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## *From the President's Desk*

The third quarter of the year, under review, was nonetheless an eventful one. The most and the must one was the celebration of the 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the country's Hockey legend, late Major Dhyan Chand on August 29. This day has been designated as the National Sports Day by the Government of India to honour the legend.



The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) celebrated the day by launching a Hockey Academy in collaboration with the Nehru Hockey Society. The outfit has been named as the NEHRU-NDMC Hockey Academy with its motto being "MARCHING TOWARDS GOAL".

The Nehru Hockey Society, on its part, had chalked out an elaborate two-day programme befitting to the great occasion. To start with, the Society launched another age-group tournament its fourth in the age-group series exclusively for Delhi's School boys (u-14). It was on this auspicious occasion the Society's annual Souvenir for the year 2013 was released at an impressive function at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. Following this, the Society honoured Olympian and Dhyan Chand awardee, Sardar Hardyal Singh. The two-day programme concluded with an exhibition Hockey match held between M.P. Women's Hockey Academy and Haryana Women's Hockey Academy. On the gloriously reaching the Golden Jubilee Year, the Society has decided that the matches of all the Nehru Hockey tournaments will be shown LIVE on our Website [www.nehruhockey.com](http://www.nehruhockey.com).

On behalf of the Society, I offer my grateful thanks to Shri P.S. Chhatwal, Managing Director and Founder of the Pharmaceuticals giant, M/s TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. who has graciously come forward to be the Title Sponsor of the Nehru Hockey Society's 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament.

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## NEHRU-NDMC HOCKEY ACADEMY



The Union Capital happily witnessed the birth of a Hockey academy on the auspicious occasion of the National Sports Day on August 29. The more the merrier!

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) celebrated the Hockey legend's 108<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary by launching a result-oriented Hockey Academy in collaboration with the Nehru Hockey Tournament Society. The outfit to be named as NEHRU-NDMC Hockey Academy, will be housed at the Council's backyard the Shivaji Stadium with its motto being "Marching Towards Goal".

It may not be out of place to mention here that the sports loving NDMC has been sponsoring the Society's Girl's tournament since a long time. It may not be out of place to

mention here that the sports loving NDMC has been supporting Nehru Hockey Society's Girls tournament since a long time.

A Governing Council will consist of such eminent personalities as S/Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav, Vikas Anand, IAS, O.P. Mishra, Ms Vidushi Chaturvedi, Harbinder Singh, Dr D.R. Saini, Arun Bhatnagar, IAS and Subhash Kapur. While Shri Arun Subhashchandra Yadav will act as the Chairman of the Council, the rest will be its Members. Shri Kukoo Walla will be the Convener. The energetic Secretary of the Nehru Hockey Society Shri Kukoo Walla has been nominated as Director of the Academy. The outfit will be run according to his plan and strategies. It may be said that to run a Hockey Academy several combined factors are required. An able administrator has to combine in him various aspects. In this respect Shri Walla is considered to be the fittest person. He has the patience, good communication skill, diligence, efficiency, dedication and above all, an administrator par excellence. He has full knowledge of the game with perfection. Hockey is said to be in his blood. It was also decided that Dronacharya Harendra Singh will act as the Chief Coach. At the moment, 100 boys and 50 girls will be selected for training. Shri Walla in consultation with the NDMC authorities is finalizing plans and programmes to start with. The details are expected to be announced shortly.



To start with, the Academy conducted trials of the school boys and girls from all schools of Delhi including NDMC schools on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. More than 300 students participated in the trial. Indeed, it was great to see young boys and girls who were keen to learn our National game of Hockey under the umbrella of the NEHRU-NDMC Hockey Academy. Shri Harendra Singh, Dronacharya and National Hockey Coach has been appointed as Chief Coach of the Academy. It was a happy occasion to see Shivaji Stadium full of young, enthusiasts and budding hockey players which will one day play for national team. The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society is thankful to NDMC for joining hands with the Nehru Society in this noble cause.







A grateful nation on August 29 celebrated the 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand, one of the World's greatest-ever players, who not only gave the country three Olympic Gold Medals on a trot but also took Hockey artistry to a sublime level to still remain a source of inspiration for the new generation of players. His birthday is observed in the country as the National Sports Day. The Nehru Hockey Tournament Society had as always observed the day with a number of programmes to pay respects to the legend.

It was on this auspicious day the Society's annual Souvenir for the year 2012-2013 was released at an impressive function at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi by Padmashree and Triple Olympian Gold Medalist, Sardar Babir Singh (Sr.) in the presence of a galaxy of eminent personalities, who had graced the occasion. They included among others Olympians Cdr G. Nandy Singh and Shri Dilip Tirkey, Dronacharya Sardar Hardyal Singh, Society's Vice-Presidents Shri H.S. Hanspal, Dr D.R. Saini, Shri Arun Bhatnagar, Dr J.N. Misra, Brig H.J.S. Chimni (Retd), Sardar Bhupinder Singh, Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Shri Ram Lal Verma and a large number of Hockey stalwarts, invited guests and a packed stadium present on the occasion.

The release of the Society's annual Souvenir has always been an eventful one. The reasons are many. It is rich in content, with analytical articles from eminent Sports Writers, who have been following the National game of Hockey for several decades. It also includes Statistics, archaic information, results of all major domestic and International tournaments. This rare Hockey Publication has always been welcomed and treasured by Hockey followers.

Thanks to the Society's Secretary, Shri Kukoo Walia, a special chapter was added to this year's Souvenir. He took pains to unearth from here and there some rare photographs showing the Society's glorious past, thus recalling with gratitude the yeomen services rendered by its founding fathers. All these have made this year's Souvenir a 'must-read' Publication.

### SARDAR HARDYAL SINGH OLYMPIAN AND DHYAN CHAND AWARDEE HONOURED



August 29 is a significant day for the Hockey Fraternity of the country. Amidst a number of celebrations taken place across the country, the Nehru Hockey Tournament Society had as usual observed the day in its own way. The Society honoured Olympian and Dhyan Chand Awardee Sardar Hardyal Singh. He was presented a purse of Rs 51,000/- and a glittering memento by his 1956 Olympic team Captain, Sardar Balbir Singh (Gold Medal Winner 1948, 52 and 1956 Olympic) in the presence of a galaxy of eminent personalities, invited guests and a full house assembled on the occasion.



## NEHRU HOCKEY SOCIETY HOSTS ONE MORE AGE-GROUP TOURNAMENT

To commemorate the legend's 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary in a befitting manner, the Nehru Hockey Society had chalked out an elaborate two-day programme comprising various events to take place on August 28-29 at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.



To start with, the Society had launched an age-group tournament, exclusively for Delhi's School boys (u-14 years). This was found necessary as the game in Delhi, which used to enjoy a large, following now seems to be on decline. Hopefully the advent of this new tournament to be named as "Nehru-Dhyan Chand National Sports Day Trophy", will be able to awake the Junior School boys in an around the Union Capital and take to this game more seriously and thus revive the local Hockey culture as before. Expectedly, this tournament will have far-reaching results in the long run. The Society has also decided to hold the final match of this tournament on August 29 every year. The winners trophy was presented by Sardar Bhupinder Singh in memory of his son Upinder Paul Singh.

This year this tournament was conducted in collaboration with the popular Hockey outfit viz One Thousand Hockey Legs at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. Twelve teams took part. The final was played between Govt. Boys Sr. Sec.

School, Begampur-1 and Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Saket-1. The Begampur boys beat Saket boys and earned the honour of being the first recipient of this trophy and the Saket boys as the first runners-up.

It may not be out of place to mention here that the Nehru Hockey Society is the only organization in the country which conducts as many as five annual tournaments including three age-group events viz Girls (u-17), Sub-Junior (Boys u-15) and Junior (Boys u-17) for the last five decades or so without any hassle whatsoever. The day's programme (August 29) concluded with the exhibition of a Hockey match held between the Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy, Gwalior and Haryana Women's Hockey Academy, Shahabad. The match ended with a 3-3 draw. This match was played under floodlight.

The prize distribution ceremony in respect of both the matches was presided over by the great Olympian Sardar Balbir Singh (Sr.) in the presence of a large number of invited guests and a capacity crowd assembled on the occasion.





## TOREX - 50TH NEHRU SENIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

We are happy to announce that the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament will start on November 14, the birth anniversary of the country's first Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru. However, the tournament this year has been re-christened as the TOREX-Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament. The country's top pharmaceuticals giant TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. has graciously agreed to be the Title sponsor of this most popular tournament of the country.



The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has successfully stepped into its Golden Jubilee Year. This long march has been possible because the Society has always been blessed with timely worthwhile advice, help and active cooperation from eminent sports personalities and sports-minded organisations.

On the occasion of 50<sup>th</sup> Year, JNHT Society proudly announce that Shri P.S. Chhatwal, Managing Director and Founder of the TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. has taken over Title Sponsorship of the Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament accordingly the Society has enhanced the prize money as :-

i)	Winners	--	Rs.	3,00,000/-
ii)	Runners-up	--	Rs.	1,50,000/-
iii)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	--	Rs.	75,000/-
iv)	4 <sup>th</sup> Position	--	Rs.	50,000/-
v)	Best Umpire	--	Rs.	10,000/-
Total			Rs.	5,85,000/-



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### JAWAHARLAL NEHRU HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SOCIETY PRESS CONFERENCE

JNHT Society decided to hold a Press Conference to brief the media about the forthcoming annual flagship tournament of the Society.

1.	HI-20 <sup>th</sup> Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament	October 08-18, 2013
2.	HI-31 <sup>st</sup> Nehru Sub-Jr Hockey Tournament	October 18-30, 2013
3.	STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL – 42 <sup>nd</sup> Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament	Oct 30 to Nov 14, 2013
4.	TOREX-50 <sup>th</sup> Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament	14-25 November 2013

The Press Conference will be held at Venetia Hall, Hotel Royal Plaza, 19 Ashoka Road, New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 3.30 p.m.



### **India Juniors win prestigious Johar Cup**



The vibrant junior boys of Indian Hockey triumphed in the third edition of the Continent's fifth prestigious Sultan of Johar Cup with a thumping 3-0 victory over their old rivals and hosts Malaysia in the title clash, held at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johar Bahru (Malaysia). The win was never so sweet as it was this year. It was not only an all-win feature, Indian boys successfully retaliated their last year's defeat (2-3) by the hosts in the title clash and also the drubbing (1-5)

India suffered at the hands of Malaysia in the first edition. In the first edition, India finished a poor fourth.

In the Pool matches this year, India finished on top of the table with 13 points. India defeated Argentina (3-2), England (2-1), Korea (6-1), Pakistan (4-0) and drew with hosts Malaysia (3-3). India scored 18 goals and conceded only seven.

### **ALL MATCHES OF NEHRU HOCKEY LIVE FROM SHIVAJI STADIUM, NEW DELHI**

Watch "Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament" on <http://www.nehruhockey.com> LIVE from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 daily from Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

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