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From the President's Desk

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society successfully celebrated its Golden Jubilee year during 2013. It truly was a festive Season as far as hockey players and the game's followers were concerned. Thousands of spectators who thronged the Shivaji Stadium were treated to vintage hockey dished out by the teams participating in the tournaments. Doubling of prize money and a Luxury Car presented to Best Player of the Tournament by TOREX created a history in the domestic Hockey Tournaments for the Senior Men's tournament was one of the several salient features that were provided by us this year.



The golden jubilee celebrations began with the HI-20th Nehru Girls tournament which had 20 teams from across the country taking part Kiddy's Corner HSS (Gwalior) avenged their previous year's loss against Govt Girls Sr Sec School (Shahabad) in the final. The 31st edition of HI-Nehru Sub-Junior Boys (under-15) saw a record number of entries (34 teams) and was won by Town High School from Sundergarh (Odisha) who beat CRZ Sr Sec School, Sonapat. Govt Model Sr School (Chandigarh) claimed the STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL 42nd Nehru Junior title beating five-time winners and defending champions Birsia Munda Vidyapitha 2-1 in the final. The icing on the 'golden jubilee' cake of Nehru Society was the TOREX-50th Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament, the most prestigious and much-awaited competition in hockey in the country Punjab and Sind Bank wrote its name on the golden trophy for the fourth year by beating Bharat Petroleum 6-5 in a pulsating final.

To mark the golden jubilee, the Nehru Hockey Society honoured some of the outstanding players of the past, veteran administrators and eminent sports journalists by presenting them Life Time Achievement Awards. They included Padmashri Balbir Singh (Sr), Padmashri Pargat Singh, Shri I.M. Kapur, Shri Subhash Kapur, Shri Krishan Datta and Shri Roshan Lal Sethi. A hockey clinic, organised by Hero, in collaboration with Commune and FIH, was conducted at Shivaji Stadium where over 50 young players had the benefit of learning the game from reputed coaches. Similarly, to mark our golden jubilee, an exhibition match between the Alumni of Doon School (Dehradun) and Mayo College (Ajmer) was held.

All our regular tournaments and various other events held as part of our Society's golden jubilee celebrations would not have been a success without the generous support received from the sponsors throughout. I deeply appreciate the willingness with which they continue to sponsor our efforts. I sincerely hope that this association will be maintained and that they will continue to support us in our future endeavours.

I am indeed indebted to Hockey India for its wholehearted support and to various government and private agencies which have always stood by us in our efforts to take the game to a higher level.

(Signature)

ARUN SUBHASHCHANDRA YADAV

HI-20TH NEHRU GIRLS TOURNAMENT (OCTOBER 8-18, 2013) A Big 'Shabash' to Shahabad Girls

Come October-November, it is festive season in Delhi We are not referring just to Dussehra and Diwali but to the two-month-long festival of tournaments' that the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS) has been conducting so successfully and meticulously year after year.



The first in the series of five annual tournaments this year began with the 20th edition of Nehru Girls tournament at Shivaji Stadium, during October 8-18. This year the tournament had Hockey India as title sponsors. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), provided grant-in-aid for the event.

The tournament which had 20 teams from across the country took part, was inaugurated by NDMC Chairman Shri Jalaj Srivastava, IAS in the presence of large galaxy of eminent hockey-loving personalities.

For the third year in succession, the tournament saw the same two teams, viz. Govt Girls Sr Sec School (Shahabad) and Kiddy's Corner HSS (Gwalior) fought for final honours. If 2011

saw the girls from Shahabad win the title, it was the turn of the Gwalior girls to avenge the defeat last year. And the Shahabad school regained the title this time with a 4-2 verdict in their summit clash.

In the semi-finals, Birsa Munda Vidyapitha (Rourkela) failed to live up to its reputation (three-time winners and three-time runners-up) and crashed 4-0 to Kiddy's Corner. In the other semi-final, Shahabad girls scored an identical 4-0 win over Govt Girls Model Sr Sec School (Chandigarh).

In the play-off for the third place, Birsa Munda Vidyapitha (Rourkela) beat Government Model SSS (Chandigarh) 5-3. The two semi-finals and the final were played under flood-lights.

The winners received Rs 96,000 while team coach Shri Baldev Singh. Dronacharya awardee, was rewarded Rs 8,000. Runners-up team were richer by Rs 64,000 and its coach Ms Usha B Nair by Rs



5,000. Third-placed Birsa Munda Vidyapitha team got Rs 32,000 and its coach Ms Florencia received Rs 3,000. Baljit Singh Memorial Player of the final went to Reet of Shahabad teams. The Geeta Bajaj Fair Play Trophy was awarded to NCC Directorate Team.



The final prize distribution ceremony was presided over by Shri Mandeep Singh Chhatwal, Director, TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd and Lt. Gen. P.S. Bhalla, AVSM, Director General, NCC in the presence of Dr Mazeal Ampareen, Urban Affairs Minister, Govt of Meghalaya, and a host of distinguished invitees. The final was also graced by Mr Mike Zepp from Switzerland and Mr Kader Hambaout from France.

HI – 31ST NEHRU SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (BOYS U-15 YEARS) (OCTOBER 18-30, 2013) AT SHIVAJI STADIUM, NEW DELHI **Sundergarh Town High School does the 'trick'**



The second competition in the series of five annual tournaments organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, HI-31st Nehru Sub-Junior Boys (Under-15) hockey tournament, was held at the Shivaji Stadium in Delhi from October 18 to 30, 2013. Title-sponsored by Hockey India, the tournament was inaugurated by Shri Mandeep Singh Chhatwal, Director, TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. in the presence of a large number of distinguished guests and invitees.

This year, the tournament witnessed a record number of entries (34 teams), the previous maximum entries being 32 in 1986 and 1991. Thirty of the 36 teams played in the preliminary league.

The final was presided over by Shri Rishi Srivastava, Mg. Director, Rockland Group of Hospitals (Delhi). The winners took a purse of Rs 96,000 while team Coach M. Bilung got Rs 8,000, Runners-up team received Rs 64,000 and coach Jitender Singh was richer by Rs 5,000. Third-placed Govt High School (Kawanpui, Mizoram) received Rs 32,000 and its coach K Lalhlengliana got Rs 3,000. Sudhir Kujur (Town High School) was declared the Best Player of the Tournament and received the Jagdish Sharma trophy and a cash award of Rs 10,000. The NDMC Fair Play Award went to Govt Sr Sec School (Raj Nagar Palam, Delhi)



LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HELD ON 25 NOV 2013

Life Time Achievement Awards were presented to Padmashri Balbir Singh (Sr), Padmashri Pargat Singh, Shri I.M. Kapur and two veteran sports journalists Shri Krishan Datta and Shri Roshan Lal Sethi and Shri Subhash Kapur, Vice-President - JNHT Society. Each of them were presented a Kashmiri shawl and a memento.



STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL - 42ND NEHRU JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (October 30 - November 14, 2013) Chandigarh model boys regain title



The 42nd edition of Nehru Junior Hockey tournament for boys under-17 years was held at the Shivaji Stadium in Delhi during October 30-November 14, 2013. This was the third in the series of five annual competitions being held by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, which is celebrated its golden jubilee this year.

The tournament was title-sponsored by auto industry giants STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL. It was inaugurated by Shri Harsh Vardhan, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird International in the presence of eminent hockey personalities, invited guests and a large number of hockey lovers. A total of 28 teams, including one from Dhaka (Bangladesh), participated in this year's tournament. In a hard-fought

final, 2009 champions Govt Model Senior School, Chandigarh defeated five-time winners and defending champions Birsamunda Vidyapitha 2-1. In the match to decide third place, Guru Harkrishan Public School (Delhi) outplayed Springdales Sr Sec School (Amritsar) 4-0.

The prize distribution ceremony was presided over by Vice-Admiral R. K. Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Vice-Chief of Naval Staff. The winning team received Rs 96,000 while team coach Shri B.S. Randhawa got Rs 8,000. Runners-up team were richer by Rs 64,000 while its coach Shri Bijay Kumar Lakra received Rs 5,000. Third-placed Guru Harkrishan Public School got Rs 32,000 and its coach Shri Sandeep received Rs 3,000. Simranpreet Singh (goalkeeper of Govt Model Sr Sec School, Chandigarh) was declared the Best Player of the Tournament and he received Rs 11,000 in cash.



The meticulous manner in which the entire tournament was conducted to the satisfaction of all participants and hockey-loving public was well appreciated.

HERO HOCKEY CLINIC



Nehru Hockey Society organized Hero Hockey Clinic at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi on 30th Nov and 1st December, 2013 in collaboration with Commune and FIH. Fifty students of NEHRU-NDMC Hockey Academy participated in the Clinic. Dronacharya Dr A.K. Bansal was head Coach deputed by FIH and assisted by Dronacharya Shri N.S. Saini, Ms. Khushdeep and Shri Rajdeep Singh of ONGC. The Clinic was a great success. The FIH appreciated the contribution made by the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.



TOREX – 50TH NEHRU SENIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – (NOVEMBER 14-25, 2013)

PSB Pushes BPCL to second spot again



The 50th golden jubilee edition of the country's most prestigious and much-awaited Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament, conducted most efficiently and successfully by the Nehru Hockey Tournament Society in the loving memory of the country's first Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru, concluded at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi on November 25.

Being the golden jubilee year of the Nehru Hockey Society, this year's tournament had several special features. The winners' prize money for the TOREX 50th Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament was doubled to Rs 5 lakh attracting some of the country's top teams for the competition, that began as usual on November 14, the birth anniversary of Pt Nehru last year the winner got Rs 2.5 lakh, the same amount the runners-up of this edition got. The third place team

received Rs 1 lakh while the fourth team was awarded Rs 50,000.

For the first time in the history of the tournament, there was live Web Cast of all the matches in our Website www.nehruhockey.com so that hockey-lovers who could not make It to the venue could watch matches live on their computers and Laptop, Desktop, I.Pad and in their Smart Phones.

M/s Torque Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd were the title sponsors of the tournament with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) provided Financial Assistance. Besides, Canara Bank, State Bank of India, IFFCO and Steelbird Helmets supported the tournament..



The tournament was inaugurated jointly by renowned Wild Life photographer and recipient of Green Oscar World Award. Shri Rajesh Bedi and Shri Subhash Kapur, Vice-President, JNHT Society in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Punjab & Sind Bank (winners In 1991, 1999 and 2007) and runners-up In 1990, 1998, 2001 and 2005, once again wrote Its name on the golden trophy by beating Bharat Petroleum 6-S in the pulsating final that was witnessed by a capacity crowd.



The presentation ceremony was presided over by Gen Bikram Singh. PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Army Staff, in the presence of Guest of Honour. Shri P.S. Chhatwal, Managing Director, M/s Torque Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. Other high profile personalities who graced the occasion included S'Shri H.S. Hanspal, triple Olympian and gold medalist Harbinder Singh, Subhash Kapur, Dr D.R. Saini (Society's Vice-President's) triple Olympic gold medalist Padmashri Balbir Singh (Sr), GOC Delhi Area Lt Gen. Mitra, Padmashri Pargat Singh, Olympian Hardy Singh, double Olympian Group Captain (Retd) R.S. Bhola World Cup Gold medallist Brig H.J.S. Chimni, and others .



- ❖ Tournament winners Punjab & Sind Bank received a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh besides the Nehru Gold Cup, TOREX Cup and Japan Trophy
- ❖ Runners-up team Bharat Petroleum were richer by Rs 2.5 lakh besides the Nehru Silver Cup & TOREX CUP
- ❖ Third-placed team Indian Oil received Rs 1 lakh
- ❖ Fourth placed South Central Railway got Rs 50,000
- ❖ Sardar Gian Singh Best Umpire Trophy, along with a cash award of Rs 10,000 went to Shri Javed Shaikh and Shri Anil Kumar.
- ❖ NDMC Fair Play award was won by ONGC XI.
- ❖ Lt Gen Harbaksh Singh Trophy went to Army XI.
- ❖ The Best Player of the tournament award went to Vikramjeet Singh (PSB). He received the Honda Amaze car presented by TOREX. First time in the history domestic Hockey a Luxury Car with over Rs 6 lakh presented to Best Player of the Tournament by TOREX.

All is well that ends well, it is true of the Nehru Hockey tournaments. Much of the credit for its successful conduct must go to the Nehru Hockey Society's energetic Secretary Shri Kukoo Walia. Like a commander, he guided his colleagues and made it possible for the tournament to end on a happy note, like in the previous years.

EXHIBITION MATCH

The Hockey fraternity and Hockey lovers of the national capital city witnessed an unique Exhibition Hockey match held between the Alumni of Doon School, Dehradun and Mayo College, Ajmer, the two iconic residential schools of the country on November 17, 2013 at the Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. Played by the old boys, some of them are now 50 plus, still maintaining their love for the game, sportsman spirit, discipline and fighting ability and even being away from this game for a long time, they successfully proved that they are old



but not fully discarded. Some of them even exhibited good game-plan and excellent stick-work of the olden days. A big crowd cheered them all through the match. This programme was added as a part of the on-going 51- day long country's famous Nehru Hockey's age-group tournaments.

This programme was presided over by Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri R.P.N. Singh in the presence of distinguished guests and a capacity crowd present on the occasion.

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