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From the President's Desk



There is an undying fervour in any Indian's heart and soul for those entities which have become the symbols of our nation. The National Flag, National Anthem, National Animal, and indeed, the National Game; Hockey! These reflect our aspirations and ethos as a country, as a national people.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to be called upon duty by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, a body that has striven unceasingly to promote hockey for over four-and-a-half decades, and is synonymous with grass root development of this great game. In fact, it is no exaggeration to sobriquet as 'the nursery of hockey talent in India'.

While being thankful to all members of JNHTS for reposing trust in me, even as I humbly accept the President-ship of the Society, I am also aware of the huge responsibilities entrusted upon me by this position. I take this opportunity to solicit the support and continued dedication from all members, as well as sponsors and sports administrators of the country, to join hands in regaining and retaining the glory of our national game.

My best wishes to all the members of the Society, its Patrons and Associates. I look forward to a relationship built on the values of team spirit, hard work, discipline, sacrifice and have a great session of sports-personship; where the spirit and sport of Hockey is the ultimate winner.

(Arun Subhashchandra Yadav)

OUR PRESIDENT



The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society is glad to announce that Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav has graciously agreed to join the Society as its President, the post having fallen vacant owing to the sad demise of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, who had breathed his last on January 29 this year. Shri Yadav will be the fifth personality to be the President of the Society since its formation in 1964 under the Presidentship of the Union Law Minister, Shri Ashoke Kumar Sen. Since then the other two exalted personalities who headed the organization were Shri Y.B. Chavan and Shri Sharad Pawar.

Hailing from a humble farming background in Borawan, Khargone in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1974, Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav has risen to emerge as a Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises in the UPA Government, through hard work and public services.

Shri Yadav got his B.Com degree from S.S. Subodh Jain Commerce College, Jaipur (Rajasthan). He was elected to the 14th Lok Sabha in a Bye-election from Khandwa in his native State of Madhya Pradesh in 2007 and was re-elected to

the 15th Lok Sabha for a second term in 2009. Shri Yadav also serves as a Member of the Committee on Public Accounts.

A multi-personality, Shri Yadav is deeply involved and engages himself in several social and cultural activities. He also has keen interest in literature and art. Presently he is running an engineering school under a Trust to provide education to the poor and downtrodden SC/ST people in the Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh.

The 36 year old Union Minister is also a keen sports lover and follows several sports disciplines. He regularly plays and watches cricket, badminton and hockey matches and follows the Indian teams progress, in particular the national game of hockey in global competitions, despite his heavy official engagements. The Khandwa M.P. is a man of many virtues and he dons each cap with equal passion.

The Nehru Hockey Society has reasons to believe that this youth icon, who has innovative ideas, foresight and experience in administration, political, social, farming and literary world, will be an ideal leader to lead the Society to grow from strength to strength without any let or hindrance. His age being on his side, he is destined to play a longer innings.

19th SULTAN AZLAN SHAH CUP INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (IPOH, MALAYSIA) MAY 6-16, 2010

India and Korea Joint-Winners

Defending Champions India and South Korea were declared Joint Winners of the Continent's third elite hockey Championship the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup on May 16 as the summit clash between the two teams was called off due to rain. The final match was abandoned after six minutes of play as the heavy showers lashed the turf. This is the first time that the finalists have been declared joint-winners in this tournament since its inception in 1983.

It was decided to give the winners Cup to both the teams, which gave India their fifth title and the Koreans grabbed their second. India has made six appearances in the final of this tournament and on the victorious side on four occasions in 1985, 1991, 1995 and 2009. They had lost the title clash of the 2008 event to Argentina via golden goal. India defeated hosts Malaysia 3-1 in the final of the last edition. World Champions Australia, China, South Korea, Pakistan, Egypt and hosts Malaysia were the other teams participating in the seven-team 10-day tournament. This was Indian hockey's first foreign assignment soon after their eighth place finish at the just-held 12th World Cup at home.

India began their campaign by drawing 1-1 with China. India then produced heart warming show against traditional arch-rivals Pakistan, winning 4-2. In their next game, they defeated South Korea 3-2 to confirm their status as defending champions. Then came what was India's best performance against mighty Australia in seven years. India

defeated Australia 4-3. India's last victory against Australia was recorded in 2003 in a four-nation tournament in Sydney. However, after such stunning wins. India capitulated to hosts Malaysia 2-5 to suffer one of the worst reverses. Dhananjaya Mahadik performed a hat-trick as India entered the final crushing Egypt 7-1. India had lost only one match, against Malaysia, out of six matches, en route to the summit.

India topped the pool with 13 points. They were followed by South Korea, Australia and Malaysia. They had secured 11 points each. These three teams were then declared 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively by applying the goal difference format. Pakistan became 5th with 8 points, followed by China with four points. Egypt was the only team which failed to secure any point.

Australia scored a hard-fought 5-3 victory over hosts Malaysia to win the bronze medal. Pakistan finished fifth after pipping China 6-5 in the sudden death tie-breaker after being locked 1-1 till extra time.

Special awards were presented to the top-scorer Nam Hyun Woo (Korea) nine goals, Best Goalkeeper Kumar Subramanian (Malaysia), Best Player of the Tournament Sardar Singh (India) Egypt received the Fair Play Award. Sultan Azlan Shah, President, Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) had presided over the final ceremony.

Final Standing : 1. India & Korea, 3. Australia, 4. Malaysia, 5. Pakistan, 6. China and 7. Egypt

12TH BDO WORLD CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (WOMEN) ALL 12 TEAMS QUALIFY

India in tough Draw

All the 12 teams that will participate in the 12th edition of the Women's World Cup Hockey competition to be held at Rosario (Argentina) during August 30-September 12, 2010 have been identified. Australia, the runners-up of the last edition at Madrid (Spain) became the 12th team to complete the line-up by emerging on top of the 12th and the last qualifying tournament, held at Santiago (Chile) during April 24-May 7, 2010, thus filling up the last three vacancies in this 12-team competition. The other two qualifying tournaments held in 2010 took place at San Diego (March 26-April 3) and Kazan (Russia) from April 17-25.

Following are the 12 teams that have qualified for this mega event:

1. Argentina (hosts and Champion of the 3rd Women's Pan American Cup); **2. South Africa** (Champion of Africa Cup of Nation); **3. New Zealand** (Champion of Oceania Cup); **4. Netherlands** (Champion of Euro Hockey Nations championship); **5. Germany** (Silver medalist of Euro Hockey Nations); **6. England** (Bronze medalist of Euro Hockey Nations); **7. Spain** (4th ranked in Euro Hockey Nations); **8. China** (Champion of 7th Asia Cup); **9. India** (Silver medalist of 7th Asia Cup); **10. South Korea** (Winners of World Cup Qualifying Tournament No.1); **11. Japan** (Winner of World

Cup Qualifying Tournament No. 2); **12. Australia** (Winners of World Cup Qualifying Tournament No.3).

The official schedule released recently by the FIH indicate that a stern test awaits **India**. They have been clubbed with the defending Champions **Netherlands** in Pool A. The other teams in this Pool include runners-up and World No. 5 **Australia**, World No. 4 **Germany**, World No. 9 **New Zealand** and Women's Asia Cup Champion and World No. 8 **Japan**.

Pool-B is headed by hosts and World No. 2 Argentina, World No. 6 Spain, Olympic No. 7 and Asian No. 4 South Korea, World No. 7 England, Olympic runners-up and World No. 3 China and African Nations Champions South Africa. Top Two teams from each pool will make it to the Semi-finals.

Netherlands beat Australia in the final of the last edition at Madrid (Spain) in 2006. Argentina finished third. India ended up sixth in Pool-A and finished 11th.

Incidentally, the 12th edition was originally allotted to Buenos Aires (Argentina) in March, 2007. But the chosen Club refused to organize it due to economic difficulties. The hockey authorities at Rosario then came forward to undertake the responsibility of conducting this elite global championship. Now all roads lead to Rosario!

XIX COMMONWEALTH GAMES

New Delhi - October 4-14, 2010

India in Pool - A

A tough campaign awaits hosts India in the 19th edition of the Commonwealth Games mens's hockey competition, to be held in New Delhi in October this year. The hockey competition will feature ten teams each in both men's and women's event. India have been clubbed alongside World Champions Australia, arch-rivals Pakistan and Malaysia besides Scotland in Pool-A of the men's event. Pool-B consists of England, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and Trinidad & Tobago.

Runner's-up of the last edition at Melbourne (Australia) the Indian Women are also in a tough pool-A as they find themselves grouped with the defending Champions Australia, South Africa, Scotland and Trinidad & Tobago. Pool-B comprises last edition's bronze medalists England, New Zealand, Canada, Malaysia and Wales. The top two teams

from each group will qualify for the semi-finals. Overall, hockey this year will feature 54 matches.

Indian men will open their campaign on October 5 with a match against last edition's bronze medalists **Malaysia**. Their other matches are: October 7 vs **Australia** (defending champions), October 9 vs **Scotland** and October 10 vs **Pakistan**. Indian women open their campaign on October 4 against **Scotland**. Their other matches are : October 6 vs **Australia**, October 8 vs **Trinidad & Tobago** and October 9 vs **South Africa**.

The men's semi-finals will be played on October 12 with the pool-A toppers playing the first match. The men's final is stated at 11.30 AM (IST) on October 14. The women's semi-finals are scheduled on October 11. The final will be on October 13 at 1 p.m.(IST).

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UNFORGETTABLES

In loving memory of Shri K.G. Kakar (15.04.1919 - 10.05-2010)



The members and office-bearers of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society deeply mourn the sad demise of the Joint Secretary, Shri K.G. Kakar, who had breathed his last on May 10, 2010 in New Delhi after a brief illness. He was 90.

Shri Krishan Gopal Kakar represented Delhi during his playing days at the Nationals, both in football and hockey. He was a member of the Delhi State football team that won the most coveted Santosh Trophy for the only time in 1944. He was also a member of the Indian hockey team that toured Afghanistan in 1949 under the leadership of Major Dhyan Chand. He was equally interested in athletics and was a champion in 100, 200 and 400 metre races in Delhi. His enormous contributions to various sports in the Union capital were widely appreciated by all sportsmen and women at large.

He later took to supervision and soon became an international referee and also qualified to be an international hockey umpire. He also obtained a Diploma

in Journalism from the Delhi University. Simultaneously, he took to running commentary also where he made a name and fame in this profession. His clinical analysis of a situation in a match and adding his witty rendering used to charm his vast audience and admirers. It's said that running commentary and K.G. Kakar were made for each other. Alas ! the god-gifted booming voice of Krishan Gopal Kakar will not be heard over the microphone at Delhi's hockey and football grounds any more. The ever-smiling face will be missed by his innumerable admirers.

When he joined the Nehru Hockey Society in 1966, the set-up, founded two years earlier, was in an infant stage. His single-minded devotion modern outlook, administrative expertise and above all, his superb public relations activities immensely helped the organization to grow from strength to strength. He was always considerate to his colleagues and friends and was always a great source of inspiration to the Society. He served the Society for more than 40 years. He will always be fondly remembered for his compassion and humanity.

May his noble soul rest in peace !

DO YOU KNOW? Answer if you know

The Screening Committee of the Society's Quiz Programme regrets to announce that owing to some unforeseen circumstances the late printing of Newsletter No. 26 carrying Quiz questions had overshot the target date for submission of their answers. As a result, there was no response from anybody. The questions, are therefore, repeated once again. They are:

1. Which are the countries who had the honour of organizing

the Olympic hockey tournaments more than once?

2. Who had the honour of making first hat-trick in the Olympic hockey tournament from India Side?

The answers must reach on or before the 15th of August, 2010 to the Society through e-mail (nehruhockey64@hotmail.com) or (kukoowalia@usa.net) The decision of the Screening Committee is final and binding.



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