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## From the President's Desk



Indian men's hockey team continues to falter at the last moments of its matches in international competitions. In recent tournaments, one has seen Indian team loosen their grips and concede goals at the fog end of matches to lose games that they should have won. Last minute losses against Belgium and England proved costly for the Sardar Singh-led team, which ultimately finished ninth among 12 participating teams. The team missed several goal-scoring opportunities to draw against Spain and their only win in group games came against Malaysia. India were, as expected, outclassed by Australia, who went on to win the title for the third time. The brilliance of Sreejesh under the bar was one of the positive points for India in the tournament. Similarly, the Indian women's team's challenge in FIH Champions Challenge-1 at Glasgow (Scotland) during April 27 – May 4 ended early and the team, ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the World, finished last among the eight teams conceding 22 goals while scoring just seven.

JNHT Society has been fortunate to have been associated with so many hockey-loving personalities and business houses, who have never hesitated to help the Society in conducting our series of tournaments, year after year. We appreciate their fine gesture. Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird International and Shri Pankaj Kapur, the company's Managing Director, have all come forward to title sponsor some of the Nehru tournaments. JNHT Society is also indebted to NDMC and its Chairman, Shri Jalaj Srivastava, IAS for providing annual grants-in-aid. Similarly, Hockey India has also been in the forefront to support the Society morally and financially. We are grateful to Shri P.S. Chhatwal, Mg. Director and founder of M/s TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd., our senior tournament title sponsors.

The JNHT Society feel honour to nominate Lt. Gen. Anil Malik, AVSM (Retd) as Vice-President of the Society. The Society has reasons to feel happy that his leadership and camaraderie will help the Society to grow from strength to strength. Recent months saw some changes in the JNHTS set-up, with financial wizard Shri Ishwar Dutt Kapur taking over as the Society's Treasurer, in place of Shri Sukhbir Singh Dhupia, who retired in April this year.

The JNHT Society has been going from strength to strength and added another feather to its cap with the addition of Nehru-Dhyan Chand Cup (for Delhi under-14 boys). The winner's trophy has been presented by Sardar Bhupinder Singh, in memory of his son Upinder Paul Singh.

With the co-operation of hockey-loving persons, we are confident that we will be able to achieve our goal : promoting the game at grassroots level and to provide necessary opportunities to all players.



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## We Appreciate Your Gestures

### TITLE SPONSORS

Over the past 50 years, the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society (JNHTS) has dedicated itself to the cause of promoting the 'national game' of hockey and providing maximum exposure to talented players from all sections of society. To meet our target, we often seek the help and guidance of philanthropists. Our efforts have never failed as there are several sports-loving people in this country who are willing to help organizations that work selflessly for the promotion of sport.

Today, our programmes, including annual six series of tournaments, continue to bring people together. And together, we can unleash our creativity and courage to change and improve the game. Our vision for tomorrow represents the intentions and hopes of many people. Our aim is to work together and discover how to make things better.



We offer our grateful thanks to Shri P. S. Chhatwal, Managing Director and Founder of M/s TORQUE PHARMACEUTICALS PVT. LTD., who was the title sponsor of our Golden Jubilee Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament. The tournament has been re-christianed as TOREX-Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament.

TORQUE is a fast growing Pharmaceuticals company operating from Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Shri P.S. Chhatwal is a great lover of sports, particularly the national game of Hockey in his passion. The Society

feels proud to be associated with him. He has been a source of our inspiration. His love for the game is so deep that last year he even sponsored the Best Player Award—a luxury Car worth Rs 6.5 lakhs and a Motorcycle a new innovation in any domestic hockey tournament to boost the morale of the players.

The Nehru Hockey Society looks forward to receiving continued support and blessings from Shri P.S. Chhatwal.

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**Shri Subhash Kapur**

We are indeed proud to announce that Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird Hi-Tech India Ltd., giants in India's automobile industry, who has a similar view point, has come forward to title sponsor Nehru Champion Colleges Hockey Tournament from this year onwards.

Shri Subhash Kapur is a dedicated follower of Indian hockey and has always been a source of inspiration, not only to



the Nehru Society but also young and aspiring players. It is the Nehru Society's good fortune that people like Shri Kapur have been associated with it since its inception and guided it through its rough and tough times.

We are confident that young players would immensely benefit from Shri Kapur's benevolence and guidance.

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**Shri Jalaj Shrivastava**

The JNHTS is deeply obliged to the **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)** for continuously providing grants-in-aid to us for conducting our girls tournament since its inception. There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation for the financial help from NDMC, year after year. But for their timely assistance, we may not have succeeded in conducting our tournaments so successfully every year.



We are grateful to **Shri Jalaj Shrivastava, IAS Chairman – NDMC**, whose goodwill and camaraderie are well known among the hockey fraternity. Shri Shrivastava happens to be the Chairperson of the Managing Committee of Nehru Society and that has added more value to our programmes.

We look forward to his continued guidance in all our endeavours.

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**Dr. Narinder Batra**

**Hockey India** has always been in the forefront in coming to our support financially, especially for our girls and sub-junior tournaments. They are our title sponsors for the above two tournaments. While appreciating the good work being carried out by the Nehru Hockey Society, Hockey India **Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra** observed: "Hockey India is very appreciative of the work that the



**Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society** has done towards supporting our objectives through the conduct of regular tournaments in sub-junior and junior age-group tournament."

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**Sh Ramesh & Pankaj Kapur**

We are also indebted to **Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman, Steelbird International** and **Shri Pankaj Kapur, the Company's Managing Director**, for their gesture in title sponsoring the Society's most popular **Junior Boys (U – 17)** tournament. Their deep involvement



in promoting the country's national game need special mention. Both the top leaders of the automobile industry has made the Society proud. The Society feels proud to offer its thanks to both of them.

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## BREAKING NEWS

AHF honours Indian Players

### General Malik JNHT Society as Vice-President



The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has been fortunate to have been associated with so many hockey loving personalities, who have never hesitated to help the Society in various ways year after year. The Society feels proud to announce that Lt. General Anil Malik, AVSM, (Retd.) has been nominated as Vice-President of the Society. The General had joined the Society last year as a Member. Keeping in view his passion for the national game of hockey, deep knowledge and expertise in this field, the Society has decided to elevate him as Vice-President of the Society. The Society has reasons to feel happy that his leadership and camaraderie will help the Society to grow from strength to strength.

The Asian Hockey Federation honoured Sardar Singh and Ritu Rani, skippers of the Indian men's and women's teams respectively, with 'Players of the Year 2011' awards. Both players had led Indian teams in the World League Round 2, held in India.

### New Feather in Nehru Hockey Cap

With the addition of a tournament, exclusively for Delhi under - 14 school boys, the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has added another chapter to its long list of competitions for the year. Known as the Nehru-Dhyan Chand Cup, it will be the Society's sixth tournament in a calendar year. Every year the final match of this new tournament will coincide with the birth anniversary of hockey Wizard Dhyan Chand (August 29).

The idea of introducing the tournament came from the Society's vibrant Secretary Shri Kukoo Walla, who has spared no efforts to make the game more popular among grass roots.

The winners' trophy has been presented by Sardar Bhupinder Singh in memory of his son, late Upinder Paul Singh.

### I.D. Kapur named JNHT Society Treasurer

There has been a change of guard at the Finance Department of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society. Shri Sukhbir Singh Dhupia, who took over from Shri S. P. Malhotra as Treasurer in June 2009, has retired in April this year. Shri Dhupia's association with the Nehru Hockey Society, though short, has, no doubt, made the Society rich in more ways than one. The resultant vacancy has been filled up by elevating the Asstt. Treasurer, Shri Ishwar Dutt Kapur, better known as Financial Wizard, to this important position. Another financial brain,

Shri Anand Parkash Kaushik, has been appointed to replace Shri Kapur.



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### The Annual Meeting of the three Committees of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society

#### 1. Tournament Committee :

The meeting of Tournament Committee of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 6.30 P.M. presided over by Dr. D.R. Saini—Principal, D.P.S. R.K. Puram and Chairman-Tournament Committee.

The meeting was attended by more than 30 Members of the Committee. The Committee approved the dates of the 51<sup>st</sup> Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament to be held at the Shivaji Stadium from 14-25 November, 2014. The Committee also approved the audited statement of accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the Society of the 50<sup>th</sup> Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament and the



proposed draft budget for the year 2014. It was unanimously decided to invite top teams of the country and two foreign teams i.e. Waseem Hockey Club, Lahore and Portugal National Hockey Team. The highlight of the meeting was that Shri P.S. Chhatwal,

Managing Director – TORQUE Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. has once again agreed to title sponsor our 51<sup>st</sup> Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



## 2. Managing Committee Meeting :

The Managing Committee of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society was held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 3.30 P.M. in the Committee Room of the NDMC which was presided over by Chairperson-Shri Jalaj Shrivastava, IAS NDMC. The highlights of the meeting were the approval of the audited statement of accounts of Nehru-Dhyan Chand



Cup, 21<sup>st</sup>

Girls Junior, 31<sup>st</sup> Sub-Junior Boys and 42<sup>nd</sup> Junior Boys Tournaments. The House unanimously approved the audited statement of the above tournaments conducted by the Society. The budget estimate for

the year 2014 was presented by the Secretary and the House unanimously approved the budget for the year 2014. The Committee appreciated the cooperation and support received from the NDMC under the dynamic leadership of Shri Jalaj Shrivastava. The Chairperson also approved the formation of NDMC-Nehru Hockey Academy. The NDMC

also assured the House that the work is in progress regarding Raiser and making platform for the TV coverage of the matches, changing rooms are being fitted with AC, lockers and benches for the benefit of the participating teams. The process for the installation of an electronic score board and PA system at the stadium is on and shall be finalized soon.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

## 3. Annual General Meeting :

The Annual General Meeting of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2014 at 7.00 P.M. at the Russian Culture Centre, 24-Ferozshah Road, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Arun Bhatnagar, IAS. All the items on the agenda were taken and the House approved the Income and Expenditure accounts of the Society. The draft budget for the expenditure of the Society for this year was also unanimously approved. The following prominent members and office bearers have attended the meeting.



1. Shri Arun Bhatnagar, IAS former Secretary, Govt. of India
2. Shri H. S. Hanspal, former M.P.
3. Shri U.C. Sarangi, IPS
4. Dr. D. R. Saini, Principal-DPS
5. Shri Harbinder Singh, Triple Olympian
6. Shri Subhash Kapur, Chairman-Steelbird Hi-Tech (India) Ltd.
7. Lt.Gen. Anil Malik

Shri N.L. Narang, former Joint Secretary of Nehru Hockey Society who retired in April this year, was given a hearty farewell by the members who praised his services to the Nehru Society and the game of hockey over four decades.



The Calendar for the year 2014 was approved as detailed given below:

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|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nehru Dhyan Chand Cup (Boys under 14 years)                                 | - | 24-29 August, 2014     |
| 2. | HI-22 <sup>nd</sup> Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament (under 17 years)                          | - | 6 to 18 Oct., 2014     |
| 3. | HI-32 <sup>nd</sup> Nehru Sub-Junior Hockey Tournament (Boys under 15 years)                | - | 18th to 30 Oct., 2014  |
| 4. | STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL - 43 <sup>rd</sup> Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament (Boys u 17 years) | - | 30 Oct. to 14 Nov.2014 |
| 5. | TOREX-51 <sup>st</sup> Nehru Senior Hockey Tournament                                       | - | 14-25 November, 2014   |
| 6. | SBHTIL-22 <sup>nd</sup> Nehru Champion Colleges Hockey Tr                                   | - | 26 Nov-4 Dec., 2014    |

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.



## Robobank FIH 13th Men's Hockey World Cup May 31 - June 15, 2014

### Sreejesh excels; India finish ninth

The 2014 Men's Hockey World Cup was the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tournament. It was held at the Kyocera Stadium in The Hague (The Netherlands). It was held simultaneously with the women's tournament. It was the third time that the Netherlands hosted the World Cup after 1973 and 1998. The next World Cup will be held in India in 2018. The Indian goalkeeper not only had some memorable performances between the posts, but he also saved his team from worse humiliation in the matches. Hockey India Secretary General, Dr. Narinder Batra said that Sreejesh was the standout performer when most other players had failed to perform to expectations.

Defending champions Australia won the tournament for the third time after defeating the Netherlands 6-1 in the final. Argentina won the third place match by defeating England 2-0 to claim their first ever World Cup medal.

Argentina secured the third place by defeating England 2-0 in play-off match to claim their first ever World Cup medal (bronze).

**Final ranking :** 1. Australia 2. The Netherlands 3. Argentina 4. England 5. Belgium 6. Germany 7. New Zealand 8. Spain 9. India 10. South Korea 11. South Africa 12. Malaysia.



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### FIH Women's Champions Challenged-I at Glasgow (Scotland): April 27-May 4, 2014

#### Indian Women disappoint, finish last

The 2014 Women's Hockey Champions Challenge-I was the 8<sup>th</sup> and last edition of the Hockey Champions Challenge-I for women. Hockey World League will replace it in future Hockey calendar. The tournament at Glasgow (Scotland), held during April 27 – May 14, 2014, also doubled as the qualifier to the 2016 Women's Hockey Champions Trophy as the winner earns an automatic berth to compete. The 18 member Indian team was captained by midfielder Ritu Rani with midfielder Sushila Chanu supporting as Vice-Captain. Navneet Kaur and Neha Goyal were making their international debut through this tournament and were guided by the experience of the rest of the players.

The USA won the 2014 tournament beating Ireland 3-1 in the final and thus earned a place for the Champions Trophy. New Zealand is the only team to have won the title twice (2005 and 2009). USA had finished runners-up on two earlier occasions, in 2011 and 2012.

**Final Standing :** 1. USA, 2. Ireland, 3. South Africa, 4. Spain, 5. S. Korea, 6. Belgium, 7. Scotland & 8. India.

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