest Honour' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha presents the 'Best Spectator Award' to **Shri Munna Lal** of Gwalior City. He received the cash award of Rs 5,000.



'Chief Guest' Mrs Vrishali Bhosale and 'Guest Honour' Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha presents the memento Shri Sumant Bhasin after the final of SNBP-27th Nehru All India Inter University Hockey Tournament.



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STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL - 56TH NEHRU SENIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

MDC National Stadium, New Delhi - November 14-25, 2019

PNB win Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey title

Air India receive 'Fair Play Trophy' while 'Best Services Team' award for Army XI

A star-studded Punjab National Bank beat Punjab Police 6-3 in the final of the Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament which was held at the Capital's MDC National Stadium from November 14-25.

The winners received the Nehru Gold Cup, Torex Cup and Japan Trophy, while the runners-up team received the Nehru Silver Cup and Torex Cup. Air India received the 'Fair Play Trophy' award in the sweet memory of hockey legend and one of the founding fathers of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Society, the late Major General Virendra Singh. Meanwhile, Army XI received the Lt. General Harbaksh Singh Trophy as the 'Best Services Team'.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Punjab Police scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Army XI, while PNB thrashed Air India 5-1. The final was presided over by the JNHTS's Vice President, Shri Samar Hamid, Shri Bhupinder Singh and Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman of the Souvenir Committee, JNHTS, in the august presence of the 'chief guest', Shri R.P. Singh, National In-charge, BJP.

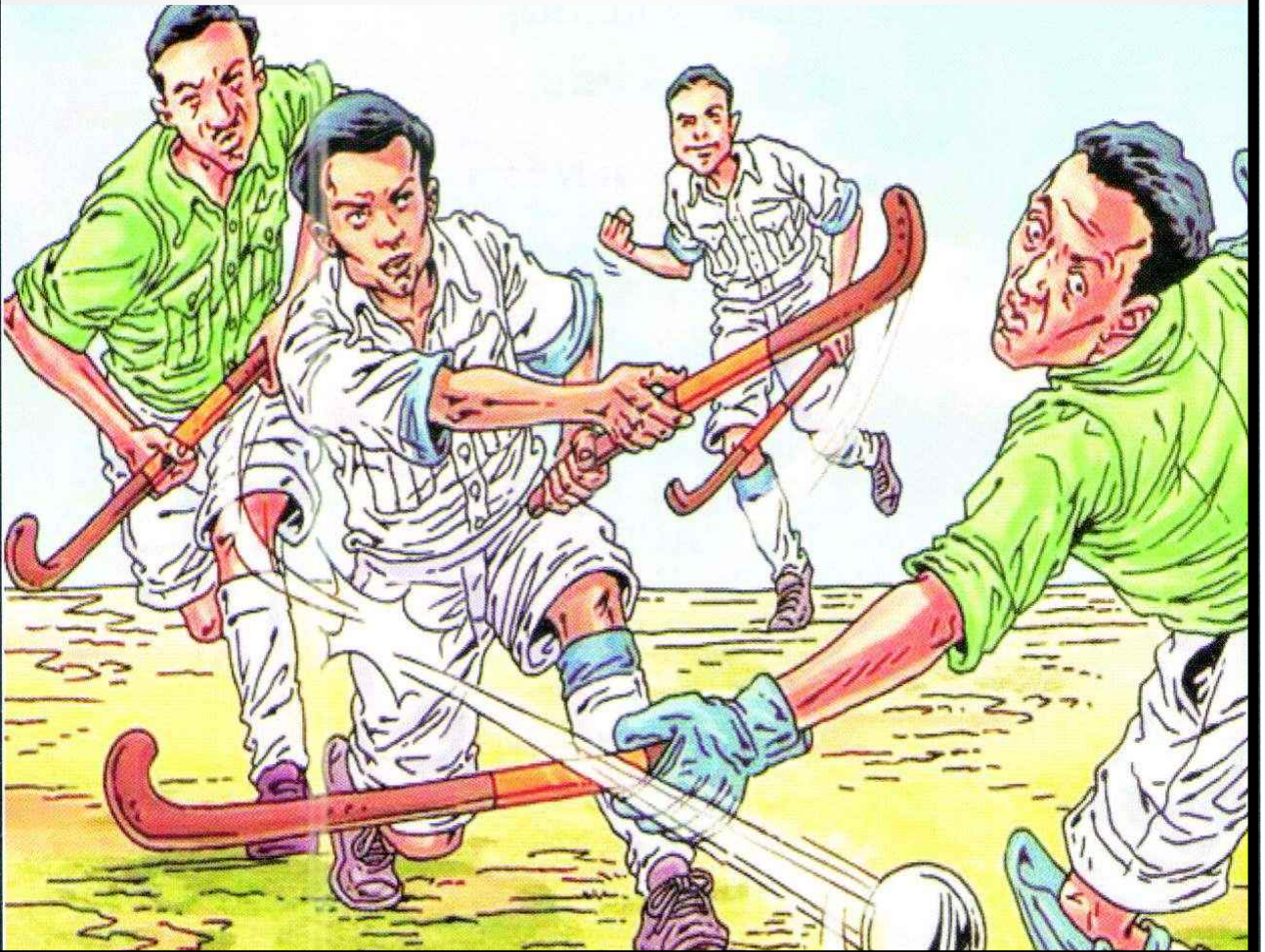
A total of 13 of the leading teams from across the country participated in the prestigious 56th edition of the Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament. The Society expressed its thanks to Steelbird International, IFFCO, FLASH, Shakti Enterprises and Hockey India for supporting the conduct of the premier tournament.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia conveyed his gratitude to the dignitaries, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament.

Mr Walia said, "I am deeply obliged to all our stakeholders and the media for their wide coverage of the tournament which goes a long way in popularizing this annual tournament both in India and abroad. I also wish to express my grateful thanks to our worthy Chairman, Tournament Committee, Dr. D.R. Saini, Director, DPS Society for his valuable guidance. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees and the volunteers for their unstinted support and guidance in running the tournament successfully. Our thanks are also due to the Sports Authority of India for their overwhelming support to the tournament."



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STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL - 56TH Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament



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Shri I.D. Kapur, JNHTS Treasurer presents a bouquet to 'Guest of Honour' Mr Atul Saini, Steelbird International during the inauguration of Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



'Chief Guest' Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird International interacting with the teams before the start of the Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.

A glimpse of the gallery during the inauguration of Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



Dr. J.N. Misra, JNHTS Vice-President presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh, National Incharge, BJP during the final of Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament.



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A glimpse of the gallery during the final of Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh with the winner of the Nehru Gold Cup, Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament PNB.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh presenting the winner of Nehru Torex Cup, Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament PNB.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh presenting winner of Nehru Japan Trophy, Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament PNB.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh with the runners-up Nehru Silver Cup, Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament Punjab Police.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh presenting runners-up of Nehru Torex Cup, Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament Punjab Police.



Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President presents the 'Lt. Gen. Harbaksh Singh Trophy' for the 'Best Services Team' to Indian Air Force.



'Chief Guest' Shri R.P. Singh presents the 'Fair Play Trophy' for Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament in fond memory of hockey legend and one of the founding members of JNHTS, the late Major General Virendra Singh, to Air India.



JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia addresses the gathering after the presentation ceremony of the Steelbird International-56th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament.

CHARANJIT RAI - 26TH NEHRU GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

MDC National Stadium, New Delhi, December 1-12, 2019

Kiddy's Corner clinch 26th Nehru Girls Hockey Title

Gwalior's Kiddy's Corner Hr. Sec. School pip Directorate General NCC 1-0 in the final

For all the leading contenders trying to win the most prestigious title in girls' hockey in the land there was a big lesson to be learnt in the 26th edition. Next time they will come better prepared with kid gloves to take the field against Gwalior's Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School.

The eventual winners sustained high pressure in two back-to-back matches to deservingly clinch the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey title for under-17. In the title clash, Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School maintained their slender 1-0 lead over Directorate General NCC till the last minute after romping into the final with a 4-0 win against Tika Ram Senior Secondary School (Haryana) earlier.

Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School took a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000, NDMC Gold Cup and Charanjit Rai Trophy, while their coach, Ms Neha Rawat bagged the 'Winning Team Coach' and prize purse of Rs 15,000. Directorate General NCC collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, NDMC Silver Cup and Charanjit Rai Trophy, while their coach, ex-India captain, Ms Pritam Rani Siwach received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'.

Earlier, the eventual runners-up got the better off SS Girls Secondary School, Simdega (Jharkhand) 3-2 in the other semi-final clash. The Simdega school had the consolation of bagging the 'Smt. Geeta Bajaj Fair Play Trophy' and a prize purse of Rs 15,000. Jyoti Singh (Shirt No.10) of Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School was declared the 'Charanjit Rai Best Player of the Tournament' and deservingly took home the prize purse of Rs 25,000. Preeti (Shirt No. 17) of Directorate General NCC bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Match Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000.

A total of 26 teams, nominated by various states, IPSC and NCC, took part in the 26th edition of the Nehru Girls Hockey Championship which was held at the Capital's Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium from December 1-12, 2019. The tournament was conducted on a league basis in both phase I and phase II and the top-four teams featured in the semi-final face-offs.

Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia took the opportunity to thank the sponsors and the media for extending their overwhelming support to conduct yet another fine season for the country's premier girls' hockey championship.

Mr Walia said, "I take this opportunity to convey my special gratitude to Ms Dimple Rai Ji, Bansuri Foundation & Aicon Group for supporting the championship as the title sponsor." He added, "I also wish to thank the NDMC, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India for their support. I am also thankful to our esteemed guests of honour, former India star, Ms Pritam Rani Siwach for gracing the opening ceremony. I am also grateful to Hon'ble Sports Minister of Haryana and Olympian, Shri Sandeep Singh, and ex-India women star, Ms Surinder Kaur for presiding over the final." Mr Walia also thanked the print, electronic and digital media for their wide coverage to the Nehru Girls Hockey and highlighting the achievements of individual players.

CHARANJIT RAI - 26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presents a flower plant to 'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Siwach during the inauguration of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



'Guest of Honour' Sjoerd Woelders presents a flower plant to 'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Rani Siwach during the inauguration of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.



The participating teams in the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament during march-past as 'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Siwach takes the salute.



'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Siwach addresses the participating teams and guests during the Inauguration of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament.



'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Siwach meets the teams before the start of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament.

'Chief Guest' Ms Pritam Siwach along with other esteemed guests watches the action in Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General welcomes the 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana for the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



'Guest of Honour' Ms Dimple Rai for the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament with JNHTS Vice-President Shri Samar Hamid.



'Guest of Honour', Shri Shailendra Rai, Managing Director, Alicon Group presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana during the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



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Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana during the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana with Mr Shailendra Rai, Managing Director, Alicon Group and Mrs Rai just before the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.





'Guest of Honour', Ms Dimple Rai, Bansuri Foundation presenting a flower plant to 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana during the finals of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



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Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President presenting a flower plant to 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana during the finals of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



'Chief Guest' Shri Sandeep Singh, interacts with the teams on eve of the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament. JNHTS' Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia is seen introducing the players.



A packed VIP gallery avidly watches the nail-biting final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



A gathering of spectators during the final of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



Shri Shailendra Rai, MD of Alicon Group and Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President watching the finals of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



Shri Shailendra Rai, MD of Alicon Group and 'Chief Guest' Shri Sandeep Singh watching the finals of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President addresses the gathering before the start of the presentation ceremony of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presenting a memento to 'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana after the final of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament

Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presenting a memento to 'Guest of Honour', Ms Surinder Kaur, former India captain and DSP (Haryana) after the final of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presenting a memento to 'Guest of Honour', Mrs Shailendra Rai and Mr Shailendra Rai after the final of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Hockey Tournament.



'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana, presenting a cheque of Rs 1,60,000 to the winners of the Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament, Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School, Gwalior.



'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana, with the winner of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament, Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School, Gwalior.



'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana, with the runners-up of Charanjit Rai-26th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament, Directorate General-NCC.



'Chief Guest', Shri Sandeep Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana, presents the 'Best Player of the Tournament Award' to Preeti (shirt No. 17) of Directorate General-NCC. She received the Pusp Naranjan cash award of Rs 25,000.



'Guest of Honour', Ms Surinder Kaur, former India captain and DSP (Haryana) presents the 'Best Player of the Tournament Award' to Jyoti Singh (shirt No. 10) of Kiddy's Corner Higher Secondary School, Gwalior. There were two best player this year. Jyoti received a prize purse of Rs 25,000.



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**KANWARJI CONSTRUCTION - 48TH NEHRU JUNIOR
HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (Boys U17)
MDC National Stadium, New Delhi, Dec 13 to 25, 2019.**

MPHA Bhopal bag 48th Nehru Junior Hockey title

Bhopal school beat Directorate General NCC Red 2-1 in the final

MPHA Bhopal launched their campaign in the 2019 Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's annual tournaments in style with two titles. The young guns from Bhopal first bagged the title of the Kanwarji Constructions-48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament for under-17 boys which was held at the Capital's MDC National Stadium from December 13-25.

In the under-17 boys tournament, the Bhopal school beat Directorate General NCC Red 2-1, to lift the prestigious Kanwarji Constructions-48th Nehru Junior Trophy and a prize purse of Rs 1,60,000. Their coach, Mr Rajinder Singh received the 'Winning Team Coach' prize which carried a purse of Rs 15,000 in appreciation. Directorate General NCC Red collected the runners-up purse of Rs 96,000, while their coach, Mr R.K. Saini received a purse of Rs 10,000 for the 'Runners-up Team Coach'.

Earlier in the semi-finals, NCC Red thrashed Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur 5-2, while MPHA Bhopal defeated Punjab Institute of Sports 3-2 in a close encounter.

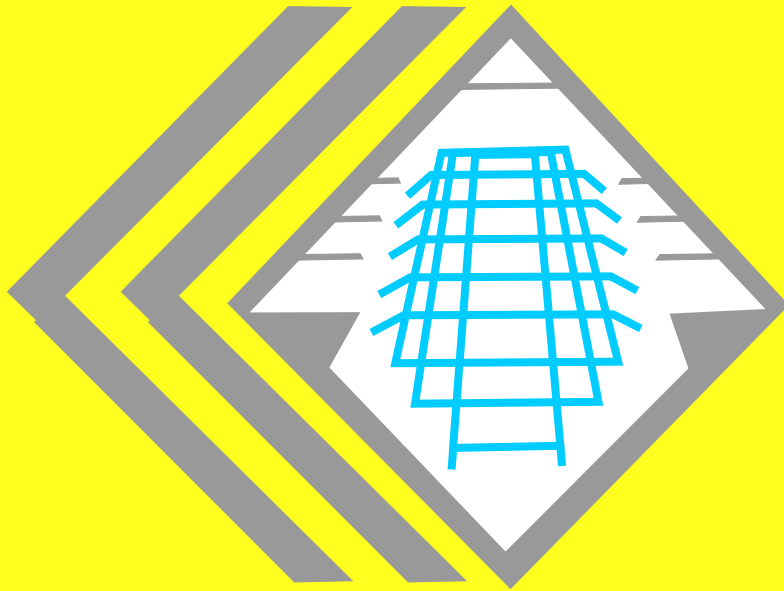
Simon Bodra (Shirt No. 18) of Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur bagged the 'Pushp Naranjan Best Player of the Tournament Award' and prize money of Rs 25,000, while Ali Ahmad (Shirt No. 9) of MPHA Bhopal bagged the 'Best Player of the Match' and prize money of Rs 1,000. The 'Fair Play Trophy' in the memory of hockey legend and the founding father of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), the late Mr Shiv Kumar Varma, was awarded to Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Jamshedpur.

A total number of 27 schools teams from across the country, nominated by 22 state education departments, IPSC, NCC, Army Sports Control Board (Boys Wing), Sainik School took part in the prestigious 48th edition of the Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. The championship was inaugurated by 'chief guest' and Member of Parliament, Shri S.P. Singh Baghel.

JNHTS's Secretary General, Mr Kukoo Walia conveyed his gratitude to the dignitaries, the sponsors and media for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament.

Mr Walia said, "I am deeply obliged to our chief guest for the inaugural and the final respectively, Member of Parliament, Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, and Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP, and to Shri S.K. Gola, Chairman of Kanwarji Constructions for presiding over the final and presenting the prizes to the winners. I am also thankful to the Chairpersons and Members of the various Sub-Committees for their unstinted support and guidance in holding the tournament successfully."

Mr Walia also lauded the efforts of all the State Education Departments for extending their overwhelming support to the tournament and conducting the qualifying tournaments at the district level and sponsoring the state champions for their participation in the main round. The JNHTS Secretary General also thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Hockey India for their support, and the print and electronic media for their wide coverage of the tournament and highlighting the achievements of individual players.



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KANWARJI CONSTRUCTION - 48th Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament



Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest' Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, MP during the inauguration of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.

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The late Shri S.K. Gola, JNHTS Vice-President presenting a flower plant to 'Chief Guest' Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, MP during the inauguration of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



Shri I.D. Kapur, JNHTS Treasurer presents a bouquet to 'Guest of Honour' Shri Satpal Malik, Mayor, MCD South during the inauguration of Kanwarji Construction-48th Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



The participating teams in the Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament during march-past as 'Guest of Honour' Shri Satpal Malik, Mayor, MCD South takes the salute.



'Chief Guest' Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, MP addresses the participating teams and guests during the Inauguration of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



A glimpse of the gallery during the inauguration of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.



Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President presents a bouquet and memento to 'Chief Guest' Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General presents a bouquet to 'Chief Guest' Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP during the final of Kanwarji Construction 48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



Dr D.R. Saini, JNHTS Vice-President presents a bouquet and shawl to 'Chief Guest' Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



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'Chief Guest' Shri Shyam Jaju, National Vice-President, BJP interacting with the teams before the final of Kanwarji Construction 48th Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



The late Shri S.K. Gola, Chairman, Kanwarji Construction presents a bouquet and shawl to Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.

Shri Shri Rajesh Prajapati, Chairman, Reception Committee presents a shawl to JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



Shri Kukoo Walia, JNHTS Secretary General and the late S.K. Gola, Chairman, Kanwarji Construction present a memento to Shri Rajesh Prajapati, Chairman, Reception Committee during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



A glimpse of the gallery during the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament at MDC National Stadium, New Delhi.



JNHTS Vice Presidents, Shri Samar Hamid, Dr D.R. Saini and the late Shri S.K. Gola with the winner of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Bhopal.



JNHTS Vice Presidents, Shri Samar Hamid, Dr D.R. Saini, the late Shri S.K. Gola with the runners-up of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament, Directorate General, NCC Red.



JNHTS Vice Presidents, Shri Samar Hamid, Dr D.R. Saini, and the late Shri S.K. Gola, presenting the 'Fair Play Trophy' for the Kanwarji Construction - 48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament in the fond memory of hockey legend and one of the founding members of JNHTS, the late Shri Shiv Kumar Varma to Naval Tata Hockey Academy.



JNHTS Vice Presidents, Shri Samar Hamid, Dr D.R. Saini, and the late Shri S.K. Gola presenting the 'Best Player of the Tournament Award' to Simon Bodra Shirts No. 18 of Naval Tata Hockey Academy. He received the Pushp Naranjan cash award of Rs 25,000.



JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia presents a memento to Shri Samar Hamid, JNHTS Vice-President after the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.



JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia presents a memento to the late, Shri S.K. Gola, Chairman, Kanwarji after the final of Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament

JNHTS Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia addresses the gathering after the presentation ceremony of the Kanwarji Construction-48th Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament.





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1994	Shri Rajesh Khanna M.P.	Shri Sahib Singh Minister of Development & Education, Delhi.
1995	Shri Madan Lal Khurana Chief Minister, Delhi	Shri Aslam Sher Khan, Union Minister of State, P.M.O. & Welfare
1996	Dr. (Mrs.) Reena Ramachandran Chairperson & Managing Director Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Shri Bhaskar Barua Secretary, Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports, govt. of India
1997	Mrs. Shakunta Arya Mayor of Delhi	Shri Sahib Singh Chief Minister, Delhi
1998	Shri B.P. Misra Chairman, N.D.M.C.	Mrs. Vidya Stokes President, I.W.H.F.
1999	Mrs. Vidya Stokes President, I.W.H.F.	Shri B.P. Misra Chairman, N.D.M.C.
2000	Shri Ram Bhaj, M.L.A. Vice-Chairman, NDMC	Shri Suresh Kalmadi President, I.O.A.
2001-2002	Shri Subhash Sharma Chairman, N.D.M.C.	Lt. Gen. M.S. Bhullar Chairman, Tournament Committee
2002	Shri Ram Bhaj M.L.A. Vice-Chairman, N.D.M.C.	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha President, JNHT Society.
2003	Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra President. All India Council of Sports	Lt. Gen. B. K. Bopnna D.G., N.C.C.
2004	Mrs. Tajdar Babar, MLA Vice-Chairperson, NDMC	Mrs. Shailaja Chandra Chairman, Public Grievences Commission, Delhi
2005	Smt. Sindhushree Khuller Chairperson, NDMC	Shri Keshav Chandra Secretary, NDMC
2006	Shri Keshav Chandra Secretary, NDMC	Mrs. Sindhushree Khullar Chairperson, NDMC
2007	Shri Parimal Rai Chairman, NDMC	Mrs. Sheila Dikshit Chief Minister, Delhi
2008	Smt. Savitri Jindal, Honble Minister Govt. of Haryana	Smt. Prem Lata w/o Chaudhari Birender Singh Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of Haryana
2009	Shri Tukoji Rao Power Hon'ble Minister (Sports and Youth Affairs), M.P. Govt.	Shri N.K. Tripathi, IPS Commissioner of RTO M.P. Govt.
2010	Dr. Mahboob Alam, IG, CRPF	Dr. M.S. Gill, Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs

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2015	Shri Pradeep Singh General Manager (HR), ONGC	Smt. Yashodhara Raje Scindia Cabinet Minister, Govt of M.P.
2016	Shri Surender Singh Yadav, IPS Joint Commissioner of Police (Delhi)	Smt. Pinky Anand Addl. Solicitor General of India
2017	Dr. D.R. Saini, Director, Delhi Public School Society	Ms Geeta Luthra Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
2018	Shri Sardar Singh Olympian & Former Capt India	Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC Chief of Naval Staff
2019	Ms Pritam Rani Siwach	Shri Sandeep Singh Hon'ble Minister of Youth & Sports, Haryana



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development of mind but none to
the development of heart*

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1985	Shri H.R. Bhardwaj Minister of State for Law & Justice	Shri Balbir Singh Olympic Captain
1986	Shri K. Natwar Singh, Union Minister of State for External Affairs	A.V.M. H.L. Kapur Lt. Governor Delhi
1987	Mrs. Margaret Alva, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports	Shri R.K. Jaichandra Singh, Union Minister of State for Chemicals
1988	Shri Romesh Bhandari Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Union Minister of Textiles
1989	Shri M. Varadarajan Secretary Deptt. of Youth Affairs and Sports Govt. of India	Shri R.K. Jaichandra Singh Chief Minister, Manipur
1990	—	Shri V.K. Aundhe Director-in-charge Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.
1991	Dr. K.K.S. Chauhan Managing Director, KRIBHCO	Dr. B.G. Khare Chairman, Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.
1992	Shri B.N. Bhagwat Secretary, Union Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports	Shri R.K. Bhargava Secretary, Union Ministry of Urban Development
1993	Shri Baleshwar Rai Administrator, NDMC	Shri P.K. Dave Lt. Governor, Delhi
1994	Shri Rajesh Khanna M. P.	Admiral R.H. Tahiliani Former Governor of Sikkim
1995	Shri Aslam Sher Khan, Union Minister of State, P.M.O. & Welfare	Shri Ashwini Kumar Member, International Olympic Committee
1996	Shri Bhaskar Barua Secretary, Union Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports	Shri Sahib Singh Chief Minister, Delhi
1997	Shri Sahib Singh Chief Minister, Delhi	Shri B.C. Bora Chairman-cum-Managing Director O.N.G.C. Ltd.
1998	Dr. (Mrs.) Reena Ramachandran Chairperson & Managing Director Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Shri Jauhari Lai Director (Personnel) O.N.G.C. Ltd.
1999	Shri Saiyid Hamid Chancellor, Hamdard University	Shri Jauhari Lal Director (Personnel) O.N.G.C. Ltd.

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2001	Lt. Gen. M.S. Bhullar Chairman, Tournament Committee	Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh Vice-President, JNHT Society
2002	Shri Vijai Kapoor Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri Jauhari Lai Director (Human Resource) ONGC Ltd.
2003	Shri S.C. Gupta General Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce	Dr. A. K. Balyan Director (Human Resource) ONGC Ltd.
2004	Shri S. C. Gupta General Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce	Lt. Gen. J. F. R. Jacob (Rtd.) Former, Governor, Punjab & Former Administrator Chandigarh
2005	Shri Rana Som Director, S.T.C.	Shri P. K. Anand Dy. G. M. Allahabad Bank
2006	Mrs. Sindhushree Khullar Chairperson, NDMC	Dr. A. K. Balyan Director (HR), ONGC
2007	Mrs. Sheila Dikshit Chief Minister, Delhi	Shri Joe Sebastian Director, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
2008	Ms. Deepti Uma Shankar, IAS, DC, Gurgaon	Smt. B.C. Nayak E.D., ONGC
2009	Shri O.P. Singh, IAS Director (Sports Deptt.), Haryana	Shri Mohinder Kumar, IAS Commissioner, Ambala Division, Haryana
2010	Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav President of the JNHT Society and Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises	Shri Vijendra Jain Former Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court
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2015	Shri Ramesh Kapur Chairman, Steelbird International	Shri Subhash Kapur Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd.
2016	Smt. Pinky Anand Addl. Solicitor General of India	Shri Subhash Kapur Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd.
2017	Ms Geeta Luthra Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India	Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi Tech India Ltd.

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remove than the hunger for bread."*

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1973	Shri Y.B. Chavan, Union Minister for Finance	Shri G.S. Pathak Vice-President of India
1974	Maj. Genl. E.D.'Souza G.O.C. Delhi Area	Shri B.D. Jatti Vice-President of India
1975	Shri Daljit Singh Managing Director, Pure Drinks (P) Ltd.	Shri B.D. Jatti Vice-President of India
1976	Shri Radha Raman Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi	Prof. S. Nurul Hassan, Union Minister for Education & S.W.
1977	Shri Kidar Nath Sahni Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi	Shri Sikander Bakht, Union Minister for W.H.S. & Rehabilitation
1978	Field Marshal S.H.F.J. Maneckshaw President, All India Council of Sports	Shri Y.B. Chavan President, JNHTS
1979	Shri D.R. Kohli Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha Vice-President, JNHTS
1980	Shri Jagmohan Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri Y.B. Chavan President, JNHTS
1981	Shri S.L. Khurana Lt. Governor, Delhi	Sardar Buta Singh Chairman, S.O.C., IX Asian Games
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1986	A.V.M. H.L. Kapur Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri Jagdish Tytler, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation
1987	Shri R.K. Jaichandra Singh, Union Minister of State for Chemicals	A.V.M. H.L. Kapur Lt. Governor, Delhi
1988	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Union Minister of Textiles	Shri Jag Parvesh Chandra Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi
1989	Shri R.K. Jaichandra Singh Chief Minister, Manipur	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Union Minister of Textile
1990	Shri V.K. Aundhe Director-in-charge Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Shri M.S. Gill Secretary Dept. of Chemicals & Petro-Chemicals

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1992	Shri R.K. Bhargava Secretary, Union Ministry of Urban Development	Shri K.K. Mathur Secretary, Union Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
1993	Shri P.K. Dave Lt. Governor, Delhi	Shri K.K. Mathur Secretary, Union Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
1994	Admiral R.H. Tahiliani Former Governor of Sikkim	Shri Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers
1995	Shri Ashwini Kumar Member, International Olympic Committee	Shri Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers
1996	Shri Sahib Singh Chief Minister, Delhi	Shri Sis Ram Ola, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers
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2001	Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh Vice-President, JNHT Society	Shri S.S. Sharma Secretary, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
2002	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha President, JNHT Society	Shri Vijai Kapoor Lt. Governor, Delhi
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2004	Mrs. Shailaja Chandra Chairman, Public Grievances Commission, Delhi	Shri S.C. Gupta General Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce
2005	Shri Zoram Thanga Chief Minister, Mizoram	Shri Rana Som Director, STC
2006	Dr. A. K. Balyan Director (HR) ONGC	Shri Madhukar Gupta Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India
2007	Shri Joe Sebastian Director, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Shri Om Pathak Chairman, Tournament Committee
2008	Major Gen. H.S. Bagga (Retd.) Head Corporate, ATS	Ch. Birender Singh Finance Minister, Govt. of Haryana

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2009	Shri R.A.S. Bhullar Vice-President ATS Infrastructure Ltd.	Lt. Gen. H.S. Bagga Corporate Head, HR & Admn. ATS Infrastructure Ltd.
2010	Shri Vijendra Jain Former Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court	Shri Subhash Kapur Chairman, M/s Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd.
2011	Dr. D.R. Saini Vice-President, JNHT Society	Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav President, JNHT Society
2012	Shri Dilip H.M. Chenoy Mg. Director, NSDC & Vice-President JNHT Society	Ms. Vinita Kumar Group General Manager, ONGC
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2016	Ms Karishma Kapur Granddaughter of Shri Subhash Kapur	Shri Ramesh Kapur Chairman, Steelbird International
2017	Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd	Shri Harbinder Singh Triple Olympian
2018	Shri Syed Samar Hamid Vice-President, JNHT Society	Shri Shyam Jaju National Vice-President, BJP
2019	Shri S.P. Singh Baghel Member of Parliament	Shri Shyam Jaju National Vice-President, BJP



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—Swami Vivekanand



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1964	Smt. Vijaylakshmi Pandit	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Prime Minister
1965	Smt. Indira Gandhi, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan President of India
1966	Shri A.K. Sen, Union Minister for Law & Justice and President, Organising Committee	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan President of India
1967	Shri Bhakt Darshan Vice-President, Organising Committee	Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Union Minister for Agriculture
1968	Shri Y.B. Chavan, Union Minister for Home Affairs	Dr. Zakir Hussain President of India
1969	Shri G.S. Pathak Vice-President of India	Shri V.V. Giri President of India
1970	Shri G.S. Pathak Vice-President of India	Shri Y.B. Chavan Minister of Finance
1971	Shri Y.B. Chavan Minister of Finance	Shri H.C. Sarin Vice-President, JNHTS
1972	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha Union Minister of State for Home Affairs	Shri V.V. Giri President of India
1973	Shri G.S. Pathak Vice-President of India	Shri V.V. Giri President of India
1974	Shri B.D. Jatti Vice-President of India	Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed President of India
1975	Shri B.D. Jatti Vice-President of India	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Union Minister for Supply & Rehabilitation
1976	Prof. S. Nurul Hassan, Union Minister for Education & S.W.	Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed President of India
1977	Shri Sikander Bakht, Union Minister for W.H.S. & Rehabilitation	Shri H.M. Patel, Union Minister of Finance

Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee, Minister for External Affairs presided over the match in aid of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu Cyclone Fund on December 5, 1977.

Year	Inaugurated by	Final Presided over by
1978	Shri Y. B. Chavan President Tournament Committee	Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy President of India
1979	— No formal inauguration	Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy President of India
1980	—	Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy President of India
1981	—	Shri Y.B. Chavan President Tournament Committee
1982	—	Shri H.C. Sarin Chairman, Railway Reforms Committee
1983	—	Giani Zail Singh President of India
1984	—	Shri R. Venkataraman Vice President of India
1985	—	Shri R. Venkataraman Vice President of India
1986	—	A.V.M. H.L. Kapur Lt. Governor, Delhi
1987	—	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Vice-President of India
1988	—	Smt. Margaret Alva, Union Min. Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports
1989	—	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Vice-President of India
1990	—	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Vice-President of India
1991	—	Shri Madhavrao Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism
1992	—	Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma President of India
1993	—	Shri S.B. Chavan, Union Minister of Home Affairs
1994	—	Shri Shivraj V. Patil Speaker, Lok Sabha
1995	—	Sardar Buta Singh, Union Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution
1996	—	Lt. Gen. Harbaksh Singh V.C. (Retd.)
1997	—	Shri Krishan Kant Vice-President of India
1998	—	Shri Sikander Bakht Union Minister of Industries
1999	—	Shri Ananth Kumar, Union Minister of Culture, Youth Affairs & Sports

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2000	—	Shri Krishan Kant Vice-President of India
2001	Shri Subhash Sharma Chairman, N. D. M. C.	Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha President, Tournament Committee
2002	—	Shri Subir Raha Chairman & Managing Director, ONGC
2003	—	Shri S. S. Dhindsa, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers .
2004	—	Shri Ashwini Kumar Member, International Olympic Committee
2005	Sh. Oscar Fernandes, Union Minister of Y. A. & Sports	Dr. Arvind Pandalai Chairman, STC
2006	—	Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh Vice-President - JNHT Society & Shri Om Pathak Chairman, Tournament Committee Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society
2007	—	Shri Shivraj V. Patil Union Home Minister
2008	—	Shri A.S. Zaidi, Vice President Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.
2009	Shri H.S. Dhillon, IPS IG, Punjab Police	Shri P.S. Gill, IPS DG, Punjab Police
2010	—	Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav President of the JNHT Society and Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
2011	—	Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav
2012	Cdr. R.K. Srivastava Executive Director, Hockey India	Shri Dilip Tirkey M.P. & Vice-President JNHT Society
2013	Jointly by Shri Rajesh Bedi Wild Life Photographer, New Delhi and Shri Subhash Kapur, Vice-President - JNHT Society	General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC Chief of the Army Staff,
2014	Mr Otto Mayer (Austrian Hockey)	Shri Tajinderbir Singh Chairman, Punjab & Sind Bank
2015	Shri Samar Hamid Director, Hamdard Education Trust	Shri Tajinderbir Singh, C.M.D., P&SB & Ms Usha Subramaniam, C.M.D., PNB
2016	Dr. J.N. Misra, IFS Former Ambassador of Portugal	Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC Chief of Naval Staff & Guest of Honour, Shri P.S. Chhatwal, M.D., Torque Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd.
2017	Dr. J.N. Misra, IFS Vice-President-JNHTS	Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd

Year	Inaugurated by	Finals Presided over by
2018	Shri Sanjay Tandon President, BJP, Chandigarh	His Excellency Shri V.P. Singh Badnore Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator, CHD.
2019	Shri Ramesh Kapur Chairman, Steelbird International	Shri R.P. Singh National Incharge, BJP



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come. We have only today. Let us begin.*

-Mother Teresa



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NEHRU CHAMPION COLLEGES TOURNAMENT

Year	Inaugurated by	Final Presided over by
1993	Shri B.N. Bhagwat, Union Secretary Deptt. of Sports and Youth Affairs	Prof. S.K. Agarwala Secretary General, A.I.U.
1994	Shri Madan Lal Khurana Chief Minister, Delhi	Shri M.R.R. Nair Chairman, Steel Authority of India Ltd.
1995	Shri K.P.S. Gill Director General, Punjab Police & President I.H.F.	Shri Arvind Pande Vice Chairman Steel Authority of India Ltd.
1996	Shri Sitaram Kesari, Union Minister of Welfare	Shri M.K. Moitra Director (Commercial), Steel Authority of India Ltd.
1997	Prof. K.B. Powar Secretary General, A.I.U.	Shri M.K. Moitra Director (Corporate Planning) Steel Authority of India Ltd.
1998	Shri Bhaskar Barua Secretary, Union Deptt. of Youth Affairs & Sports	Shri K.P.S. Gill President, I.H.F.
1999	Lt. Genl. B.K.N. Chibbar Governor, Punjab	Dr. H.S. Soch Vice Chancellor, G.N.D. Univ., Amritsar
2000	Lt. Gel. M.S. Bhullar, PVSM, VSM Quartermaster General	Shri K.P.S. Gill President I.H.F.
2001	Not held	Not held
2002	Shri Arjun Hira, General Manager, Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.,	Shri Jauhari Lal, Director (Presonnel), O.N.G.C. Ltd.
2003	Shri B.D. Narang Chairman, Oriental Bank of Commerce	Shri R. C. Gourh Director ONGC Ltd.
2004	Prof. Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General, A.I.U.	Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh & Sardar Prahlad Singh Chandhok
2005	Shri Saiyid Hamid Chancellor, Hamdard University	Prof. Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General - A. I. U.
2006	Shri R. P. Singh Mg. Director, SAIL	Shri S. S. Mohanty Ex. Dir. SAIL, Rourkella
2007	Prof. Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary - General, A.I.U.	Shri Saiyid Hamid Chancellor, Hamdard University & Vice - President Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society
2008	Shri S. K. Roongta Chairman, SAIL	Mrs. Kanti Singh Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
2009	Major-Gen. S.N. Mukherjee Vice-Chancellor, LNUPE, Gwalior	Smt. Yoshodhara Raje Scindia, M.P. (Gwalior)

Year	Inaugurated by	Final Presided over by
2009	Major-Gen. S.N. Mukherjee Vice-Chancellor, LNUPE, Gwalior	Smt. Yoshodhara Raje Scindia, M.P. (Gwalior)
2010	Shri S.M. Afzal, IPS IG of Police, Gwalior	Smt. Yashodhara Raje Scindia, M.P. Gwalior
2011	Shri Daljit Singh Advisor to Punjab Chief Minister	Prof. Beena Shah General Secretary (AIU)
2012	Dr. Narinder Batra Secretary General, Hockey India	Shri B.B. Singh Director (Personnel), SAIL
2013	Dr. J.N. Misra Addl. Secretary (Ministry of External Affairs) and Member, JNHT Society	Shri U.C. Sarangi, IPS Addl. DG of Police, Gwalior & Member, JNHT Society
2014	Shri P. Narhari, IAS Collector of Gwalior	Shri Santosh Kumar Singh Sr. Supdt. of Police, Gwalior
2015	Dr. Kousar Ali Shah Director, Paras Group of Hospitals	Smt. Shruti Arora President, Confederation of Education Excellence

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2016	Shri Harshavarshan Reddy, Chairman, Aura Group	Prof. Furquan Qamar, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities
2017	Shri Hira Ballabh Executive Director (Finance & Operation), Sports Authority of India	Shri Laxmi Narayan Yadav Member of Parliament
2018	Shri Shayam Jaju, National Vice-President - BJP	Shri Udit Raj, M.P.
2019	Shri A.S. Sajwan Acting Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE Gwalior	Dr. Vrishali Bhosale President, SNBP Groups of Institute, Pune
2019-20	Prof. Dilip Kumar Dureha Vice-Chancellor, LNIPE, Gwalior	Dr. Vrishali Bhosale President, SNBP Groups of Institute, Pune



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God and people is to accept everything with joy.*

—Mother Teresa



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NEHRU GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (UNDER - 17)

Year	No. of Teams participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
1994	12	Govt. Girls H.S. Ranchi	SGNP Girls Sr Sec School, Shahabad	Meena Sharma and Ranjit Gill
1995	16	Govt. Girls H.S. Ranchi	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Meena Sharma and Ranjit Gill
1996	14	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	K.L. Azad and T.S. Negi
1997	13	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Ranjit Gill and K.L. Azad
1998	14	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Govt. Girls H.S. Ranchi	A.K. Bansal and S. Lakra
1999	14	Govt. Girls H.S. Ranchi	I.S. Dev Samaj Sr. School, Chandigarh	Ranjit Gill and S. Lakra
2000	10	Mother Khazani Convent School, Delhi	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Ranjit Gill and Sunita Pandey
2001	12	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Ranjit Gill and Meena Sharma
2002	17	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Karamat Hussain Muslim Int. College, Lucknow	Savita and Bimla
2003	17	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Govt. Girls High School, Ranchi	Gian Chand and Savita Choudhary
2004	19	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Govt. Girls High School, Ranchi	Shamshad and Savita
2005	18	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Thenzawl Sr. Sec. School, Thenzawl (Mizoram)	Sunita Rout and Nirmala
2006	16	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Blooming Dales School, Hissar	Sunita Pant and Nirmala
2007	20	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Govt. Girls High School, Bariatu (Jharkhand)	Sunita Pant and Nirmala
2008	20	SGNP Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad	Gajraja Girls Hr. Sec. School, Gwalior (M.P.)	Anupama and Sunita Pant
2009	20	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela (Odisha)	Govt. Girls High School, Ranchi (Jharkhand)	Nirmala and Suman Deshwal
2010	19	Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad Markanda (Haryana)	S.S. Girls High School, Simdega (Jharkhand)	Sunita Pant and Asha
2011	22	Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad Markanda (Haryana)	Kiddy's Corner HS School, Gwalior (M.P.)	Suman Deshwal and Nidhi Gupta

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2012	20	Kiddy's Corner HS School, Gwalior (M.P.)	Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad (Haryana)	Durga Thakur and Paulina Surin
2013	20	Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Shahabad (Haryana)	Kiddy's Corner HS Sunita Pant School, Gwalior	Anupama
2014	22	Baba Zorawar Singh Fateh Singh Sr Sec School, Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb)	Govt. Girls Model Sr. Sec. School, Chandigarh	Archana Tiwari and Sushil Rajoriya
2015	22	Baba Zorawar Singh Fateh Singh Sr Sec School, Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb)	Govt Girls High School, Bariatu, Ranchi	Nirmala and Suman Chumbak
2016	26	Baba Zorawar Singh Fateh Singh Sr Sec School, Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb)	Kiddy's Corner Hr Sec School, Gwalior	Durga Thakur and Shweta
2017	26	SS High School, Simdega (Jharkhand)	Tika Ram SS School, Sonapat (Haryana)	Durga Thakur and Neha Singh
2018	26	Khalsa College Sr. Sec. School, Amritsar (Punjab)	Tika Ram Sr. Sec. School, Sonapat (Haryana)	Priti Singh and Ruchika Wankhede
2019	26	Kiddy's Corner Hr Sec School, Gwalior	Directorate General - NCC	Archana Tiwari and Priti Singh



*“Most people believe the mind to be a mirror,
more or less accurately reflecting the world outside them,
not realizing on the contrary that the mind is itself the
principal element of creation.”*

— Rabindranath Tagore



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NEHRU SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (UNDER-15)

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
1983	26	Sports College Lucknow	State School of Sports, Jalandhar	Kailash Malhotra & K.N. Sharma
1984	26	S.S.High School, Khunti	Sports College, Lucknow	Kukoo Walia and Subhash Bhasin
1985	23	Sports College, Lucknow	St. Marry's High School, Samtoli Simdega	Harbans Sareen and P. C. Sharma
1986	32	St.Marry's High School Simtoli	State School of Sports Jalandhar	Kukoo Walia and Shanker Dass
1987	29	State School of Sports, Jalandhar	Sports College Lucknow	Harbans Sareen and Charanjit Singh
1988	24	Municipal High School Panposh	State School of Sports, Jalandhar	Harbans Sareen and Charanjit Singh
1989	27	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	Municipal High School, Panposh	Shankar Dass and Avtar Singh
1990	23	B.S. High School, Sundergarh	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	Jeewan Dass and T. S. Negi
1991	32	St. Ignatius High School Gumla	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	N.K. Sharma and S. Victor
1992	22	Birsamunda Sports School, Rourkela	Union Academy Sr. Sec.School, New Delhi	Ashok Mathur and J. S. Negi
1993	22	St. Ignatius High School Gumla	Bhawani Shankar High School,	Avtar Singh and A. K. Sharma
1994	21	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Sundergarh, Orissa Army Boys Sports Co. S.T.C. Jabalpur	Subhash Bhasin and Ved Prakash
1995	25	St. Ignatius High School Gumla	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec.School, Jalandhar	Gurcharan Singh and D. K. Sharma
1996	21	Army Boys Sports Co. B.R.C. Danapur	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	K.L. Azad and H. S. Negi
1997	22	Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School,Jalandhar	Avtar Singh and D. K. Sharma
1998	20	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	K.L. Azad and Anil Panchal
1999	16	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	A. K. Bansal and S. Lakra
2000	15	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	S.K.C.A.S.V . Inter College, Varanasi	Subhash Bhasin and Rajinder Singh

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
2001	19	St. Soldier Divine Public School, Jalandhar	Army Boys Sports Co. B.R.C. Danapur	V. P. Sharma and Rakesh Bali
2002	24	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	K. L. Azad and Mahesh Kumar
2003	23	Govt. Model Sr.Sec. School, Jalandhar	Town High School Sundergarh	D.K. Sharma and H. S. Negi
2004	26	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Govt. Model High School, Chandigarh	Mathur and A. S. Negi
2005	23	Town High School Sundergarh (Orissa)	S.G.P.S. Academy Sri Bhaini Sahib, Ludhiana	Parnam Singh and Rakesh Bali
2006	23	Govt. High School, Harnamdaspora Jalandhar	Town High School Sundergarh (Orissa)	A. S. Negi and R. K. Bhatia
2007	24	Govt. High School Harnamdaspora, Jalandhar	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha,Rourkela	A. S. Negi and Parnam Singh
2008	20	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Baba Gurmukh Singh Uttam Singh Sr.Sec. School, Khadoor Sahib Amritsar (Punjab)	Rahul and Anil Kumar
2009	24	Govt. Model Sr. Sec.School Ladowali Road, Jalandhar	Spring Dales Sr. Sec. School, Amritsar	Navtej Singh and Md. Alam
2010	27	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Ladowali, Jalandhar	Amar Negi and Vikram Rana
2011	24	Town High School Sundergarh (Orissa)	Govt. Sr. Sec. School Ladowali Road, Jalandhar	Anil and Mahesh Kumar
2012	27	Town High School Sundergarh (Orissa)	Govt. Sr. Sec. School Ladoowali Road Jalandhar	Arun Garg and Gyan Chand
2013	34	Town High School, Sundergarh (Odisha)	CRZ Sr. Sec. School, Sonapat	Arun Singh and Mohd. Javed
2014	31	Indira Priyadarshini Hr Sec. School, Bhopal (M.P.)	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha Rourkela (Odisha)	Raj Kumar and Dilbar Singh
2015	26	Army Boys Sports Coy. BRC Danapur	Govt. Model Sr Sec School, Sec 42, Chandigarh	Mohd. Yameen and Rajesh Nirmalkar
2016	30	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela (Odisha)	Indira Priyadarshini HS School, Bhopal (M.P.)	Sushil Kumar and Pankaj Sharma
2017	30	Indira Priyadarshini Hr Sec. School, Bhopal (M.P.)	Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow	Malkiat Singh and Bronson Moirangham

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
2018	32	Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow (U.P.)	SS High School, Khunti (Jharkhand)	Mahesh S. Negi and Govind Latwal
2019	34	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Bhopal (M.P.)	Town Govt High School Sundergarh (Odisha)	Mohd. Yameen and Abhinav Mishra



*Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but
their echoes are truly endless.*

- Mother Teresa




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Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
1972	22	Punjab Schools	S.S.High School Simdega Ranchi	Harbans Sareen and D. S. Sodhi
1973	32	Islamia School, Lucknow	S. S. Khalsa School, Delhi	A. C. Sharma and R. N. Chopra
1974	32	B.S.F. School, Jalandhar	N.I.S. Rural Jr.	A. N. Malhotra and Y. R. Batra
1975	32	B.A.V. Inter College, Meerut	S.S.High School Khunti (Ranchi)	Gurdass and Suraj Balram
1976	34	S.S. High School, Khunti (Ranchi)	B.A.V. Inter College Meerut	Maj.Gen. H.K. Bakshi & Harmesh Sarin
1977	29	S.S.High School, Khunti (Ranchi)	West Germany School XI	Bhushan Bakshi and B. S. Khosla
1978	34	State School of Sports Jalandhar	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jalandhar	A. C. Sharma and D. N. Bhanot
1979	33	State School of Sports, Jalandhar	N.C.C.(U.P.)	Harbans Sareen and Gurdass
1980	35	Sri Guru Hari Singh M.V. Sri Jeewan Nagar B.A.V. Int. College, Meerut	} Joint Winners	R. N. Chopra and Suraj Balram
1981	35	State School of Sports Jalandhar		Khurai Sajor Leikai H.S. Imphal
1982	33	B.A.V.Inter College, Meerut	N.I.S. Rural Jr.	Raj K. Richie and Bhupinder Singh
1983	32	West Germany School XI	State School of Sports, Jalandhar	A. S. Bawa and Harbans Sareen
1984	—	Tournament not held	—	—
1985	35	S.S. High School, Khunti Bipin Behari Inter College Jhansi	} Joint Winners	Harbans Sareen and Charanjit Singh
1986	32	Sports College, Lucknow B.A.V. Inter College,Meerut		Harbans Sareen and R. S. Sodhi
1987	33	Sports College, Lucknow	State School of Sports Jalandhar	Harbans Sareen and Shankar Dass
1988	32	S.A.I. Adivasi Hockey Centre, Ranchi	B.B. Inter College Jhansi	Harbans Sareen and Charanjit Singh
1989	32	Municipal High School, Panposh	Sports College, Lucknow	Shankar Dass and Subhash Bhasin
1990	29	C.R.Z. Sr. Sec. School, Sonapat	Municipal High School, Panposh	Gian Chand and N. K. Sharma
1991	30	B.S. High School, Sundergarh	Sports College, Lucknow	Gurcharan Singh and M. Din
1992	26	C.R.Z. Sr. Sec. School, Sonapat	Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Delhi	Ashok Mathur and Gian Chand
1993	31	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Delhi	Avtar Singh and N. K. Sharma

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
1994	24	Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Delhi	St. Ignatius High Gumla	Narinder Singh and J. S. Negi
1995	26	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	A. K. Sharma and H. S. Negi
1996	26	Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Delhi	St. Ignatius High School, Gumla	N. K. Sharma and D. K. Sharma
1997	20	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Army Boys Sports Co. BRC Danapur	Ashok Mathur and Avtar Singh
1998	19	Army Boys Sports Co. BRC Danapur	C.R.Z. Sr.Sec. School, Sonapat	Narinder Singh and Rakesh Bali
1999	20	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr.Sec. School, Jalandhar	R. S. Sodhi and Narinder Singh
2000	22	St. Ignatius H.S. Gumla	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Narinder Singh and Virender Singh
2001	23	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	S.G.P.S. Academy Sri Bhaini Sahib	Rakesh Bali and Ramesh Pathania
2002	20	St. Soldier Divine Public School, Jalandhar	N.C.C. Bangalore	Virendra Bahadur and Narinder Singh
2003	26	St. Soldier Divine Public School, Jalandhar	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Rakesh Bali and K. L. Azad
2004	28	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	V. P. Sharma and Anil Panchal
2005	27	Bangladesh Institute of Sports, Bangladesh	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	A.S. Negi and Shri Arun Garag
2006	32	Guru Harkrishan Public School, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi	Town High School, Sundergarh (Orissa)	Joga Singh and Sanjay Bhatia
2007	30	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Ladowali (Jalandhar)	Sat Guru Partap Singh Academy, Sri Bhaini	Varinder Singh and Pankaj Tyagi
2008	31	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar	Sahib (Ludhiana) Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	V. B. Singh and Anil Kumar
2009	30	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Sector-42, Chandigarh	Dudial Khalsa Hr. Sec. School, Patiala	Md. Alam and Anil Kumar
2010	31	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	Lyallpur Khalsa Sr.Sec. School, Jalandhar	Parnam Singh & Devender Singh
2011	26	Govt. Model Sr. Sec.School, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar	Birsamunda Vidyapitha Rourkela	M.I. Alam & Lakhwinder Singh
2012	24	Birsamunda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	Springdales Sr. Sec. School, Amritsar	Lakwinder Singh and Arun Singh
2013	28	Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Chandigarh	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela	M.I. Alam and Deepak Kumar
2014	29	Govt. Sr Sec School, Ladowali, Jalandhar	Birsa Munda Vidyapitha, Rourkela (Odisha)	Manav Shah Kishore

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final	
2015	38	Jt Winner	GHPS, Nanak Piau (Delhi) and NCC Directorate (Red)	Shakeel & Tarun Yadav	
2016	34		Sain Dass AS SS School, Patel Chaowk, Jalandhar (Pb)	CRZ Sr Sec School, Sonapat (Haryana)	Arun and Nabeel
2017	30		Govt SS School, Sector 37-B Chandigarh	Govt SS School, Ladowali, Jalandhar	Deepak Kumar and Sriram
2018	35		CRZ Sr Sec School, Sonapat (Haryana)	Directorate General NCC - Red	Rajesh Nirmalkar and Malkiat Singh
2019	27		Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Bhopal (M.P.)	Directorate General - NCC Red	Mohit Rawat and Sumit Kumar Pal


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clear, transparent, pure.
The great wisdom is like the water in the sea:
dark, mysterious, impenetrable.”*

— Rabindranath Tagore



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SENIOR NEHRU HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Year	No. of teams Participated	Winners	Runners up	Umpires in Final
1964	24	Northern Railway	South Eastern Railway	J.D. Nagarwala/K.G.Kakar
1965	28	Sikh R.C. Meerut	Bombay XI	D. S. Sodhi/Chuni Lal
1966	30	I.H.F. (Blue) I.H.F. (Red)	Joint Winners	K. G. Kakar / N.C. Aggarwal
1967	24	Indian Navy Northern Railway		P. C. Jain / K.G. Kakar
1968	28	Indian Airlines All India Police		K. G. Kakar / S.L. Narwaria
1969	28	Corps of Signals	Northern Railway	S.L. Narwaria / Austin Periera
1970	30	All India Police	Northern Railway	G.V.S. Mudaliar/K.G. Kakar
1971	32	Indian Airlines	Great Britain	G.V.S. Mudaliar/K.G.Kakar
1972	34	Corps of Signals	Northern Railway	G.V.S. Mudaliar / Rokuro Kurahashi (Japan)
1973	26	Northern Railway	Sikh R.C. Meerut	G.V.S. Mudaliar/K.G. Kakar
1974	32	Northern Railway	Western Railway	G.V.S. Mudaliar/K.G. Kakar
1975	30	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Punjab Police	R.S. Gentle/Alcantara (Spain)
1976	32	Punjab Police	A.S.C. Jalandhar	Maj.Genl. H.K. Bakshi / V. S. Mudaliar
1977	32	B.S.F. Jalandhar	England XI	V.D. Cruz / Bhushan Bakshi
1978	34	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Punjab Police	M. Obedullah/Bhushan Bakshi
1979	34	C.R.P. Force	B.S.F. Jalandhar	M.Obedullah/Bhushan Bakshi Harbans Sareen
1980	39	Punjab Police	E.M.E. Jalandhar	G. Vijaynathan(Maly.)/Gurdass
1981	26	B.S.F. Jalandhar	A.S.C. Jalandhar	M.Obedullah/Bhushan Bakshi
1982	28	Punjab Police	A.S.C. Jalandhar	M.Obedullah/A. S. Bawa
1983	31	E.M.E. Jalandhar	C.R.P. Force	A.S.Bawa/Harbans Sareen
1984	22	Indian Airlines	B.S.F. Jalandhar	A.S.Bawa / Harbans Sareen
1985	41	Indian Airlines	Punjab Police	A.S. Bawa / D.S. Mangat
1986	43	Indian Airlines	Punjab Police	A.S. Bawa /D.S. Mangat
1987	38	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Indian Airlines	Mohd.Obedullah / A.S. Bawa
1988	41	Indian Airlines	R.C.F.Kapurthala	Mohd. Obedullah/A.S. Bawa
1989	42	I.H.F. (Red)	I.H.F. (White)	A.S. Bawa / T.S. Bhullar
1990	30	Indian Airlines	Punjab & Sind Bank	A.S. Bawa/Tony Goulding (England)
1991	34	Punjab & Sind Bank	I.H.F. Junior	A.S. Bawa / Kukoo Walia

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
1992	32	Indian Airlines	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Kukoo Walia/Shakeel Ahmad
1993	26	Indian Airlines	A.S.C. Jalandhar	A.S. Bawa / Satinder Walia
1994	26	Punjab Police	Air India Bombay	Kukoo Walia/Narinder Sharma
1995	27	Air India Bombay	Army XI	Shakeel Qureshi/Venu Uttapa
1996	22	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Punjab Police	R.S. Sodhi/Narinder Singh
1997	20	Air India Mumbai	Indian Airlines	R.S. Sodhi/K.Krishnamurthy
1998	28	B.S.F. Jalandhar	Punjab & Sind Bank	Tony Goulding(England)/ V. B. Singh
1999	22	Punjab & Sind Bank	B.S.F. Jalandhar	V.B. Singh / H.S. Sokhi
2000	16	Indian Oil	Bharat Petroleum	V. B. Singh/Satinder Sharma
2001	24	Air India, Mumbai	Punjab & Sind Bank	Tony Goulding(England)/ V. B. Singh
2002	30	Punjab Police	Indian Airlines	Satinder Sharma/Javed Sheikh
2003	24	Punjab Police	Indian Airlines	Satinder Sharma/Javed Sheikh
2004	21	Punjab Police	B. S. F.	V. B. Singh/Javed Sheikh
2005	19	Indian Airlines	Punjab & Sind Bank	G.S. Sangha/A. S. Negi
2006	21	Indian Oil	Namdhari XI	V.B. Singh / Bhupinder Singh
2007	24	Punjab & Sind Bank	Bharat Petroleum	Javed Sheikh/V.B. Singh
2008	19	Indian Colts	Bharat Petroleum	Rana Liaqat/ Javed Shaikh
2009	22	Indian Oil & Namdhari XI	Joint Winners	Navtej Singh and Jaspreet Singh
2010	18	Air India	ONGC	Bhupinder Singh/G.S. Sangha
2011	17	ONGC	Punjab National Bank	Satinder Sharma and Bhupinder Singh
2012	18	Indian Oil	Bharat Petroleum	Harsh Vardhan and Suresh Thakur
2013	16	Punjab & Sind Bank	Bharat Petroleum	Javed Shaikh & Anil Kumar
2014	18	Indian oil	Punjab & Sind Bank	Raghu Prasad and Ripudaman Sharma
2015	14	Punjab & Sind Bank	Punjab National Bank	Anil Kumar and Gurbaj Singh
2016	13	Indian Railways	Punjab National Bank	Javed Shaikh / Ravinder Kharab
2017	12	Punjab National Bank	Punjab & Sind Bank	Anil Kumar / Shakil Ahmad

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Final
2018	12	Indian Railways	Punjab National Bank	Gurbaj Singh / Raj Kumar Jha
2019	13	Punjab National Bank	Punjab Police	Raghu Prasad / Tariq Mohd.



*We come nearest to the great when we
are great in humility.*

-Rabindranath Tagore



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NEHRU CHAMPION COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Finals
1993	14	N.A.S.(PG) College Meerut	Pachaiyappa's College, Madras	Kukoo Walia and N. K. Sharma
1994	15	St. Xavier's College Ranchi	N.A.S. (PG) College Meerut	Kukoo Walia and Narinder Singh
1995	16	St. Xavier's College Ranchi	G.H.G. Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar	N.K. Sharma and V.P. Sharma
1996	14	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	Al-Ameen College Bangalore	Kukoo Walia and R. S. Sodhi
1997	16	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	GHG Khalsa College Guurusar Sadhar	Satinder Sharma and D. K. Sharma
1998	17	Rourkela Municipal College, Rourkela	Australian University	Satinder Sharma and Avtar Singh
1999	16	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	GGDSD College, Chandigarh	Gurinder Singh and Varinder Singh
2000	8	D.A.V.College, Jalandhar	Rourkela Municipal College, Rourkela	A.K. Sharma and Subhash Bhasin
2001		Not held		
2002	14	Faculty of Social Sciences, J.M.I. Delhi	N.A.S. College, Meerut	Narinder Singh and K. L. Azad
2003	14	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	Govt. Brijindra College, Faridkot	Rakesh Bali and D. K. Sharma
2004	14	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	Khalsa College Patiala	Narinder Singh and Mahesh Kumar
2005	8	D.A.V. College, Jalandhar	Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI Delhi	A. S. Negi and Arun Garg
2006	8	Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, JMI Delhi	DAV College Jalandhar	H.S. Sokhi and A. Guha
2007	13	DAV College, Jalandhar	Jawaharlal Nehru PG College, Bhopal	Arun Garg and Rakesh Bhatia
2008	12	DAV College, Jalandhar	Jawaharlal Nehru PG College, Bhopal	Varinder Singh and Arun Garg
2009	12	DAV College, Jalandhar	Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar	Virender Singh and Devender Singh

Year	No. of Teams Participated	Winners	Runners-up	Umpires in Finals
2010	11	Lyallpur Khalsa College Jalandhar	Jawaharlal Nehru PG College, Bhopal	V. B. Singh and Raghu Prasad
2011	12	Sri Guru Hari Singh College, Sirsa	Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar	G.S. Sangha and Jaspreet Singh
2012	12	DAV College, Jalandhar	Al-Ameen College, Bangalore	Anil and Lakhwinder Singh
2013	11	Jawaharlal Nehru PG College, Bhopal	Municipal College, Rourkela	Raghu Prasad and M. I. Alam
2014	8	Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar	GHG Khalsa College, Ludhiana	Lakhwinder Singh and Manjit Kauraha
2015	6	Bangalore University	GND Univ., Amritsar	Virender Singh and Arun Singh
2016	16	GND Univ. Amritsar	MGKV, Varanasi	Raghu Prasad and Deepak Joshi
2017	16	Sambalpur Univ. Sambalpur	VBSP Univ, Jaunpur	Gurbaj Singh and Saurav Singh
2018	16	Bangalore Univ Bangalore	VBSP Univ., Jaunpur	Raj Kumar and Malkiat Singh
2019	16	VBSP Univ. Jaunpur	Univ. of Madras	Tariq Mohd. and Bronson M.
2019-20	16	MGKV Univ Varanasi	Banagalore Central Univ	Maheshwar S. Negi and Mohit Rawat



*“The most terrible poverty is loneliness,
and the feeling of being unloved.”*

— Mother Teresa



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ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY HOCKEY (MEN) TOURNAMENT

S.No.	Year	Winners	Runners-up
1.	1940-41	Allahabad	Lucknow
2.	1941-42	Aligarh	Madras
3.	1942-43	Punjab	Osmania
4.	1943-44	Osmania	Delhi
5.	1944-45	Punjab	Osmania
6.	1945-46	Aligarh	Mysore
7.	1946-47	Punjab	Nagpur
8.	1947-48	Banaras	Madras
9.	1948-49	Punjab	Madras
10.	1949-50	Allahabad	Bombay
11.	1950-51	Osmania	Punjab
12.	1951-52	Punjab	Bombay
13.	1952-53	Punjab	Nagpur
14.	1953-54	Punjab	Mysore
15.	1954-55	Aligarh	Madras
16.	1955-56	Aligarh	Madras
17.	1956-57	Madras	Agra
18.	1957-58	Aligarh	Nagpur
19.	1958-59	Aligarh	Madras
20.	1959-60	Jabalpur	Nagpur
21.	1960-61	Punjab	Madras
22.	1961-62	Not held	Not held
23.	1962-63	Aligarh	Madras
24.	1963-64	Punjab	Poona
25.	1964-65	Poona	Punjab
26.	1965-66	Vikram	Aligarh
27.	1966-67	Punjab	Ravi Shankar
28.	1967-68	Punjab	Not decided
29.	1968-69	Madras	Poona
30.	1969-70	Bangalore	Aligarh
31.	1970-71	Punjab	Madras
32.	1971-72	Saugar	Punjab
33.	1972-73	Bhopal	Lucknow
34.	1973-74	Bombay	Guru Nanak Dev
35.	1974-75	Guru Nanak Dev	Ravi Shankar
36.	1975-76	Punjab	Guru Nanak Dev
37.	1976-77	Punjabi	Bangalore
38.	1977-78	Delhi	Jiwaji
39.	1978-79	Not held	Not held
40.	1979-80	Punjab & Punjabi	—
41.	1980-81	GND	PAU
42.	1981-82	Meerut	Lucknow
43.	1982-83	Ranchi	GND
44.	1983-84	GND	Ranchi
45.	1984-85	GND	Bangalore
46.	1985-86	Bangalore	Poona
47.	1986-87	Punjab	Bangalore

S.No.	Year	Winners	Runners-up
48.	1987-88	Punjab	GND
49.	1988-89	H.S. Gaur	Bangalore
50.	1989-90	Madras	Madurai
51.	1990-91	Jiwaji	Bangalore
52.	1991-92	Meerut	GND
53.	1992-93	GND	Banaras
54.	1993-94	Bangalore	Punjab
55.	1994-95	Bangalore	GND
56.	1995-96	Punjab	GND
57.	1996-97	GND	Aligarh
58.	1997-98	Lucknow	Meerut
59.	1998-99	GND	Punjab
60.	1999-2000	GND	P.A. Ludhiana
61.	2000-2001	Meerut	J.M.I.
62.	2001-2002	Jiwaji	GND
63.	2002-2003	Meerut	Punjab
64.	2003-2004	Annamalai	Calcutta
65.	2004-2005	M.G.K.V. Varanasi	Sambalpur
66.	2005-2006	Aligarh	M.G.K.V. Varanasi
67.	2006-2007	BHU Varanasi	GND Univ.
68.	2007-2008	Madras	Veer Bahadur Singh (UP)
69.	2008-2009	Gurukul Kangri, Haridwar	Punjab Univ.(Chandigarh)
70.	2009-2010	Sambalpur	G.N.D.N. Amritsar
71.	2010-2011	Mumbai	Kurukshetra
72.	2011-2012	Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi	Guru Nanak Dev Univ. Amritsar
73.	2012-2013	Guru Nanak Dev Univ. Amritsar	M.G. Kashi Vidyapith Varanasi
74.	2013-2014	Bangalore University Bangalore	VBS Purvanchal Univ. Jaunpur (U.P.)
75.	2014-2015	Barkatullah University Bhopal	GND Univ. Amritsar
76.	2015-16	GND univ. Amritsar	MGKV, Varanasi
77.	2016-17	Sambalpur University	VBSP University, Jaunpur
78.	2017-18	Bangalore University	VBSP University, Jaunpur
79.	2018-19	VBSP Univ. Jaunpur	Univ. of Madras
80.	2019-20	MGKV Univ Varanasi	Bangalore Central Univ.

*“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone,
person to person.”*

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN) (Rangaswamy Cup)

Edition	Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
1 st	1928	Calcutta	United Provinces	Rajputana	5
2 nd	1930	Lahore	Combined Railways	Punjab	4
3 rd	1932	Calcutta	Punjab	Bengal	10
	1934	—	Not Played	—	—
4 th	1936	Calcutta	Bengal	Manavadar	12
5 th	1938	Calcutta	Bengal	Bhopal	4
6 th	1940	Bombay	Bombay	Delhi	12
7 th	1942	Lahore	Delhi	Punjab	9
8 th	1944	Bombay	Bombay	Gwalior	9
9 th	1945	Gorakhpur	Bhopal	United Provinces	8
10 th	1946	Calcutta	Punjab	Delhi	11
11 th	1947	Bombay	Punjab	Bombay	13
12 th	1948	Bombay	Bhopal	Bombay	16
13 th	1949	Delhi	Punjab	Bengal	16
14 th	1950	Bhopal	Punjab	Bhopal	18
15 th	1951	Madras	Punjab	Services	18
16 th	1952	Calcutta	Bengal	Punjab	18
17 th	1953	Bangalore	Service	Punjab	17
18 th	1954	Hyderabad	Punjab	Services	19
19 th	1955	Madras	Services & Madras	Joint Winners	19
20 th	1956	Jalandhar	Services	U.P.	21
21 st	1957	Bombay	Railway	Bombay	22
22 nd	1958	Bombay	Railways	Bombay	22
23 rd	1959	Hyderabad	Railways	Services	24
24 th	1960	Calcutta	Services	U.P.	24
25 th	1961	Hyderabad	Railways	Services	23
26 th	1962	Bhopal	Punjab	Bhopal	24
27 th	1963	Madras	Railways	Services	20
28 th	1964	Delhi	Railways	Services	23
29 th	1965	Bombay	Punjab	Bombay	23
30 th	1966	Poona	Services & Railways	Joint Winners	23
31 st	1967	Madurai	Railways & Madras	Joint Winners	25
32 nd	1968	Willington	Railways	Mysore	23
33 rd	1969	Ernakulam	Punjab	Railways (Played on Pool basis)	24
34 th	1970	Jalandhar	Punjab & Railways	Joint Winners	25
35 th	1971	Bangalore	Punjab	Bombay	25
36 th	1972	Jalandhar	Punjab	Railways	26
37 th	1973	Bombay	Services	Railways	25
38 th	1974	Poona	Railways	Tamil Nadu	27

Edition	Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
39 th	1975	Bhopal	Railways	Tamil Nadu	19
40 th	1976	Cuttack	Railways	Services	29
41 st	1977	Madras	IAC & Railways	Joint Winners	17
42 nd	1978	Madurai	IAC	Railways	17
43 rd	1979	Hyderabad	IAC	Railways	27
44 th	1980	Cuttack	Railways	Indian Airlines	27
45 th	1981	Jalandhar	Punjab	Railways	28
46 th	1982	Calcutta	Punjab	Indian Airlines	30
47 th	1983	Meerut	Punjab	Bombay	29
48 th	1984	Delhi	Indian Airlines	Services	29
49 th	1985	Palghat	Services	Punjab	12
50 th	1986	Bangalore	Indian Airlines	Railways 3-2	30
51 st	1987	Pune	Indian Railways	Punjab 4-2	30
52 nd	1988	Lucknow & Delhi	Indian Railways	Indian Airlines 4-2	30
53 rd	1989	Delhi & Gwalior	Bombay	Punjab 4-1	29
54 th	1990	Jammu	Indian Railways	Indian Airlines 5-4	30
				(Via tie-breaker)	
	1991	—	Not Played	—	
55 th	1992	Madurai	Services	Indian Airlines 5-4	31
56 th	1993	Bikaner	Indian Railways	Services 1-0	27
57 th	1994	Bombay	Indian Airlines	Bombay 6-4	29
	1995	—	Not Played	—	
	1996	—	Not Played	—	
58 th	1997	Bangalore	Indian Railways	Tamil Nadu 4-1	40
	1998	—	Not Played	— (via Sudden Death)	
59 th	1999	Hyderabad	Indian Airlines	Tamil Nadu 4-1	40
60 th	2000	Jammu	Indian Airlines	Indian Railway 3-0	45
	2001	—	Not Played	—	
	2002	—	Not Played	—	
	2003	—	Not Played	—	
	2004	—	Not Played	—	
61 st	2005	Hyderabad	Punjab & Sind Bank	Indian Oil 2-0	50
62 nd	2006	Jalandhar	Punjab & Sind Bank	Delhi 3-1	51

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – SENIOR (WOMEN) (Lady Ratan Tata Cup)

S.No.	YEAR	VENUE	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1	1947-48	Bombay	Bombay	Bengal
2	1948-49	Bombay	Bombay	Bengal
3	1949-50	Delhi	Bombay	Bengal
4	1950-51	Bhopal	M.P.	Bengal
5	1951-52	Shimla	Bombay	M.P.
6	1952-53	Calcutta	Bombay	Bengal
7	1953-54	Bombay	Bombay Bengal	
			} Joint Winners	
8	1954-55	Hyderabad	M.P.	Maharashtra
9	1955-56	Pune	M.P.	Maharashtra
10	1956-57	Hyderabad	M.P.	Bombay
11	1957-58	Bikaner	Bombay	M.P.
12	1958-59	Delhi	Bombay	Punjab
13	1959-60	Lucknow	Bombay	Punjab
14	1960-61	Trivandrum	Mysore	Punjab
15	1961-62	Bhopal	Mysore	Madras
16	1962-63	Jaipur	Mysore	Madras
17	1963-64	Jabalpur	Mysore	Madras
18	1964-65	Bhopal	Mysore	Maharashtra
19	1965-66	Pune	Mysore	Madras
20	1966-67	Gwalior	Mysore	Maharashtra
21	1967-68	Trivandrum	Mysore	Punjab
22	1968-69	Chandigarh	Punjab	Maharashtra
23	1969-70	Calcutta	Maharashtra	Punjab
24	1970-71	Chandigarh	Punjab	Maharashtra
25	1971-72	Delhi	Punjab	Maharashtra
26	1972-73	Gwalior	Punjab	Bombay
27	1973-74	Bhopal	Punjab Chandigarh	
			} Joint Winners	
28	1974-75	Jaipur	Punjab Chandigarh	
			} Joint Winners	
29	1975-76	Goa	Punjab	Bombay
30	1976-77	Pune	Punjab	Bombay
31	1977-78	Chandigarh	Punjab Universities	
			} Joint Winners	
32	1978-79	Jabalpur	Punjab	Universities
33	1979-80	Shimla	Not held	—
34	1980-81	Indore	Railways	Punjab
35	1981-82	Ahmedabad	Railways	Punjab
36	1982-83	Calicut	Railways	Punjab
37	1983-84	Shimla	Railways	Air India
38	1984-85	Bangalore	Railways	Air India
39	1985-86	Kapurthala	Punjab	Pepsu
40	1986-87	Trivendrum	Railways	Air India

S.No.	Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up
41	1987-88	Delhi	Railways	Air India
42	1988-89	Jabalpur	Railways	Punjab
43	1989-90	Chandigarh	Railways	Punjab
44	1990-91	Gurgaon	Railways	Air India
45	1991-92	Hyderabad	Railways	Bihar
46	1992-93	Jalandhar	Railways	Punjab
47	1993-94	Chandigarh	Railways	Punjab
48	1995-96	Delhi	Railways	Bihar
49	1997-98	Chennai	Railways	Haryana
50	1999-2000	Jabalpur	Railways	Haryana
51	2001-2002	Jalandhar	Railways	Punjab
52	2002-2003	Lucknow	Railways	Universities
53	2004-2005	Delhi	Railways Haryana	Joint Winners
54	2005-2006	Delhi	Railways	
55	2007-2008	Jalandhar	Railways	Haryana
56	2008-2009	Not held	—	Jharkhand



*“Let your life lightly dance on the edges of
Time like dew on the tip of a leaf.”*

— Rabindranath Tagore



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JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners up
1953	Bombay	Bombay	Maharashtra
1954	Poona	Punjab	Hyderabad
1955	Bhopal	Bhopal	Bombay
1956	Cuttack	Bhopal	Bombay
1957	Ernakulam	Punjab	Bhopal
1958	Madras	Mysore	Bhopal
1959 to 1968	Not held	_____	_____
1969	Bombay	Bombay & Punjab	Joint Winners
1970	Madras	Madras	Mysore
1971 & 72	Not played	_____	_____
1973	Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Bharat
1974	Not held	_____	_____
1975	Poona	Mysore	Bhopal
1976	Belgaum	Bombay	Bihar
1977	Madras	Karnataka	Universities
1978	Madurai	Universities	Indian Airlines
1979	Cuttack	Punjab & Indian Airlines	Joint Winners
1980	Jabalpur	U.P.	Universities
1981	Kohlapur	U.P.	Universities
1982	Meerut	U.P.	Manipur
1983	Jabalpur	U.P.	Punjab
1984	Bhopal	Bhopal	Punjab
1985	Imphal	Manipur	U.P.
1986	Srinagar	U.P.	Haryana
1987	Lucknow	U.P.	Indian Universities
1988	Not played	_____	_____
1989	Hyderabad	Karnataka	Services
1990	Meerut	Karnataka	U.P.
1991	Tirupati	U.P.	Tamil Nadu
1992	Imphal	Manipur & Bihar	Joint Winners
1993	Bareilly	Karnataka	Chandigarh
1994	Not played	_____	_____
1995	Delhi	Delhi	Haryana
1996	Not played	_____	_____
1997	Delhi	B.S.F.	Air India
1998	Not played	_____	_____
1999	Bangalore	Air India	Bombay
2000	Chennai	Chandigarh	Bombay
2001	Karim Nagar (A.P.)	Punjab & Sind Bank	Punjab
2002	Not played	_____	_____
2003	Raipur	Punjab & Sind Bank	U.P.
2004	Jabalpur	Services	SAIL
2005	Not held	_____	_____
2007	Chennai	Air India	Punjab

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JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Women)

S.No	Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up
1	1956-57	Hyderabad	M.P.	Maharashtra
2	1959-60	Ajmer	Maharashtra	M.P.
3	1960-61	Bhopal	M.P.	—
4.	1965-66	Lucknow	Maharashtra	—
5.	1969-70	Gwalior	Pepsu	Punjab
6.	1970-71	Kapurthala	Punjab	Pepsu
7.	1971-72	Ujjain		Pepsu
8.	1972-73	Pune	Kerala	Punjab
9.	1973-74	Sangrur	Punjab	Pepsu
10.	1974-75	Trivandrum	Kerala	Punjab
11.	1975-76	Ahmedabad	Kerala	Punjab
12.	1976-77	Gwalior	Kerala	Karnataka
13.	1977-78	Trivandrum	Punjab	Kerala
14.	1978-79	Kapurthala	—	Pepsu
15.	1979-80	Pune	Maharashtra	Punjab
16.	1980-81	Trivandrum	Punjab	Kerala
17.	1981-82	Kapurthala	—	Pepsu
18.	1982-83	Gwalior	Punjab	Bombay
19.	1983-84	Moradabad	Bihar	Uttar Pradesh
20.	1984-85	Jaipur	—	—
21.	1985-86	Pune	Bihar	Maharashtra
22.	1986-87	Moradabad	—	Bihar
23.	1987-88	Pune	Maharashtra	Bihar
24.	1988-89	Triuneveli	Punjab	Kerala
25.	1989-90	Trivandrum	Bihar	Uttar Pradesh
26.	1990-91	Trivandrum	Punjab	Chandigarh
27.	1991-92	Mizoram	Bihar	Mizoram
28.	1992-93	Ranchi	Pepsu	Punjab
29.	1994-95	Jalandhar	Orissa	Punjab
30.	1996-97	Jalandhar	Haryana	Manipur
31.	1999-2000	Mumbai	Orissa	Haryana
32.	2000-2001	Chennai	Orissa	Bihar
33.	2001-2002	Tirupati	Haryana	Karnataka
34.	2002-2003	Pune	Orissa	Jharkhand
35.	2004-2005	Bangalore	Jharkhand	Orissa
36.	2005-2006	Jabalpur	Jharkhand	Haryana
37.	2007-2008	Gwalior	Haryana	Jharkhand
38.	2008-2009	Not held	—	—
39.	2009	Not held	—	—

Roll of Honour

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SUB-JUNIOR (Women)

S.No.	Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up
1.	1983-94	Kapurthala	Punjab	Uttar Pradesh
2.	1984-85	Jaipur	Bihar	
3.	1985-86	Pune		
4.	1986-87	Solan		
5.	1988-89	Pune	Maharashtra	
6.	1989-90	Sunam	Punjab	Uttar Pradesh
7.	1990-91	Hissar	Uttar Pradesh	Punjab
8.	1991-92	Delhi	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
9.	1992-93	Guwahati	Manipur/Pepsu	Joint Winners
10.	1993-94	Pune	Uttar Pradesh	Haryana
11.	1994-95	Delhi	Bihar	Orissa
12.	1996-97	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
13.	1999-2000	Varanasi	Bihar	Orissa
14.	2000-2001	Ranchi	Jharkhand	Orissa
15.	2001-2002	Chhattisgarh	Orissa	Jharkhand
16.	2002-2003	Dehradun	Jharkhand	Manipur
17.	2004-2005	Kapurthala	Jharkhand	Haryana
18.	2005-2006	Bangalore	Orissa	Delhi
19.	2006-2007	Kapurthala	Haryana	Jharkhand
20.	2007-2008	Bhopal	Haryana	Jharkhand
21.	2008-2009	Not held	—	—
22.	2009	Not held	—	—

Since then not held

“Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.”

— Rabindranath Tagore

HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Rai, Sonapat (Haryana)	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Haryana	25
2012	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Haryana	27
2013	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Hockey Haryana	Railway Sports Promotion Board	28
2014	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Railways	Haryana	32
2015	Saifai, Uttar Pradesh	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Jharkhand	34
2016	Bangaluru (Karnatka)	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Punjab	40
2017	Rohtak	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Haryana	44
2018	Ranchi (Jharkhand)	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	41
2019	Hissar (Haryana)	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Madhya Pradesh	45

HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Rai, Sonapat (Haryana)	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Hockey Jharkhand	25
2012	Rai, Sonapat (Haryana)	Hockey Haryana	Chandigarh through Chandigarh Olympic Association	27
2013	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Hockey Haryana	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	26
2014	Mysore	Haryana	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	36
2015	Rajnandgaon (Chhattisgarh)	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Jharkhand	34
2016	Bangaluru (Karnataka)	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Haryana	36
2017	Bhopal (M.P.)	M.P. Hockey Academy	Hockey Haryana	41
2018	Bhopal (M.P.)	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Haryana	39
2019	Kollam (Kerala)	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Haryana	42

HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Karnataka	32
2012	Bangalore, Karnataka	Hockey Punjab	Air India Sports Promotion Board	35
2013	Pune, Maharashtra	Air India Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Punjab	37
2014	Lucknow, U.P.	Air India Sports Promotion Board	Comptroller of Auditor General (CAG)	42
2015	Pune (Maharashtra)	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Uttar Pradesh	48
2016	Saifai, Uttar Pradesh	Railway Sports Promotion Board	Hockey Punjab	52
2017	Lucknow (U.P.)	Railway Sports Pro. Board	Punjab & Sind Bank	55
2018	Lucknow (U.P.)	Hockey Punjab	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board	53
2019	Gwalior (M.P.)	Railway Sports Pro. Board	Hockey Punjab	61

HOCKEY INDIA SUB-JUNIOR FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (WOMEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Hockey Haryana	8
2012	Rohtak, Haryana	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Hockey Haryana	8
2013	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Haryana	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	8
2014	Pune	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Hockey Jharkhand	
2015	Ranchi, Jharkhand	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Jharkhand	32
2016	Rohtak, Haryana	Sports Authority of India	Hockey Punjab	34
2017	Ramanthapuram (T.N.)	Hockey Jharkhand	Hockey Haryana	40
2018	Hisar (Haryana)	M.P. Hockey Academy	Hockey Haryana	41
2019	Hisar (Haryana)	Hockey Haryana	M.P. Hockey Academy	38

HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Pune, Maharashtra	Hockey Haryana	Hockey Orissa	27
2012	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Orissa	26
2013	Sonepat (Haryana)	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Odisha	30
2014	Chennai	Punjab	Hockey Odisha	35
2015	Mysore (Karnataka)	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Odisha	37
2016	Raipur (Chhattisgarh)	Hockey Odisha	Hockey Gangpur	41
2017	Bhopal (M.P.)	Hockey Odisha	Steel Plant Sports Board	45
2018	Bhopal (M.P.)	Hockey Punjab	Hockey Haryana	46
2019	Aurangabad (Maharashtra)	Hockey Odisha	Hockey U.P.	45

HOCKEY INDIA SUB-JUNIOR FINAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN)

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Entries
2011	Gurgaon, Haryana Chhattisgarh	Hockey Orissa Academy	Hockey Haryana	8
2012	Rohtak, Haryana	Hockey Odisha	Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	8
2013	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Hockey Odisha	Hockey Jharkhand	8
2014	Ranchi	Hockey Odisha	Hockey Haryana	
2015	New Delhi	Hockey Odisha	Hockey Haryana	36
2016	Imphal, Manipur	Hockey Gangpur Odisha	Hockey Manipur, Imphal	39
2017	Bangaluru (Karnataka)	Hockey Chandigarh	S.A.I.	43
2018	Saifai (U.P.)	Hockey Uttar Pradesh	Hockey Odisha	41
2019	Raipur (Chhattisgarh)	Hockey Odisha	Hockey Uttar Pradesh	42



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The Advent of the Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (The Cradle of Indian Hockey)

– M.N. Shome

The advent of Nehru Hockey's Senior open tournament in Delhi in the mid-60's was a boost in the arm for the game. It soon became a popular tournament attracting the cream of talent from all over the country. The tournament discovered some brilliant players, most of whom went on to wear national colours. The Nehru tournament, in fact, was the best thing that happened to Indian hockey and when the organizers with some big names as patrons and a bunch of keen enthusiasts from the bureaucracy running the show expanded the idea and introduced tournaments for juniors and sub-juniors, the public feeling was that Indian hockey had at last found a good base to sustain itself. All these ventures provided some top class hockey to crowds, which flocked to the then Lady Harding Ground (now called the Shivaji Stadium).

In fact, Hockey India, the National authority presently controlling the game in the country and the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society are complimentary to each other. Both are in the field to promote the National game at every nook and corner of the country. According to keen observers the Nehru Hockey Tournament's contribution to Indian hockey can never be overstated. The two are closely linked and must continue their association.

The Society's role in promoting the National game of hockey in the country came in for high praise from none else than the former Chief of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Ms Els Van Breda Vriesman herself. In a message to the Society, she said : "I commend the organizers of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society for their efforts in working to identify new

talent and to strengthen the base level appeal of Hockey in India. With hard work at all levels, India can be a dominant force in hockey once again". She emphasized that "a significant aspect of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament from a global perspective has been the introduction of a girls competition for players under 17.. Congratulations on your impressive efforts and continue the good work", concluded the FIH chief.

Another former FIH Chief Leandro Negre has also a word of praise. He said: "A fine example of dedication is the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament. It is aimed towards improving standards, searching for fresh talents, to restoring India's national game to the top of the international hockey world."

The Society has a very high profile administration with some influential people who have held senior-most positions in the Government and have at the same time been connected with the game at one stage or the other. It has now entered into the 54th year of its fruitful existence.

What prompted the birth of the Society is an interesting story, worth recalling, though briefly. The shock defeat of the Indian team in the 1960 Rome Olympics final to our arch-rivals Pakistan, breaking the country's longest chain of success in Olympic Games since as far back as in 1928, brought an amalgamation of hockey lovers and Olympians, who had put their collective ideas for the revival of the National game, formed the Society in 1964, named after the sports loving country's first Prime Minister, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Persons in high positions in the Union Government came forward to give the Society a proper shape and identity and also a system by heading this nascent organisation. Such big names as those of Union Cabinet Minister A.K. Sen (Law), Y.B. Chavan (Defence), Ram Niwas Mirdha (Communication) and Sharad Pawar (Agriculture) gave it a boost. The other celebrities like H.C. Sarin (Secretary, Defence), S. Ratnam (Secretary, Finance), Maj. General Virendra Singh (DG, NCC), Saiyid Hamid (Chancellor, Hamdard University) and Subir Raha (Chairman, ONGC) involved themselves wholeheartedly and became an integral part of the Society. Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav (a former Union Minister) is the President, Shri Samar Hamid, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Anil Malik, AVSM, Dr. D.R. Saini, Dr. Harsh Pathak, Shri H.S. Hanspal, Shri Subhash Kapur, Dr. Dilip Tirkey, M.P., Shri Surender Yadav, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Anticorruption Bureau, and Shri Bhupinder Singh, IRS are Vice-Presidents.

Not so long ago the supreme head of the nation used to personally preside over the final of the Main Tournament. The exalted personalities were Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Shri V. V. Giri, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and Giani Zail Singh. In the inaugural year (1964) the function was inaugurated by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit and presided over by PM Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

The Society's Secretariat is presently run by Secretary General Shri Kukoo Walia, besides a band of dedicated hockey lovers and experienced administrators that include Secretary Shri Rohit Chauhan, Joint Secretaries, Shri Ajay Jethi & Shri Ashutosh Verma, Shri I.D. Kapur – Treasurer and Shri A.P. Kaushik as Asstt. Treasurer, Shri Gyan Chand-Asstt. Secretary, Shri Arun Kumar, Manager Public Relations and Shri M.N. Shome as Chief Editor just to name a few among many others.

The Society began its activities in 1964 with a Senior Open Tournament. Inspired by its instant success as it attracted a good number of recognized foreign teams, it started age-group

competitions in 1972 for under-17 and later under-15 school boys. The Union Government scholarships and prize money are awarded to the winners and outstanding players as incentive to attract the youngsters to the National game. It also prompted the Society to seriously promote the game at the university level in order to build up a strong second line of defence through the youth power. And in consultation with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) conceived the Champion Colleges Tournament in 1993.

To maintain equality of sex and gender, the girls were not left behind. On a proposal from the Indian Women's Hockey Federation, the Society started the school girls tournament (under-17 years) in 1993.

There was a time when hockey was one of the most popular sports in the capital. Lack of proper exposure at an early stage has been often blamed for India's failure to groom raw talent into world-beaters.

The vibrant Secretary General of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS), Shri Kukoo Walia felt that he didn't want the city next generation of hockey players to suffer. With that aim in mind, he came out with the idea of conducting a tournament annually for the school-going boys and girls of the Indian Capital. Named after hockey wizard and legend Dhyan Chand, the Nehru-Dhyan Chand Cup for Delhi boys and girls (u-15 years) was added to the series of annual tournaments that the Society was already organizing over several decades.

It was decided that the finals of Nehru-Dhyan Chand Cup (both boys and girls sections) would be held on the birth anniversary of the legend (August 29) every year. It is the Society's humble tribute to Dhyan Chand and hockey.

(The writer was former Chief Editor of JNHTS's Annual Souvenir)

PRESIDENT PRESENTS NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

Come August 29. The day happens to be the birth anniversary of the nation's greatest ever sportsman, Major Dhyan Chand : In order to respectfully celebrate the occasion, the date has been designated as the National Sports Day by the Government of India.



Cup, and a Silver in 2013 Asia Cup where he scored six goals for the team. He was one of the key members of the squad in the 2014 Asian Games where India won the Gold after nearly three decades and secured a berth for the Rio Olympics.

To commemorate the legend's birth anniversary on this day, the Supreme Head of the nation in the presence of distinguished guests, media personnel and star sportspersons, personally presides over the Arjuna and other six categories of the highest National Sports Awards presentation ceremony with all solemnity it deserves at the gorgeous Ashoka Hall in the Rashtrapati Bhawan.

The Arjuna Award, the Union Government's one of the top sports honour specifically meant for outstanding sportsman and women of the country, has generated into a purposeful institution, established in 1961. Arjuna, the greatest warrior of an era and the mighty hero of the epic Mahabharata, must be turning up in his heavenly abode, for, the Award is named after him. The Award is given away to outstanding sportsmen and women, who have exhibited superb performance consistently for the previous four years at the international level and have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. The awardees are given a statuette, a Certificate, Ceremonial dress and a cash award of Rs 5 lakhs.

So far, over 80 hockey players both men and women have been bestowed the honour. Three more hockey names were added to the list on August 29, 2016. They are drag flick expert VR Raghunath and women's team striker Ms Rani (both honoured with Arjuna Awards); and 70-year-old veteran Olympian Sylvanus Dung Dung (Maj Dhyan Chand Life Time Achievement Award).

Arjuna Awards

V.R Raghunath made his debut in the senior men's squad in 2006 during the bi-lateral series against Pakistan. He has since been an integral part of the national team's defence structure and is counted as one of the best drag-flickers in the country. He was a member of the Indian team that won the Bronze Medal in the 2007 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Silver in 2008, Gold in the 2007 Asia

After Ashish Ballal and A.B. Subbaiah were chosen for the award in 1996, Raghunath is the third hockey player from Karnataka to receive this honour.

Ms Rani was awarded the prestigious Arjuna Award for her outstanding contributions in the field of hockey. Before her only two women hockey players have received the Arjuna Award - Surinder Kaur (former captain of the Women's National Hockey team) and Jasjeet Kaur.

Rani was part of the Indian women's hockey team which competed at the Rio Olympics in 2016. The 23-year-old became the youngest player in Indian hockey history when she represented the national team in the 2010 World Cup at the tender age of 15.

Born in 1994 in Shahabad Markanda in the Kurukshetra district of Haryana, to a poor family she took to field hockey in 2003 and trained at the Shahbad Hockey Academy under Baldev Singh, a recipient of Dronacharya Award. Rani played in the Champion's Challenge Tournament held in Kazan, Russia in June 2009 and powered India to a win by scoring 4 goals in the finals. She was adjudged "The Top Goal Scorer" and the "Young Player of the Tournament"

She was instrumental in winning the silver medal for India in the Asia Cup held in Nov 2009 After playing with India's national team at 2010 Commonwealth Games and 2010 Asian Games, Rani was included in the FIH Women's All Star Team of 2010. She was also included the All Star team of the Asian Hockey Federation based on her performance in 2010 Asian Games at Guangzhou, where the Indian team finished fourth.

At the 2010 Women's Hockey World Cup held in Rosario, Argentina, she scored a total of seven goals which placed India in the ninth position in World Women's hockey rankings. This is India's best performance since 1978.

She is the only Indian to be nominated for the FIH Women's Young Player of the Year Award, 2010. She was conferred the "Best Young Player of the Tournament" award at the Women's Hockey World Cup 2010, recognizing her stellar performance as the top field goal scorer in the tournament.

She was also adjudged the 'Player of the Tournament' at the 2013 Junior World Cup in which India finished with a bronze medal. She has been named for FICCI Comeback of the Year Award 2014.

Dhyan Chand Award

The Dhyan Chand Award, officially known as Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games, is named after hockey wizard Maj Dhyan Chand (1905-79) who dominated the world of hockey from 1926-48. The award comprises a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of 05 lakh.

Former Indian field hockey player Sylvanus Dung Dung (70), who was part of the Olympic Gold Medal winning team in 1980, was on Aug 29, 2016 honoured with the Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dung Dung, an unsung hero of Indian hockey, had struck the golden goal against Spain in 1980

which brought home the elusive Gold Medal for India after a disappointing outing for the nation in the Montreal Olympics in 1976 when India had missed the podium.

Born in the Simdega district of Jharkhand in 1941, Dung Dung joined the Indian Army in 1965 on his 24th birthday. He had a passion for hockey. The 1980 Moscow Olympics was the turning point in his career. He was an intelligent player who possessed the needed stamina and power to tackle many an opposition.

Dung Dung was at his personal best. In no time, the scores were level at 3 -3. Tensions were building up. Dung Dung lived up to the occasion and struck that decisive golden goal and handed the nation an unprecedented 8th gold medal at the Olympics.

He also played 8 Test matches against Holland (1977-78), 4 Test matches against Pakistan (1978), and the 4-Nation Quadrangular held in Kuala Lumpur (1980). He represented Bihar between 1977 and 1981 and Services in the national hockey championship for the Rangaswami Cup.

An experienced right-back, he successfully coached the Central Command team from Lucknow to four consecutive triumphs in the Army hockey championship. He retired in the year 1988.

NATIONAL AWARDEES (Hockey)

Padma Bhushan Award

Maj. Dhyan Chand -1956

Padma Bhushan Award - Men

Shri Balbir Singh	1957	Shri Pargat Singh	1998
Shri K.D. Singh 'Babu'	1958	Shri Dhanraj Pillay	2000
Shri Charanjit Singh	1964	Shri Mukesh Kumar	2003
Shri Krishan Lai	1966	Shri Dilip Tirkey	2004
Shri Prithipal Singh	1967	Shri Balbir S. Kular	2009
Shri S. Laxman '	1967	Shri Ignace Tirkey	2010
Shri L. Cladius	1971	Shri Zafar Iqbal	2012
Shri Mohd. Shahid	1981	Shri Sardar Singh	2015
Shri Jasdev Singh	1985	Shri P.R. Sreejesh	2017
Shri J.L. Sharma	1990	Shri M.P. Ganesh	2020
Shri Ajit Pal Singh	1992		

Women

Ms Eliza Nelson	1982
Ms Selva D'Silva	1991
Ms Saba Anjum	2015
Ms Rani Rampal	2020

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was instituted by the Government in 1991-92 for most spectacular and outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson/team in a year. Only one award is given under the scheme. The award carries a medal, a scroll of honour and a cash prize of Rs. 5.00 lakh. So far 12 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards have been given to Hockey. The only recipient for the year 1999 is :-

Dhanraj Pillay	-	1999-2000
Sardar Singh	-	2017
Rani Rampal	-	2020

Dronacharya Award

The Dronacharya Award instituted in 1985, is to honour the eminent Coaches who have successfully trained sportspersons or teams and enabled them to achieve outstanding results in international competitions. The awardee is given a statuette of Guru Dronacharya, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of Rs. 3.00 lakhs.

Of the 80 Dronacharya Awards given so far in different games the eight recipients in Hockey are :-

Gurdial Singh Bhangu	2000	Harendra Singh	2012
M.K. Kaushik	2002	Narendra Singh Saini	2013
Rajinder Singh	2003	P.A. Raphel	2017
S. Baldev Singh	2009	Clarence Lobo	2018
Ajay Kumar Bansal	2010	Merzban Patel	2019
Rajinder Singh (Jr)	2011	Romesh Pathania	2020

Dhyan Chand Award

A Dhyan Chand Award for Life Time Achievement in Sports and Games has been instituted from the year 2002 by the Government to honour those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 3.00 lakhs, a plaque and scroll of honour.

Of the 39 Dhyan Chand Awards given so far, ten have gone to Hockey, as follows :-

Ashok Dewan	-	2002	Gurmail Singh	-	2014
Charles Cornelius	-	2003	Romeo James	-	2015
Dharam Singh Mann	-	2003	Sylvanus Dung Dung	-	2016
Hardyal Singh	-	2004	Sumrai Tete	-	2017
Rajinder Singh (Jr)	-	2005	Bharat Kumar Chetri	-	2018
Cdr G. Nandy Singh	-	2006	Manuel Fredricks	-	2019
Varinder Singh	-	2007	Ajit Singh	-	2020
Mukhbain Singh	-	2008			
Gundeep Kumar	-	2012			
Ms. Mary D'Souza Sequeira	-	2013			



ARJUNA AWARD (HOCKEY)

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1961	Prithipal Singh	1998	Rajinder Singh	1961	Km. N. Lumsden
1963	Charanjit Singh	1998	Surjit Singh (Posthumous)	1965	Km. E. Brittoo
1964	S. Laxman	1998	M.K. Kaushik	1966	Km. Sunita Puri
1965	Udham Singh	1998	Baldev Singh	1973	Dr. O. Mascarenhas
1966	V.J. Peter	1998	Mohammed Riaz	1974	Km. Ajinder Kaur
1966	Gurbax Singh	1998	Baljit Singh Dhillon	1975	Km. Rupa Saini
1967	Harbinder Singh	1999	Balbir Singh Kular	1977-78	Km. L.L. Fernandes
1967	Jagjit Singh	1999	Lt. Col. Haripal Kaushik	1979-80	Km. R.B. Mundphan
1967	Mohinder Lal	1999	V.J. Phillips	1980-81	Smt. Eliza Nelson
1969	Balbir Singh	1999	Ramandeep Singh	1981	Km. Versha Soni
1970	Ajit Pal Singh	2000	Baljeet Singh Saini	1984	Km. Rajbir Kaur
1971	P. Krishnamurthy	2000	Gp. Capt. R.S. Bhola	1985	Km. Prem Maya Soni
1972	Michael Kindo	2000	Balkishan Singh	1998	Km. Pritam Rani
1973	M.P. Ganesh	2000	Jalaluddin Rizvi	1998	Smt. S. Omana Kumari
1974	Ashok Kumar	2001	Dilip Tirkey	2000	Km. Tingonleima Chanu
1975	B.P. Govinda	2002	Gagan Ajit Singh	2000	Km. Madhu Yadav
1977-78	Harcharan Singh	2003	Devesh Chauhan	2001	Km. Sita Gusain
1979-80	Vasudev Bhaskaran	2004	Deepak Thakur	2002	Mamta Kharab
1980-81	Mohd. Shahid	2005	Viren Rasquinha	2003	Km. Suraj Lata Devi
1983	Zafar Iqbal	2007	Prabhjot Singh	2004	Km. Innocent Helen Mary
1985	M. Somaiya	2009	Ignace Tirkey	2006	Km. Jyoti Sunita Kullu
1986	J.P. Carvalho	2010	Sandeep Singh	2009	Ms. Surinder Kaur
1988	M.P. Singh	2011	Rajpal Singh	2010	Ms. Jasjeet Kaur
1989	Pargat Singh	2012	Sardar Singh	2013	Ms. Saba Anjum
1990-91	Jagbir Singh	2015	P.R. Sreejesh	2016	Ms Rani Rampal
1992	Mervyn Fernandes	2016	V.R. Raghunath	2018	Ms. Savita Punia
1994	Jude Felix Sabastian	2017`	S.V. Sunil	2020	Ms Deepika Thakur
1995	Mukesh Kumar	2018	Manpreet Singh		
1995	Dhanraj Pillay	2019	Chinglensana Singh		
1996	Ashish Balal	2020	Akashdeep Singh		
1996	A.B. Subbaiah				
1997	Harmik Singh				
1997	Surinder Singh Sodhi				

HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR SANDEEP SINGH

Sandeep Singh (born 27 February 1986), a full-back and a dreaded drag-flicker in his hey days, was bestowed with the honour an Honorary Doctorate for sporting excellence by Desh Bhagat University, a private educational institution in Amioh, Fatehgarh Sahib district of Punjab, in February 2017.

Sandeep is only second Indian player after former captain and sitting Member of Parliament, Dalip Tirkey, to have an honorary degree for sporting excellence. Tirkey received an honorary degree from Sambalpur University in 2010.

"It is a big honour for me. It's a big thing for me to receive such a degree for my achievements in the field of sports. It is a recognition for my hard work," Sandeep said after receiving the degree He received the Arjuna Award in 2010.

Once regarded as the country's top drag-flicker, Sandeep has been in and out of the national team since the 2012 London Olympics mainly due to injury.

Sandeep made headlines when he was seriously injured after being hit by an accidental gunshot in Shatabadi Express in August 2006 while he was on his way to join the national team due to leave for the World Cup in Germany two days later. Sandeep was almost paralysed and on wheel chair for two years. He not only recovered from the serious injury, but also made a stunning comeback and established himself in the Indian team.

Under his captaincy, the Indian team managed to clinch the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in 2009 after defeating Malaysia in the finals at Ipoh. India won the title after a long wait of 13 years. Sandeep was also the top goal scorer of the tournament.

Sandeep Singh) is an Indian professional field hockey player and an ex-captain of the Indian national team. He generally features as a full back and is a penalty corner specialist for the team. Singh's international debut was in January 2004 in Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Kuala Lumpur. He took over as the captain of the Indian national team in January 2009, and Rajpal Singh succeeded him later in 2010.

At a time he was said to have the best speed in the world in drag flick (speed 145 km/h).

The India men's national hockey team qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London after a gap of eight years, having missed the bus in Beijing it) 2008. The team had a resounding victory over France in the finals of the Olympic qualifiers by beating France 8-1. Sandeep Singh starred in the final by scoring five goals - including a hat-trick - all from penalty corners. He was the highest scorer of the Olympic qualifiers tournament by scoring 16 goals.

Scoring 11 goals in 12 games, Sandeep emerged as the top scorer in the first edition of Hockey India's League in 2014 for Punjab Warriors. After two seasons he was signed by Ranchi Rays for \$ 81,000.

Nehru Hockey Society's Secretary General Shri Kukoo Walia has expressed his happiness over the award being bestowed on the star player Sandeep. "He deserves such an honour as his life is an example of how one can emerge on top even after such a major accident. Such an honour should encourage young players to work hard against all odds", Shri Kukoo Walia said.



PADMA SHRI HONOUR FOR P.R. SREEJESH

Indian Hockey received another great recognition when the Government of India honoured the national men's team skipper Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh with the "Padma Shri", coinciding with the nation's 68th Republic Day. Regarded as one of the most reliable goalkeepers in the world, Sreejesh dedicated the award to his teammates.

Born on May 8, 1986, in Kizhakkambalam village, in the Ernakulam district of Kerala, Sreejesh was earlier honoured with the Arjuna Award in 2015. He is only the second goalkeeper after Shankar Laxman (1967) to receive the honour. Known as 'The Wall of Indian Hockey' for his several brilliant saves under the bar, Sreejesh has won several honours in the past for his achievements. He was awarded the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament when India won the Asian Cup in 2008. His second 'Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament' award came at the 2013 Asia Cup, with India finishing second in the tournament.

At the 2014 Champions Trophy, he was adjudged Goalkeeper of the Tournament. Following impressive performances in the same year, he was nominated for the award of Best Male Goalkeeper which he eventually lost to Jaap Stockmann of the Netherlands.

Sreejesh has also been made a Member of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Athletes' Committee.

He began his sports career as a shot-putter during his school days before switching over to hockey. Sreejesh made it to the junior national team in 2004, in a match against Australia in Perth. Two years later, he made his debut in the Senior national team, at the South Asian Games in Colombo. Having been a part of the Indian team for six years, though often losing his place to senior goalkeepers Adrian D'Souza and Bharat Chettri, he became a regular member since 2011, after his match-winning two penalty stroke saves against Pakistan in the Asian Champions Trophy final in Ordos City, China. Ever since, he has been instrumental in helping India win several important tournaments. Sreejesh was also part of the team that won the silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games but his penalty stroke saves in the final of the Asian Games in 2014 will remain as one of his best performances till date. The team won the historic gold and booked its Rio Olympics berth. In 2016, he led the Indian team to another momentous feat at the FIH Champions Trophy in London where the team won a historic silver medal. He also led the team to a splendid win against Pakistan in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy in Kuantan last year.

He was the captain of the team that won the silver medal at the 2016 Men's Hockey Champions Trophy held at London. In the Rio Summer Olympics in 2016, Sreejesh led the Indian team to the quarter-finals.

At the auction of the inaugural season of the Hockey India League, Sreejesh was bought by the Mumbai franchise for \$ 38,000. He has since played two seasons for their team, Mumbai Magicians. Prior to the 2015 season, he was bought by Uttar Pradesh Wizards for \$ 69,000.

Sreejesh is married to Aneeshya, a former long jumper and an Ayurveda Doctor. They have two-years old daughter Anusree. He is currently employed as Chief Sports Organiser with the Kerala Government's Education Department.

The latest honour for Sreejesh has come at a time when Indian Hockey is showing signs of revival with some sterling performances in International tournaments. Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General Shri Kukoo Walia has expressed his immense pleasure at Sreejesh getting the prestigious Padma Shri Award.

Shri Kukoo Walia said: "Sreejesh joins the elite panel of legendary hockey players who have been honoured by the Indian Government in the past for their yeomen's service to the national game. He richly deserves the government recognition. We at the JNHTS feel proud of his achievements and are confident that under his able leadership Indian Hockey will reach greater heights in the near future."

PRESIDENT HONOURS HOCKEY STARS

India remembers its hockey wizard and one of the greatest hockey players of all time, the late Maj Dhyan Chand, on his birth anniversary which falls on August 29 by observing the day every year as National Sports Day. Several sports-related events are held at various cities to mark the occasion and to remember the achievements of Maj Dhyan Chand, who was known for his extraordinary goal-scoring feats, in addition to earning three Olympic gold medals (1928, 1932, and 1936) in field hockey, during an era when India was the most dominant team in Hockey.

It is on this day (Aug 29) that Honourable President of India honours sportspersons from different disciplines for their contribution to their respective sport. This year, three hockey stalwarts were bestowed the honour by Honourable President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on the occasion of National Sports Day at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. The three hockey players thus honoured were: former India captain Sardar Singh (Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award), S V Sunil (Arjuna Award) and P A Rafael (Dronacharya Award). Sardar Singh became the second hockey star to be conferred the Khel Ratna after the legendary Dhanraj PiUay who received the award in the year 2000.

The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna is the highest sporting honour of the Republic of India. The award is named after Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India who served the office from 1984 to 1989. Its awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The recipient(s) is/are selected by a committee constituted by the Ministry and is honoured for their "spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports over a period of four years" at international level. As of 2017, the award comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs 7.5 lakh.

Sardar, who made his international debut against arch-rivals Pakistan in 2006, was named captain of the Indian hockey squad after the debacle at the 2012 Olympics in London where the team finished last in the 12-nation field. With Sardar as captain, India won gold at the 2014 Asian Games and the continental title at the 2007 Asian Cup. He also led the national team to the bronze medal at the Hockey World League in 2015. The 31-year-old from Sirsa district of Haryana was included in the 18-member FIH All-Star team in 2010 and 2011. He is also the recipient of Padma Shri and Arjuna Award. He was awarded the Player of the Tournament in the 2012 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, 2012 Olympic Qualifiers and 2010 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. In 2012, Sardar won the Asian Men's Player of the Year. He was also signed by Dutch club HC Bloemendaal to play in the Euro League in 2013 and has won the Coal India HIL Trophy twice, with the Delhi Waveriders (2013) and Jaypee Punjab Warriors (2016) teams.

Sardar shared his conversation with the President at the time of receiving the award and how he found himself at loss of words. Aap ka naam Sardar hai. Pata hai iska matlab kya hota hai? (your name is Sardar. Do you know what does it mean?" the President asked Sardar during their conversation at the awards ceremony. "you have served the country like your name, done us proud," the President said. Sardar said he "felt an increased sense of responsibility after getting the Khel Ratna," but also admitted that "there's a different confidence since receiving the award, a positive energy." Indian hockey team forward Somwarpet Vittalacharya Sunil better known as S V Sunil, received the prestigious Arjuna Award from the President.

The Arjuna Awards named after the greatest warrior of an era and the mighty hero of the epic Maharashtra are given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in National Sports Instituted in 1961, the award carries a cash prize of Rs 500,000, a bronze statue of Arjuna and a scroll. Sunil is the 60th hockey player among men to receive the Arjuna Award. As many as 25 women hockey players have also received the honour in the past.

The Bengaluru player was earlier named the Asian Player of the Year 2016. S V Sunil is an Indian field hockey player well known for his swiftness on the field. Regarded as one of the fastest players in the game, Sunil made his international debut at the young age of 18. With 11 years of experience, S V Sunil is presently one of the key members in the Indian hockey team. He was part of the team in the year 2008 for the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, in which India won the silver medal. In 2011, he played in the Champion's Challenge and scored four stunning goals, the most by any Indian forwarder. He was also part of the team that secured gold in 2014 at the Asian Games at Incheon. Sunil was part of the team in the Hero Champions Trophy 2016 and won the silver medal. "It is every sportsperson's dream to receive this award. I feel lucky. Personally, it means a lot to me. It is a huge boost and motivation for me and others players. When you get such awards, it's a recognition of the hard work that each player puts in," he said and dedicated the award to his parents.

Veteran hockey coach Pankaj Auso Raphael was conferred with Dronacharya Award this year. Raphael has been given the honour as lifetime achievement.

The Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games is sports coaching honour of the Republic of India. The award is named after Guru Dronacharya from the epic Mahabharata. He was master of advanced military warfare and was appointed as the royal preceptor to the Kaurava and the Pandava princes for their training in military arts and astras (Divine weapons).

It is awarded annually by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Recipients are selected by a committee constituted by the Ministry and are honoured to have done "outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in international events" over a period of four years. Two awards are designated for the lifetime contribution in coaching where the achievements in producing "outstanding sportspersons" over a period of 20 years or more are considered. As of 2017, the award comprises a bronze statuette of Dronacharya, a certificate, ceremonial dress, and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

Rafael is the ninth hockey player to receive this award. Life has come a full circle for P.A. Rafael, the veteran hockey coach from Kerala. In 1964, the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) recommended him for the coveted recognition. But, his name was struck down from the list. Rafael has an eventful history in Indian hockey. He introduced revolutionary changes in the way the national game is being played in India. Rafael fell out of favour with the (IHF) in the name of the path breaking changes he ushered in. When the National Hockey Academy was established in 1992, with the sponsorship of Air India, Rafael was appointed there as its head coach and director. There he mentored several stars who later played in the Olympics and the World Cup.

With Indian men's team scheduled to take part in some major international events later this year, including Asia Cup (Dhaka, Oct 11-22) and World Hockey League Final at Bhubaneswar (Dec 1-10), these awards should surely act as a big boost to the players and the team as well.

ASIAN AWARDS FOR S.V. SUNIL, HARMANPREET

Indian forward S.V Sunil and dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh have been named the Asian Player of the Year 2016 in the senior men's category and the Asian Promising Player of the Year 2016 in the junior men's category, respectively, by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

The nominations for these awards were made by coaches across Asia from the national teams in Asia and the criteria of nomination was based on the performance of the year 2016.

SV Sunil played a vital role in team India's successful outing at FIH Champions Trophy in London last year where he led the forwardline and was instrumental in the team's historic Silver medal winning performance. Considered to be one of the fastest men on the pitch in the world, Sunil has also served as the team's Vice-Captain and is entrusted with the duty of leading by example.

Harmanpreet Singh had a stupendous 2016 with the Indian junior men's team winning the Uttar Pradesh Hockey Junior World Cup Men Lucknow 2016 where he led the team's defence and was instrumental in converting penalty corners. He was also part of the Indian men's team at the 2016 Rio Olympics and the FIH Champions Trophy in London where the Indian team won a historic Silver medal.

Since Harmanpreet Singh and SV Sunil are currently training at the national camp in SAI, Bengaluru, the awards were received by Tapan Das, Treasurer and Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India respectively at Muscat.

Hockey India President Mariamma Koshy congratulated the players for the coveted awards.

Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's Secretary General Shri Kukoo Walia also conveyed his greetings to both the Indian players on their achievements and wished them good luck in their future assignments.



We have also organised/contributed

1. 1966—Benefit match in aid of Chuni Lal Seth's family (Contribution Rs. 6,000)
2. 1974—All Star Asia XI v/s India XI
3. 1977—Charity match in aid of cyclone affected people of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (Contribution Rs. 1,21,000)
4. 1979—Benefit match in aid of Maj. Dhyani Chand's family (Contribution Rs. 20,000)
5. 1981—Kenya v/s President IHF XI
6. 1987—Real Club de-Polo—Barcelona, Spain v/s IFFCO XI
7. 1988—Junior World Cup Asian Zone Qualifying Tournament
8. 1991—Sub Junior National Women Championship
9. 1993—Federation Cup for Women
10. 1993—Benefit match in aid of earthquake victims of Maharashtra (Contributed Rs. 1,21,000)
11. 1994—Dhyani Chand Commemorative Match
12. 2000—Olympian Joginder Singh 'Gindi' benefit match (Contributed Rs. 8,50,000)
13. 2004—To Shri Vivek Singh Olympian for illness (Contributed Rs. 50,000)
14. 2004— P.M. National Relief Fund for earthquake victims of Gujarat (TSUNAMI) (Contributed Rs. 1,00,000)
15. 2005—Dhyani Chand Centenary Celebrations (Contributed Rs. 25,000)
16. 2009 – Third Umpire Seminar-cum-Clinic at Chandigarh (Nov 13-15,2009)
17. 2011 – Financial help to Mrs Santhi Marry (Contributed Rs 5.61 lakhs)
18. 2012 – India Captain Shri Sardar Singh and Coach Shri Harendra Singh were honoured at a function where a sum of Rs. 51,000 was presented to Shri Sardar Singh and Rs. 11,000 to Shri Harendra Singh.
19. 2013 Shri Hardyal Singh was honoured on 29th August, 2013 with a purse of Rs. 51,000/-.

Our Foreign Participants

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| 1. | Japan | — | 1965, 1975 and 1980 |
| 2. | Sri Lanka | — | 1965, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 75, 80 (Srs. & Jrs.)
1994 (Sr. & Jrs.), 1995, 1996 (Girls, Jrs. & Srs.) 1997 (Jrs. & Srs.)
1998, 1999 (Colleges) & 2002 (Girls & Sub-Jrs.), 2008 (Jrs.) |
| 3. | Malaysia | — | 1971, 75, 80, 89 and 2003 (Sub-Jrs) |
| 4. | Great Britain | — | 1971, 77 and 1993 |
| 5. | West Germany | — | 1972, 77 (Jrs.), 83, 85 (Jrs.), 1986 (Jrs.) and 1996 (Jrs.) |
| 6. | Bangladesh | — | 1972, 1997, 2005, 2006 (Jr.), 2007 (Jr.), 2008 (Jrs) and (Srs.) 2009 (Jr. Boys) and 2011 (Jr. Boys) 2012 (Srs.), 2013 (Jr. Boys) |
| 7. | Spain | — | 1973, 75, 77 and 1987 |
| 8. | Singapore | — | 1974 |
| 9. | Afghanistan | — | 1977 (Jrs.) |
| 10. | Yugoslavia | — | 1978 & 1989 |
| 11. | Holland | — | 1982 |
| 12. | U.S.S.R. | — | 1982, 85, 86, 87, 89 & 90 (Srs. & Jrs.) |
| 13. | Oman | — | 1983 |
| 14. | Pakistan | — | 1985 (two teams), 88 (Jrs.) and 1989,
1996 (Jrs.), 1997, 1998 & 1999 (Colleges), 2008 (Srs.) |
| 15. | Kenya | — | 1986 |
| 16. | Dubai | — | 1990 (Jrs.) |
| 17. | Nigeria | — | 1991 (Jrs.) |
| 18. | Canada | — | 1992 |
| 19. | China | — | 1992 |
| 20. | Russia | — | 1995 & 1996 (Jrs.) |

AIU-JNHTS COMBINE AUGUR WELL FOR VARSITY HOCKEY

-- M.N. Shome

Sports play a vital role in imparting complete education. The qualities of the leadership, sharing, team spirit and tolerance are learnt from sports.

AIU's held its Sports Board meeting at Bhubaneswar on April 26, 2017 in which JNHTS Secretary General Shri Kukoo Walia was a special invitee. At the meeting, the 44-year-old AIU unanimously decided to continue its association with JNHT Society. The idea of bringing together all the Indian universities on a common platform emerged from the deliberations of a Conference of the Vice Chancellors of Universities convened by Lord Reading, the then Viceroy of India at Shimla in 1924.

The Inter-University Board (IUB) of India was subsequently formed on March 23, 1925, with the view of promoting university activities, especially by way of sharing information and co-operation in the field of education, culture, sports and allied areas. The Inter-University Board acquired a legal status with its registration in 1967 as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. In 1973, it assumed its present name: The Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Some of the main objectives of AIU in the field of sports include: to establish and maintain a sports organisation for promoting sports among Member-Universities; to act as a liaison between the universities and the Government (Central as well as the State Governments) and to co-operate with other universities or bodies (national or international) in matters of common interest; to serve as an Inter-University Organisation, to act as a bureau of information and to facilitate communication.

AIU draws up dates for Zonal Inter University Tournaments, Award of Maulana Abul Kalam

Azad (MAKA) Trophy, distribution of Certificates of Merit to Sportspersons/ Teams Securing First Three Positions in All India/ Inter Zonal University Games, etc. AIU organises National University Games in different disciplines at various centres every year and gives away certificates and prizes to participants and winners.

AIU also helps many sports federations/associations conduct their tournaments in a proper manner. AIU has been a source of great encouragement to Nehru Hockey Society to conduct its annual All India University hockey tournaments successfully.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has associate itself with AIU in conducting the annual All India Universities Hockey Tournament, as in previous years. AIU feels that the collaboration with JNHTS would prove to be the best platform for successfully implementing its hockey promotion programme as both have the same vision and objectives.

Having been a former University star hockey player and one of the finest sports administrators in the country, Shri Kukoo Walia values the importance of University sports in general and hockey in particular. Therefore, he always gives topmost priority to Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's annual University hockey tournament in which the country's best university teams vie for top honours.

With such hockey-passionate Secretary General at its helm, Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, in collaboration with AIU, there is no doubt that Indian Hockey will reach greater heights in the near future.

(The writer was former Chief Editor of JNHTS's Annual Souvenir)



PIONEERING INITIATIVE FOR HOCKEY**SNPB International School, Pune gets state-of-the-art artificial-turf to promote hockey amongst students****Dr. Vrishali Bhonsale**

With its stunning campus and jaw-dropping facilities, SNPB International School, Pune has taken the ultimate step to promote hockey by installing a state-of-the-art hockey venue with artificial-turf facility in their campus after years of dreaming about it. The gleaming artificial-turf round is FIH certified for National level tournaments.

SNBP Group of Institute has been conducting the SNBP All India Hockey Tournament for under-16 for quite some time now. Recently, the management led by SNBP Group President and Vice President of JNHTS, Dr. Vrishali Bhonsale decided to give shape to their dream, which will now allow thousands of young generations of students to hone the skills required to excel in modern hockey on artificial-turf.

For Dr. Vrishali Bhonsale, popularising hockey is a mission and she convinced her management to generously implement their vision and promote hockey in the campus, in addition to supporting a range of other sports. Dr Bhonsale said, "A dream has come true for us at SNBP. We have a vision to promote sports and hockey in particular to produce stellar sporting talent in the campus. The key is to make investment in providing state-of-the-art facilities, coaching and development for the younger generation. It's down to what we put around the individual. One has to get used to the speed, ball control, strength, stamina and various other aspects of hockey on turf if you have to reach the highest level, which is to represent the country."

Dr Bhonsale is right in saying that private schools with modern facilities can become the nursery for producing future champions for the country. It is no coincident that more than a third of Great Britain's medal winners in the last two Olympic Games were from private schools.

The Society extends its heartiest compliments to Dr. Vrishali Bhonsale for her path-breaking initiative to promote hockey. JNHTS's Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia said, "Dr. Vrishali Bhonsale has always championed the promotion of hockey and it is rare to find visionaries like her. I am confident that SNBP International School, Pune will now nurture many future medal-winners for Indian hockey. I extend my best wishes and heartfelt gratitude to her for being such a generous supporter of the National game." Dr Bhonsale also added that the inspiration to promote hockey has come from the city itself, which has produced several Olympic stalwarts. There was a time when Pune was known as the "cradle of Olympic hockey".

Pune has a historical link with the 'National game' and produced brilliant players across several generations, starting from the Indian team which played at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, under 'Hockey Wizard' Dhyan Chand. The hockey duo from Khadki, a locality in Pune, Baburao Narsappa Nimal and Joseph Philips represented the Indian hockey team which conquered Hitler's Germany in the final of the 1936 Olympics. The city has produced a string of hockey stalwarts since then. Indian women's hockey star Eliza Nelson hails from the city. A Padma Shri and Arjuna Award recipient, Nelson was the captain of the Indian women's team that won the gold medal in the 1982 Asian Games and finished fourth in the 1980 Olympics. Hockey icon Dhanraj Pillay also polished his skills in Khadki and led India to the Asian Games gold medal in 1998 after a hiatus of 32 years. Another Pune-ite and hockey midfielder Vikram Pillay represented India in the 2004 Athens Olympics.

One hopes Dr Bhonsale's pioneering initiative will inspire young talent to bloom and win medals for Indian hockey at the Olympic Games.

TRIBUTE TO A LEGEND

Nehru Hockey Society condoles the demise of Sardar Balbir Singh Senior



An era came to an end on the morning of May 25, 2020. Legendary hockey player, Sardar Balbir Singh Dosanjh (popularly known as 'Balbir Singh Senior' in sports fraternity) breathed his last at a Chandigarh hospital.

A member of the Indian hockey team which won three consecutive titles at the Olympic Games from 1948-1956, and silver medal at the 1958 Asian Games, Shri Balbir Singh Dosanjh Ji will forever be remembered as the catalyst of Indian sports' first major victory after Independence, when he scored a brace in the final against Great Britain in the London 1948 Olympics.

A 'Great Son of India', the country's sporting hero, champion hockey spearhead, mentor and manager of the 1975 World Cup-winning Indian team, administrator in

Punjab Sports, and a Senior Member of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, Shri Balbir Singh Dosanjh's contribution to hockey will be written in golden letters.

Born to Sardar Dalip Singh Dosanjh and Sardarni Karam Kaur at Haripur Khalsa (Punjab) on October 10, 1924, Shri Balbir Singh Dosanjh's end came at Chandigarh on May 25, 2020. His daughter Sushbir Bhomia Ji and grandson Kabir Singh were at his bedside during his final moment.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society condoles the demise of the legendary hockey player, on behalf of the entire hockey fraternity. The Society pays its heartfelt tribute to one of the greatest hockey player in the world:

"Padma Shri, Sardar Balbir Singh Dosanjh was one of India's greatest athlete, a hockey champion and a father figure to the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society. We are extremely saddened at his demise and offer our deepest respect to his departed soul, and express our heartfelt condolences to his family. The world of hockey has been orphaned, but we must continue to be inspired by his enormous achievements."

TRIBUTE TO A HOCKEY PATRON

Nehru Hockey Society condoles the demise of Vice President & Hockey Promoter, Shri S.K. Gola



It is with profound sadness that we inform you about the demise of a great patron and promoter of hockey, Shri S.K. Gola, Chairman of Kanwarji Constructions and Vice President of Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.

The Society is deeply shocked by his untimely passing away and will always remember Shri S.K. Gola's unstinted commitment and invaluable service to the promotion of grass root hockey. Shri Gola was a true hockey lover, a

generous promoter of the 'National game', and dedicated his life to meet the Society's goals and aspirations to spread the influence of hockey amongst the youth in the country.

He was one of the most active and dynamic Vice Presidents of the JNHTS and had been promoting Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament for under-17 boys for many years.

All the office-bearers and members of the Society are distraught and grieving on Shri S.K. Gola's untimely demise, and convey their deepest condolences to his bereaved family members.

Shri Gola's demise is a great loss to the Society.

Olympics: some known and unknown facts

- Field hockey was introduced at the Summer Olympic Games as a men to competition at the 1908 Games in London, with six teams, including four from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
- In the Olympic hockey event in 1932, India won the final by defeating USA 23-1. It was a world record for a long time. Among the 23 goals, hockey wizard Dhyan Chand scored eight.
- In the final match of Berlin Olympics, Dhyan Chand played half of the match barefooted to increase his speed. India won the match 8-1.
- THE 2012 Olympics in London was played over 17 days. Do you think it is too long?? It's nothing compared to the first Summer Olympics staged in London in 1908, which spanned 188 days, or more than half of the year. Although the formal opening ceremonies were not until July 13, the 1908 Games opened on April 27 with the racquets competition and ended October 31 with the field hockey final.
- The 1900 Paris Games spanned more than five months, and the 1904 St. Louis Games and the 1920 Antwerp Games also lasted nearly as long.
- Spain has appeared in the most Olympic men's competitions without winning the men's gold medal, having won silver three times in 1980, 1996, 2008 and bronze once in 1960.
- Olympic field hockey games were first played on artificial turf at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.
- Until 1988 Olympics the tournament was invitational but FIH introduced qualification system since the 1992 games.
- In the 2012 London Olympics, Field Hockey was the 3rd most watched sport. Field Hockey has the fastest speed of swing, even more than golf and baseball.
- Field Hockey is played by over a 3, 000, 000 players spread over 100 countries and 5 continents.
- Along with Soccer and Cricket, Field Hockey is the 3rd most watched sport of the world.



THE BIRTH OF THE ASIAN GAMES

- M.N. Shome

The Asian Games movement has creditably acquired the status of the most prestigious event in the Continent's sports character. The moving spirit behind the concept of the Asian Games Federation was Prof. Guru Dutt Sondhi, a sports academic of Lahore fame, whose life was dedicated to the promotion of sports and spreading the Olympic movement far and wide in this Continent. He was variously a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and President of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI). He was primarily responsible for the founding of the Western Asiatic Games in the 30's which was last held in 1934 after which the worsening international geo-political situation prevented its continuation. But the war years did not dampen his zeal for sports, the promotion of which was a passion with him.

Around this time the Far Eastern Games also used to be held in which China, Japan and the Philippines were regular participants. Asian countries were thus taking increasing interest in Olympic Games.

All these gave rise to the concept of an all Asian Games to bring the youth of Asia together in the area of sports. The idea which originated in the mind of Prof. Sondhi lay dormant until March 1947 when the Asian Relations Conference, called by Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi, brought an opportunity to air before the countries attending the Conference the proposal of an Asian Games. Prof. Sondhi tactfully put his idea to Mr Nehru reportedly on the second day of the Conference. Idealist Nehru not only took immediate opportunity to bless the idea, he even made it a main topic in informal gatherings with friends at the Conference where it received a strong support from the leaders present. Then during the London Olympics in 1948, the plan was again put before a gathering of Asian representatives. It was accepted unanimously.

A draft constitution was then prepared by a sub-committee consisting of representatives from India, China, South Korea and the Philippines. The draft constitution was finally approved and adopted at the next session held in Delhi. The final document was signed by representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, India, Pakistan and the Philippines. The Lahore Professor's brain-child thus came into being amidst fanfare at the Patiala House in New Delhi on February 13, 1949. The Far Eastern Games, which started in 1913 at Manila was then transformed into the "Asian Games Federation" (AGF). The historic occasion also witnessed the adoption of the Asian Games motto: "EVER ONWARD... ONE SPIRIT RULES THE GAMES".

However, the euphoria did not last long : India's brain-child AGF was sacrificed in order to give birth to a new set-up to be known as "Olympic Council of Asia" (OCA). It was said that this new body would further broad-base the activities of the Asian Games movement and also thwart the participation of any unwanted country in Asian Sports, as per an unanimous decision of the 26 members present in an AGF's General Assembly held in Delhi's Ashoka Hotel Room on November 27, 1981. The OCA thus came into existence on December 6, 1982, exactly two days after the ninth Asian Games in Delhi, when the AGF Council met in Delhi for the last time under the Chairmanship of the then IOA Chief, the late Raja Bhalendra Singh.

Since the 10th Asiad at Seoul (1986) the Asian Games are being held regularly under the auspices of the OCA with more and more disciplines being added. This goes against the AGF Charter, which stipulated only eight disciplines - two compulsory (athletics and swimming) and six others being optional. Obviously the idea was to help the developing countries in the Continent to keep themselves within their limited budget.

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HOCKEY IN THE ASIAN GAMES (MEN)

Hockey was first introduced in the 3rd Asian Games in 1958 held at Tokyo

Indian Team & the results (Men)

3rd – Tokyo 1958

Team :- Balbir Singh (Sr.)(Pb) (Captain), Udham Singh (Pb) L. Claudius (Bengal), Shankar Laxman (Services), C. Deshamathu (Bengal), Gurjeet Sijng (Pb), D. P. Rati (U.P.), Mohd. Yakub Qureshi (Rly.), Gurdev Singh (Pb), Jagjit Singh (Rly), Balbir Singh Jr.(Rly), Balkishan Singh (Rly.), Bakshish Singh (Pb), N.R.Chavan (Bombay), A. W. Caleb (U.P.).

Manager : Gursewak Singh Coach : S. Jagannath

Results :-	India beat Malaya	6-0	Pak beat Malaya	6-0
	India beat S. Korea	2-1	Pak beat S. Korea	8-0
	India beat Japan	8-0	Pak beat Japan	5-0

Final – India drew Pakistan 0-0
Pakistan won on better goal average

Ranking :- 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. South Korea, 4. Malaya & 5. Japan.

4th – Jakarta 1962

Team :- Gurdev Singh(pb.) (Captain), R. A. Christy (Bengal), J.L. Sharma (U.P.), Piara Singh (Services), V. Deshmukh (Services), Shankar Laxman (Services), Prithipal Singh (Pb.), Erman Bestian (Rly.), Abdul Hamid (Rly.), B. Patil (Services), Madan Mohan Singh (Pb.), J. Antic (Rly.), Charanjit Singh (Pb.), N. Nimal (Rly.), Gurmeet Singh (Pb.), Joginder Singh (Bengal), Darshan Singh (Pb.).

Manager : J. Jameson Coach : Gurcharan Singh Bedi

Results :	India beat Malaya	3-0
	India beat Hong Kong	4-0
	India beat S.Korea	5-0
	Semi-Final India beat Japan	7-0
	Final – Pak beat India	2-0

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Malaya, 4. Jap-an, 5. Indonesia, 6. S. Korea, 7. Hong Kong, 8. Sri Lanka & 9. Singapore.

5th Bangkok 1966

Team : Shankar Laxman (Services) (Captain), Gurbux Singh (Bengal), Prithipal Singh (Pb.), Dharam Singh (Pb.), Mohinder Lal (Rly.), Balbir Singh (Services), Jagjit Singh (Pb.), A. L. Frank (Rly.), V.J. Peter (Services), Harbinder Singh (Rly.), Haripal Kaushik (Services), Balbir Singh (Pb.), Inder Singh (Railways), Tarsem Singh (Pb.), Harmik Singh (Pb.), Balbir Singh (Rly.), Jagdip Singh (Pb.), N. Toppo (Services).

Manager : I. M. Mahajan (Delhi) Coach : R. S. Gentle (Bombay)

Results : India beat Malaysia 1-0 Pak beat Hong Kong 5-0
India beat Sri Lanka 3-0 Pak beat Thailand 13-0
India beat S. Korea 1-1

Semi-Final Pak beat Malaysia 5-1
Semi Final India beat Japan 3-0
Final India beat Pakistan 1-0

Ranking : 1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. Japan, 4. Malaysia, 5. Sri Lanka, 6. South Korea,
7. Hong Kong & 8. Thailand.

6th – Bangkok 1970

Team : Harbinder Singh (Rly.) (Captain), Credic Periera (Bombay), Charles Cornelius (Pb.), Vinod Kumar (Pb.), Major Singh (Pb.), P. Krishnamurthy (IA), Ajitpal Singh (Pb.), Harmik Singh (Pb.), Balbir Singh (Pb.), Baldev Singh (Pb.), Kulwant Singh (Pb.), Harcharan Singh (Services), Balbir Singh (Rly.), M. P. Ganesh (Services), Ashok Kumar Singh (IA), B.P. Govinda (IA).

Manager : Balbir Singh (Pb.) Coach : Udham Singh (Pb.)

Results : India beat Singapore 7-0 Pak beat Japan 3-0
India beat Sri Lanka 6-0 Pak beat Hong Kong 10-0
India beat Malaysia 2-0 Pak drew Thailand 0-0

Semi-Final India beat Japan 1-0
Semi-Final Pak beat Malaysia 5-0
Final Pak beat India 1-0

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Japan, 4. Malaysia, 5. Singapore, 6. Sri Lanka
7. Hong Kong & 8. Thailand.

7th – Tehran 1974

Team : Ajitpal Singh, (Pb) (Captain), Chand Singh (Rly.), John Correia (Bombay), M.P. Ganesh (Services), Mehboob Khan (Rly.), Aslam She Khan (IA), Harcharan Singh (Services), Surjit Singh (Rly.), Baldev Singh (Pb.), B.P. Govinda (IA), Ajit Singh (Rly.), V. Bhaskaran (Rly.), Harmik Singh (Pb.), Varinder Singh (Rly.), K.N. Kusha (Services), V.J. Philips (Rly.), Leslie Fernandes (Rly.), Ashok Kumar (IA).

Manager : L.W. Claudius Coach : Balkishan Singh

Results : India beat Japan 3-0 Pak beat Malaysia 4-0
India beat Iran 12-0 Pak beat Sri Lanka 14-0
India beat Sri Lanka 7-0 Pak beat Iran 13-0
India beat Malaysia 2-0 Pak beat Japan 3-0

Ranking :

1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Malaysia, 4. Japan, 5. Sri Lanka & 6. Iran

8th – Bangkok 1978

Team : Allan Schofield, Olympio Fernandes, Surjit Singh, S. Dung Dung, Pramod Batlaw, Varinder Singh, Rogar Magee, V. Bhaskaran, Ranbir Singh, V.J. Philipps, Ashok, S.S. Grewal, B.P. Govinda, Surinder Singh, Mervyn Fernandes, Mohd. Yusuf, A.S. Abbassi.

Manager : Leslie Claudius

Coach : Dharam Singh

Results : India beat Malaysia 5-3
 India beat Hong Kong 7-0
 India beat Sri Lanka 4-1
Semi-finals : India beat Japan 2-0
 Pakistan beat Malaysia 5-2
Final : Pakistan beat India 1-0

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Malaysia, 4. Japan, 5. Sri Lanka, 6. Thailand, 7. Hong Kong & 8. Bangladesh.

9th – Delhi 1982

Team : Zaffar Iqbal (Captain), M.R. Negi, Romeo James, Vineety Kumar, Manohar Topno, Rajinder Singh (Sr), Gurmail Singh, M. Somaiya, Rajinder Singh (Jr.), Charanjit Kumar, Mervyn Fernandes, Jagdeep Singh, Mohd. Shahid, J. Carvalho, Sayeed Ali and M. Gomes.

Manager : Balbir Singh Coach : Balbir Singh (Services)

Results : India beat Malaysia 5-1 Pakistan beat Japan 12-1
 India beat Oman 10-0 Pakistan beat Korea 10-0
 India beat Bangladesh 12-0 Pakistan beat China 6-0

 Semi-Finals : India beat Japan 7-2
 Pakistan beat Malaysia 2-0
 Final : Pakistan beat India 7-1

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Malaysia, 4. Japan, 5. S.Korea & 6. China

Oman, Hong Kong and Bangladesh : Ranking not decided.

10th – Seoul 1986

Team : Mohd. Shahid (Catain), R. S. Rawat, Neel Kamal Singh, Pargat Singh, Vineet Kumar, M.P. Singh, M. Somaiya, Hardeep Singh, Abdul Aziz, B.K. Subramani, Tikken Singh, Jagdeep Singh, Jagbir Singh, Balwinder Singh, Thoiba Singh and Ram Prakash Singh.

Manager : D. S. Murthy

Coaches : Ajit Pal Singh & Harmik Singh

Results : India drew South Korea 1-1 Pakistan beat Oman 12-0
 India beat Japan 3-1 Pakistan beat Bangladesh 7-0
 India beat Thailand 11-0 Pakistan beat Malaysia 1-2
 India beat Hong Kong 10-0
 Semi-Finals : South Korea beat Malaysia 4-1
 Pakistan beat India 3-1
 3rd Place : India beat Malaysia 4-1
 Final : South Korea beat Pakistan 2-1

Ranking : 1. South Korea, 2. Pakistan, 3. India, 4. Malaysia, 5. Japan, 6. Hong Kong, 7. Bangladesh, 8. Oman and 9. Thailand.

11th – Beijing 1990

Team : Pargat Singh (Capotain), Mark Patteerson, A.B. Subhaiah, Jagdev Singh, Harindra Singh, Mohd Arif, VXivek Singh, Shakeel Ahmed, John Fernandes, RF. P. Singh, Jagbir Singh, Dhanraj Pillay, Gundeep Kumar, Thoiba Singh, Jude Felix and Daryl D'Souza.I

Manager : Gufran-e-Azam Coach : J.L. Sharma Asstt. Coach: Inam-ur-Rehman

Results:	India	lost	Malaysia	1-6	Pakistan	beat	Malaysia	4-3
	India	beat	South Korea	2-0	Pakistan	beat	South Korea	5-0
	India	beat	China	4-0	Pakistan	beat	China	4-0
	India	beat	Japan	3-0	Pakistan	beat	Japan	11-1
	India	beat	Hong Kong	10-0	Pakistan	beat	Hong Kong	14-0
	India	lost	Pakistan	2-3	Pakistan	beat	India	3-2

Ranking: 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Malaysia, 4. Japan, 5. South Korea, 6. China and
7. Hong Kong.

12th – Hiroshima 1994

Team : Jude Felix (Captain-Rly.), Ashish Ballal (IA), A.B. Subbaih (IA), Mohd. Arif (IA), Rajnish Mishra (Rlys.), Anil Aldrin (Bombay), Harpreet Singh (Punjab), Shakeel Ahmed (IA), Mohd. Riaz (T.N.), Mukesh Kumar (IA), Sabu Varkey (Karnataka), Dhanraj Pillay (Bombay), Ravi Nayakar (Karnataka), Baljeet Singh (Pb.), Sanjeev Kumar (Haryana) and Devinder Kumar (Chandigarh).

Manager : Chander Shekhar (Chandigarh) Coaches: Zaffar Iqbal (IA) and Vinod Kumar (Pb.)

Result:	India	beat	S.Korea	3-1	Pakistan	beat	Japan	4-0
	India	beat	China	3-0	Pakistan	beat	Kazakhstan	3-1
	India	beat	Bangladesh	1-0	Pakistan	beat	Malaysia	8-0
	Semi-Finals	India	beat	Japan	1-0			
		S.Korea	beat	Pakistan	6-3 (Via tie-breaker)			
	Finals	S. Korea	beat	India	3-2			

Ranking: 1. South Korea, 2. India, 3. Pakistan, 4. Japan, 5. Malaysia, 6. Kazakhstan, 7. Bangladesh, 8. China and 9. Oman.

13th – Bangkok 1998

Venue : Bangkok – Thailand
Duration: December 6 – 20, 1998
Teams: Pool – A : Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan & Thailand
 Pool – B : Bangladesh, China, India, S.Korea & Singapore

Classification matches

6 th – 8 th Position	Malaysia	6	Singapore	0
	China	4	Hong Kong	1
5 th – 6 th Position	Malaysia	1	China	0
7 th – 8 th Position	Singapore	4	Hong Kong	3
9 th – 10 th Position	Bangladesh	3	Thailand	1
Semi-finals				
1 st – 4 th Position	S. Korea	3	Pakistan	2
	India	3	Japan	1
3 th – 4 th Position	Pakistan	3	Japan	0
FINAL	India	5	S. Korea	3 (via tie-breaker)

Ranking : 1. India, 2. S. Korea, 3. Pakistan, 4. Japan, 5. Malaysia, 6. China
7. Singapore, 8. Hong Kong, 9. Bangladesh & 10. Thailand.

Team : Dhanraj Pillay (Capt.B'by), Ashish Ballal (IA), A. B. Subbiah (IA), Dilip Tirkey (IA), Anil ALdrin (B'by), Lazarus Barla (IA), Baljit Singh Saini (P & SB), Sandeep Somesh (Karnataka), Ramandeep Singh (Pb), Thirumaivalavan (TN), Mukesh Kumar (IA), Sabu Varkey (B'by), Mohd. Riaz (TN), Baljit Singh Dhillon (Pb), Sameer Dad (IA) and L. Prabhakaran (TN).

Coach : M. K. Kaushik Manager : M. S. Malik

14th – Busan 2002

Venue : Busan – S. Korea

Duration : September 29 – October 14, 2002

Teams : Pool – A : India, S. Korea, Japan & Hong Kong

Pool – B : Pakistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh & China

Matches				Goals			Points
P	W	D	L	For	Against	Difference	
3	2	1	0	19	2	(+) 17	7
3	2	1	0	9	2	(+) 7	7
3	1	0	2	4	10	(-) 6	3
3	0	0	3	5	23	(-) 18	0
3	3	0	0	23	4	(+) 19	9
3	2	0	1	10	9	(+) 1	6
3	1	0	2	8	13	(-) 5	3
3	0	0	3	3	18	(-) 15	0

Classification Matches

5 th -8 th Position	Japan	6	Bangladesh	1	China	3	Hong Kong	2
7 th -8 th Position	Bangladesh	3	Hong Kong	2				
5 th -6 th Position	China	3	Japan	2				
Semi-Final	India	4	Pakistan	3				
	S. Korea	2	Malaysia	0				
3 rd -4 th Position	Malaysia	3(1)	Pakistan	2(1)				
			(Via Tie-Breaker)					
FINAL	S. Korea	4	India	3				

Ranking : 1. S. Korea, 2. India, 3. Malaysia, 4. Pakistan, 5. China, 6. Japan
7. Bangladesh & 8. Hong Kong.

Indian Team: Dilip Tirkey (Capt.IA), Devesh Chauhan (IOC), Bharat Chetri (Karnataka), Dinesh Naik (TN), Jugraj Singh (Pb), Kanwalpreet Singh (Pb), Bimal Lakra (IA), Ignace Tirkey (Services), Pillay (Mumbai), Vikren Rasquinaha (IOC), Dhanraj Pillay (Mumbai), Gagan Ajit Singh (Pb), Deepak Thakur (IOC), Prabhjot Singh (IOC), Tejbir Singh (Pb), Daljit Singh Dhillon (Punjab).

15th Asian Games, 2006 Doha

Venue	:	Al Rayyan Hockey Complex, Doha (Qatar)
Duration	:	December 2-15, 2006
Teams	:	Pool-A : Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei Pool-B : India, Korea, China, Bangladesh, Oman

Classification Matches :

9 th – 10 th Position	:	Hong Kong	4	Oman	0
7 th – 8 th Position	:	Bangladesh	5	Chinese Taipei	1
5 th – 6 th Position	:	Malaysia	6	Bangladesh	1
		India	12	Chinese Taipei	1
3 rd – 4 th Position	:	Pakistan	4	Japan	2
Semi-final	:	China	2	Pakistan	1
		Korea	2	Japan	0
Final	:	Korea	3	China	1

Indian Team : Dilip Tirkey (Capt), Adrian D'Souza, Bharat Chetri, Harpal Singh, V.R. Raghunath, V.S. Vinaya, Arjun Halappa, Gurbaj Singh, Ignace Tirkey, Ajmer Singh, Rajpal Singh, Tushar Khandekar, Shivendra Singh, Tejbir Singh, Hari Prasad, Adam Sinclair.

Chief Coach	:	Vasudevan Baskaran
Coach	:	Harendra Singh
Physio	:	Ravi Kanakamedala
Manager	:	H.S. Dhillon
Ranking	:	1. Korea, 2. China, 3. Pakistan, 4. Japan, 5. India, 6. Malaysia, 7. Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong & 10. Oman.

16TH ASIAN GAMES, 2010 Guangzhou (November 12-27, 2010)

Disappointed with the bronze medal-finish at the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou (China), India's ace drag-flicker Sandeep Singh said the team was the best in the quadrennial event but lack of video referral system deprived the men's team of a well-deserved victory against Malaysia in the semi-final. The sins vp India's performance at the Games.

India had earlier defeated arc-rivals Pakistan in the league phase and beat defending champions and four-time winners Korea in the bronze medal play-off. The Rajpal Singh-led Indian men's team lost to Malaysia through Muhammad Amin Rahim's golden goal in the semi-final despite leading 3-2 till the 67th minute.

Former Indian skipper Sandeep Singh, who scored the highest number of goals (11) in the tournament, echoed chief coach Jose Brasa's sentiments in condemning the standard of umpiring in the tournament.

Indian men topped Pool B after winning all their four opponents. They beat Hong Kong 7-0, whipped Bangladesh 9-0, edged past Pakistan 3-2 and scored an identical 3-2 win over Japan. India's win over Pakistan once again emphasized the team's domination over the arch-rivals in recent tournaments. India won a battle of wits that mirrored a tactical approach and was laced in a good measure of technical excellence.

Pool A witnessed Korea and Malaysia emerge on top with 10 points each. The two played out a 2-2 draw in the league.

India's win over Pakistan had given the Indian players the much-needed boost and the confidence to make to the final. But Malaysia, to whom India had never lost in previous Asian Games, proved a thorn and ousted the Indians in the semi-final. Prodigal India thus crashed out to the spirited Malaysians. Despite getting chances aplenty in the second half, the Indian forwards were found lacking the killer punch.

The controversial penalty-corner awarded to Malaysia in the 49th minute, which television replays showed was an error of judgment on the part of Australian umpire A Kearns, brought Malaysia at par 22-2. Bad luck struck India with Sandeep Singh leaving the field with an injury.

It was Malaysia's maiden entry into the final, Malaysia had earlier shared honours with Korea. Despite being faster, fitter, fluent and exercising control over the match early on, the Koreans found the Malaysians giving nothing away.

To rub salt into India's wounds, Pakistan made it to the final after 20 years, beating South Korea 4-3 via penalty strokes. Korea's search for the third gold in a row ended on an agonizing note as Pakistan note as Pakistan dethroned the defending champions in the sudden death.


Pakistan won the Asian Games gold medal beating Malaysia 2-0 in the final while India had to be satisfied with the bronze medal after crushing defending champion Korea's attempt to win the gold medal for the fifth time. Having missed out a podium finish at Doha, it was a consolation for the Indian men to have finished third here.

Final standings : 1. Pakistan, 2. Malaysia, 3. India, 4. Korea, 5. China, 6. Japan, 7. Oman, 8. Bangladesh, 9. Hong Kong China and 10. Singapore.

Indian Team : Goalkeeper : Bharat Chetri, Defenders : Sardar Singh, Sandeep Singh, Dhananjoy Mahadik, Gurbaj Singh, Prabodh Tirkey, Midfi-elders : Arjun Halappa, Vikram Pillay, Ravi Pal, Bharat, Danish Mujtaba, Sarvanjit Singh, Forwards : Rajpal Singh (Captain), Tushar Khandekar, Shivendra Singh and Dharamvir Singh.

Officials : Jose Brasa (Foreign Coach), Harendra Singh (National Coach), Clarence Lobo (Coach), Lt.Col. B.K. Nayak (Doctor), Srikant Iyanger (Physiotherapist), Pradeep Dutta (Trainer), Ms. H. Nalini (Video Analyst) and Anupam Gulati (Manager).

MEDALS IN ASIAN GAMES (MEN)

Year	Venue	 GOLD	 SILVER	 BRONZE
1958	Tokyo	Pakistan	India	S. Korea
1962	Jakarta	Pakistan	India	Malaysia
1966	Bangkok	India	Pakistan	Japan
1970	Bangkok	Pakistan	India	Japan
1974	Tehran	Pakistan	India	Malaysia
1978	Bangkok	Pakistan	India	Malaysia
1982	Delhi	Pakistan	India	Malaysia
1986	Seoul	S. Korea	Pakistan	India
1990	Beijing	Pakistan	India	Malaysia
1994	Hiroshima	S. Korea	India	Pakistan
1998	Bangkok	India	S. Korea	Pakistan
2002	Busan	S. Korea	India	Malaysia
2006	Doha	S. Korea	China	Pakistan
2010	China (Gwangzhou)	Pakistan	Malaysia	India
2014	Incheon (S. Korea)	India	Pakistan	Korea

17th Asian Games, 2014 Incheon

Seonhok Stadium, September 19 – October 4, 2014

Happy days are here again

The magic moment that the Indian hockey had been waiting for a long time finally arrived at the Seonhok Stadium in Incheon when the men's team defeated arch-rivals Pakistan to wear the cherished gold for the third time in coveted Asian Games.

The victory has laid to rest the ghosts of the 1982 Asiad in Delhi where the home team was whipped 1-7 by Pakistan.

The much anticipated grand final of the 17th Asian Games men's hockey competition was another instance of the age-old rivalry between subcontinent neighbours. In an encounter absolutely worthy of being the crowning conclusion of the competition, India took sweet revenge for the defeat they suffered against Pakistan in the pool match a few days earlier.

Big money in the Hockey India League has rejuvenated players and there is a semblance of professionalism in the working style of the national federation. Hockey is clearly on the road to redemption in India, though an Olympic medal is still a pipe dream and a lot of work remains at grassroots level.

The gold medal at Incheon was India's first Asian Games title since Bangkok 1998. Pakistan will have to hope for their other avenue of qualification, through next year's Hockey World League semi-finals.

In a thrilling end-to-end contest that concluded 1-1 after the regulation time, goalkeeper PR Sreejesh emerged as the hero pulling off two brilliant saves. Sreejesh has been one of the standout performers for India over the last year or so. Dharamvir Singh did well under pressure in converting the final attempt as India scored a 4-2 penalty shoot-out victory. The Sardar Singh-led team richly deserves the nation's congratulations.

India was placed in Group B along with Pakistan, China, Oman and Sri Lanka. India began the campaign with a 8-0 win over Sri Lanka, Rupinder getting three goals. It was followed by 7-0 win over Oman in which Rupinder and Raghunath netted two goals each. Then came the toughest match of the group, against Pakistan, who had come into the tournament having had very few international exposure games in the last one year. Yet, India failed to measure up to expectations and lost 1-2. India finished its league encounters with a 2-0 win over China and ended second in the table with nine points while Pakistan topped with 12 points.

The semi-final saw India pip hosts South Korea by a solitary goal scored by Akashdeep and make it to the summit clash with Pakistan. And as they say, rest is history.

Final Standings: 1.India 2.Pakistan 3.S Korea 4.Malaysia 5.China 6.Japan 7.Oman 8.Bangladesh
9.Sri Lanka 10. Singapore

Indian Team :

Goalkeeper : P.R. Sreejesh; **Defenders** : Gurbaj Singh, Birendra Lakra, Rupinder Pal Singh, Kothajit Singh, V.R. Raghunath; **Midfielders** : Dharmvir Singh, Sardar Singh (Captain), Danish Mujtaba, Chinglesena Singh, Manpreet Singh; **Forwards** : Ramandeep Singh, Akashdeep Singh, S.V. Sunil, Gurwinder Singh Chandi, Nikkin Theimmaiah;

Chief Coach : Terry Walsh **Teams Manager** : M.K. Kaushik

15TH ASIAN GAMES (WOMEN)

Venue	:	Al Rayyan Hockey Complex, Doha (QATAR)			
Duration	:	December 2 – 15, 2006			
Teams	:	Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, India, Chinese Taipei, China.			
Bronze Medal	:	India	1	Korea	0
Gold Medal	:	China	1	Japan	0
Ranking	:	1. China, 2. Japan, 3. India, 4. Korea, 5. Malaysia, 6. Chinese Taipei 7. Hong Kong.			
Indian Team	:	Dipika Murty, Marita Tirkey, Suman Bala, Binita Toppo, Pushpa Pradhan, Rajwinder Kaur, Asunta Lakra, Jaydeep Kaur, Jyoti Sunita Kullu (Capt.) Mamta Kharab, Saba Anjum, Jasjeet Kaur, Binita Xess and Riitu Rani.			
Chief Coach	:	M. K. Kaushik			
Asstt. Coach	:	Anurita Saini			
Goalkeeper Coach	:	A. B. Subbiah			
Manager	:	Rajbeer Kaur			
Physiotherapist	:	Suraj Kumar			



*“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today. Let us begin.”*

– Mother Teresa



16TH ASIAN GAMES (Women)

(Guangzhou, China, November 12-27, 2010)

Bronze medalists at the last Asian Games in Doha, the Indian Women's Hockey team finished a disappointing fourth at the Game's 16th edition at Guangzhou (China) after going down to Japan by a solitary goal via golden goal in the bronze medal play-off at the Aoti Hockey field.

The Indian team was done in by Kuko Manabi's 78th minute golden goal. Japan thus managed to avert ignominy of finishing out of the medal bracket. It was a clean slate for Japan against India whom they had crushed 3-0 in the league stage earlier.

India were undone by some poor trappings and sloppy defence work as they conceded as many as 10 penalty corners to the Japan team, who managed to convert just one of them.

There was no proper co-ordination between the Indian midfielders and their forward line. But for some neat work under the bar by Dipika Murty, the margin of defeat could have been bigger. The Indians survived intense pressure exerted through quite a few raids. India frittered away a few chances. It was a sweet revenge against India for the Japanese who had lost to the same opponents in the last World Cup in Rosario.

Indian coach Sandeep Somesh conceded that the team missed the link against Korea in the league stage and had struggled to recover since then. Prior to the start of the Games, Samesh had said that Malaysia, Japan and Korea would decide where the Indian team finished.

The Indians went down fighting to Korea by a solitary goal but overwhelmed Thailand by a thumping 13-0 margin in the seven-team league phase. India beat Kazakhstan 6-0 and Malaysia 4-0 but lost to Korea and Japan to finish with nine points. China and Korea were level on 16 points while Japan had 12 to their credit.

China emerged as the champions and completed a hat-trick of triumphs in the women's hockey competition since 2002. In an absorbing final, the host won on penalty strokes, converting all five against Korea's four for a final score of 5-4.

Malaysia beat Thailand 3-0 to end fifth.

Final standings : 1. China, 2. Korea, 3. Japan, 4. India, 5. Malaysia 6. Thailand 7. Kazakhstan.

Indian Team : Goalkeepers : Dipika Murty Gongala and Yogita Bali, Defenders : Binita Toppo, Subhadra Pradhan, Joydeep Kaur, Midfielders : Rosalind Lalchhanhimi Railte, Kirandeep Kaur, Mukta Prava Barfla, Deepika, Ritu Rani, Forwards : Surinder Kaur (Captain), Saba Anjum, Rani Rampal, Jasjeet Kaur Handa, Chanchan Devi Thokchom, Poonam Rani Officials : Sandeep Somesh (Coach Incharge), Khalid Modi (Coach), Rupa Saini (Manager).

17th Asian Games (Women)
Seonhak Stadium, Incheon (Korea)
September 19 – October 4, 2014

Sweet Revenge for India Women

The Indian women's hockey teams took a sweet revenge against the Japanese side in the 17th Asian Games as they defeated them 2-1. With this win, they not only won the bronze medal match but also avenged their last Asiad defeat in 2010 Guangzhou Games when they had lost to the same opponents in the bronze medal match.

Japan had defeated them in extra time in Guangzhou but in Incheon, the 13th ranked Indian girls kept the match well in control right throughout against 10th ranked Japan. This is the third bronze medal won by the women's team. The Indian women had won gold in the 1982 Games in New Delhi. They were runners-up in 1998 at Bangkok and were placed fourth in Beijing (1990), Hiroshima (1994), Busan (2002) and Guangzhou (2010).

Team's chief coach Neil Hawgood felt his wards deserved a better "colour of the medal" going by their performance in the Continental extravaganza. The Australian said had it not been for a few mistakes in two games - against China and South Korea in the semi-final - India could have finished at higher podium position. India conceded a late goal to go down 1-2 against China in the pool stages before slumping to a 1-3 defeat against hosts South Korea in the semi-final in spite of being the better side on the turf. Having failed to secure a direct berth in 2016 Rio Olympics unlike their male counterparts, the Indian eves will now have to do a lot of hard work to come out with flying colours in the Rio Games qualifiers.

Placed in Group A, Indian women began with a 3-0 win over Thailand before going down 1-2 to China. India then whipped Malaysia 6-1 with Poonam Rani and Jaspreet Kaur getting two goals each. Jaspreet Kaur was excellent in her penalty corner executions while Namita Toppo displayed a fine sense of timing. India finished their league engagements with six points as against China who topped with nine. Indians put up stiff resistance against South Korea in the semi-final before going down 1-3. In the hard-fought battle between the two teams for Bronze Medal, India took an early lead through a successful conversion of a penalty corner by Jaspreet Kaur in the 23rd minute, following a dry first quarter.

Japan squeezed off its first goal which came through the stick of Shibata Akane in the 41st minute. India's craving for scoring more goals did not come to an end as Vandana Katariya answered beautifully to the opponents in the very next minute giving a simple finish after being beautifully set up by Rani Rampal in the 42nd minute. South Korea beat defending champions China in the final for its first Asian Games gold since 1998.

India's Matches : Pool A : bt Thailand 3-0, lost to China 1-2, bt Malaysia 6-1, Semi-final : lost to S. Korea 1-3, Bronze Medal : bt Japan 2-1.

For 7th spot : 1. S. Korea 2. China 3. India 4. Japan 5. Malaysia 6. Kazakhstan 7. Thailand 8. Hong Kong.

Indian Team :

Goalkeeper : Savita; **Defenders** : Deep Grace Ekka, Deepika, Sunita Lakra, Namita Toppo, Jaspreet Kaur, Sushila Chanu, Manika; **Midfielders** : Ritu Rani (Captain), Lilima Minz, Amandeep Kaur, Chanchan Devi Thokchom; **Forwards** : Rani Rampal, Poonam Rani, Vandana Katariya, Navjot Kaur.

Chief Coach : Neil Hawgood.

MEDALS TALLY (WOMEN)

Year	Venue	 GOLD	 SILVER	 BRONZE
1982	New Delhi	India	S. Korea	Malaysia
1986	Seoul	S. Korea	Japan	India
1990	Beijing	S. Korea	China	Japan
1994	Hiroshima	S. Korea	Japan	China
1998	Bangkok	S. Korea	India	China
2002	Busan	China	S.Korea	Japan
2006	Doha	China	Japan	India
2010	Guangzhou	China	S. Korea	Japan
2014	Incheon	S. Korea	China	India



*Man can fulfil his need but cannot fulfil
his desires and wants*



INDIA IN THE ASIA CUP (MEN)

The idea to have a Tournament of Asian countries was conceived by late A.I.S. Dara, then President of the Asian Hockey Federation. In his words, giving the background, late Mr. Dara said "When on one occasion, no less a person than President FIH himself said that why do you talk of Asia when hardly 7 out of 19 countries played Hockey. This he said, was most embarrassing and then I proposed to have a tournament of the Asian countries, and this is how the proposal of Asia Cup originated." A formal decision was taken to start this tournament in the meeting of the AHF held in Karachi on 12th January, 1980.

Originally the Asia Cup Tournament was to be held in its preliminaries with countries divided in Eastern Group, South Eastern Group and Western Group. The two qualifiers of each group along with the Asian Games finalists, Pakistan and India were to play in the final round.

Due to various reasons, the scheme of qualifying rounds did not mature. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy then President of Indian Hockey Federation donated the Asia Cup Trophy for the inaugural tournament held at Karachi from 12-20 March, 1982. By then, the founder of the Tournament, Mr. Dara had died and the inaugural Tournament was in Memory to late A.I.S. Dara, the Tournament was honoured by the presence of late Mr. R.G. Frank, President FIH as a tribute to the memory of that great figure, A.I.S. Dara.

The Asia Cup Trophy donated by Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy at the inaugural tournament was damaged and it was decided that a new Trophy be instituted. His Majesty Sultan Azlan Shah, President Asian Hockey Federation, kindly agreed to donate a very beautiful and valuable Trophy. The A.H.F. Executive Committee, on 8th September, 1984, at Kuala Lumpur Thankfully accepted the donation from President A.H.F.

1st ASIA CUP

Venue : Karachi – Pakistan
Duration: March 12 – 20, 1982

Results : Matches were played on round robin League basis

India	beat	China	7-0
India	beat	Malaysia	2-0
India	beat	Bangladesh	6-0
India	beat	Singapore	12-0
India	beat	Sri Lanka	13-0
India	lost	Pakistan	0-4

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. China, 4. Malaysia, 5. Bangladesh 6. Singapore & 7. Sri Lanka

Indian Team: Surjit Singh (Captain), M.R. Negi, Anand Mandapka, Rajinder Singh, Manohar Topno, M. Somaiya, Gurmail Singh, Rajinderpal Singh, Narinder Singh Soodhi, Charanjit Kumar, M.K. Kaushik, Mervyn Fernandes, Parminder Singh, Sukhbir Singh Greweal, Mohd. Shahid and Zaffar Iqbal.

Manager : J. L. Sharma Coach : Harmik Singh

2nd

Venue : Dhaka – Bangladesh
Duration : January 20 – 28, 1985

Results : India beat South Korea 8-1
India beat Malaysia 3-0
India beat Sri Lanka 6-0
India beat Singapore 5-0

Semi-final : India beat Japan 9-1
Final : Pakistan beat India 3-2 (extra time)

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. South Korea, 4. Japan, 5. Malaysia, 6. Bangladesh, 7. China, 8. Sri Lanka, 9. Singapore and 10. Iran.

Indian Team: M. M. Somaiya (Captain), Romeo James, Diego D'souza, Pargat Singh, Vineet Kumar, Manohar Topno, Joequam Carvalho, Gurdeep Singh, Marvyn Fernandes, L. Tikken, Mohd. Shahid, Thoiba Singh, Hardeep Singh, Rajinder Singh and Balvinder Singh.

Manager : Dr. K. S. Bedi Coach : Hardayal Singh

3rd

Venue : New Delhi – India

Duration : December 20-28, 1989

Results : India beat S. Korea 5-0
India beat China 1-0
India beat Bangladesh 6-0

Semi-final : India beat Japan 3-0
Finals : Pakistan beat India 2-0

Ranking : 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. South Korea, 4. Japan, 5. China, 6. Malaysia and 7. Bangladesh.

Indian Team: Pargat Singh (Captain), Ashiish Ballal, Mark Patterson, Ashok Kumar, Jagdev Singh, Sujit Kumar, Vivek Singh, B.K. Subramani, Ajit Lakra, Ram Prakash Singh, Jude Filix, Jagbir Singh, Balwinder Singh, Thoiba Singh, Edgar Mascarenhas and Dhanraj Pillay.

Manager : Victor Ellis Coach: M.P. Ganesh and M.K. Kaushik.

4th

Venue : Hiroshima – Japan

Duration : November 5 – 14, 1993

Results :	India	drew	S. Kore	1-1
	India	beat	Bangladesh	4-0
	India	drew	Kazakhstan	1-1
	India	beat	Japan	6-1

Semi-final :	India	beat	Malaysia	3-2
Final :	S.Korea	beat	India	1-0

Ranking : 1. South Korea, 2. India, 3. Pakistan, 4. Malaysia, 5. Kazakhstan, 6. Bangladesh, 7. China, 8. Thailand and 9. Japan.

Indian Team : Shakeel Ahmed (Captain), Ashish Ballal, A.B. Subhiah, A. Aldrin, Rajnish Mishra, Arif Mohammad, Sanjay Bishat, Sandeep Somesh, Harpreet Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Ravi Nayakar, Sabu Varkey, Sanjeev Kumar, Imaran-ul-Haq, Baljeet Singh and Jansher Khan.

Manager : T. Jasudanam Coaches: Zafar Iqbal and Vinod Kumar.

5th

Venue : Kaula Lumpur – Malaysia

Duration: November 18- 28, 1999

Results :	India	3	Japan	1
	India	1	Malaysia	1
	India	5	Hong Kong	0

Semi-final :	S. Korea	5	India	4
3 rd -4 th Position:	India	4	Malaysia	2

Ranking : 1. S. Korea, 2. Pakistan, 3. India, 4. Malaysia, 5. Japan, 6. Bangladesh, 7. China, 8. Hong Kong and 9. Sri Lanka.

Indian Team : Baljit Singh Dhillion (Pb-Capt.), Jude Menezes (Mumbai), R.S.V. Prasad (Services), Dilip Tirkey (IA), Anurag Raghuvanshi (UP), Dinesh Naik (TN), Baljit Singh Chandi (PSB), S.S. Gill (B.Pet.), Thirumavalam (TN), Ramandeep Singh (Pb), Baljit Singh Saini (PSB), Bimla Lakra (C.O.Ex.), Shamsuz Zoh (UP), Santhinal (TN), Gagan Ajit Singh (AI), Deepak Thakur (AI), Dhanraj Pillay (Mumbai), and Samir Dad (IA).

Coaches : V. Bhaskaran, Ramesh Parmeshwaram

Manager : K. Jothikumaran.

Venue : Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia

Duration : Setember 21 – 28, 2003

Teams : Pool – A S. Korea, Japan, Malaysia and Hong Kong

Pool – B Pakistan, India, China and Bangladesh

Classification Matches :

5-8 Position	Malaysia	5	Bangladesh	0
	China	2	Hong Kong	0
5-6 Position	Malaysia	3	China	2
7-8 Position	Hong Kong	4	Bangladesh	3
Semi-finals	India	4	S. Korea	2
	Pakistan	3	Japan	1
Bronze	S. Korea	4	Japan	2
Gold	India	4	Pakistan	2

Ranking : 1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. S. Korea, 4. Japan, 5. Malaysia, 6. China, 7. Hong Kong and 8. Bangladesh.

Indian Team: Dhanraj Pillay (Captain-IA), Devesh Chauhan (IOC), Kamaldeep Singh (ONGC), Dilip Tirkey(IA), Kanwalpreet Singh (Pb.), Dinesh Naik (TN), Ignace Tirkey (Services), Viren Rasquinha (IOC), Vikram Pillay (IA), Bimal Lakra (IA), Sandeep Michael (Karnataka), Baljit Singh Saini (P&SB), Gagan Ajit Singh (Pb), Prabhjot Singh (IOC), Tejbir Singh (Pb.), Deepak Thakur (IOC), Didar Singh (Namdhari) and Baljit Singh Dhillon (Pb.).

Chief Coach : Rajinder Singh (SAI)

Coaches : Baldev Singh (Haryana) and A.B. Subbiah (IA)

Manager : K. Krishnamurthy (Karnataka)

Young Player of the Tournament : Sandeep Michael (India)

Player of the Final : Ignace Tirkey (India)

Player of the Tournament : Sohail Abbas (Pakistan)

Fair Play Trophy awarded to : Pakistan.

Venue : Chennai (India)

Duration : August 31 - September 9, 2007

Team : Pool - A Pakistan, Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong (China) and Singapore.
Pool – B Korea, India, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Classification Matches :

5-8 Position	China	6	Hong Kong	1
	Pakistan	10	Bangladesh	0
5-6 Position	Pakistan	2	China	3
7-8 Position	Hong Kong	1	Bangladesh	3
9-10 Position	Singapore	0	Sri Lanka	6
11 th Position	Singapore	4	Thailand	0

Semi-final :	India	4	Japan	1
	Korea	2	Malaysia	1
Bronze :	Malaysia	5	Japan	3

Gold :	India	7	Korea	2
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Ranking : 1. India, 2. Korea, 3. Malaysia, 4. Japan, 5. China, 6. Pakistan, 7. Bangladesh, 8. Hong Kong, 9. Sri Lanka, 10. Singapore, 11. Thailand.

Indian Team: Baljit Singh (IOC), Adrian D'Souza, Dilip Tirkey (IA), William Xalco (BPCL), Raghunath (IOC), Jaswinder Singh (IOC), Gurbaj Singh (IA), Sardara Singh (IOC), Prabodh Tirkey (Capt.-IA), Ignace Tirkey (Services), Vikram Kanth (IOC), Prabjoth Singh (IOC), Tushar Khandekar (BPCL), Roshan Minz (IOC), Shivendra Singh (Rly.), S.V. Sunil (Services) and Harmik Singh.

Standbys: Bharath Chetri (Karnataka), Sandeep Singh (IA), Ajitesh Rai (IA), V. N. Vinaya (IA), Damandeep Singh (IA) and Biirendra Lakra (IA).

Chief Coach: Joaquim Carvalho

Coaches: M. P. Singh and Ramesh Parmeshwaran

Manager: R. K. Sethi

Top Scorers of the Tournament: Prabhjot Singh (India – 15 goals) (A total of 93 appearances and a tally of 70 goals make him a star worthy of notice and adulation.

Extra – Special in the tournament: India Scored 57 goals in the tournament, a record surpassing its previous best tally of 43 at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. India also broke Pakistan's record – 51 goals in Karachi, 1982 for the highest number of goals in Asia Cup.



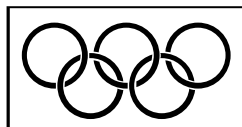
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INDIA IN OLYMPICS (MEN) (HOCKEY) TEAMS

AMSTERDAM-1928



Jaipal Singh

While a student at Oxford, Jaipal Singh was selected to lead the first Indian hockey team in the 1928 Olympic Games at Amsterdam. He captained the team up to the quarter-finals, when he retired leaving Penniger to lead the team. Jaipal Singh was a member of the Indian Parliament since Independence till 1970 when he died.

Team:

Jaipal Singh (Captain)	In London
S.M. Yusuf	In London
Nawab of Pataudi	In London
E. Penniger (V Captain)	Punjab
R. J. Allen	Bengal
M. Roseque	C. P.
L.C. Hammond	U.P.
R.A. Norris	OR
W.Cullen	U.P.
Kehar Singh	Punjab
M. Gateley	Delhi
Shaukat Ali	Bengal
G. Marthins	U.P.
Dhyan Chand	U.P.
Feroz Khan	Punjab
F.Seaman	U.P.
A. R. Rosser (Manager,)	Bengal

LOS ANGELES - 1932



Lal Shah Bokhari

An outstanding sportsman, Lal Shah Bokhari, made his marks as a long distance runner while a student of Government College, Lahore. His first love, however, was hockey. After obtaining Master's degree in history, he joined the College staff and was selected to play for Punjab and in 1932, he was appointed captain of the Indian team which defended the world title at the Los Angeles Olympic Games. After partition, migrated to Pakistan and was his country's High Commissioner in Ceylon, where he died 1958.

Team:

Lal Shah Bokhari (Captain)	Punjab
R.J. Allen	Bengal
C. Tapsell	Bombay
A.C. Hind	Punjab
L.C. Hammond	U.P.
S. Aslam	Services
F.Brewin	Punjab
Masud Minhas	Railways
E.Penniger	Punjab
R. J. Carr	Bengal
Gurmit Singh	Punjab
Dhyan Chand	Punjab
Rup Singh	U.P.
M. Jaffar	Punjab
W.P. Sullivan	Bengal
G.D. Sondhi (Manager)	Punjab
P. Gupta (Non playing)	Bengal
(Captain)	

BERLIN - 1936

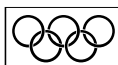


Dhyan Chand

Born at Allahabad on August 29, 1905. Dhyan Chand is the Greatest centre forward the game has ever known. He joined the Army in 1922, and was given the King's Commission in 1943. He retired from the Army as a major. As a member of the Indian Army team he toured New Zealand in 1926, and thereafter was an automatic choice for the Indian team which made its debut in 1928 Olympics Games at Amsterdam, his fabulous performance in the Olympics earned him the title of 'Wizard'. He again led India's attack in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games and four years later was honoured to lead his country in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. His last appearance in representative hockey was in 1947-48, when he led the I.H.F. team in East Africa. He was awarded PADMA BHUSHAN in the year 1956. He breathed his last on 3.12.1979 at Delhi.

Team :

Dhyan Chand (Captain)	Services
M. Jaffar (V. Captain)	Punjab
R. J. Allen	Bengal
A. I. S. Dara	Punjab
C. Tapsell	Bengal
Md. Hussain	Manavadar
W. Cullen	Madras
J. Phillip	Bombay
M. N. Masood	Manavadar
Ahsan Md. Khan	Bhopal
Peter Fernandes	Sind
Gurcharan Singh	Punjab
Rup Singh	U.P.
Ahmed Sher Khan	Bhopal
J. Gallibardy	Bengal
Shahabuddin	Manavadar
B. N. Nimal	Bombay
I.C. Emmett	Bengal
Michle	Railway
Prof. Jagannath (Manager)	Punjab
P. Gupta (Manager)	Bengal



LONDON - 1948



Kishan Lal

Born on February 2, 1917, Kishanlal took to hockey at an early age and soon made his mark. One of the greatest right extreme that India has produced. He represented Central India in National Hockey Championship from 1942 to 1948 and the Indian Railways from 1949 to 1957. He first represented the country in international hockey in 1947, when he toured East Africa. In 1948 he captained the Indian team to the London Olympic Games, and led his side to victory. He was awarded 'PADMA SHRI' in the year 1966. He breathed his last in 1980.

Team :

Kishan Lal (Captain)	Railway
K.D. Singh 'Babu' (V.Capt)	U.P.
Leo Pinto	Bombay
R. Francis	Madras
Trilochan Singh	Punjab
Akhtar Hussain	Bhopal
W. De Souza	Bombay
R.S. Gentle	Bombay
Keshav Dutt	Bengal
Maxie Vaz	Bombay
Jaswant Singh	Bengal
L. Claudius	Bengal
Amir Kumar	Bombay
L. Fernandes	Bombay
Latifur Rehman	Bhopal
Pal Jansen	Bengal
R. Rodrigues	Bombay
G. Clacken	Bengal
Balbir Singh	Punjab
G. Nandy Singh	Bengal
Lt. A. Shakoor	Bhopal
Dr. A.C. Chatterji	U.P.
P. Gupta	(Jt Manager) Bengal

HELSINKI - 1952



Kanwar Digvijay Singh 'Babu'

Born at Barabanki, U.P. in the year 1923. Kanwar Digvijay Singh popularly known as 'Babu' has had a distinguished career in hockey and is regarded as one of the best inside right players in the game. Represented U.P. team from 1939-40 to 1959. Was vice-captain of the Indian team to the 1948 Olympics in London. He captained India in the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games and won the "HELMS TROPHY" the same year for being best Sportsman of Asia and best hockey player of the world. He is the first Indian to be honoured by the Helms Foundation of America. He was also awarded "PADMA SHRI" in year 1958. He breathed his last in April, 1978.

Team :

K. D. Singh 'Babu' (Captain)	U. P.
R. Francis	Madras
C. Deshmuthu	Mysore
R.S. Gentle	Bombay
Dharam Singh	Punjab
Swarup Singh	Services
L. Claudius	Bengal
G. Perumal	Bombay
Keshav Dutt	Bengal
Jaswant Singh	Bengal
Raghuir Lai	Punjab
C.S. Dubey	Bengal
Balbir Singh	Punjab
G. Nandy Singh	Services
Udham Singh	Punjab
M. Rajgopal	Mysore
P. Da Luz	Bengal
C.S. Gurung	Bengal
M.L. Mitra (Manager)	Bengal
Harbail Singh (Coach)	Punjab

MELBOURNE - 1956



Balbir Singh (Sr.)

Born on October 10, 1924, at Haripur village, Jullundur District. Represented Punjab State in the National Championship for many years. Played for India in the 1948 Olympic Games. Captained the Indian team which went to Kabul in 1950 and was a member of the Indian Olympic Hockey team in 1952. Led India to victory in the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956. Before retiring from the game he captained Indian hockey team in the Third Asian Games at Tokyo (1958). He was awarded "PADMA SHRI" in 1957.

Team :

Balbir Singh (Captain)	Punjab
S. Laxman	Services
R.S. Gentle	Bombay
Balkishan Singh	Railways
Bakshish Singh	Punjab
L. Claudius	Bengal
Amir Kumar	Bombay
G. Perumal	Bombay
O.P. Malhotra	U.P.
A.S. Bakshi	Services
Charles Stephen	Railways
Gurdev Singh	Punjab
Raghuir Lai	Punjab
Udham Singh	Punjab
R. S. Bhola	Services
Hardyal Singh	Services
Francis	Madras
Haripal	Services
Air Cdr. O.P. Mehra	
(Manager)	Services
Harbail Singh (Coach)	Punjab



ROME – 1960



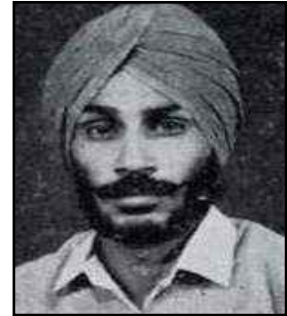
L. Claudius

TOKYO – 1964



Charanjit Singh

MEXICO – 1968



Prithipal Singh

Claudius started playing first class hockey in 1946. He was selected to represent Bengal in 1947 and continued to do so for many years. He has the rare distinction of playing four Olympics which is record for any sportsman of the world. He was a member of the Indian teams to the Olympic Games of 1948, 1952 and 1956. Besides this he was a member of the Indian teams which toured East Africa (1952) Malaya (1954), New Zealand (1958). He captained the Indian team which toured Europe in 1959. Claudius was selected to captain the Indian team to the Rome Olympic in 1960. He was awarded "PADMA SHRI" in the year 1971.

Team :

L. Claudius (Captain)	Bengal
S. Laxman	Services
C. Deshmuthu	Mysore
K. Arora	Bombay
B. Patel	Services
G. Sawant	Maharashtra
Erman K. Bastin	Railways
Prithipal Singh	Punjab
J. L. Sharma	U.P.
Shanta Ram	Services
Charanjit Singh	Punjab
J. Antic	Railways
Mohinder Lai	Railways
Joginder Singh	Railways
V.J. Peter	Services
Jaswant Singh	Services
Udham Singh	Punjab
R.S. Bhola	Services
Haripal Kaushik	Services
Balkishan Singh	Railways
J. Mascranhas	Bombay
Dr. B.L. Gupta (Manager)	Punjab
Kishan Lal (Coach)	Railways

Born on February 3, 1931 in Nehari a Village in the Hoshiarpur district of Punjab. He first came into the limelight in 1950-51 as centre half. Was selected a member at the state XI and donned the colour of Punjab Police then at the height of its glory. Was a member of the Indian team to the International Hockey Festival at Munich in 1959. Played his first Olympics at Rome in 1960, and led India in the Fourth Asian Games at Jakarta (1962). He also led India to victory in the International Hockey Tournament at Lyons (France). Was awarded "PADMA SHRI" and "ARJUNA AWARD" His finest hour came in 1964 when he led the Indian hockey team to victory in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Team :

Charanjit Singh (Captain)	Punjab
Haripal Kaushik	Services
Shankar Laxman	Services
R.A. Christy	Karnataka
Gurbux Singh	Bengal
Dharam Singh	Punjab
Prithipal Singh	Railways
Mohinder Lai	Railways
Rajinder Singh	Railways
Jagjit Singh	Punjab
Joginder Singh	Railways
Harbinder Singh	Railways
Udham Singh	Punjab
V.J. Peter	Services
Darshan Singh	Punjab
Balbair Singh	Punjab
Bandu Patel	Services
Ali Sayeed	U.P.
Dharam Singh (Coach)	Punjab
I.M. Mahajan (Manager)	Delhi

Born on January 28, 1932 Prithipal Singh has had a meteoric rise in Indian Hockey. He first came into prominence in 1957 when he represented Punjab in the National Hockey Championship as a full back. He made his first trip abroad as a member of the I.H.F. team to East Africa in 1958. Later that year he went to Europe as a member of the Indian team to the Munich Festival. He made his debut in the Olympics in 1960 at Rome. He represented India in the Asian Games at Jakarta in 1962, and at Bangkok 1966. Captained India in the Madrid Hockey Festival in 1967. He reached the peak of his career in 1968 when he captained India in the Mexico City Olympic Games, with Gurbux Singh as a Joint Captain. He was given the coveted ARJUNA AWARD in 1962 and 'PADMA SHRI' in 1967. He breathed his last in 1983.

Team :

Prithipal Singh (Captain)	Punjab
Gurbux Singh (Jt. Capt.)	Bengal
R.A. Christy	Karnataka
Munir Sait	Madras
Dharam Singh	Punjab
Balbair Singh	Services
Jagjit Singh	Punjab
P. Krishnamurthy	Tamil Nadu
Harmik Singh	Punjab
Ajitpal Singh	Punjab
Balbair Singh	Railways
Balbair Singh	Punjab
Gurbaksh Singh	Railways
V. J. Peter	Services
Harbinder Singh	Railways
Inder Singh	Railways
Inamur Rahman	Bengal
Tarsem Singh	Punjab
Balkrishan Singh (Coach)	Railways
Maj Gen D.S. Kalha	



MUNICH – 1972



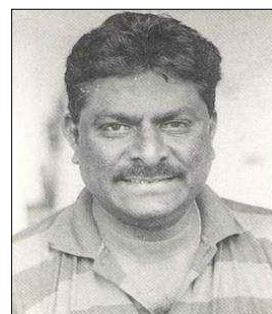
Harmik Singh

MONTREAL – 1976



Ajitpal Singh

MOSCO – 1980



Vasudev Baskaran

One of the youngest players to lead his country in Olympic Games. Harmik Singh of Border Security Force won this honour by his sturdy fine performance as a Halfback. He is meek and shy but packs solid strength and stamina in his wiry frame. He represented the country in the Mexico Olympic Games of 1968 and later in Asian Games in 1970 and the World Cup Hockey Tournament in Barcelona in 1971. Captained Indian Team at 1972 Munich Olympics. He was given 'ARJUNA AWARD' for the year 1997.

Team :

Harmik Singh (Captain)	Punjab
Mukhbain Singh (V. Captain)	Rlys
Manual Federick	Services
Charles Cornelius	Punjab
Michael Kindo	Services
Aslam Sher Khan	Bhopal
Perumal Krishnamurthy	Railways
Virinder Singh	Railways
Ajitpal Singh	Punjab
Vece Paes	Bengal
MP. Ganesh	Services
V.J. Philips	Railways
Harbinder Singh	Railways
Kulwant Singh	Punjab
Ajit Singh	Railways
Ashok Kumar	Bengal
B.P. Govinda	Tamil Nadu
Harcharan Singh	Services
Keshav Chander Dutt (Manager)	Bengal
K. Digvijay Singh "Babu" (Coach)	U.P.

Winner of 1970 ARJUNA AWARD', Ajit Pal Singh was born on April, 1947. Represented Pb University Team in 1966. Was selected in 1968 for the Combined University, team played in almost all the National events. Represented India in 1968 Mexico Olympic and 1972 Munich Olympics and Captained 1976 Olympic Team at Montreal. Led Indian team in the 1st World Cup Barcelona in 1971, and was member of the Indian team in the 2nd World Cup held at Amsterdam in 1973 and Captain of the victorious Indian team which won the 3rd World Cup held at Kuala Lumpur in 1975. Had the distinction of having been selected for the All Star Asia XI which toured Pakistan and India in 1974. A Police Officer and a gentleman sportsman of high order. He was awarded "PADMA SHRI" in the year 1992.

Team :

Ajitpal Singh (Captain)	Punjab
Ashok Diwan	Railways
Ajit Singh	Railways
B. Chettri	Bengal
Aslam Sher Khan	Indian Airlines
Surjit Singh	Railways
Baldev Singh	Punjab
Syed Ali	U.P.
Mohinder Singh	Punjab
V. J. Philips	Railways
Ashok Kumar	Indian Airlines
BP. Govinda	Indian Airlines
Harcharan Singh	Services
V. Bhaskaran	Railways
Chand Singh	Railways
Gurbax Singh (Coach)	Bengal
Wg. Cdr. R.S. Bhola (Manager)	Services

Vasudevan Baskaran, graduated from Loyola College, Madras, represented Tamil Nadu for the first time in the nationals held at Bangalore in 1971. Same year he represented Combined Universities for the Australia and Singapore tour. Selected as a stand-by for the 1972 Munich Olympic and thereafter has been an automatic choice for the national team. Played for India in 1973 World Cup held at Amsterdam (Holland) and Asian Games held in Teheran in 1974 and again at Bangkok in 1978. Maintaining his persistence good form he represented the country in 1976 Olympics held at Montreal, the 1980 PIA Champions Trophy held at Buenos Aires (Argentina). 1980 has been the most glorious year in Hockey for Baskaran, as he captained the Indian team at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. He was given ARJUNA AWARD' for the year 1979-80.

Team :

V. Baskaran (Captain)	Railways
B.B. Chettri (Jt. Capt.)	Bengal
Allen Schofield	Services
Rajinder Singh	Railways
Davinder Singh	Punjab
Sylvanus Dung Dung	Services
Gurmail Singh	Punjab
Ravinder Pal	U.P.
MM. Somaiya	Bombay
Charanjit Kumar	Punjab
M.K. Kaushik	Bombay
Mervyn Fernandes	Indian Airlines
Amarjit Singh Rana	Railways
Surinder Singh Sodhi	Punjab
Mohd Shahid	Railways
Zafar Iqbal	Indian Airlines
Balkrishan Singh (Coach)	N. I. S.
M. Dayanand (Manager)	Kerala



LOS ANGELES – 1984



Zafar Iqbal

Born on 12-6-1956 represented India in World Cup 1978. Asian Games 1978. Champions Trophy 1980 at Karachi, Moscow Olympic 1980, Indo Pak series 1981, 5th World Cup at Bombay 1982, Asia Cup 1982 at Karachi, Champions Trophy 1982 at Amsterdam. IXth Asian Games 1982. New Delhi, Esanda World Cup at Melbourne 1982, Pentangular Tournament 1983 Kuala Lumpur. New Zealand and Australia Tour 1983, Captain 1984 Olympics. He was given 'ARJUNA AWARD' for the year 1983.

Team :

Romeo James	Services
Neel Kamal Singh	Indian Airlines
Vineet Kumar	Indian Airlines
Manohar Topno	Services
Iqbaljeet Singh	Bombay
MM. Somaiya	Bombay
Joaquim Carvalho	Bombay
Rajinder Singh	Punjab
Ravinder Pal Singh	U.P.
Hardeep Singh	Indian Airlines
Charanjit Kumar	Punjab
M. Gomes	Bombay
Marvyn Fernandes	Indian Airlines
Mohd Shahid	Railways
Syed Jalal Uddin	Indian Airlines
GS Bhangu (Jr. Coach)	N.I.S.
Balkrishan Singh. (Sr. Coach)	N IS.
Cdr. G. Nandy Singh (Manager)	S.A.I.

SEOUL – 1988



M.M. Somaiya

Born in 1959, M. Somaiya, represented India in Olympic Games 1980.1984, World Cup in 1982, 1986, Asian Games 1982, 1986, Champions Trophy in 1982, 1984, 1986, Esanda Cup in 1982, Asia Cup in 1982 and 1985. He was given 'ARJUNA AWARD' for the year 1985. Somaiya Captained the Indian Team in the Asia Cup held in Dhaka in 1985, Indo Pakistan test series 1988 and Seoul Olympic 1988.

Team :

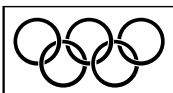
M. Somaiya (Captain)	Bombay
R.S. Rawat	UP.
Mark Peterson	Bombay
Pargat Singh	Railways
M.P.Singh	I.A.
Ashok Kumar	Railways
Vivek Singh	Railways
Sujit Kumar	I. A.
B.K.Subramani	Services
Mervyn Fernandes	I. A.
Gundeep Kumar	Punjab
Jude Felix	Railways
Baiwinder Singh	Railways
Thoiba Singh	I.A.
Jagbir Singh	I.A.
Mohd. Shahid	Railways
J. L. Sharma (Manager)	U.P.
M. P. Ganesh (Chief Coach)	S.A.I.
B. P. Govinda (Coach)	I. A.

BARCELONA– 1992

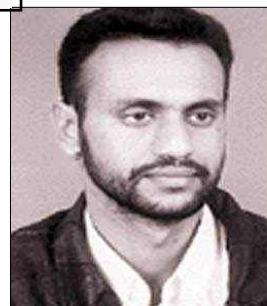


Pargat Singh

ATLANTA – 1996



SYDNEY – 2000



Ramandeep Singh

Selected to Lead Indian Team in 1992 BARCELONA and 1996 ATLANTA Olympics. He is the first player given the unique honour of leading the country in the two successive Olympics.

Born in 1965 at Mithapur Village near Jalandhar, Pargat Singh made his international debut at the age of 18 at the ten-nation hockey tournament at Hong Kong in 1983. He represented India for Junior team in 1985 Junior world cup at Vancouver, Champion's Trophy, at Perth in 1985, at Karachi in 1986. at Berlin in 1989, Asia Cup at Dhaka in 1985. Asian Games at Seoul in 1986. World Cup at London in 1986 and Seoul Olympics in 1988.

He Captained Indian team in the Asia Cup at New Delhi in 1989, World Cup at Lahore in 1990. Asian Games at Beijing in 1990 and Barcelona Olympics in 1992. He lead Indian Team to victory in victory in Azlan Shah Cup at Kuala Lumpur in 1991 and Asia XI to victory in Classic Inter-continental tournament also at Kuala Lumpur in 1990. He was given ARJUNA AWARD for the year 1998 and was awarded PADMA SHRI for 1998.

Team :

Pargat Singh (Captain)	Railways
Ashish Balal	I.A.
A.B. Subbaiah	I.A.
Jagdev Singh	Railways
C.S. Poonacha	Karnataka
Harpreet Singh	Punjab
Jude Felix	Railways
Sukhjot Singh	Punjab
Shakeel Ahmed	I.A.
Ajit Lakra	Services
Mukesh Kumar	I.A.
Darryl D'Souza	Bombay
Jagbir Singh	I.A.
Didar Singh	Haryana
Dhanraj Pillay	Bombay
Ravi Nayakar	Karnataka
Balkrishan Singh	
(Chief Coach)	S.A.I.
Sukhbir Singh Grewal	
(Asstt. Coach)	S.A.I.

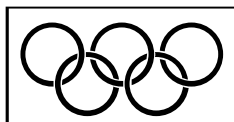
Team :

Pargat Singh (Captain)	Punjab
A.B. Subbaiah	I.A.
Edward Alloysins	Punjab
Anil Aldrin	Bombay
Dilip Tirkey	I.A.
Harpreet Singh	Punjab
Mohd. Riaz	T.N.
Ramandeep Singh	Punjab
Rahul Singh	I.A.
Mukesh Kumar	I.A.
Sabu Varkey	Bombay
Dhanraj Pillay	Bombay
Sanjeev Kumar	Haryana
Gavin Ferreira	Bombay
Baljeet Singh Dhillon	Punjab
Baljeet Singh Saini	Haryana
Cedric D'Souza (Coach)	Bombay
M. Gomes (Coach)	Bombay
Divnain Singh (Coach)	W. Bengal
H.S. Kharabanda (Manager)	Delhi

Born in August 1971. Came to limelight while playing for Agriculture College, Punjab Agriculture Univ. Ludhiana in the Inaugural Nehru-SAIL Champion Colleges Tournament in 1993. He represented India in 1996 Atlanta Olympic, 1998 Utrecht World Cup, 1998 Bangkok Asian Games where India won Gold Medal), 1999 Kuala Lumpur Asia Cup where India won Bronze Medal. He has been given Arjuna Award for the year 1999. He captained Indian team at Sydney Olympics 2000.

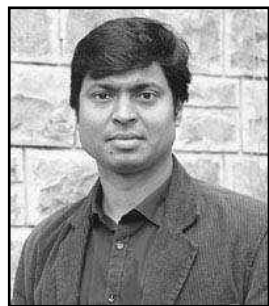
Team :

Ramandeep Singh (Capt)	Punjab
JudeMenezes	Mumbai
Devesh Chauhan	A.I. Academy
Dilip Tirkey	I.A.
Lazarus Barla	I.A.
Dinesh Nayak	Tamil Nadu
Baljeet Singh Saini	P & SB
Sukhbir Singh Gill	Mumbai
Mohd. Riaz	I.A.
Salvaraj Tirumalvalavan	T.N.
Mukesh Kumar	I.A.
Sameer Dad	I.A.
Deepak Thakur	A.I. Academy
Baljeet Singh Dhill	Punjab
Dhanraj Pillay	Mumbai
Gagan Ajit Singh	Mumbai
K. Jothikumaran (Manager)	T.N.
V. Bhaskaran (Chief Coach)	Rly
Harendra Singh (Asstt. Coach)	I.A.



**2008 (BEIJING) INDIA
did not participate**

ATHENS (Greece) 2004



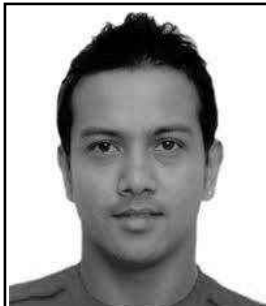
Dilip Tirkey

Born in November, 1977, played for B.S. High School, Sundergarh in Nehru Sub-Junior Tournament held in 1989. He represented India in 1996 Atlanta Olympics, 1997 Milton Keynes England Junior World Cup, 1998 Bangkok Asian Games, 1999 Kuala Lumpur Asia Cup, 2000 Sydney Olympics, 2002 Kuala Lumpur World Cup and 2003 Kuala Lumpur Asia Cup. He Captained Indian Team in 2002 Cologne Champions Trophy, 2002 Busan Asian Games, 2003 Hyderabad Afro Asian Games and 2004 Athens Olympics. He has been given ARJUNA AWARD for the year 2001 and PADMA SHRI for the year 2004. He is serving Indian Airlines.

Team:-

Dilip Tirkey (Captain)	I.A.
Devesh Chauhan	I.O.
Adrian D'Souza	B.P.
Sandeep Singh	I.A.
Harpal Singh	Namdhari
Ignace Tirkey	Services
Viren Rasquinha	I.O.
William Xalxo	A.I.
Vikram Pillay	I.A.
Deepak Thakur	I.O.
Arjun Hallpapa	I.A.
Dhanraj Pillay	I.A.
Gagan Ajit Singh	Punjab
Baljit Singh Dillon	Punjab
Adam Sinclair	T.N.
Prabhjot Singh	I.O.
H.S. Dhillon	(Manager)
Gerhard Rach	(Chief Coach)
	Germany
Jagbir Singh (Asstt. Coach)	I.A.

LONDON – 2012



Bharat Chetri

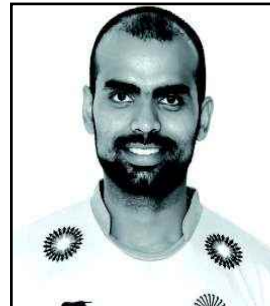
Bharat Chetri is the first goalkeeper to lead Indian men's hockey team in the Olympics as he has been named skipper for the London Games. Chetri, has played over 130 matches. One of the five sons of an Army personnel, initially learnt the game at the Danapur Army School before joining SAI's Centre of Excellence in Bangalore in 1998. He was adjudged the Best Goalkeeper of the 1997 Junior Nationals.

He played in the 2000 Junior Asia Cup, 2000 Pozan Jr. Challenge Cup and in 2001 Samaranch Cup. He then went on to play in the Dhaka Prime Minister's Gold Cup (Seniors) in 2001. He was deputy to Devesh Chauhan at the World Cup at Hobart (Australia), in 2005 he played in the mini-world Cup. He also was part of the Indian team in the 2005 Champions Trophy in Chennai, Chetri represents the Services in the domestic circuit. Under Joaquim Carvalho, he played at the 2007 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup

Team :

Bharat Chetri (Captain) (Canara Bank)
 P.R. Sreejesh (Overseas Bank)
 V.R. Raghunath (Indian Oil)
 Ignace Tirkey (Services)
 Sandeep Singh (Haryana Police)
 Sardar Singh (Vice Captain) (H. Police)
 Kothajit Singh (Indian Oil)
 Gurbaj Singh (Punjab Police)
 Birendra Lakra (BPCL)
 Manpreet Singh (Overseas Bank)
 S.V. Sunil (Services)
 Gurwinder Singh Chandi (ONGC)
 Sarvanjit Singh (PSB)
 Shivendra Singh (Air India)
 Danish Mujtaba (U.P. Power Corp Ltd)
 Tushar Khandekar (BPCL)
 Dharamvir Singh (Indian Oil)
 S.K. Uthappa (Air India)

RIO-DE-JANEIRO-2016



P.R. Sreejesh

Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh, who made his Junior National team debut in 2004 in a match against Australia at Perth, completed his 151 International caps for India. The 28-year-old star goalkeeper has earned a lot to his credit. Sreejesh rose to fame in 2008 Junior Asia Cup as he made some remarkable saves to help the Indian National team clinch the gold medal by beating Korea in the finals. Sreejesh was awarded his first "Goalkeeper of the Tournament" award at the International stage.

He is the first hockey player from Kerala to receive the most prestigious Arjuna Award after he was recommended for the prestigious Award by a 12-member Selection Committee in 2015.

Team :-

Sreejesh Parattu Raveendran (Capt), Harmanpreet Singh, Rupinder Pal Singh, Kothajit Singh Khadangbam, Surender Kumar, Ragunath Vokkaliga Ramachandra, Manpreet Singh, Sardar Singh, Uthappa Sannuvanda Kushlappa, Danish Mujtaba, Devinder Sunil Walmiki, Chenglensana Singh Kangujam, Sunil Sowmarpet Vitalacharya, Akashdeep Singh, Ramandeep Singh, Chandana Aiyanna Nikkin Thimmaiah.

Standby Players : Pardeep Mor and Vikas Dahiya

Chief Coach : Roelant Oltmans

London Olympics 2012

A dream shattered yet again

Indian team's worst show at London Olympics but lets be positive and learn from mistakes, Indian men's hockey team touched a new low by finishing at the bottom of the competition after being beaten 3-2 by South Africa in the 11-12 place classification match at the London Olympic Games. The bottom-place finish will leave lingering pain for Indian hockey. This was the sixth straight loss at the Riverbank Arena for the Indian team, who made a return to the Olympics after failing to qualify for the 2008 Games in Beijing. The previous lowest position that the country had occupied was eighth at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

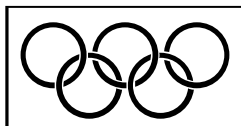
London presented an opportunity for the Indian team to find its lost glory. It was redemption time, it marked India's return to the Games after eight years. After humiliating loss, the big question is about the Indian team's preparedness for the Olympics. The Indian team showed a distinct lack of preparedness for the big event, India's No. 10 International ranking itself was a clear indication that they were never in medal contention but it was hard to believe that they would fail to win a single match. The fact that eight-time gold medalists India had not even entered the hockey semi-finals for 32 years underscores the marginality of India in a sport in which they once were world beaters, it was a sad commentary on Indian hockey when Chief Coach Michael Nobbs said that some players seemed satisfied at having become Olympians, while a few others were striving to give their best for the country.

We prove time and again that, as a nation, we overreact on winning and losing. The need of the hour is to address the root causes. Schools and colleges should give more importance to sports — at least provide a proper playground. Talent should be spotted at a young age and encouraged, if we are honest about these, India will find itself competing with others sooner than later. The Bharat Chetri-led team got all the support from the Hockey India, Government, and Corporates in preparation for the London Olympic. That is the reason one is disappointed at the dismal show put up by the team.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society's motto has always been to inspire and promote the game and its players from grass-roots level. Society's Secretary Shri Kukoo Walia believes that heaven has not fallen. What the immediate need is that all the authorities concerned should draw a plan immediately to rectify past mistakes and prepare for the next Olympics in earnest. Rome was not built in a day. We must accept the fact that while other nations have moved far ahead we have fallen behind. But there is still hope and light at the end of the tunnel.

Final Standings : 1. Germany, 2. Netherlands, 3. Australia, 4. Great Britain, 5. Belgium, 6. Spain, 7. Pakistan, 8. Korea, 9. New Zealand, 10. Argentina, 11. South Africa, 12. India.

The Team : Goalkeeper : Bharat Chetri (Captain) & P.R. Sreejesh; Defenders : V.R. Raghunath, Ignace Tirkey, Sandeep Singh; Mid fielder : Sardar Singh (Vice-Captain), Kothajit Singh, Gurbaj Singh, Birendra Lakra, Manpreet Singh, Forwards : S.V. Sunii, Gurvinder Singh Chandi, Sarvanjit Singh, Shivendra Singh, Danish Mujtaba, Tushar Khandekar, Dharamvir Singh, S.K. Uthappa. Chief Coach: Michael Knobbs.



INDIA IN OLYMPICS (HOCKEY)

Results and Rankings

Hockey was first introduced in 1908 Olympics held in London

LONDON – 1908

India did not participate.

Ranking :

1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Scotland
4. Wales and 5. Germany.

ANTWERP – 1920

India did not participate

Ranking :

1. England, 2. Denmark, 3. Belgium
and 4. France

AMSTERDAM – 1928

Results :

India	Beat	Austria	6-0
"	Beat	Belgium	9-0
"	Beat	Denmark	5-0
"	Beat	Switzerland	6-0
"	Beat	Netherlands	3-0

Ranking:

1. India, 2. Netherlands, 3. Germany,
4. Belgium and then Spain, France,
Denmark, Austria, Switzerland.

(There were no classification matches
apart from the places indicated).

LOS ANGELES – 1932

Results:

India	Beat	Japan	11-1
"	Beat	U.S.A.	24-1

Ranking :

1. India, 2. Japan, 3. United
States

BERLIN – 1936

Results :

India	Beat	Hungary	4-0
"	Beat	U.S.A.	7-0
"	Beat	Japan	9-0
"	Beat	France	10-0
"	Beat	Germany	8-1

Ranking :

1. India, 2. Germany, 3. Netherlands,
4. France, 5. Switzerland, 6.
Afghanistan, 7. Japan, 8. Hungary, 9.
Belgium, 10. Denmark, 11. United
States.

LONDON – 1948

Results :

India	Beat	Austria	8-0
"	Beat	Argentina	9-1
"	Beat	Spain	2-0
"	Beat	Netherlands	2-1
"	Beat	Britain	4-0

Ranking:

1. India, 2. Great Britain, 3.
Netherlands, 4. Pakistan and then Belgium,
Switzerland, Afghanistan, France,
Denmark, United States.

(There were no classification matches
apart from the places indicated).

HELSINKI – 1952

Results :

India	Beat	Austria	4-0
"	Beat	Britain	3-1
"	Beat	Netherlands	6-1

Ranking:

1. India, 2. Netherlands, 3. Great
Britain, 4. Pakistan, 5. Germany, 6.
Poland, 7. Austria, 8. Switzerland,
then Belgium, France, Italy, Finland.

(There were no classification matches
apart from the places indicated).

MELBOURNE – 1956

Results:

India	Beat	Afghanistan	14-0
"	Beat	U.S.A.	16-0
"	Beat	Singapore	6-0
"	Beat	Germany	1-0
"	Beat	Pakistan	1-0

Ranking :

1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. Germany, 4.
Great Britain, 5. Australia, 6. New
Zealand, 7. Belgium, 8. Singapore, 9.
Malaysia, 10. Kenya, 11. United States,
12. Afghanistan.

ROME – 1960

Results :

India	Beat	Denmark	10-0
"	Beat	Netherlands	4-0
"	Beat	New Zealand	3-0
"	Beat	Australia	1-0
"	Beat	Germany	1-0
"	Lost	Pakistan	0-1

Ranking :

1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Spain, 4.
Great Britain, 5. Australia, 6. New
Zealand, 7. Germany, and Kenya, 8.
France, 9. Belgium, 10. Netherlands,
11. Poland, 12. Italy, 13. Japan, 14.
Switzerland, 15. Denmark.

TOKYO – 1964

Results :

India	Beat	Belgium	2-0
"	Drew	Germany	1-1
"	Drew	Spain	1-1
"	Beat	Hong Kong	6-0
"	Beat	Malaysia	3-1
"	Beat	Canada	3-0
"	Beat	Netherlands	2-1
"	Beat	Australia	3-1
"	Beat	Pakistan	1-0

Ranking:

1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. Australia, 4.
Spain, 5. German Democratic Re-public,
6. Kenya, 7. Netherlands and Japan
and then Great Britain, Malaysia, Belgium,
Rhodesia, Canada, New Zealand, Hong
Kong.

(There were no classification matches
apart from the places indicated).

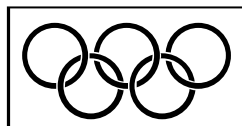
MEXICO – 1968

Results:

India	Lost	New Zealand	1-2
"	Beat	West Germany	2-1
"	Beat	Mexico	8-0
"	Beat	Spain	1-0
"	Beat	Belgium	2-1
"	Beat	Japan	5-0
"	Beat	East Germany	1-0
"	Lost	Australia (Semi-final)	1-2

Ranking:

1. Pakistan, 2. Australia, 3. India, 4.
W. Germany, 5. Netherlands, 6. Spain,
7. New Zealand, 8. Kenya, 9.
Belgium, 10. France, 11. German
Democratic Republic, 12. Great Britain,
13. Japan, 14. Argentina, 15.
Malaysia, 16. Mexico.



MUNICH – 1972

Results :

India	Drew	Netherlands	1-1
"	Beat	Great Britain	5-0
"	Beat	Australia	3-1
"	Drew	Poland	2-2
"	Beat	Kenya	3-2
"	Beat	Mexico	8-0
"	Beat	New Zealand	3-2
"	Lost to	Pakistan	0-2
(Semi-final)			
"	Beat	Netherlands	2-1
(for third place)			

Ranking :

1. W. Germany, 2. Pakistan, 3. India, 4. Netherlands, 5. Australia, 6. Great Britain, 7. Spain, 8. Malaysia, 9. New Zealand, 10. Belgium, 11. Poland, 12. France, 13. Kenya, 14. Argentina, 15. Uganda, 16. Mexico

MONTREAL – 1976

Results :

India	Beat	Argentina	4-0
"	Lost to	Netherlands	1-3
"	Lost to	Australia	1-6
"	Beat	Canada	3-0
"	Beat	Malaysia	3-0
"	Play off for 2 nd place in Pool lost to Australia (Tie-breaker)		
"	Sixth Position		
"	Lost to	Germany	2-3
"	Seventh Position		
"	Beat	Malaysia	2-0

Ranking :

1. New Zealand, 2. Australia, 3. Pakistan, 4. Netherlands, 5. West Germany, 6. Spain, 7. India, 8. Malaysia, 9. Belgium, 10. Argentina, 11. Canada.

MOSCOW – 1980

Results :

India	Beat	Tanzania	18-0
"	Drew	Poland	2-2
"	Drew	Spain	2-2
"	Beat	Cuba	13-0
"	Beat	U.S.S.R.	4-2
Final			
"	Beat	Spain	4-3

Ranking :

1. India, 2. Spain, 3. U.S.S.R., 4. Poland, 5. Cuba, 6. Tanzania

LOS ANGELES – 1984

Results :

India	Beat	U.S.A.	5-1
"	Beat	Malaysia	3-1
"	Beat	Spain	4-3
"	Lost	Australia	2-4
"	Drew	W. Germany	0-0
"	5-8 Position		
"	Beat	New Zealand	1-0
"	Fifth Position		
"	Beat	Netherlands	5-2

Ranking :

1. Pakistan, 2. W. Germany, 3. Great Britain, 4. Australia, 5. India, 6. Netherlands, 7. New Zealand, 8. Spain, 9. Kenya, 10. Canada, 11. Malaysia, 12. U.S.A.

SEOUL – 1988

Results :

India	Lost	U.S.S.R.	0-1
"	Drew	W. Germany	1-1
"	Beat	S. Korea	3-1
"	Beat	Canada	5-1
"	Lost	G. Britain	0-3
"	5-8 Position		
"	Lost	Pakistan	1-2

Ranking :

1. Great Britain, 2. W. Germany, 3. Netherlands, 4. Australia, 5. Pakistan, 6. India, 7. U.S.S.R., 8. Argentina, 9. Spain, 10. S. Korea, 11. Canada, 12. Kenya

BARCELONA – 1992

Results :

India	Lost	Germany	0-3
"	Beat	Argentina	1-0
"	Lost	G. Britain	1-3
"	Lost	Australia	0-1
"	Beat	Egypt	2-1
"	5-8 Position		
"	Lost	Spain	0-2
"	Beat	New Zealand	3-2

Ranking :

1. Germany, 2. Australia, 3. Pakistan, 4. Netherlands, 5. Spain, 6. G. Britain, 7. India, 8. New Zealand, 9. Malaysia, 10. C.I.S., 11. Argentina, 12. Egypt.

ATLANTA – 1996

Results :

India	Lost	Argentina	0-1
"	Drew	Germany	1-1
"	Beat	U.S.A.	4-0

"	Drew	Pakistan	0-0
"	Beat	Spain	3-1
"	5-8 Position		
"	Lost	Korea	3-3
"	(T.B. 3-5)		
"	Lost	G. Britain	3-4

Ranking :

1. Netherlands, 2. Spain, 3. Australia, 4. Germany, 5. Korea, 6. Pakistan, 7. G. Britain, 8. India, 9. Argentina, 10. South Africa, 11. Malaysia & 12. U.S.A.

SYDNEY – 2000

Results :

India	Beat	Argentina	3-0
"	Drew	Australia	2-2
"	Lost	S. Korea	0-2
"	Beat	Spain	3-2
"	Drew	Poland	1-1
"	5-8 Position		
"	Lost	G. Britain	1-2
"	Beat	Argentina	3-1

Ranking :

1. Netherlands, 2. S. Korea, 3. Australia, 4. Pakistan, 5. Germany, 6. G. Britain, 7. India, 8. Argentina, 9. Spain, 10. Canada, 11. Malaysia & 12. Poland.

ATHENS – 2004

Results :

India	Lost	Netherlands	1-3
"	Beat	S. Africa	4-2
"	Lost	Australia	3-4
"	Lost	New Zealand	1-2
"	Drew	Argentina	2-2
"	5-8 Position		
"	Lost	Pakistan	0-3
"	Beat	Korea	5-2

Ranking :

1. Australia, 2. Netherlands, 3. Germany, 4. Spain, 5. Pakistan, 6. New Zealand, 7. India, 8. Korea, 9. G. Britain, 10. South Africa, 11. Argentina & 12. Egypt.

BEIJING – 2008 India did not participate

Ranking :

1. Germany, 2. Spain, 3. Australia, 4. Netherlands, 5. Britain, 6. South Korea, 7. New Zealand, 8. Pakistan, 9. Belgium, 10. Canada, 11. China & 12. South Africa.

LONDON – 2012

1. Germany, 2. Netherlands, 3. Australia, 4. Great Britain, 5. Belgium, 6. Spain, 7. Pakistan, 8. Korea, 9. New Zealand, 10. Argentina, 11. South Africa & 12. India.

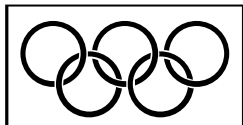
RIO-DE-JANEIRO

Results :

India	Beat	Ireland	3-2
	Lost	Germany	1-2
	Beat	Argentina	2-1
	Lost	Netherlands	1-2
	Drew	Canada	2-2
	Lost	Belgium	1-3
(Quarter-final)			

Ranking :

1. Argentina, 2. Belgium, 3. Germany, 4. Netherlands, 5. Spain, 6. Australia, 7. New Zealand, 8. India, 9. Great Britain, 10. Ireland, 11. Canada, 12. Brazil.



MEDALS IN OLYMPICS (MEN) (HOCKEY)



Year	Venue			India's Ranking
		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1908	London*	England	Ireland	Scotland
1920	Antwerp*	England	Denmark	Belgium
1928	Amsterdam	India	Netherlands	Germany
1932	Los Angles	India	Japan	United States
1936	Berlin	India	Germany	Netherlands
1948	London	India	G. Britain	Netherlands
1952	Helsinki	India	Netherlands	G. Britain
1956	Melbourne	India	Pakistan	W. Germany
1960	Rome	Pakistan	India	Spain
1964	Tokyo	India	Pakistan	Australia
1968	Mexico	Pakistan	Australia	India
1972	Munich	W. Germany	Pakistan	India
1976	Montreal	New Zealand	Australia	Pakistan
1980	Moscow	India	Spain	U.S.S.R.
1984	Los Angles	Pakistan	W. Germany	G. Britain
1988	Seoul	G. Britain	W. Germany	Netherlands
1992	Barcelona	Germany	Australia	Netherlands
1996	Atlanta	Netherlands	Spain	Australia
2000	Sydney	Netherlands	S. Korea	Australia
2004	Athens	Australia	Netherlands	Germany
2008	Beijing*	Germany	Spain	Australia
2012	London	Germany	Netherlands	Australia
2016	Rio de Janeiro	Argentina	Belgium	Germany

INDIA IN OLYMPIC HOCKEY (Rank, Captain & Coach) (MEN)

Year	Venue	Rank	Captain	Coach
1928	Amsterdam	Gold	Eric Penniger/Jaipal Singh*	A. B. Rosser+
1932	Los Angles	Gold	Lal Shah Bokhari	G. D. Sondhi+
1936	Berlin	Gold	Dhyan Chand	Pankaj Gupta+
1948	London	Gold	Kishan Lal	A. C. Chatterji+
1952	Helsinki	Gold	K.D. Singh 'Babu'	Harbail Singh
1956	Melbourne	Gold	Balbir Singh	Harnail Singh
1960	Rome	Silver	L. Claudius	Kishan Lal
1964	Tokyo	Gold	Charanjit Kumar	Dharam Singh
1968	Mexico City	Bronze	Prithipal Singh/Gurbux Singh**	Balkishan Singh
1972	Munich	Bronze	Harmik Singh	K.D. Singh 'Babu'
1976	Montreal	7 th	Ajitpal Singh	Gurbux Singh
1980	Moscow	Gold	V. Baskaran	Balkishan Singh
1984	Los Angeles	5 th	Zafar Iqbal	Balkishan Singh
1988	Seoul	6 th	M.M. Somaiya	M. P. Ganesh
1992	Barcelona	7 th	Pargat Singh	Balkishan Singh
1996	Atlanta	8 th	Pargat Singh	Cedric D'souza
2000	Sydney	7 th	Ramandeep Singh	V. Baskaaran
2004	Athens	7 th	Dilip Tirkey	Gerhard Rach
2008	India did not participate			
2012	London	12 th	Bharat Chetri	Michael Knobbs
2016	Rio de Janerio	8th	P.R. Sreejesh	Roelant Oltmans

*Jaipal Singh was the official Captain but did not play in the last pool. Match and final.

**Gurbux Singh was made the Joint Captain.

+Till 1948 only managers travelled with the teams.
Courtesy : B. G. Joshi (Sportstar).

List of Hockey Olympians who represented India more than once

FOUR OLYMPICS

1. L. Claudius (Bengal) 1948-G, 1952-G, 1956-G and Capt. 1960-S
2. Udham Singh (Punjab) 1952-G, 1956-G, 1960-S and 1964-G
3. Dhanraj Pillai (Bombay/Indian Airlines) 1992, 1996, 2000 & 2004.

THREE OLYMPICS

1. Major Dhyan Chand (U.P./Services) 1928-G, 1932-G and Capt. 1936-G.
2. R.J. Allan (Bengal) 1928-G, 1932-G and 1936-G.
3. R. Francis (Madras) 1948-G, 1952-G and 1956-G.
4. R.S. Gentle (Bombay) 1948-G, 1952-G and 1956-G
5. Balbir Singh (Punjab) 1948-G, 1952-G and Capt. 1956-G.
6. Shankar Laxman (Services) 1956-G, 1960-S and 1964-G
7. Haripal Kaushik (Services) 1956-G, 1960-S and 1964-G
8. Prithipal Singh (Punjab) 1960-S, 1964-G and Capt. 1968-B
9. V.J. Peter (Services) 1960-S, 1964-G and 1968-B
10. Harbinder Singh (Rlys.) 1964-G, 1968-B and 1972-B
11. Ajitpal Singh (Punjab) 1968-B, 1972-B and Capt. 1976
12. M.M. Somaiya (Bombay) 1980-G, 1984 and 1988
13. Mohd. Shahid (Rlys.) 1980-G, 1984 and 1988
14. Mervyan Fernandes (IA) 1980-G, 1984 and 1988
15. Pargat Singh (Rlys/Punjab) 1988, Capt. 1992 and Capt. 1996
16. Mukesh Kumar(IA) 1992, 1996 and 2000
17. Baljeet Singh Dhillon (Punjab) 1996, 2000 and 2004
18. Dr. Dilip Tirkey (IA) 1996, 2000 and Capt. 2004

DOUBLE OLYMPICS

1. E. Penniger (Punjab) 1928-G and 1932-G
2. L.G. Hammond (U.P.) 1928-G and 1932-G
3. W. Cullen (U.P./Mad.) 1928-G and 1936-G
4. C. Tapsell (Bom./Beng.) 1932-G and 1936-G
5. Rup Singh (U.P.) 1932-G and 1936-G
6. M. Jaffar (Punjab) 1932-G and 1936-G
7. K.D. Singh 'Babu' (U.P.) 1948-G and Capt. 1952-G (Coach-1972-B)
8. Keshav Dutt (Beng.) 1948-G and 19052-G (Manager 1972-B)
9. Jaswant Singh (Beng.) 1948-G and 1952-G
10. Amir Kumar (Bombay) 1948-G and 1956-G
11. Cdr. G. Nandy Singh (Beng./Services) 1948-G and 1952-G (Manager 1984)
12. C. Deshmuthu (Mysore) 1952-G and 1960-S.
13. G. Perumal (Bombay) 1952-G and 1956-G
14. Raghbir Lal (Punjab) 1952-G and 1956-G
15. R. Francis (Madras) 1952-G and 1956-G

17. Gr.Capt. R. S. Bhola (Services) 1956-G and 1960-S (Manager 1976)
18. Charanjit Singh (Punjab) 1960-S and Capt. 1964-G
19. B. Patel (Services) 1960-S and 1964-G
20. Mohinder Lal (Rlys) 1960-S and 1964-G
21. Joginder Singh (Rlys) 1960-S and 1964-G
22. R. A. Christy (Karnataka) 1964-G and 1968-B
23. Gurbux Singh (Beng.) 1964-G and Jt. Capt. 1968-B (Coach 1976)
24. Balbir Singh (Punjab) 1964-G and 1968-B
25. Dharam Singh (Punjab) 1964-G and 1968-B
26. Jagjit Singh (Punjab) 1964-G and 1968-B
27. P. Krishnamurthy (TN/Rlys) 1968-B and 1972-B
28. Harmik Singh (Punjab) 1968-B and Cat. 1972-B
29. Aslam Sher Khan (Bhopal) 1972-B and 1976
30. Virender Singh (Rlys) 1972-B and 1976
31. V. J. Philips (Rlys) 1972-B and 1976
32. Ajit Singh (Rlys) 1972-B and 1976
33. Ashok Kumar (Beng./IA) 1972-B and 1976
34. B. P. Govinda (TN/IA) 1972-B and 1976 (Coach 1988)
35. Harcharan Singh (Services) 1972-B and 1976
36. B. Chettri (Bengal) 1976 and 1980-G
37. V. Bhaskaran (Rlys) 1976 and Capt. 1980-G (Coach 2000)
38. Ravinder Pal Singh (U.P.) 1980-G and 1984
39. Charanjit Kumar (Punjab) 1980-G and 1984
40. Zafar Iqbal (IA) 1980-G and Capt. 1984
41. Jude Felix (Rlys) 1988 and 1992
42. Jagbir Singh (IA) 1988 and 1992
43. A. B. Subbiah (IA) 1992 and 1996
44. Harpreet Singh (Punjab) 1992 and 1996
45. Baljeet Singh Saini (Har./Pub.) 1992 and 1996
46. Mohd. Riaz (TN) 1996 and 2000
47. Ramandeep Singh (Punjab) 1996 and Capt. 2000
48. Devesh Chauhan (AI.Acd./IOC) 2000 and 2004
49. Deepak Thakur (AI Acd./IOC) 2000 and 2004
50. Gagan Ajit Singh (Mum./Pub.) 2000 and 2004
51. Ignace Tirkery (Services) 2004 and 2012
52. Dr. Sandeep Singh (Haryana Police) 2004 and 2012
53. P.R. Sreejesh (2012 & 2016)
54. V.R. Raghunath (2012 & 2016)
55. Sardar Singh (2012 & 2016)
56. Manpreet Singh (2012 & 2016)
57. S.V. Sunil (2012 & 2016)
58. Danish Mujtaba (2012 & 2016)
59. S.K. Uthappa (2012 & 2016)
60. Kothajit Singh (2012 & 2016)

Note: - G – Gold, S – Silver and B - Bronze

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INDIAN CAPTAINS - ROLL OF HONOUR

Sl. No.	Name	Year	Venue	Event	Position Achieved
1.	Shri Jaipal Singh	1928	Amsterdam	Olympics	Gold
2.	Shri Lal Shah Bokhari	1932	Los Angles	- do -	Gold
3.	Maj. Dhyan Chand	1936	Berlin	- do -	Gold
4.	Shri Kishan Lal	1948	London	- do -	Gold
5.	Shri Kanwar Digvijay Singh 'Babu'	1952	Helsinki	- do -	Gold
6.	Shri Balbir Singh	1956	Melbourne	- do -	Gold
		1958	Tokyo	Asian Games	Silver
7.	Shri L. Cladius	1960	Rome	Olympics	Silver
8.	Shri Gurdev Singh	1962	Jakarta	Asian Games	Silver
9.	Shri Charanjit Singh	1964	Tokyo	Olympics	Gold
10.	Shri Shankar Laxman	1966	Bangkok	Asian Games	Gold
11.	Shri Prithipal Singh	1968	Maxico	Olympics	Bronze
12.	Shri Gurbux Singh				
13.	Shri Harbinder Singh	1970	Bangkok	Asian Games	Silver
14.	Shri Ajitpal Singh	1971	Barcelona	World Cup	Bronze
		1974	Tehran	Asian Games	Silver
		1975	Kuala Lumpur	World Cup	Gold
		1976	Montreal	Olympics	7 th
15.	Shri Harmik Singh	1972	Munich	Olympics	Bronze
16.	Shri M.P. Ganesh	1973	Amsterdam	World Cup	Silver
17.	Shri V. J. Philips	1978	Buenous Aires	World Cup	6 th
18.	Shri B. P. Govinda	1978	Bangkok	Asian Games	Silver
19.	Shri V. Bhaskaran	1980	Moscow	Olympics	Gold
20.	Shri Surjit Singh	1980	Karachi	Champions Trophy	5 th
		1982	Bombay	World Cup	5 th
		1982	Karachi	Asia Cup	Silver
21.	Shri S. S. Sodhi	1982	Amsterdam	Champions Trophy	Bronze
22.	Shri Zaffar Iqbal	1982	New Delhi	Asian Games	Silver
		1983	Karachi	Champions Trophy	4 th
		1984	Los Angeles	Olympics	5 th
23.	Shri M.M. Somaiya	1985	Dhaka	Asian Cup	Silver
		1988	Seoul	Olympics	6 th
24.	Shri Mohd. Shahid	1985	Perth	Champions Trophy	6 th
		1986	Karachi	- do -	5 th
		1986	Seoul	Asian Games	Bronze
		1986	London	World Cup	12 th

Sl. No.	Name	Year	Venue	Event	Position Achieved
25.	Shri M.P. Singh	1989	Berlin	Champions Trophy	6 th
26.	Shri Pargat Singh	1989	New Delhi	Asian Cup	Silver
		1990	Lahore	World Cup	10 th
		1990	Beijing	Asian Games	Silver
		1992	Barcelona	Olympics	7 th
		1996	Atlanta	Olympics	8 th
27.	Shri Shakeel Ahmed	1993	Hiroshima	Asia Cup	Silver
		1995	Berlin	Champion Trophy	5 th
28.	Shri Jude Felix	1994	Hiroshima	Asian Games	Silver
		1994	Sydney	World Cup	5 th
29.	Shri Dhanraj Pillay	1998	Utrecht	World Cup	9 th
		1998	Bangkok	Asian Games	Gold
		2003	Amsterdam	Champions Trophy	4 th
		2003	Kuala Lumpur	Asia Cup	Gold
30.	Shri Baljit Singh Dhillon	1999	Kuala Lumpur	Asia Cup	Bronze
		2002	Kuala Lumpur	World Cup	10 th
31.	Shri Ramandeep Singh	2000	Sydney	Olympics	7 th
32.	Shri Dilip Tirkey	2002	Cologne	Champions Trophy	4 th
		2002	Busan	Asian Games	Silver
		2003	Hyderabad	Afro-Asian Games	Gold
		2004	Athens	Olympics	7 th
		2004	Lahore	Champions Trophy	4 th
		2006	Germany	World Cup	11 th
		2006	Doha	Asian Games	5 th
33.	Shri Gagan Ajit Singh	2005	Chennai	Champions Trophy	6 th
34.	Shri Ignace Tirkey	2006	Melbourne	Commonwealth Games	6 th
35.	Shri Prabodh Tirkey	2007	Chennai	Asia Cup	Gold
36.	Shri Gurbaj Singh	2008	Hyderabad	Jr.Asia Cup	Gold
37.	Shri Rajpal Singh	2009	Salta (Argentina)	Champions Challenge-I	Third
38.	Shri Rajpal Singh	2010	New Delhi	Commonwealth Games	2 nd
39.	Shri Rajpal Singh	2010	New Delhi	World Cup	8 th
40.	Shri Bharat Chetri	2012	London	Olympics	12
41.	Sardar Singh	2013	Ipoh (Malaysia)	Asia Cup	10 th
42.	Sardar Singh	2014	Incheon	Asian Games	Gold
43.	P.R. Sreejesh	2016	Rio de Janerio (Brazil)	Rio Olympics	eighth

RIO OLYMPICS (2016)

MEN'S TEAM FRITTER AWAY CHANCES, FINISH 8TH

The Indian men's team finished eighth in the Rio Olympics after losing 1-3 to Belgium in the quarter-finals, which they had reached after an agonizing gap of 36 long years.

The new format for the Olympic Hockey Competition did not have play offs and teams were given positions based on matches won and goals scored in the league phase. Accordingly, among the quarter-final losers, Spain finished fifth, Australia 6th, New Zealand 7th, Indian 8th, Great Britain 9th, Ireland 10th, Canada 11th and hosts Brazil at the bottom on 12th position. Indian men's hockey team secured their Rio 2016 Olympic berth with a gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon. But with 11 Olympic medals in their name, India failed to repeat the golden run at the biggest sporting extravaganza.

P R Sreejesh led 16 member squad had a fine blend of experience and youth in its ranks and was expected to do much better than its London show where it finished 12th and last four years ago. However, the Indian team's perennial weakness of going defensive after taking an early lead and then conceding goals in the dying seconds once again proved the team's disaster at the Olympic Hockey Centre in Dedoro (Rio-de-Janeiro), Brazil. The Indian defence also fumbled at crucial moments to provide the opposition goal-scoring opportunities. Eight-time Champions India also wasted several penalty-corners, especially the five they frittered away seconds from the final hooter in the game against the Netherlands will haunt them for long.

India were placed with Argentina, Canada, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands in Pool-B.

Pool Match - India vs Ireland: India took on Ireland in their first match in Pool B. This was Ireland's first Olympic appearance since 1908 when they had earned a silver medal. Indians had defeated Ireland in a six-nation tournament in Valencia (Spain) in June. Penalty corner specialist Rupinder Pal Singh scored a brace as India began their campaign in the Rio Olympics with a morale boosting 3-2 win against Ireland. Drag-flicker V.R. Raghunath scored India's opener in the 15th minute, while Rupinder doubled the lead in the 27th minute. John Jermyn (45th) pulled one back for Ireland but Rupinder delighted the Indians with another successful penalty corner conversion. Later, Conor Harte (55th) brought Ireland into contention but India saw off late nervous moments before winning 3-2.

India vs Germany: Indian men's hockey team's perennial habit of conceding late goals continued to haunt them as reigning double Olympic champions Germany scored seconds from the final hooter to steal a 2-1 win in a thrilling Pool B match. Despite playing near perfect hockey for the major part of the match the Germans stole the win with just 3.1 seconds from full time. After weathering India's attacking onslaught for the majority of the game, the Germans exerted tremendous pressure on the Indian defence in the final two minutes.

India vs Argentina: India survived a final-quarter onslaught from Argentina for a nail-biting 2-1 win.

India dominated Argentina in the first three quarters but came under tremendous pressure from the Los Leones in the final 15 minutes during which they conceded as many as five penalty corners. India were the better side in the first three quarters and took the lead through Chinglensana Singh (8th minute) before fellow Manipuri player Kothajit Singh doubled the scoreline with a field strike in the 35th minute.

Trailing 0-2, the Argentines played all out hockey in the final quarter as the Indians looked out of sorts. It was a tense final quarter for the Indians after drag-flicker Gonzalo Peillat pulled one back for Argentina in the 49th minute by converting their first penalty corner with a lethal strike that beat goalkeeper P R Sreejesh all ends up.

The final quarter completely belonged to Argentina but the Indians did just enough to maintain their composure and avoided repeat of the match against Germany.

Match 4: India vs Netherlands: India wasted as many as five penalty-corners seconds from the final hooter and went down 1-2 to reigning silver medallists the Netherlands. The Netherlands scored both their goals from penalty-corners, through Rogier Hoffman (32nd minute) and Mink van der Weerden (54th), while India's lone goal came from the stick of V R Raghunath (38th). India had a chance to snatch a point from the match as the match witnessed intense drama in the final seconds, but they failed to score from five successive penalty-corners.

Match 5: India vs Canada: India were held 2-2 by lower-ranked Canada in its final group phase game that failed to guarantee it a third place in the Pool B.

Already assured of a place in the quarter-finals, India played an attacking game but had to wait for 33 minutes to break the deadlock. Akashdeep Singh made it 1-0 for India after scoring on a penalty corner rebound. But world No.15 Canada took few second to make it 1-1 with a successful penalty corner conversion from captain Scott Tupper. Ramandeep Singh deflected a ball in near the right post from a long slap from VR Raghunath to make it 2-1 for India in the 41st minute. Tupper brought Canada on level with a successful penalty corner conversion in the 52nd minute.

QF: India vs Belgium: India, ranked 5th in FIH World Rankings, blew away a great opportunity to create history after a hiatus of 36 years to climb the medal podium. A lacklustre India squandered a one goal advantage to go down 1-3 to Belgium and crashed out of the men's hockey competition.

India took the lead through a fine field effort from Akashdeep Singh (15th minute) before Belgium pumped in three field goals from Sebastien Dockier (34th, 45th) and Tom Boon (50th) to dash India's hopes of their first medal after the gold in 1980 at Moscow.

Belgium scripted history as they progressed to the semi-finals of the Olympics after a gap of 96 years.

Two successive Olympic gold medal winners Germany were shown the exit by Argentina 5-2 in the semi-final. The other semi-final saw Belgium beat Netherlands 2-1. Netherlands were champions in 1996 and 2000 and silver medallists in 2012.

GOLD MEDAL MATCH: Argentina won their maiden Olympic men's hockey gold with a 4-2 victory over Belgium, thanks to a 10-minute goal blitz in the first half. Belgium, also playing their first final, had taken the lead after just three minutes. But the South Americans hit back scoring three goals in the first half.

Germany claimed the bronze medal beating The Netherlands 4-3 via shoot-out after the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

Indian Squad: PR Sreejesh (captain and GK), Harmanpreet Singh (defender); Rupinder Pal Singh (defender), Kothajit Singh (defender), Surendar Kumar (defender), Madpreet Singh (midfielder), Sardar Singh (midfielder), VR Raghunath (defender), SK Uthappa (midfielder), Danish Mujtaba (midfielder), Devender Walmiki (midfielder), SV Sunil (forward and vice-captain), Akashdeep Singh (forward), Chinglensana Singh (midfielder), Ramandeep Singh (forward), Nikkin Thimmaiah (forward).

Coach: Roelant Oltmans

Quarter-Finals: Argentina b Spain 2-1, Belgium b India 3-1, Netherlands b Australia 4-0, Germany b New Zealand 3-2.

Semi-finals: Argentina b Germany 5-2, Belgium b Netherlands 3-1.

GOLD MEDAL MATCH: Argentina b Belgium 4-2.

Bronze Medal Match: Germany b Netherlands 4-3 (1-1).

NOTE: In all, 38 matches were played in men's section in which 189 goals (4.97 per match) were scored. **Top scorer:** Gonzalo Peillat of Argentina (11 goals).

Final Standings: 1. Argentina 2.Belgium 3.Germany 4.Netherlands 5 Spain 6.Australia 7.New Zealand 8.India 9.Great Britain 10. Ireland 11.Canada 12.Brazil.

RIO OLYMPICS (2016)

INDIAN WOMEN DISAPPOINT, FINISH LAST

The Indian Women's Hockey team had qualified for the Rio Olympics after 36 years. They last played at the 1980 Moscow Games the same year the men's team won their last gold medal. The women finished fourth in the competition back then. Over the years, the team's showing at international and multi-sport events had improved considerably. The team finished in the top at the 2014-15 Women's FIH Hockey World League Semi-finals to seal their Rio berth and stunned Japan 2-1 to win the bronze medal at the 2014 Asian Games.

Indian women, 13th in the FIH World Rankings, were drawn in pool-B along with Argentina, USA, Great Britain, Australia and Japan.

Game 1 - India vs Japan: The resilient Indians showed tremendous fighting spirit and came from two goals down to eke out a 2-2 draw against higher ranked Japan (No.10) in their opening match. Indians trailed by two goals at half-time after Japan scored through Emi Nishikori (15th and Mie Nakashima (28th). Indians made a valliant fightback as Rani Rampal (31st) and Milima Minz (40th) scored a goal each in the third and fourth quarters to secure one point for the team.

Indian women were outplayed 0-3 by higher ranked Great Britain in its second match. The difference in class and quality between the two teams was clearly on display as world No.7 Great Britain managed to find three goals within a space of eight minutes, through Giselle Ansley (25th minute), Nicola White (27th) and Alexandra Danson (33rd).

India found the going tough against Britain from the start, Britain attacked with regularly and introduced the Indian circle with using both the flanks to the maximum. However, India's defence managed to keep the goals away in the first quarter and in the second quarter too, the story didn't change. But the scoreline did.

India vs Australia: Indian team dished out a disappointing performance to suffer a 1-6 defeat at the hands of a rampaging Australia. The Australians exposed the defensive frailties of the Indians. Jodie Kenny (43,46), Kathryn Slattery (5th), Georgina Morgan (9th), Jane Claxton (35th) and Georgina Parker (36th) scored for the winners while Anuradha Thokchom scored with just 8.3 seconds left on the clock. The margin of defeat could have been bigger had goalkeeper Savita Punia not come up with some fine saves.

India got just one penalty corner which they failed to convert. Australia forced seven penalty corners from which they scored four times.

India vs USA: The Indian women's hockey team produced another lackluster performance as it was outplayed by United States of America 0-3 to slump to its third successive loss. The Indians were once again left to defend their citadel for most part of the match as the Americans dictated the pace.

The Indian defence crumbled in the final quarter as they ventured higher on the field in search of a goal but they were punished by the Americans on the counter. The Americans got three penalty corners in the final quarter and put the Indian defence under severe pressure but they could not add any more goal.

The fitter and faster Americans kept the possession with them for long periods of the match while the Indians gave away the ball easily to their opponents, who got nine penalty corners as against none by the Indians. The Americans, however, could not score a single goal from the penalty corner. All the three goals came from field efforts.

Kathleen Bam scored twice in the 14th and 42nd minutes while Melissa Gonzalez struck once in the 52nd minute.

Match 5: vs Argentina: The Indian women's hockey team suffered a humiliating 0-5 loss against higher-ranked Argentina in their final Pool B fixture to end their campaign at the Rio Olympics.

Martina Cavallero (16th minute, 29th), Maria Granatto (23rd), Carla Rebecchi (26th) and Agustina Albertarrio (27th) scored for Argentina.

Pitted against the London Games silver medallists, India cut a sorry figure as Argentina made a mockery of their defence, pumping in as many as five goals in the second quarter itself to dash any hope of a miracle.

GOLD MEDAL MATCH: Maddie Hinch produced the heroics once again as Great Britain completed to perfection, saving three times in a shoot-out to beat Netherlands 2-0 after normal time had ended 3-3. It ended the Dutch reign at the Olympics (they topped the podium at Beijing and London), denying them a three-in-a-row as Great Britain clinched its first ever title in the competition.

This was Britain's maiden gold in the competition in their maiden entry in the final, having won bronze four years ago in London.

Germany won the bronze medal defeating New Zealand 2-1.

Indian Squad: Sushila Chanu (c), Navjot Kaur, Deep Grace Ekka, Monika, Nikki Pradhan, Anuradha Devi Thokchom, Savita, Poonam Rani, Vandana Kataria, Deepika (vice-captain), Namita Toppo, Renuka Yadav, Sunita Lajjra, Rani, Preeti Dubey, Lilima Minz. CoachrNeil Hawgood

Quarter-finals: Netherlands b Argentina 3-2 (Netherlands seeking third successive gold), Germany b USA 2-1, New Zealand b Australia 4-2, Great Britain bt Spain 3-1. Britain won bronze in 2012.

Semi-Finals: Netherlands b Germany 4-3 (1-1), Great Britain b New Zealand 3-0.

FINAL: Great Britain b Netherlands 5-3 (3-3).

Bronze Medal Match: Germany vs New Zealand.

Final Standings: 1. Great Britain 2.Netherlands 3.Germany 4.New Zealand 5.USA 6.Australia 7.Argentina 8.Spain 9.China 10. S Korea 11. Japan 12 India.



*“A mind all logic is like a knife all blade.
It makes the hand bleed that uses it.”*

— Rabindranath Tagore



WORLD CUP

MEN'S WORLD CUP

Hockey has been an International Sports since a very long time. It has been an important event in the Olympics since 1908. But as years went by a need was felt for having an exclusive world-level competition for hockey. The first move towards this was made in 1969. Accordingly, a joint appeal was made by India and Pakistan to the Council of the International Hockey Federation (F.I.H.) in Paris in March 30. This proposal was studied by a Commission of eight persons appointed by the Council. Seven months later on October 26, the Commission reported back to Council. A recommendation was made whereby a World Cup Tournament would be organised every two years.

After the unanimous acceptance of this proposal, the necessary qualification plan and regulation were drafted by the Commission. And soon the Council and the Commission together decided to organise the first ever World Cup Tournament in 1971.

However, later, after having played two World Cup tournaments every two years, the F.I.H. decided to change the frequency of the tournament. On September 29, 1974, a decision was taken to hold the tournament at intervals of four years.

The design of the World Cup Trophy has been conceived and created by Pakistan. It was first thought of in the form of a hockey stick fabricated in gold and silver. But a better idea was evolved when Lt. Gen. Azhar Khan, former President of Pakistan Hockey Federation suggested another theme. And accordingly, Mr. Bashir Moojid, the designer, alongwith the most skilful artisans from the Pakistan army's Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers designed and shaped it into the master-piece which every hockey playing nation covets. This trophy was then donated to the International Hockey Federation by Pakistan. The format presentation was made at a brief ceremony in Brussels on March 27, 1971, when Mr. H.E. Masood, the Ambassador of Pakistan in Belgium handed over World Cup to Mr. Rene Frank, President of F.I.H.



The World Cup is a majestic gold and silver trophy mounted on a 120.85 mm high blade base, beautifully inlaid with ivory. The trophy itself, consists of a globe depicting the world in silver and gold on top of which is a ball and hockey stick, also in gold and silver.

At the base of the globe is a silver cup with intricate floral design.

Height :	650 mm when mounted on its ivory base
Weight:	11,560g
Weight of Material used :	
Gold	= 895 g
Silver	= 6,815 g
Ivory	= 350 g
Teak Wood	= 3,500 g

1st World Cup

Venue	:	Barcelons-Spain
Duration	:	October 15-24, 1971
Ranking	:	1. Pakistan, 2. Spain, 3. India, 4. Kenya, 5. W. Germany, 6. Holland
Indian Team	:	Ajitpal Singh (Captain), Cedric Pareira, Charles Cornelius, Baldev Singh, Vinod Kumar, M. Kindo, P. Krishnamurthy, Harmik Singh, Vase Peas, M.P. Ganesh, Ashok Kumar, Rajwinder Singh, Shahid Noor, D. Mello, Kulwant Singh, Harcharan Singh.
Coach & Manager	:	Balbir Singh (Sr)

2nd World Cup

Venue	:	Amsterdam – Holland
Duration	:	August 24 to Sept. 2, 1973
Ranking	:	1. Holland, 2. India, 3. W. Germany, 4. Pakistan, 5. Spain, 6. England, 7. New Zealand, 8. Belgium, 9. Argentina, 10. Japan, 11. Malaysia & 12. Kenya.
Indian Team	:	M.P. Ganesh (Captain), Cedric Pareira, Charles Cornelius, Baldev Singh, Surjeet Singh, M. Kindo, Virender Singh, Ajitpal Singh, Harmik Singh, V. Bhaskarn, Ashok Kumar, B.P. Govinda, V.J. Philips, Ajit Singh, Harcharan Singh, Chand Singh.
Manager	:	R. S. Gentle Coach : Balkishan Singh, Jagmohan Singh.

3rd World Cup

Venue	:	Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia
Duration	:	March 1 – 15, 1975
Ranking	:	1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. W. Germany, 4. Malaysia, 5. Australia, 6. England, 7. New Zealand, 8. Spain, 9. Holland, 10. Poland, 11. Argentina, 12. Ghana.
Indian Team	:	Ajitpal Singh (Captain), Laslie Fernandes, Ashok Dewan, M. Kindo, Surjeet Singh, Aslam Sher Khan, Virender Singh, Onkar Singh, V .J. Philips, Harcharan Singh, S.R. Pawar, Ashok Kumar, B.P. Govinda, H.J.S. Chimni, Kaliah, Mohinder Singh.
Manager	:	Balbir Singh (Sr) Coach : G. S. Bodi.

4th World Cup

Venue	:	Buenos Aires – Argentina
Duration	:	March 18 – April 1, 1978
Ranking	:	1. Pakistan, 2. Holland, 3. Australia, 4. W. Germany, 5. Spain, 6. India, 7. England, 8. Argentina, 9. Poland, 10. Malaysia, 11. Canada, 12. Ireland, 13. Italy, 14. Belgium.
Indian Team	:	V.J. Philips (Captain), Manu Fredricks, Olympio Fernandes, Baldev Singh, Gopal Bhajgra, Topo, Virender Singh, Caldius, V. Bhaskaran, Ashok Kumar, S.S. Sodhi, Sukhbir Singh Grewal, Lakra, Ali Syed, S. Dung Dung, Zaffar Iqbal.
Manager	:	Kartar Singh Coach : R. S. Gentle.

5th World Cup

Venue	:	Bombay – India
Duration	:	Dec. 29, 1981 – Jan. 12, 1982
Ranking	:	1. Pakistan, 2. W .Germany, 3. Australia, 4. Holland, 5. India, 6. U.S.S.R., 7. New Zealand, 8. Poland, 9. England, 10. Malaysia, 11. Spain, 12. Argentina.
Indian Team	:	Surjit Singh (Captain), M.R. Negi, Ashok Diwan, Rajinder Singh, Vineet Kumar, M.M. Somaiya, Ravinder Pal Singh, Onkar Singh, Gurmail Singh, M.K. Kaushik, Mervyn Fernandes, Narinder Singh Sodhi, Mohd. Shahid, Syed Ali, Zaffar Iqbal, Charanjit Kumar.
Manager	:	J. L. Sharma Coach : Harmik Singh.

6th World Cup

Venue	:	London
Duration	:	4 TH – 19 TH October, 1986
Ranking1	:	1. Australia, 2. England, 3. West Germany, 4. U.S.S.R., 5. Spain, 6. Argentina, 7. Netherlands, 8. Poland, 9. New Zealand, 10. Canada, 11. Pakistan, 12. India.
Indian Team	:	Mohd. Shahid (Captain), R.S. Rawat, Neel Kamal Singh, Pargat Singh, M.P. Singh, Vineet Kumar, M. Somaiya, J. Carvalho, Abdul Aziz, Hardeep Singh, Tikken Singh, M. Gomes, Jagbir Singh, Balwinder Singh, Thoiba Singh and Ram Prakash Singh.
Manager	:	D. S. Murthy Coach : Ajit Pal Singh.

7th World Cup

Venue	:	Lahore – Pakistan
Duration	:	February 12-23, 1990
Ranking	:	1. Netherlands, 2. Pakistan, 3. Australia, 4. W. Germany, 5. England, 6. U.S.S.R., 7. France, 8. Spain, 9. Argentina, 10. India, 11. Canada and 12. Ireland.
Indian Team	:	Pargat Singh (Captain), Ashiish Ballal, Mark Paterson, Ashok Kumar, B.K. Subramani, Vivek Singh, Sujit Kumar, Ajit Lakra, Hardeep Singh, R. P. Singh, Jude Felix, Jagbir Singh, Balvinder Singh, Thoiba Singh, Edgar Mascarnahas and Dhanraj Pillay.
Manager	:	Kumresh Sen Coach : M.P. Ganesh and M.K. Kaushik.

8th World Cup

Venue	:	Sydney – Australia.
Duration	:	November 23 – December 4, 1994.
Ranking	:	1. Pakistan, 2. Holland, 3. Australia, 4. Germany, 5. India, 6. England, 7. Argentina, 8. S. Korea, 9. Spain, 10. S. Africa, 11. Belgium and 12. Belarus.
Indian Team	:	Jude Felix (Capt. Rlys.), A. B. Subbiah (IA), Alaysius Edward (Pb), Anil Aldrin (B'by), Rajneesh Mishra (Rlys), K.K. Poonacha (Services), Harpreet Singh (Pb), Shakeel Ahmed (IA), Sandeep Somesh (Karn..), Mukesh Kumar (IA), Sabu Varkey (Karn.) , Dhanraj Pillay (B'by), Mohd. Raiaz (TN), Sanjeev Kumar (Har.), Gavin Ferreira (B'by) and Edward Aranha (B'by).
Manager	:	T. Jesudhanam (A.P.). Coach: Cedric D'Souza (B'by).

9th World Cup

Venue	:	Utrecht – Holland
Duration	:	May 20 – June 1, 1998
Teams	:	Pool A : Canada, Germany, India, S. Korea, Netherlands and New Zealand. Pool B : Australia, England, Malaysia, Pakistan, Poland & Spain.
Ranking	:	1. Netherlands, 2. Spain, 3. Germany, 4. Australia, 5. Pakistan, 6. England, 7. S. Korea, 8. Canada, 9. India, 10. New Zealand, 11. Malaysia and 12. Poland.
Indian Team	:	Dhanraj Pillay (Capt. B'by), Jude Menezes (B'by), Jagdish Pannappa (B'by), Anil Aldrin (B'by), Dilip Tirkey (IA), Lazarus Barla (P&SB), Baljit Singh Saini (P&SB), Mohd. Riaz (TN), Ramandeep Singh (Pb), Thirumalavalavan (TN), Mukesh Kumar (IA), Sabu Varkey (B'by), Rajesh Chauhan (AI), Samir Dad (IA), Harbhajan Singh (BSF) and Devinder Kumar (Chandigarh).
Manager	:	Ajit Pal Singh Coaches : V. Bhaskaran, R. Parameswaran & C. R. Kumar.

10th World Cup

Venue	:	Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia
Duration	:	February 24 – March 9, 2002
Teams	:	Pool – A : Argentina, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain and South Africa. Pool – B : Australia, India, Cuba, England, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Poland.
Ranking	:	1. Germany, 2. Australia, 3. Netherlands, 4. South Korea, 5. Pakistan, 6. Argentina, 7. England, 8. Malaysia, 9. New Zealand, 10. India, 11. Spain, 12. Japan, 13. South Africa, 14. Belgium, 15. Poland and 16. Cuba.
Indian Team	:	Baljit Singh Dhillon (Capt. Punjab), Jude Menezes (Mumbai), Devesh Chauhan (IOC), Dilip Tirkey (IA), Lazarus Barla (IA), Kanwalpreet Singh (Punjab), Jugraj Singh (Punjab), S.S. Gill (Mumbai), Ignance Tirkey (Services), S. Thirumalvalavan (TN), Arjun Halappa (Karnataka), Baljit Saini (PSB), Dhanraj Pillay (Mumbai), Daljit Singh Dhillon (Pb), Deepak Thakur (IOC), Prabhjot Singh (IOC), Sabu Varkey (Mumbai) & Bipin Fernandez (Mumbai).
Coaches	:	Cedric D'Souza, C.R. Kumar and Divnen Singh.
Manager	:	K. G. S. Alva
Player of the Tournament:	:	Troy Elder (Australia)
Player of the Final	:	Florian Kunz (Germany)
Fair Play Award	:	South Africa.

11th World Cup




Venue	:	Monchengladbach (Germany)
Duration	:	September 6-17, 2006
Teams	:	Pool – A : Argentina, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain. Pool – B : England, Germany, India, South Korea, The Netherlands, South Africa.
Ranking	:	1. Germany, 2. Australia, 3. Spain, 4. South Korea, 5. England, 6. Pakistan, 7. The Netherlands, 8. New Zealand, 9. Japan, 10. Argentina, 11. India, 12. South Africa.
Indian Team	:	Dilip Tirkey (IA-Captain), Adrian D'Souza (BPCL), Bharat Chettri (Services), Kanwalpreet Singh (Punjab Police), Prabodh Tirkey (IA), Ignace Tirkey (Services), Arjun Halappa (IA), Vikram Pillay (IA), Viren Rasquinha (IOC), Hari Prasad (IA), Tejbir Singh (Pb.Police), V.S. Vinaya (IA), Rajpal Singh (IOC), Gagan Ajit Singh (Pb.Police), Tushar Khandekar (BPCL), Shivender Singh (W. Rlys), Nitin Kumar (IOC).
Coach	:	Vasudevan Baskaran
Manager	:	S. P. Dass
Player of the Tournament	:	Jaine Dwyer (Australia)
Promising Player	:	Christopher Zeller (Germany)
Best Goalkeeper	:	Ulrich Bubolz (Germany)
Fair Play Trophy	:	New Zealand.



*One chance to standup and face a hard
Situation, instead of running away from it.*



WORLD CUP MEDALS (Year wise) (Men-Hockey)

Year	Venue	 GOLD	 SILVER	 BRONZE
1971	Barcelona	Pakistan	Spain	India
1973	Amsterdam	Netherlands	India	Germany
1975	Kuala Lumpur	India	Pakistan	Germany
1978	Buenos Aires	Pakistan	Holland	Australia
1982	Bombay	Pakistan	Germany	Australia
1986	London	Australia	England	Germany
1990	Lahore	Netherlands	Pakistan	Australia
1994	Sydney	Pakistan	Holland	Australia
1998	Utrecht	Netherlands	Spain	Germany
2002	Kuala Lumpur	Germany	Australia	Netherlands
2006	Moenchengladbach (Germany)	Germany	Australia	Spain
2010	New Delhi	Australia	Germany	Netherlands
2014	The Hague	Australia	The Netherlands	Argentina




*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone
across the waters to create many ripples.”*

— Mother Teresa



WORLD CUP - FINALS (Men)

Year	Venue	Teams	Score	Scorers
1971	Barcelona	Pakistan-Spain	1-0	Akhtar-ul-Islam
1973	Amsterdam	Netherlands-India	22-2(4-2 Tie Breaker)	T. Kruize (2) Surjit Singh (2)
1975	Kuala Lumpur	India-Pakistan	2-1	Ashok Kumar, Surjit Singh/ M. Zahid
1978	Buenos Aires	Pakistan-Netherlands	3-2	Islahuddin, A. Rasool Ehasanullah/T.Kruize, P. Litjenas
1982	Mumbai	Pakistan-Germany	3-1	Hasan Sardar, Kalimullah Manzoor-ul-Hasan/H.Dopp
1986	London	Australia-England	2-1	John Bestall, Terry Walsh/ John Potter
1990	Lahore	Netherlands-Pakistan	3-1	F.J. Boveland (2), G. Weterings/Shahbaz Ahmed
1994	Sydney	Netherlands-Pakistan	1-1 (4-3 TB)	Kamran Ashraff/F.J.Boveland
1998	Utrecht	Netherlands-Spain	3-2 GG	Stephen Veen, Bram Lomans, Teun de Nooijer(GG)/Xavier Arnau, Victor Pujol
2002	Kuala Lumpur	Germany-Australia	2-1	Oliver Domke, Florian Kunz/ Troy Elder
2006	Monchengladbach	Germany-Australia	4-3	C.Zelleer (2), B. Emmerling, M. Fuerste/Troy Elder, M.Naylor, M. Knowles
2010	New Delhi	Australia-Germany	2-1	Edward Ockenden and Luke Doemer (Aus) one each, Moritz Furste (Ger) one.
2014	The Hague	Australia-Netherlands	6-1	Ciriello (3), Govers, Tumer and Dwyer (Australia) / Hertz berger (The Netherlands)

WORLD CUP MEDALS (HOCKEY) (Year wise – Women)

Year	Venue	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>		
		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1974	Mandelive	Netherlands	Argentina	W. Germany
1976	Berlin	W. Germany	Argentina	Netherlands
1978	Madrid	Netherlands	W. Germany	Argentina/Belgium
1981	Buenos Aires	W. Germany	Netherlands	U.S.S.R.
1983	Kuala Lumpur	Netherlands	Canada	Australia
1986	Amsterdam	Netherlands	W. Germany	Canada
1990	Sydney	Netherlands	Australia	S. Korea
1994	Dublin	Australia	Argentina	U.S.A.
1998	Utrecht	Australia	Netherlands	W. Germany
2002	Perth	Argentina	Netherlands	China
2006	Madrid	Netherlands	Australia	Argentina
2010	Rosario	Argentina	Netherlands	England
2014	The Hague	Netherlands	Australia	Argentina

OVERALL MEDAL TALLY COUNTRYWISE (WOMEN)

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		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1.	Netherlands	7	4	1
2.	W. Germany	2	2	1
3.	Australia	2	3	1
4.	Argentina	1	3	3
5.	Canada	-	1	1
6.	Belgium	-	-	1
7.	U.S.S.R.	-	-	1
8.	S. Korea	-	-	1
9.	U.S.A.	-	-	1
10.	W. Germany	-	-	2
11.	China	-	-	1

REMEMBERING ASHWINI KUMAR THE BRILLIANT POLICE OFFICER AND GREAT SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR

– *By Vijayan Bala-*

While reading the history of Indian hockey, I noticed that 2020 was the birth centenary year of the late Ashwini Kumar, the outstanding Police Officer and internationally renowned sports administrator. Kumar had passed away in New Delhi on 19th October, 2015 nearly a month and a half before his 95th birthday. His second daughter Yamini, once my student and now a good friend confirmed that her father was born on 28th December, 1920. Seeing how keen I was to write a piece remembering the versatile genius her father, she provided me with all the necessary information.

Ashwini Kumar was a brilliant and great police officer, distinguished sports administrator and a connoisseur of music. He was a person with clear views and passionate about whatever he undertook. He was a great judge of talent and possessed great foresight. Most important of all, he was a great human who would go out of his way to help people in all possible ways. In his interview with me, Kumar said, “To be honest, I was among the first few people in the country who believed that players needed security and patronage. The great Balbir Singh (Sr) was recruited by me straight from the college. He started as a full back. But seeing his speed, his scoring ability and dash, I made him play at the centre forward position where he made a name for himself. Udham Singh, another great, was the other player of that time to be groomed by me. Ajitpal Singh was yet another fine player I spotted at the school level when he was 13 or 14 years old. I then recruited him at 18.”

Ashwini Kumar was born in Jalandhar on 28th December, 1920 to a distinguished physician of pre-partitioned Lahore, Dr. Vishwa Nath. He was the fifth child of nine children (five brothers and four sisters). Ashwini Kumar did his Master's degree in History from the Government College, Lahore where he was also the Assistant Editor of the College magazine “Ravi”. In his youth, Ashwini Kumar was a crack boxer, a fine hockey player, a good rower and a national-level athlete.

Kumar's police career began in 1942 when he joined the Imperial Police (I.P.) at the age of 22. The Service was a precursor to the present day Indian Police Service (IPS). In those days, only one Indian was selected for the IP in a year. All the other officers were British. The IP exam was conducted by the Federal Public Service Commission.

During his tenure in the police, Kumar cracked some of the toughest cases in Indian Police history like liquidating the notorious Bhupat gang in Saurashtra, where he had been hand-picked and sent from Punjab in 1951 and of course, apprehending the killers of Pratap Singh Kairon, a former Chief Minister of Punjab, after a dramatic chase to Nepal in the mid 1960s. After being DIG in the Punjab Police, Kumar's last posting was that of Director General (D.G.) BSF from 1st October, 1974 till 31st December, 1978 when he retired. The BSF Officers' Mess in Nizamuddin, New Delhi is named after him. Kumar had a glorious career of 36 years in the Police during which he successfully tackled difficult and hazardous law and order problems both inter-state and at our country's borders. He also contributed articles on crime and terrorism.

His skills and expertise were also utilized by the IOC. Kumar supervised the security of six Olympics from 1980 (at Moscow). For his work as Security Delegate to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Kumar was awarded the Royal Spanish Medal one of the highest civilian decorations in Spain by the King of Spain. In 2000, he was adjudged 'Policeman of the Millennium' in Sydney for his work relating to Olympic Security.

Kumar had the distinction of being decorated for both gallantry and distinguished service. He was awarded the President's Medal for Gallantry twice, the President's Medal for Distinguished Service and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service. The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Bhushan in 1972.

Ashwini Kumar was very good at and extremely fond of Urdu Poetry and Music in general. He was the President of the very well-known Harballabh Music Festival of India which is annually held in Jalandhar. Old and new masters religiously participated in it. Kumar had even written a book on Indian Classical Music 'Casual Symphony'.

The super cop was also involved in the administration of different sports in India - Hockey, Basketball and Athletics and the Olympic movement both in India and abroad. However, it was his association with Hockey and the Olympic movement which brought him international fame.

In hockey, he became President of the Indian Hockey Federation in 1958 after serving for two years as Vice-President. He remained President of the then IHF till 1973-74 when he resigned. For most of his tenure as President of the Indian Hockey Federation, Ashwini Kumar served as Vice President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH). He headed the Indian Hockey delegation for the 1964 and 1968 Olympics. During his tenure as President of the Indian Hockey Federation, India regained the Olympic and Asian Games hockey titles in 1964 and 1966 respectively. During his tenure, India always won a medal. For all his good work in hockey, Kumar was awarded the Order of Merit of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in 1982.

Ashwini Kumar also did great work for the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). He was Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association for two terms : 1956-60 and 1970-74. He was finally made Life President of the Indian Olympic Association. It was after becoming a part of the International Olympic Committee in 1973 that Ashwini Kumar not only contributed to the cause of the Olympic movement but also helped the Organization to succeed in difficult situations. In addition to reaching high positions in the IOC, Kumar served as a member of many IOC Committees/Commissions. He was also honoured by the IOC and other member nations for his contribution to the Olympic Movement and Sports.

During his association with the IOC, Ashwini Kumar served as a member of IOC Commissions such as Olympic Solidarity (1980-84), Olympic Movement (1983-87 and 1992-96), Mass Media (1983-89), Radio (1983-87), Council of the Olympic Order (1983-87) and Preparation of the XII Olympic Congress Congress of Unity (1985-87). He was a Member of the Executive Board of the IOC in 1980-87 and 1992-96 and Vice President of the IOC in 1983-87 (the first from India and the first from Asia, Africa or Latin America to achieve this distinction). In 1994, Kumar won the prestigious IOC's Centenary Award in recognition of his services to Sports. After 27 years of dedicated and valuable service to the IOC, Ashwini Kumar was made an Honorary Member of the IOC in 2000. He received the Olympic Order of Merit in 2002 at the IOC's 104th Congress in Mexico City. In December 2012, when India was suspended from the Sochi Winter Olympics due to election of corruption tainted officials, it was mainly due to Ashwini Kumar's efforts, good name and convincing skills that the ban was lifted during the 2012 Sochi Winter Games.

Ashwini Kumar, who was also honoured by other countries for his great work relating to the Olympic Movement, has had the distinction of witnessing and being part of all Summer Olympics from 1948 London till 2012 London 17 Olympics in all. He was also regularly invited to the Winter Olympics. In September 1990, he was specially honoured by the Olympic Council of Asia with the prestigious Order of Merit for the development and promotion of Sports in Asia. Again in 1996, he was specially awarded a Sports Distinction Medal by the Brazilian Government. Finally, the following year, Kumar was awarded the Medal of Merit on behalf of the National Association of Olympic Committees of the World.

Ashwini Kumar was an extremely busy person because of his official, sports and social responsibilities. Despite their very busy schedules, his wife Renu, the niece of G.D. Sondhi the first IOC member from India, and Kumar himself, ensured that their two daughters Rohini, nicknamed Hockey (due to Kumar's passion for the sport) and Yamini, fondly referred to as Chotti as she is the younger one, were educated in the true sense. Both are happily married. Yamini, who joined the International Fair-Play Committee which works under the aegis of the International Olympic Committee and UN in 2019, does a lot of social work which involves helping less privileged children of the society in every possible way.

Is Hockey 5's Future of hockey?

– *By K. Arumugam*

In 2018, India took part in the Youth Olympic Games which sported the Hockey 5's format. Having refrained from participating in two previous editions after hockey was included in the 2010 Youth Olympics Games (YOG), it was a notable development in the annals of Indian hockey.

On show in the inaugural edition was the eleven-a-side format. In 2014, the novel five-a-side format was introduced. The Netherlands won the gold medal in 2010, China in 2014. The Indian girls qualified for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, in October 2018. They went on to win silver, losing 1-3 to the hosts Argentina in the final. The girls had qualified for the Buenos Aires YOG after winning silver at the Asian YOG Qualifier (April 2018, Bangkok).

A newly created turf facility at Agra, Uttar Pradesh, held the camp for the Asian YOG Qualifier. At Bangkok, India went down to 1-4 China in the final but qualified for the Buenos Aires event. At Bangkok and Buenos Aires, the Indian girls were ably led by the brilliant all-rounder from Jharkhand, Salima Tete.

It was a strange but spectacular sight at Queen Srikrit stadium in Bangkok, a venue with which this writer was familiar, having covered 2009 Asia Cup etc.

But on this day the stadium appeared different. It was beautifully bedecked. The regulation sized pitch was now divided into two equal halves in which men and women's matches were played simultaneously. The team benches placed in a line across the turf. They separated the men's and women's courts. The playing area was surrounded by wooden boards. Officiating umpires stood outside those boards.

The Hockey 5's pitch did not have a striking circle. There weren't penalty corners. Goals could be scored from centre line onwards. Matches are of 20 minutes duration. Holding on to the ball or dribbling would consume precious time. Instead, players would do well to jab, flick and shoot at goal. The sideboards work out to be the sixth teammate. Players could use them to rebound the ball off the sideboards to a waiting teammate.

The game appeared robotic. Perfect, precise and so quick. One couldn't take one's eyes away from the action. The ball moved around fast. Too fast sometimes for umpires and the bench who were sent scurrying for cover as the ball whistled past them into the stands!

A squash-like enclosure would be ideal at these Five's encounters insofar as safety of officials and spectators is concerned, one thought!

Hockey 5's is touted as the future of hockey.

Many of us are traditionalists, would not like this kind of hockey where its brute force, not artistic or clever moves, will decide the outcome. Hockey has seen many mutational changes, some are questionable, not acceptable, but the character of the sports was largely determined by the changing times.

Hockey India, national sports governing body, seems to understand the changing mores and put on board Hockey 5s National Championship four years ago with limited team entries.

With increasing pressure on Olympic hosts to reduce costs and number of athletes, the 11-a-side format is feeling the heat, so as to say. It is also said that the Hockey 5s format is more spectator friendly and with less time of play but more goals will attract GenNext.

Whether Hockey 5s will be a game changer will be known only with times. As of now this format is under scrutiny.

The Dramatic 1971 Nehru Hockey final

— *By Novy Kapadia*

Indian Airlines 2-0 victory against Great Britain in the 1971 Nehru hockey tournament final, with Inam-ur-Rehman scoring both goals is rated as a great triumph. Quality and skilful hockey was displayed by both teams. It was Indian Airlines first outright win in the Nehru hockey tournament. They had been joint winners with All India Police XI in 1968.

Also the trophy remained in India and Great Britain's giant killing spree was halted.

However the circumstances before the final match started were dramatic and full of suspense. The final was on a Saturday and days before war between India and Pakistan had started on both the Western and Eastern front. Pakistani fighter planes entered Indian territory and there were frequent air raid alarms.

Just before the match was due to start the loud siren of the air raid alarm went off. As spectators we ducked beneath our seats or took shelter in the corridors of Shivaji stadium. Both teams, which were warming up fled to the safety of their respective dressing rooms. It was doubtful if the match would take place.

Then Lt. General Harbaksh Singh came to the rescue. He was one of the guests for the final. He majestically marched to the centre of the field with his baton in his hand scanning the skies. Next he phoned someone in the Army and got the all clear signal from them.

He told the organisers that there was now no threat and the final could be played. Great Britain's players were reluctant but Harbaksh Singh persuaded them to play.

Some Indian Airlines players were also hesitant to play. However skipper Inam ur Rehman cajoled them and said the final was a matter of prestige as they could win the Nehru hockey tournament outright for the first time. Finally Ashok Kumar and BP Govinda relented. They realised it was also a matter of prestige for Indian hockey.

Indian Airlines had a star studded forward line, inside right Ashok Kumar, centre forward Govinda, inside left Inam and outside left crafty Shahid Noor. They attacked relentlessly but Great Britain's packed midfield and their goalkeeper made several daring saves. Penalty corners taken by defenders Tarlok Singh and Misbah were also saved.

Then minutes before half time Inam scored with individual brilliance. He exchanged passes with Ashok and entered the scoring circle using his famous lambi dribble, stick extended and ball glued to the stick. He feigned as if to shoot one way but then flicked in the opposite direction and Great Britain's goalkeeper was wrong footed. Inam's individual skills helped Indian Airlines lead 1-0 at halftime.

In the second half, Great Britain attacked relentlessly but Indian Airlines defence held firm. Prompted by Inam and Ashok's shrewd passes the speedy Shahid Noor and BP Govinda also troubled the Great Britain defence. It was vintage hockey, with end to end action. Deft stickwork and clever passing gave Indian Airlines the edge and they finally got the second goal.

Following a combined move, the ball came to Inam who befuddled the Great Britain defence with his dribbling skills and entered the striking circle and scored with a deceptive push that wrong footed the rival goalkeeper.

The packed crowd enjoyed this enthralling match but many did not stay for the prize giving ceremony as they were wary of further air raid sirens. For Indian Airlines it was the start of their dominant phase in Indian hockey. Inam later in life admitted that the 1971 Nehru hockey final was his finest match at the Shivaji stadium.

Is aggressive marketing devouring volunteerism in civilian sports?

--by Prabhjot Singh

Ex-Bureau Chief, The Tribune

- * Is Corona sounding the death knell for major tournaments organized by GOSE
- * Uncertainty faces tournaments that scripted history
- * Some of world's oldest tournaments had their origin in India
- * Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand hardly played in any civilian tournament
- * Beighton and Aga Khan started even before Hockey got into Olympics
- * JL Nehru tournament has been in limelight in the post-Independence era
- * Is media decimating historic tourneys?

"Throughout my career, I hardly played in a civilian team or in any civilian tournaments. My entire hockey, except in the Olympic Games, was confined to regimental tournaments. The Jhansi Heroes was the only civilian club, as far as I recollect, for whom I played in one or two big civilian tournaments.

"But then Jhansi Heroes was our home club, we founded and nursed it. Jhansi boys always looked forward to my annual leave, as it was during my holidays at Jhansi that I played a lot of hockey for the Jhansi Heroes. And many a youngster, who came into the first flight of Indian hockey at a later stage of life, learned his hockey, I should say, from me or the Jhansi Heroes, in our private matches at Jhansi and in and around Jhansi. Kishanlal, Mathura Prasad, Rup Singh, Ismail, Nanhey Lal, and many others played with us daily in practice matches at Jhansi," writes Hockey Wizard Major Dhyan Chand in the "Goal", probably the first-ever biography of an Indian hockey player.

This statement needs no elaboration to understand the state of hockey in pre-partition days. It tells all.

Change, they say, is the only thing that is permanent and Hockey or Hockey Tournaments are no different. Hockey has changed so have its tournaments.

Interestingly, a couple of tournaments in India Beighton Cup and Aga Khan Cup are credited for holding hockey competitions even before the sport was included in the Olympic games. Beighton Cup, considered one of the oldest, was started in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1895 and next year, Aga Khan held its first edition in Mumbai. Needless to emphasize these tournaments not only scripted the early history of Indian hockey but also cornered limelight even after India got its freedom in 1947, without ever getting their supremacy challenged by tournaments that emerged on the national and international horizon afterward.

Before I get to tracing history and growth of hockey tournaments in India, I would take this liberty of quoting Major Dhyan Chand about his experiences of playing in any civilian tournaments.

While talking about his participation in the Inter-Provincial Tournament in 1928, he says "The Army authorities gave me permission to play for the United Provinces and accordingly I arrived in Calcutta straight from my regiment to join the provincial team. I was a youngster and still belonged to the Other Ranks (Ors). I stayed in the camp along with the UP players most of whom, if not all, were strangers to me. N.N Mukherji, popularly known as Bulbul Mukherji, in the hockey world, was a member of the team.

"Five teams participated in the 1928 Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament, which was staged with the sole idea of selecting India's first Olympic team. Imagine my surprise when I found Bombay, which was in those days, and is today, a big noise to hockey circles, being the home of Aga Khan Tourney did not think of co-operating in this national effort of the Indian Hockey Federation."

Those were the days when Inter-Provincial or National championships were important not only for deciding the champion team but also to watch all players in action before selecting the national team. Though after long gaps, National Championships, not one but many depending upon types of teams that participate, have been revived, they are without much of glamour as top players are invariably exempted from participating in them.

One of the things that have not changed even after 125 years of the start of hockey tournaments in India is negligible growth of Club culture in the country. Hockey is perhaps one of few games that have generally [\[L1\]](#) remained institutionalized with the Services, Police organizations, Railways, Banks and State-owned Petroleum Companies running the show.

When we look back, the only Club that showed up on the podium in the first five years of Beighton Hockey was Calcutta Rangers Club that won the trophy in 1899 and Major Dhyan Chand's Jhansi Heroes were the winners in 1933. In between Xaverian Club won the title in 1927. Bhopal Wanderers (1940), Calcutta Rangers Club (1941), Tata Sports Club (1949, 1950), before Calcutta's own Mohan Bagan became the champion in 1952. Interestingly, in 1941, Bhagwant Club shared honors as joint winners with the Bhopal Wanderers. Those who follow Rural Sports must be aware of Rural Olympics of Kila Raipur (unfortunately, this Rural Sports Festival has fallen a victim to politics) where the Bhagwant Gold Cup Hockey event used to be an attraction. The Bhagwant Gold Cup was donated by affluent Grewal community of Calcutta.

After Mohun Bagan, East Bengal also emerged on the Hockey Horizon by winning the Beighton Cup in 1962. Mohun Bagan and East Bengal are among the oldest Hockey Clubs in the country.

However, in Aga Khan Hockey Tournament which was started in 1896, Clubs held the sway as Bombay Gymkhana won the inaugural tournament followed by back to back title wins by Poona Volunteers in 1897 and 1898.

After Beighton and Aga Khan Cups, other important tournaments in pre-partition days included Calcutta Hockey League (1905), Lakshmbilash Cup (1909), Obaidullah Khan Cup (1933) and Bombay Hockey League (1946).

Players make Tournaments memorable

And these historic tournaments have their own stories to tell. Olympian Gurbux Singh, who was a dependable deep defender, gets nostalgic when he talks of hockey in Calcutta. He says he played in First Division Hockey for 40 years, including nine years for Calcutta Customs, 13 years for Mohun Bagan, and three years for East Bengal. Eleven times he was a member of the Beighton Cup champion team. He reveals that the oldest surviving Olympian Keshav Dutt became the first hockey player to be honored with the Bagan Rattan award. This year, it may be turn of Gurbux Singh to get this honor. Needless to say one cannot talk of Calcutta hockey without mention of Keshav Dutt or Gurbux Singh.

It may not be out of place to mention the historic running rivalry between Gurbux Singh's contemporary and India's penalty King Prithipal Singh and the then IHF President Ashwani Kumar. When Prithipal left Punjab police to join Northern Railways, Mr. Ashwani Kumar was upset. And as luck would have it, Northern Railway was to play Punjab Police in the final of Aga Khan Gold Cup in 1963. Mr. Ashwani Kumar instructed all Punjab players that they must give out their best to drive home a point that Prithipal committed a blunder in leaving the Punjab Police. But it was Prithipal who succeeded and scored the decisive goal in the final after the original game had ended in a draw. How this Aga Khan Cup final win proved costly for Prithipal was a story in itself? He was initially dropped from the 1964 Tokyo Olympic team but was recalled under media pressure but as a half back. Prithipal, however, refused to play as a halfback and wanted to be sent back home from New Zealand where India played some games on way to Tokyo Olympics. IHF relented and Prithipal created history by emerging as the top scorer in India's historic gold medal triumph. It was his penalty corner that India got a penalty stroke from where Mohinder Lal scored against Pakistan in the final.

It was not only Aga Khan. Other tournaments, too, have many many historic moments wrapped in their laps that need to be unfolded. And Nehru Hockey may have many many such anecdotes that make this prestigious annual event ever memorable.

While major Dhyan Chand did not get the chance to play in many civilian tournaments, other national stars used these tournaments to come to limelight with their outstanding performances. These tournaments were the platforms that gave every player a chance to corner glory. And they did.

A safe inference can be drawn that earliest hockey tournaments were started in major cities and towns Imperial Empire. that had a strong deployment of the British Army in and around them. These tournaments normally drew their competitors from Military and Naval forces besides top educational institutions run by the British.

The organizational support came from the British Army which was further supplemented by those business houses and individuals who were high on the list of the Imperial Empire. Besides, there was also voluntary support both manpower and monetary - from ardent fans of the game who, even filled the stands to watch their stars in action. Things did not change much after the Independence as some of these tournaments continued even while there was a partition-led turmoil in the country.

Nehru Hockey Tournament

As the country basked in the glory of seven Olympic gold medals in hockey, a number of tournaments started in the country. These included tournaments in areas other than Delhi, Bombay, Bhopal, and Calcutta. For example, Madras witnessed the introduction of Murugappa Cup while Punjab, the home of hockey, witnessed a series of new tournaments, including Surjit Memorial (Jalandhar), Gurmit Memorial (Chandigarh), Dasmesh Hockey (Ropar) and Liberal Hockey (Nabha).

In the union capital, All-India Jawahar Lal Nehru Hockey Tournament was started in 1964. It soon got international recognition with teams from overseas making a beeline to participate in this elite tournament. The tournament attracted the top 24 top teams of the country for its inaugural edition. In 1965, it got its first overseas participant from Japan that presented a handsome trophy for Hardliner cup winners.

Since then the tournament grew in its stature by spreading its wings to include competition for juniors and sub juniors. The popularity of the tournament could be judged by the growing number of hockey fans who never missed any match.

Administered by an experienced team, the tournament was on the top of the wish list of major hockey playing nations in Asia, Europe, and elsewhere. Shivaji Stadium in the vicinity of great Connaught Circus of Delhi became synonymous with Nehru Hockey.

Some of the big names of hockey, including Mr. Shiv Kumar Verma, Olympian Nandy Singh, and Harbinder Singh, Hockey Thinker, Coach and Umpire Gian Singh besides several others were indispensable members of a close-knit Nehru Hockey family. At present the steering wheel of Nehru Hockey is in the hands of Kukoo Walia, an illustrious son of an illustrious father. The Nehru Committee now conducts five tournaments every year.

Changing face of hockey tournaments

The post-Independence era witnessed the phenomenal growth of sports tournaments in general and hockey tournaments in particular. Most of these were organized by Groups of Sports Enthusiasts (GOSE), who had either sports background or were passionate about sports and games. These groups would collect donations, from individuals, groups, business and commercial houses, and even governments to conduct district, state zonal, or even national level tournaments committees.

Things started changing after the arrival of Television on the scene. Most of these GOSE started folding up as they could neither match business houses that started evincing interest in sports or the NSFs and ISFs holding major events on their own by thumping up the support of State or Central Government. Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Chhatisgarh are the obvious examples as they sponsored the major FIH events held on Indian soil in the last 10 - 15 years. Besides these States, so many Hockey me big industrial houses, including Hero, became the official title sponsor of important FIH mega-events.

As a sequel, marketing groups and companies, too, jumped in the sports organization. Introduction of TV instructed sports leagues perhaps acted as the last nail to be driven in the coffin of amateur sports. The situation has now come to such a pass that even the traditional print and electronic media started withdrawing itself from the volunteer-oriented sports activity while looking for its share of a bigger commercial cake.

It is both unfortunate and sad that such GOSE groups have almost withdrawn themselves and left the sports organization to event companies. Only exceptions are committees like Jawahar Lal Nehru Committee or Beighton Cup committee, that continue to hold aloft their batons.

And if the developments over the past 10 and 15 years of over-commercialization of sports tournaments were not enough, it is Corona that is coercing the organizers to keep spectators out of Stadiums and venues of competitions. It makes one shudder to imagine the future of local or provincial level sports tournaments following the Corona experience.

There is an impending need to restructure our sports competitions and tournaments by keeping involved all those passionate volunteers who not only give their time but also their expertise for the promotion of sports at the grass-root level. It is time for the GOSE groups to sit together, do some brainstorming, and come out with solutions by using electronic and social media besides involving marketing experts to create a win-win situation for all.

Sport in the Age of the Coronavirus

--by Jitendra Nath Misra

former ambassador and, until recently, was the advisor to the government of Odisha on sports.

Far from breaking social barriers, the COVID-19 crisis actually reinforces them as elite sports coronate high achievers from India's despairing hinterland.

In Ingmar Bergman's *The Seventh Seal*, as plague claims half of Europe, a knight challenges Death to a game of chess to save himself and his friends. What follows is a celebration of the precious human life embodied in all of us.

In these perilous times, little plagues have lodged in our minds. Fear feeds on a dodgy social media. Millions of the poor are quarantined in neediness. From ringing bells to tapping pans, lighting candles to clapping hands, watching the *Ramayana* to setting up virtual conversations with loved ones, we need to calm our nerves.

What are the white knights of world sport doing? Pore through the Internet, switch on the television and enjoy retro sports and replays. Even chess, the most contemplative of sports, has gone virtual. Saina Nehwal's last hurrah in the Olympics is doubtful. Hockey player [Gurjit Kaur calls the crisis a blessing in disguise](#). Really?

We see little Olympic sports where India has had success: hockey, shooting, boxing, wrestling, and weight lifting. So, fasten on to Star Sports' rewind of Pakistan's 0-7 World Cup defeats to India. Watching our pantomime warriors, we might be forgiven for thinking of the real ones, conducting raids across frontiers and aerial strikes against a sneaky enemy.

Television is orphaned of live sport. We get insomniac watching our beloved stars underperform in legacy tournaments. Who cares about the real stars health workers, law enforcement officials, ordinary citizens who are proving yet again that India works better in a crisis than in normal times?

Questions are swirling around in sport. Will athletes accept voluntary pay cuts? Will the ICC be chastened by nature's revenge on its pleasure alleys? Will sports figures speak up about our abuse of Mother Nature? Doubtful.

Diminished Britain sulks at loss of cricketing privilege, so [Michael Atherton called the IPL disruptive](#). But human greed is inexhaustible. As India took charge, England and Australia scrambled to late fence- mending to stay in the game. Why would anybody want the IPL to lose its allure? Why would the BCCI start a real conversation with a world in lockdown? Global climbers do not step down voluntarily. But what will BCCI do with its wealth? We hear little about philanthropic instincts.

Elsewhere, things may be better. The Players Association announced England's centrally-contracted male cricketers will donate \$613,000 to the England Cricket Board and charities. The women's team has taken a three months' voluntary pay cut. Teams in football's [Premier League will provide an advance of \\$153 million](#) to the Football League and National League sides.

The crisis has knocked the life out of sport. [Wimbledon has been cancelled](#), a first since World War II. Scores of tournaments the World Athletics Indoor Championship; the Olympic boxing qualifiers; field hockey leagues in England, the Netherlands, Germany and Spain; the hockey Pro League; the Azlan Shah Cup; the Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy and football's Asian Champions League have been abandoned or postponed.

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With events gone or deferred, we are back to training. For some time we heard brave, morale-boosting words from athletes about remaining fit. No more.

Sportspersons struggle to make the virtual look real: doing routines like robots doing theirs in a quarantined piece of real estate on a celestial body.

In fairness, we can't blame athletes for lacking motivation to push hard. How can we train at home, without the trainer and support team? Starved of games (no team likes the long tour Down Under), Australian hockey has turned its drills into art, winning everything. Alas, India lacks the tacticians who might replicate such routines.

The one tactician available is the state. A crisis is the state's moment. It is the lifeline for both sages and self-servers. We are expected to exercise voluntary restraint on excesses. The state is watching.

Abhinav Bindra titled a chapter of his autobiography "Mr. Indian Official, Thanks for Nothing". Lately, sport in India has had forward movement because the state has loosened controls. Are we back to the age of meddlesome governments?

Elite athletes in India now get paid. Stars can fall by the wayside, paralyzed by the lockdown. But in Indian sport, athletes don't pay to play. Sport is a means to land a job in the government. Welfare is fashionable. If there were pay cuts, how would sportspersons respond?

Athletes can be immersed in their day jobs, from home. But since they are primarily players, how will they maintain motivation and morale in the uncertainty of the calendar?

This has raised issues of mental health. The postponement of the Olympics is "[a step too far](#)," says retired British Olympic rowing gold medallist Tom Ransley. Losing nerve, elite badminton players have criticized the BWF for putting players' lives at risk by going ahead with the All England Championships, [drawing a sharp rejoinder](#).

So, it is doubtful that bonding in sport will deepen. How many of us have offered comfort to sportspersons who may be in depression, thinking about the wasted years of training? Far from breaking social barriers, the crisis actually reinforces them. Elite sports coronate high achievers from India's despairing hinterland, giving them a social lifeline. Yet, we just don't talk to athletes in India, it is not us. The rich simply sit on their perch.

We need earnest reasoning to heal our way out of the crisis. This means going back to the basics: the schoolboy joy of a 100-metre run, or Usain Bolt's trademark celebration after winning Olympic gold.

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*"To sum up, karma is very much needed to enable
us to understand the state of our minds.*

-Vinoba Bhave

Uncertain Future Awaits Domestic Hockey

--by S. Santhanam
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All over the world, the Coronavirus pandemic has turned everyone's life upside down.. It has also caused the most significant disruption to the sporting calendar since World War II. Sports events had to be either cancelled or put off to a later date across the world because of the spread of this pandemic.

Like all other world sport, hockey activity had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Hockey India postponed all its junior, sub-junior and senior national championships, which were slated to begin during the second week of April. As many as eight tournaments conducted by Hockey India stands cancelled/postponed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lockdown has changed people's lifestyles drastically as their movements are restricted. Isolation, social distancing and uncertainty in their jobs are causing panic and anxiety attacks among the less-fancied hockey players.

However, the most telling effect of this coronavirus is that it has brought the sporting economy to a shuddering halt. The lockdown and its implications threaten the very future and existence of domestic/local clubs, academies, leagues and the support staff. They all had been playing an important role in the promotion of hockey in the country, for several decades. Most domestic players and coaches come from financially moderate or poor family backgrounds. Hence, it is at such crisis period that they need all the possible help.

It is utmost important to keep grass-root players, coaches and other support staff in the game because without them there will be no intermediate or top level hockey in the country.

Here, one must appreciate the effort initiated and undertaken by former India hockey captain Viren Rasquinha who, saddened by the financial hardship faced by the hockey community amid Covid-19 pandemic, raised Rs 22 lakh within a period of one week to be distributed among players, coaches and groundsman working at the grass-root level.

Similarly, Delhi-based hockey promoter K Arumugam, who has been helping hundreds of under-privileged children with free gear and coaching, has also been contributing his bit at his end. Domestic hockey needs more such people who are ready to come to the help of needy sportsmen.

Most sporting associations and federations are likely to be affected by economic crisis that they may face once sporting activities resume, with some restrictions, of course!

The pandemic has given local hockey clubs a different perspective. With no sporting activities for the past several months, most sports bodies are likely to face financial crisis in the future. They may not get the usual sponsorships from corporate and private agencies as in the past. Most domestic hockey associations do not have deep financial pockets or reserves to keep them going for long.

Despite hosting half-a-dozen age-group tournaments annually for the past 55 years and having provided dozens of talented players to the national team, the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society had been finding it hard to sustain it for the last few years because of financial crunch. The coronavirus and resultant lockdown will only make things more difficult for its organisers, if and when things get back to near normalcy. The JNHTS's calendar of events for the new season should start in the month of October, if everything goes well.

Even with a dynamic and enterprising Kukoo Walia as its Secretary General, JNHTS will find it hard to keep the momentum going, given the present situation.

With no ticket sales (because of empty stadiums) and no television broadcast of final stages of the tournaments, things will not be the same for most local hockey bodies. Unless they get adequate support from government and other agencies, there could be lot of closures in the near future.

It remains to be seen how domestic hockey clubs will be affected financially, following the coronavirus outbreak. Even the 'regular' and hitherto 'most dependable' sponsors may think twice whether investing huge amounts of money into domestic tournaments will pay off.

The pandemic has not only affected the players but spectators as well. Hockey matches (like some European soccer games and the West Indies vs England Test series) may be played with empty stadiums for the foreseeable future. Domestic hockey could thus be headed for a tumultuous future. It will be a sad day for Indian Hockey!

OLYMPICS POSTPONEMENT, A MAJOR SETBACK: On the international arena, one of the most awaited sporting events in 2020 was the Tokyo Olympics. The Games were originally scheduled to be held from July 24 but has now been pushed to 2021.

The Indian hockey teams (both men and women) had rested much of their future hopes on their Tokyo Olympics' performances.

The postponement of the Tokyo Games at a time when both the Indian teams were eagerly waiting to give their best performances has upset players' rhythm. With no competitions for months, things will not be easy for the players to retain their old form although they have been training in SAI camps, attending online courses.

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hearts of the poor, rich and those of the rich, poor.*

- Vinoba Bhave



Shri Ramesh Kapur
Chairman, Souvenir Committee
JNHT Society, New Delhi.

Another terrific season ends, get ready for next!

Another season of scintillating hockey tournaments, conducted by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS) has come to a successful end. It has been a long journey for the Nehru Hockey Society which was launched in 1964 with the sole objective of promoting the national game by providing opportunities to talented youngsters. Over the past five decades and more, JNHTS has been rendering yeomen's service to Indian hockey by acting as a nursery for the sport.

JNHTS has come a long way since its inception when it opened its activities with the Senior Open tournament which attracted several foreign teams in later years. Inspired by its success the Nehru Society added age-group tournaments, for boys and girls. These competitions as well as a couple of exclusive tournaments for colleges/universities and Delhi schools are special features of the Society's annual calendar. To run a series of tournaments year after year requires tremendous support and guidance from several quarters. JNHTS is grateful to all those individuals, corporates and government agencies who have stood by us all these years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all for their unstinted support.

Sponsors are an important part of any event. They play a crucial role in the smooth and successful conduct of competitions. Their contributions played a significant part in the success of the tournaments. With the help of sponsors, young hockey players will surely get many new opportunities as well as develop the mechanics necessary to enhance their hockey skills. Over the years, we have seen our tournaments get broadened the players' discipline and character, on and off the field, which is invaluable to their future endeavours.

Some of the prominent sponsors and supporters of our annual events in the previous season included: Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd, HERO Moto Corps, Bansuri Foundation and Aicon Groups, SNBP Group of Institutes, IFFCO, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Sports Authority of India, Hockey India, Shakti Enterprises,

Kanwarji Construction Company.

You will find in this Souvenir that all domestic, national and international tournaments are widely covered with results and statistics included. It is a treasure for hockey-followers world over. Like in the previous years, this year's Souvenir also contains useful information about the game played at various levels I am sure colourful photographs depicting several matches have added glamour to the Souvenir.

We are grateful to senior sports journalists who have found time to pen their thoughts and experiences on subjects relating to hockey and its promotion. We are also thankful to all electronic and print mediapersons who have been supporting our tournaments all these years. Your support will go a long way to inspire and guide our young players.

Our workaholic and dynamic Secretary General, Shri Kukoo Walia has not spared any efforts to make sure that our competitions set high standards, year after year. His enthusiasm for the game and his innovative schemes to promote the game are always appreciated by people connected with the national game. His administrative acumen has enabled the Nehru Hockey Society to reach such heights. Our tournaments are some of the 'most looked forward to' competitions in the country.

We look forward to your continued support and guidance in the future as well so that together we can work towards achieving our goal: taking Indian hockey to dizzy heights and a glorious future.

Happy browsing!


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