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Indian Men Hockey Team Wins Gold Medal

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Message from **Dr. Narinder Batra** Secretary General - Hockey India & Chairman - Hero Hockey India League

On behalf of the Hockey India family, I would like to congratulate the Indian Men's and Women's Hockey Teams on their performances in the recently concluded 17th Asian Games 2014 at Incheon, South Korea and making the country proud by winning the Gold and Bronze medal respectively. This is a big moment for Indian Hockey as our Men Team has earned a direct ticket to the 2016 Rio Olympics by winning the Gold Medal in the Asian Games defeating Pakistan 4-2.

I would like to convey my heartiest gratitude to all our stakeholders for their contributions in the preparations of the teams for the Asian Games 2014.

I also congratulate our young midfielder Manpreet Singh for winning the AHF Junior Men Player of the Year announced during the Asian Hockey Federation Congress held in Malaysia last month.

We welcome two new Associate Members - Hockey Madhya Pradesh and Major Ports Sports Control Board, three new Academy Members - Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy and Hockey Village India and also one Hoc-Key Member - Mumbai School Sports Association in our Hockey family. I also congratulate the newly elected office bearers of our state member units who have recently conducted their elections.

We also welcome two franchise partners to the Hero Hockey India League - DoIT Sports Management as the new franchise for Mumbai and Deccan Water Projekts India Pvt Ltd. for Pune.

Friends, we are hosting the FIH Men's Champions Trophy at Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 6-14 December 2014 and the preparations for the mega event are in full swing. I would like to wish good luck to our Junior Men Hockey Team for the Sultan of Johor Cup in Johor Baharu, Malaysia commencing from 12 October 2014.

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Send-off Ceremony of Indian Men Hockey Team for the 17th Asian Games 2014





Send-off Ceremony of Indian Women Hockey Team for the 17th Asian Games 2014



Indian Men Hockey Team for the 17th Asian Games 2014



53
Caps

20
Goals

Akashdeep Singh
Forward



83
Caps

08
Goals

Birendra Lakra
Defender



64
Caps

04
Goals

Chinglensana Singh
Midfielder



123
Caps

25
Goals

Danish Mujtaba
Midfielder



87
Caps

26
Goals

Dharamvir Singh
Midfielder



176
Caps

06
Goals

Gurbaj Singh
Defender



108
Caps

24
Goals

Gurwinder Singh Chandi
Forward



83
Caps

04
Goals

Kothajit Singh
Defender



109
Caps

08
Goals


Manpreet Singh
Midfielder



23
Caps

05
Goals

Nikkin Thimmaiah
Forward



112
Caps

NA
Goals

P R Sreejesh (VC)
Goalkeeper



23
Caps

07
Goals

Ramandeep Singh
Forward





99
Caps

42
Goals

Rupinder Pal Singh
Defender



197
Caps

13
Goals

Sardar Singh (C)
Midfielder



149
Caps

52
Goals

S V Sunil
Forward




172
Caps

117
Goals

V R Raghunath
Defender

Team Officials



Roelant Oltmans
Director High Performance




Terry Walsh
Chief Coach




M K Kaushik
Coach (Manager)




Jude Felix
Coach




Mathew David Eyles
Scientific Advisor



Jince Thomas Mathew
Physiotherapist

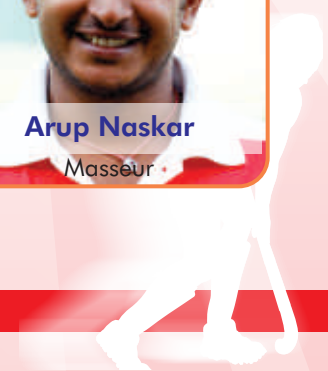


Adithya Chakravarty
Video Analyst



Arup Naskar
Masseur

(All caps and goals are after Asian Games 2014)





Indian Men Hockey Team **WINS GOLD MEDAL** at the 17th Asian Games 2014





The Indian Men Hockey team scripted a new success story on 2 October 2014 as they not only defeated Pakistan 4-2 via shootout in the finale to win the Gold in the 17th Asian Games 2014 but they also earned a direct ticket to the 2016 Rio Olympics. A proud moment for India as after 16 years the Indian Men Hockey team achieved this feat.

India had last overcome Pakistan in an Asian Games final 48 years ago, winning 1-0 in Bangkok 1966 and this was the second time when India defeated its arch rival Pakistan in the Asian Games finale.

Starting their Asian Games campaign after winning the Silver medal at the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the highly motivated Indian Men Hockey Team tasted big wins over Sri Lanka 8-0 followed by a second consecutive victory over Oman 7-0. In their third pool match, India went down fighting against Pakistan 1-2 in the last quarter of the game, but this did not deter the team in losing focus on the Gold which was their target before the start of the tournament. The team bounced back and defeated China 2-0 going on to enter the semi-final stage. In a tough contest against the Republic of Korea, Sardar Singh led team routed the hosts, entering the Finals of the 17th Asian Games 2014. In the Finals, the Indian team wrote history in Gold by beating rivals Pakistan.

Speaking post the win, Chief Coach Mr. Terry Walsh said "I am pleased with the performance of the team. The team had come into the tournament with an aim and I am happy to see them achieve this feat and in the process booking a berth for the 2016 Rio Olympics. It's a very special moment in Indian Hockey and I hope this moment of time is effectively used going forward".

Captain Sardar Singh said "While this gold medal was very important, it was just one step in the direction of raising the bar of performance and our next big target is the 2016 Olympic Games along with other tournaments that we are due to participate in".

Indian Men Hockey Team wins Gold in the Asian Games after 16 years, book berth for 2016 Rio Olympics



Results

Date	Match	Result
21 September 2014	Vs Sri Lanka	8-0
23 September 2014	Vs Oman	7-0
25 September 2014	Vs Pakistan	1-2
27 September 2014	Vs China	2-0
30 September 2014	Vs Republic of Korea (Semi-final)	1-0
02 October 2014	Vs Pakistan (Final)	4-2 SO

Hockey India Announces Cash Awards for Indian Men & Women Hockey Teams

Hockey India announced cash awards for the Indian Men and Women Hockey teams for winning the Gold and Bronze medals respectively, at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea.

Each player of the Gold medal winner Indian Men Hockey Team, Director High Performance Roelant Oltmans and Chief Coach Terry Walsh will get Rs. 2.5 Lakh each, while Rs. 1 Lakh will be given to each member of the support staff. Meanwhile, each member of the Bronze medal winner Indian Women Hockey Team and Chief Coach Neil Hawgood will get Rs. 1 Lakh while each member of the support staff will get richer by Rs. 50,000.







Indian Men Hockey Team Welcomed at IGI Airport Delhi after winning the Gold Medal in the Asian Games 2014



Hon'ble President of India congratulates Gold Medalist Indian Men's Hockey Team

Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee congratulated Captain Sardar Singh and the entire Indian Men's Hockey team for winning the Gold medal at the 17th Asian Games held at Incheon, South Korea from 19 September – 4 October 2014.

In the letter sent to Captain Sardar Singh, Hon'ble President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee said "I congratulate you and all members on your achievement of winning the Gold medal at the 17th Asian Games 2014. This has become possible only on account of the hard work and determination displayed by the team. The nation is proud of this achievement".



राष्ट्रपति
भारत गणतंत्र
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

October 2, 2014

Dear Captain and all the members of the Team,

I congratulate you and all members of your team on your achievement of winning the Gold Medal at the Incheon Asian Games – 2014. This has become possible only on account of the hard work and determination displayed by the team. The nation is proud of this achievement.

My hearty greetings to you and all members of your team and wish Team India every success in the future.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pranab Mukherjee)

Shri Sardar Singh,
Captain, Indian Hockey Team,
C/o. Indian Olympic Association,
Olympic Bhawan,
B-29, Qutab Institutional Area,
NEW DELHI – 110 016.

Indian Women Hockey Team for the 17th Asian Games 2014



14
Caps

03
Goals

Amandeep Kaur
Midfielder



110
Caps

18
Goals

Chanchan Devi Thokchom
Midfielder



67
Caps

02
Goals

Deep Grace Ekka
Defender



135
Caps

13
Goals


Deepika (VC)
Defender



67
Caps

23
Goals

Jaspreet Kaur
Defender



23
Caps

01
Goals

Monika
Defender



38
Caps

02
Goals

Lilima Minz
Midfielder



56
Caps

03
Goals

Namita Toppo
Defender



32
Caps

02
Goals

Navjot Kaur
Midfielder



123
Caps

20
Goals

Poonam Rani
Forward



121
Caps

66
Goals

Rani
Forward

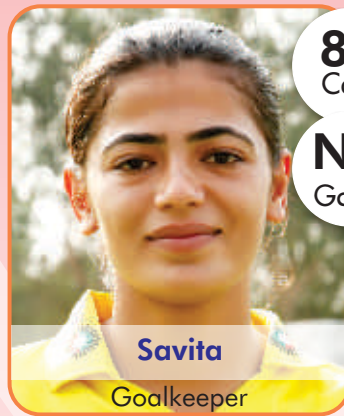


189
Caps

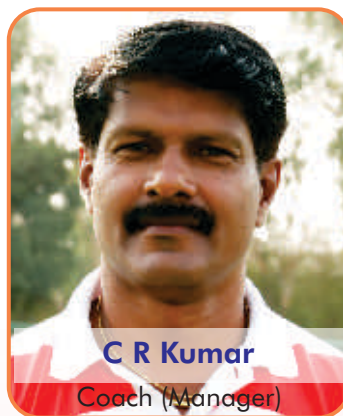
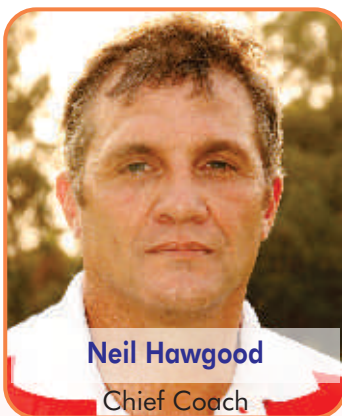
14
Goals

Ritu Rani (C)
Midfielder





Team Officials



(All caps and goals are after Asian Games 2014)





The Indian Women Hockey team overcame Japan 2-1 in a keenly contested match to clinch their third bronze medal at the Asian Games after a period of 8 years on 1 October 2014 at Soenhak Hockey Stadium in Incheon, South Korea. The 13th ranked Indian team produced a spirited effort to avenge their 0-1 loss to 10th placed Japan in the bronze medal play-off four years ago in Guangzhou, China.

Indian Women Hockey Team started the event with a winning note against Thailand 3-0 in their opening match of Pool A. Thereafter the 13th ranked team in the World, India went down fighting to the 5th ranked team in the World, China in their second pool match with a margin of only one goal. But the motivation level of the team remained high and in their last league match, India registered a big win over Malaysia 6-1 and booked their berth for the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, a determined India gave tough fight to the hosts South Korea and lost the hard fought match to the higher ranked team by 1-3.

With a consistent performance during the entire tournament and improving with every game, the Indian Women Hockey Team displayed immense potential and excellent skills on the field. Having played a total of five matches in the Games, India gave a strong fight to its opponents and bagged three wins in the tournament.

Under the guidance of Chief Coach Neil Hawgood and led by the much abled midfielder and Captain Ritu Rani, the team emerged out of the setback of the lost matches and clinched the Bronze medal at the 17th Asian Games.

Indian Women Hockey Team WINS BRONZE MEDAL at the 17th Asian Games 2014



Results

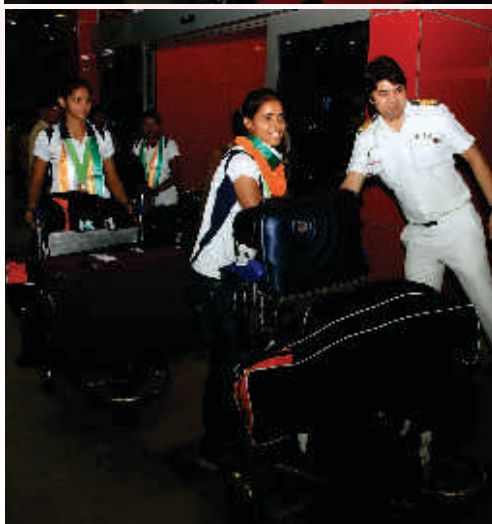
Date	Match	Result
22 September 2014	Vs Thailand	3-0
24 September 2014	Vs China	1-2
26 September 2014	Vs Malaysia	6-1
29 September 2014	Vs Republic of Korea (Semi-final)	1-3
01 October 2014	Vs Japan (3/4 Position)	2-1







Indian Women Hockey Team Welcomed at IGI Airport Delhi after winning the Bronze Medal in the Asian Games 2014



Hon'ble President of India congratulates Bronze Medalist Indian Women's Hockey Team

Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee congratulated Captain Ritu Rani and the entire Indian Women's Hockey team for winning the Bronze medal at the 17th Asian Games held at Incheon, South Korea from 19 September – 4 October 2014.

In the letter sent to Captain Ritu Rani, Hon'ble President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee said "I congratulate you and all members on your achievement of winning the Bronze medal at the 17th Asian Games 2014. This is a great achievement for our women and should inspire all women of India to aspire for success in whatever areas they are working in".



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October 2, 2014

Dear Captain and all the members of the Team,

I congratulate you and all members of your team on your achievement of winning the Bronze Medal at the Incheon Asian Games – 2014. This is a great achievement for our women and should inspire all women of India to aspire for success in whatever areas they are working in.

I wish you and the entire team every success in the future.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pranab Mukherjee)

Ms. Ritu Rani,
Captain, Indian Women Hockey Team,
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Sardar Singh led Indian Contingent at the Opening Ceremony of the 17th Asian Games 2014

The Captain of the Indian Men Hockey Team Sardar Singh led the Indian contingent by carrying the country flag at the opening ceremony of the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea on 19 September 2014.

The 28 year old midfielder was also a part of the torch lighting ceremony for the 17th Asian Games which started its journey last month from Major Dyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, the venue for the 1st Asian Games. Sardar Singh was representing the Indian Men's Hockey team for the second time at the Asian Games.

Hockey India also congratulated Sardar Singh for leading the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 17th Asian Games.

Sardar Singh, who made his international debut in 2006, has represented the country in 197 international matches till date. He has represented India at major events including FIH World Cup 2014 in The Netherlands, FIH World League Round



4 in India, Men's Asia Cup 2013 in Malaysia, FIH World League Semi-final 2013 in The Netherlands, FIH World League Round 2, 2013 in India, Olympic Games 2012 in London, FIH Men's Champions Trophy 2012 in Australia, Asian Champions Trophy 2012 in Qatar and 2011 in China, Asian Games 2010 in China, Commonwealth Games 2010 in India and FIH World Cup 2010 in India.

For his outstanding performance in 2010, Sardar Singh was included in the FIH All Star Team. Sardar Singh was also honoured with the Arjuna Award in 2012 for his achievements by the Government of India.

Under the leadership of Sardar Singh, the Indian Men Hockey team won the Silver medal at the recently concluded XX Commonwealth Games 2014 at Glasgow, Scotland.

Hon'ble President of India congratulates Silver Medalist Indian Men's Hockey Team

Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee congratulated Captain Sardar Singh and the entire Indian Men's Hockey team for winning the Silver Medal at the XX Commonwealth Games 2014 held at Glasgow, Scotland from 23 July – 3 August 2014.

In the letter sent to Sardar Singh, Hon'ble President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee said " I congratulate you and all members of your team on your achievement of winning the Silver Medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games – 2014. The grit and determination displayed by the team has made this success possible. The nation is proud of this accomplishment".

Captain Sardar Singh thanked Hon'ble President for his letter and said the team will continue to put all out efforts to bring future laurels to the Country.



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PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

August 4, 2014

Dear Shri Sardar Singh,

I congratulate you and all members of your team on your achievement of winning the Silver Medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games – 2014. The grit and determination displayed by the team has made this success possible. The nation is proud of this accomplishment.

My best wishes to you and the entire team for all your future endeavours too.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pranab Mukherjee)

Shri Sardar Singh,
Captain, Indian Hockey Team,
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Indian Junior Men Hockey Team Announced for 4th Sultan of Johor Cup 2014

Hockey India announced the Indian Junior Men Hockey team for 4th Sultan of Johor Cup on 22 September 2014. The event is scheduled to take place in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 12-19 October 2014.

The 18 member team was selected by Hockey India selectors Mr. B P Govinda, Mr. Harbinder Singh and Dr. R P Singh alongwith Mr. Harendra Singh, Coach of Junior Men Hockey Team, Mr. B J Kariappa, Coach and Mr. Vinod Kumar, Physiotherapist on the basis of the performance of 33 junior men core probables during the selection trials conducted at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on 19-20 September 2014.

The team also boasts of experienced player including Harjeet Singh, Imran Khan, Gurinder Singh and Jarmanpreet Singh who have to their credit of representing the Indian Men team on the International platform.

Harjeet Singh will lead the team for the 4th Sultan of Johor Cup while Imran Khan will be Vice- Captain.

The 4th Sultan of Johor Cup will see a total of six teams including Australia, Great Britain, India, Pakistan, New Zealand and Malaysia. The classification matches and the finals of the tournament are scheduled to be played on 19 October 2014.

Defending champions India will be looking forward to retaining the title this year. Facing New Zealand in the opening match on 12 October 2014, India will be going head on with Great Britain on 13 October, followed by Pakistan on 15 October, Malaysia on 16 October and Australia on 18 October 2014.

Goalkeepers

Abhinav Kumar Pandey, Subodh Tirkey

Defenders

Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Dipsan Tirkey, Anand Lakra, Varun Kumar, Gurinder Singh

Midfielders

Santa Singh, Sumit, **Harjeet Singh (Captain)**, SH. Nilkantha Sharma Simranjeet Singh

Forwards

Imran Khan (Vice-Captain), Parvinder Singh, Pawan Kumar Aarman Qureshi, Sumit Kumar





Participating Teams

Australia | Great Britain | India | Pakistan
New Zealand | Malaysia

Match Schedule

Date	Match #	Local Time	Indian Time	Match
Sunday, 12 Oct	1	16:05	13:35	Great Britain V Pakistan
	2	18:05	15:35	New Zealand V India
	3	20:05	17:35	Malaysia V Australia
Monday, 13 Oct	4	16:05	13:35	Great Britain V India
	5	18:05	15:35	Australia V Pakistan
	6	20:05	17:35	Malaysia V New Zealand
Tuesday, 14 Oct	Rest Day			
Wednesday, 15 Oct	7	16:05	13:35	Australia V New Zealand
	8	18:05	15:35	India V Pakistan
	9	20:05	17:35	Malaysia V Great Britain
Thursday, 16 Oct	10	16:05	13:35	New Zealand V Pakistan
	11	18:05	15:35	Malaysia V India
	12	20:05	17:35	Great Britain V Australia
Friday, 17 Oct	Rest Day			
Saturday, 18 Oct	13	16:05	13:35	Australia V India
	14	18:05	15:35	Pakistan V Malaysia
	15	20:05	17:35	New Zealand V Great Britain
Sunday, 19 Oct	16	15:35	13:05	5th Placing V 6th Placing
	17	18:05	15:35	4th Placing V 3rd Placing
	18	20:35	17:35	1st Placing V 2nd Placing

FIH release schedule for the Men's Hero Hockey Champions Trophy 2014 in Bhubaneswar

International Hockey Federation (FIH) released the pools and match schedule for the Hero Hockey Champions Trophy in Bhubaneswar, India on 15 September 2014. The tournament will start on 6 December 2014 and conclude with the Final on 14 December 2014.

This glamorous, exclusive and prestigious tournament will showcase the very best that hockey has to offer, with some of the finest international teams in the men's game competing to claim the trophy.

Pool A will consist of 2014 World Cup winners and defending champions Australia, Commonwealth Games bronze medallists England, Euro nations silver medallists Belgium and Asian Games 2010 champions Pakistan. In Pool B, hosts India will face World Cup 2014 bronze medallists Argentina, World Cup 2014 runners-up the Netherlands and 2012 Olympic gold medallists Germany.

The opening day of the tournament (Saturday 6 December) will feature all eight teams taking to the field on India's first newly built Olympic standard pink and blue hockey pitch in the Kalinga Stadium. The 7,000 seater stadium also serves as the home ground for Hero Hockey India League franchise, Kalinga Lancers.

FIH President, Leandro Negre said "We are excited about the tournament as we know fans in Bhubaneswar love hockey, as witnessed by the packed stands during the Hero Hockey India League earlier this year at the Kalinga Stadium."

"This is indeed a very exciting time for hockey lovers as the best teams of the world are converging in Bhubaneswar to win the coveted trophy. The fan following of the sport is on an upswing in India. The country is all geared up to host the international teams and witness some unforgettable hockey moments being created in Bhubaneswar in December this year," Dr. Narinder Batra, Hockey India Secretary General said.

The preparations for the event are in full swing at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from the past few months.

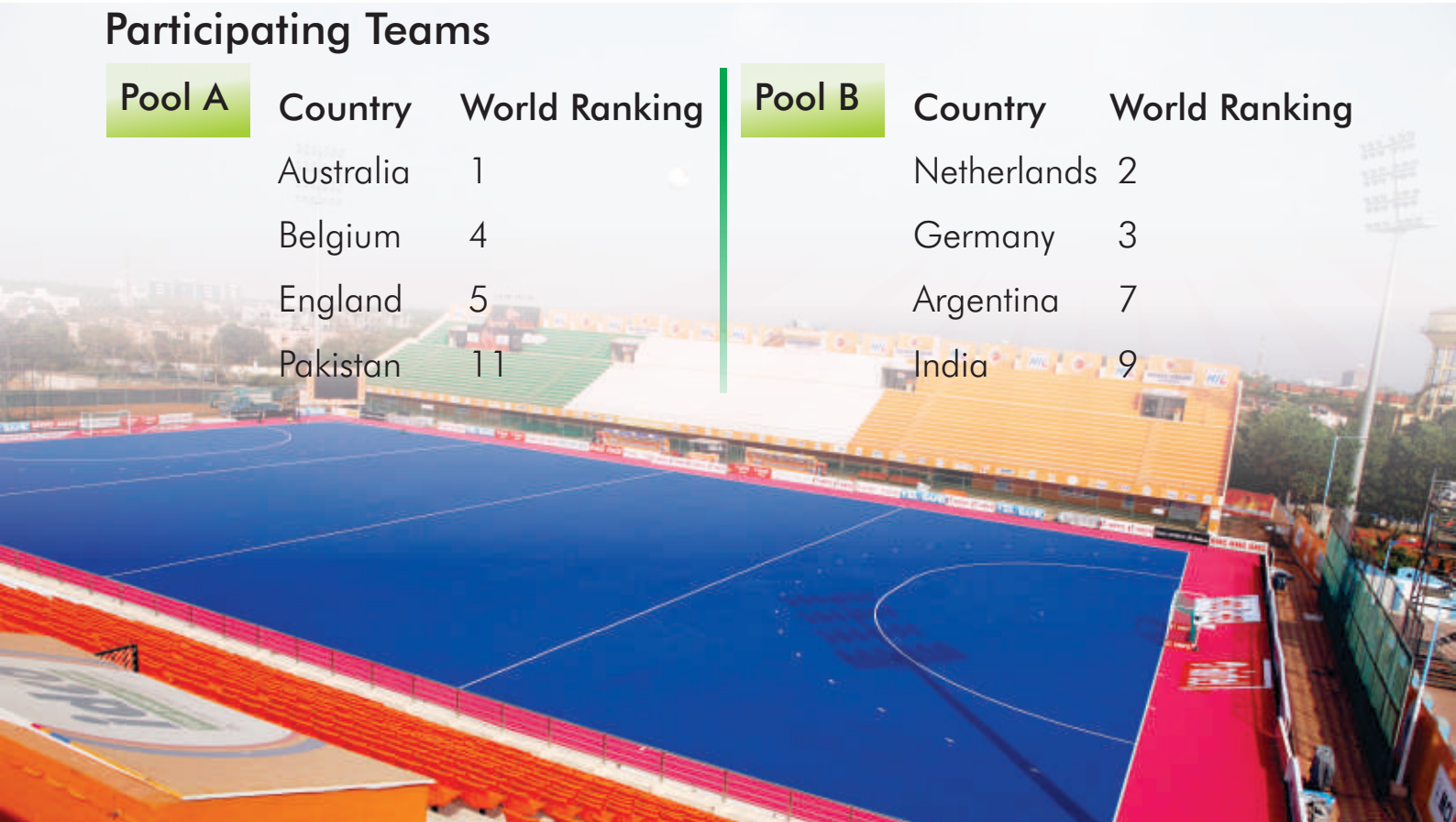
Participating Teams

Pool A

Country	World Ranking
Australia	1
Belgium	4
England	5
Pakistan	11

Pool B

Country	World Ranking
Netherlands	2
Germany	3
Argentina	7
India	9





Hero Hockey Champions Trophy 2014

Men, Bhubaneswar (IND) – 6 / 14 December 2014



Match Schedule

Date	Match #	Time	Pool	Match
Saturday 6 Dec	1	12:00	A	Australia v England
	2	14:00	A	Belgium v Pakistan
	3	17:30	B	Netherlands v Argentina
	4	19:30	B	Germany v India
Sunday 7 Dec	5	12:00	A	Belgium v Australia
	6	14:00	A	England v Pakistan
	7	17:30	B	Germany v Netherlands
	8	19:30	B	Argentina v India
Monday 8 Dec	Rest Day			
Tuesday 9 Dec	9	12:00	B	Argentina v Germany
	10	14:00	A	England v Belgium
	11	17:30	A	Australia v Pakistan
	12	19:30	B	Netherlands v India
Wednesday 10 Dec	Rest Day			
Thursday 11 Dec	13	11:30		QF1 ¹
	14	13:45		QF2 ¹
	15	17:15		QF3 ¹
	16	19:30		QF4 ¹
Friday 12 Dec	Rest Day			
Saturday 13 Dec	17	11:30		5/8 ²
	18	13:45		5/8 ²
	19	17:15		SF1 ²
	20	19:30		SF2 ²
Sunday 14 Dec	21	11:30		7 / 8 ³
	22	13:45		5 / 6 ³
	23	17:15		3 / 4 ³
	24	19:30		Final

Hockey India inducts new Associate Members, Academy Members and Hoc-Key Member

Hockey Madhya Pradesh - new Associate Member

Hockey India added another Associate Member by welcoming on board Hockey Madhya Pradesh under its wings on 21 August 2014. Prior to being the Associate Member of Hockey India, Hockey Madhya Pradesh was known as Madhya Pradesh Hockey Association.

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Association since 1956 has successfully identified many International Players and Umpires hence contributing to the game since its inception. They even conducted International Test Matches, National Championships as well as State Division Level Tournaments in various districts of Madhya Pradesh giving them the experience of being getting inducted as the new Associate Member of Hockey India and will be known as Hockey Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. Nitin Dhimole is the President and Mr. Lok Bahadur is the General Secretary of Hockey Madhya Pradesh.

Major Ports Sports Control Board - new Associate Member

Continuing its endeavour to identify and nurture young and budding hockey players in the country, Hockey India announced its affiliation of Major Ports Sports Control Board as its 23rd Associate Member on 18 September 2014.

Since its inception in 1976, Major Ports Sports Control Board has successfully participated in the zonal as well as national level championships around the year and which has helped identify players at a very young age. They even have to their credit of organising the 'All India Major Ports Hockey Championship' from over 30 years.

Mr. Atulya Misra, I.A.S is the President and Mr. G Harichandran is the General Secretary of the Major Ports Sports Control Board.

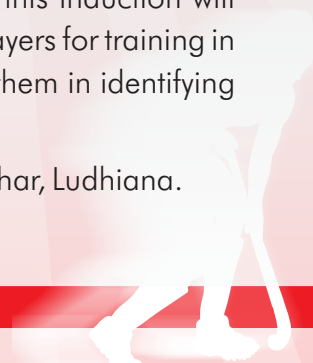
Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar - new Academy Member

In its bid to reach the grassroots of Hockey, Hockey India inducted Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar, Ludhiana as its 7th Academy Member.

Since its inception in 1986, Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar has been actively involved in the development of the game by organizing the Jarkhar Sports Festival every year. The Academy even organizes the Olympian Prithipal Singh Hockey Tournament for U-17 teams every year.

Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar has its own hockey stadium with 7 a side Astroturf alongwith a 22 room hostel for the players. With 80 young players being part of this academy, this induction will further enable Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar to increase the number of players for training in the academy. The Academy also holds regular tournaments and camps which helps them in identifying talent in the region.

Mr. Jagroop Singh Jarkhar is the Director of the Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar, Ludhiana.



Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy - new Academy Member

In its bid to further promote and bring to the forefront the potential of young hockey players in Punjab, Hockey India announced the affiliation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab), as a new Academy Member on 21 September 2014.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy was set up 5 months back in April 2014 by Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University in Fatehgarh Sahib, with an aim to identify the young, potential talents of the state and to nurture and further prepare them for higher levels of the game. Currently, there are 50 young players including 30 girls and 20 boys, training at the academy. Many of them have already participated either at the district or state level tournaments. This enthusiasm for developing and raising new hockey talents helped Hockey India to arrive at a decision of taking Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy in its fold.

The Academy is also coming up with a brand new artificial turf so that the young players can avail the facility and be better prepared for upcoming challenges at the higher levels.

Dr. Kanwaljeet Singh is the Director of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Hockey Academy.

Hockey Village India - new Academy Member

Adding yet another branch to its expanding family, Hockey India on 19 September 2014 announced its new Academy Member, Hockey Village India with an aim to reach out to those underprivileged children who are keen to make a career in sports and provide a platform to showcase their talent.

Hockey Village India works towards the better future for underprivileged children in rural India in terms of Sports and Education. In 2010, a former German hockey player Andrea Thumshirn started the academy in Garh Himmat Singh, District Dausa in Rajasthan with the support of her German hockey friends and local ruling families. Thereafter, she managed to spread awareness of hockey in the surrounding areas and started giving training to 50 boys and girls who later on participated in various U-14 and U-16 domestic tournaments.

With the intention to combine sports and education, Hockey Village India opened their own school in 2013 to provide proper education and sporting facilities to the identified budding players. Some German hockey players are now also volunteering to give training to young kids in Hockey Village India.

Andrea Thumshirn is the Director and founder of the Hockey Village India.

Mumbai Schools Sports Association - new Hoc-Key Member

In its urge to take its efforts to Maharashtra of identifying youngsters who have the capabilities of representing India, Hockey India takes on board Mumbai Schools Sports Association as its 2nd Hoc-Key Member on 24 September 2014. This association will help strengthen Hockey India's efforts in the region and soon this tie-up will witness new initiatives being taken to promote and develop the game in the region.

Being one of the oldest associations of its kind in the world and catering to the sports needs of over 60,000 school children from over 360 schools in Mumbai every year, the Mumbai Schools Sports Association, was formerly known as Bombay High Schools Athletic Association and was founded by Sir Dorabji Jamshedji Tata in 1893 with the 'Tata Shield for Inter-School Athletic Meet'.

The 113-year-old 'Junior Aga Khan Hockey' inter-school tournament has also been conducted by this association since 1901. The MSSA conducts tournaments in more than 20 disciplines of sports at the grassroots level in which 60,000 students participate annually under different age groups.

Rev. Fr. Jude Rodrigues is the present Director of the Mumbai Schools Sports Association.



Dr. Narinder Batra Re-elected as Vice President of Asian Hockey Federation

Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra is re-elected as Vice-President of the Asian Hockey Federation during AHF Congress held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 31 August 2014.

Mr. Leandro Negre, President and Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO International Hockey Federation also attended the Congress. Mr. Negre praised Hockey India for coming up with innovative tournaments and hosting several competitions.

Prince Abdullah Tuanku Ahmad Shah of Malaysia and Fumio Ogura of Japan were elected as President and Treasurer respectively. Tayyab Ikram will be the CEO.

AHF office bearers (2014-18): President: Prince AbdullaTuanku Ahmad Shah (Malaysia); Vice-Presidents: Chaiyapak Siriwat (Thailand), Narinder Batra (India), Berikkazy Seksenbayev (Kazakistan), Rana Mujahind (Pakistan) and Ms. Shin Jung Hee (Korea); Treasurer: Fumio Ogura (Japan). CEO: Tayyab Ikram (Macau).

Council: Abdul Rahim Ariff (Malaysia), Mathavan Devadas (Singapore), Bahram Shafie (Iran), Akhtar Rasool (Pakistan), Sumith Edirisinghe (Sri Lanka), Abdul Rashid Sikdar (Bangladesh), Li Gao Chao (China), Shamala Subramaniam (Malaysia), and Masako Kamisuki (Japan). Honorary Life President: Tan Sri Alagendra.

Manpreet Singh adjudged Asia's Junior Men Player of the Year

Rising Indian midfielder Manpreet Singh was named the 'Junior Men Player of the Year' by the Asian Hockey Federation in its Congress held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 31 August 2014.

The 22-year-old has played 103 international matches and captained the junior men's team in the Hero FIH Hockey Junior Men's World Cup in New Delhi, and the third Sultan of Johor Cup in Johor Bahru last year.

Manpreet's best moment was to win the Sultan of Johor Cup under his leadership. In this prestigious tournament, India's junior team displayed their high-level hockey skills and defeated England, Argentina, Pakistan and South Korea. In the final match, India thrashed host Malaysia 3-0 and clinched the Gold Medal.

Manpreet made his international debut in 2011 and since then, he has been a regular member of the Indian team. The Jalandhar-lad was also a part of the silver medal winning Indian team at the Commonwealth Games in Scotland and represented India at the FIH Men's World Cup (Netherlands), Hero FIH Hockey World League Final. Manpreet was also part of Indian team at the recently concluded 17th Asian Games 2014 at Incheon, South Korea.

On his special achievement, Hockey India, Secretary General Narinder Batra said, "I congratulate Manpreet for this special achievement, and this also shows the potential of young Indian hockey players. Manpreet works very hard and has proved himself at all age-groups and competitions. "Apart from a skillful midfielder, he also has the leadership qualities to motivate other players to fight till the final whistle. This announcement is a great achievement for Indian hockey."



Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President and Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice President Hockey India felicitating Dr. Narinder Batra for being re-elected as Vice President of Asian Hockey Federation



Hockey India - State Unit Elections

Hockey Andaman & Nicobar



Ms. Sapna Bala
President



Wilfred Kerketta
Joint Secretary



J. Yadav
Treasurer

Delhi Hockey



Hitesh Sindhvani
President



Mahesh Dayal
General Secretary



A S Bedi
Treasurer

Hockey Jharkhand



Bhola Nath Singh
President



Vijay Shankar Singh
General Secretary



Rajnish Kumar
Treasurer

Kerala Hockey



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Afsar Ahammed
General Secretary



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Hockey Maharashtra



Hitesh Jain
President



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Treasurer

Manipur Hockey



Ksh. Thoiba Singh
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Ms. S. Suneeta Devi
General Secretary



Seram Neken
Treasurer

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Ms. Kiran E Jermaiah
President



Rajeev Mehta
General Secretary



Narendra Singh
Basfila
Treasurer

Deccan Water Treatment Pvt. Ltd. Takes Pune Franchise of Hero Hockey India League

Hero Hockey India League on 12 September 2014 announced addition of a new team to the League for the upcoming season of the League scheduled for Jan- Feb 2015.

The Pune franchise has been bought by Mr Anirban Sarkar, owner of the Deccan Water Treatment Pvt. Ltd. The company founded in 1998 subsequently entered in the field of waste water treatment and developed packaged type sewage treatment plant working in India and overseas with the value of the organization said to be nearly 2000 Cr.

Speaking on owning the Pune Franchise of Hero HIL, Mr. Anirban Sarkar said, "Having closely and sincerely following the developments of Hockey in our country under the leadership of Dr. Narinder Batra, I was very impressed and felt a need to be a part and contribute to the sport". Having a love and passion for Hockey since his school days in Pune, Mr Sarkar says that the city has produced many Hockey Stars for India. "The cradle for Hockey in India has seen stars like Baboo Nimal, Joseph Philips, Dhanraj Pillay, Vikram Pillay and many International and national players and I too grew up like many other Pune boys playing for my school in interschool and Zilla parishad matches with borrowed hockey sticks from friends. Buying the Pune franchise is the just the beginning for a larger and better future for the sport in the country."

Deccan Water Treatment Pvt. Ltd. is the pioneer in the manufacturing of RO systems for Drinking water specialized for desalination and arsenic removal by reverse osmosis process. Backed by the most modern technology they provide a solution to all water treatment problems under one roof and also have diversified into Solar Energy in 2010. The company has not restricted to a single sector or region as their aim is to reach the remotest of villages for provision of Drinking water and efficient treatment of waste water and its recycling.

DoIT Sports Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. Enters Hero Hockey India League As The New Mumbai Franchise

Hero Hockey India League on 14 September 2014 announced that the Mumbai franchise has been taken up by DoIT Sports Management (India) Pvt. Ltd., a creative sports entity championing "Rurban" Indian sporting ventures, making it the sixth franchise that will compete in the prestigious international event, held every year in January – February.

Speaking on owning the Mumbai Franchise of HIL, Ms. Radha Kapoor, Director, DoIT Sports Management said, "The pride and passion associated with India's most successful Olympic team sport – Hockey – is known well world over. DoIT Sports aims to take the same passion and pride to the field in the worlds' premiere hockey tournament – the Hockey India League. Already featuring the best international talent DoIT Sports plans to support and field India's most talented in the League. Instituted to promote sporting disciplines, DoIT Sports is committed to contributing towards grassroot development of hockey in India. The Mumbai franchise will promote a dynamic sporting culture and bring together the best talent management systems to actualize our sporting vision into a reality."

DoIT Sports Management (India) Pvt Ltd was incorporated as a part of DoIT Creations Group with the vision of promoting sports, athletes, sports facilities and events across India. Founded by Ms. Radha Kapoor, a creative entrepreneur, DoIT Creations has been instituted to promote creative and innovative new sunrise opportunities focused on entrepreneurship. Marked its foray in sports with the ownership of the Delhi franchise of the Pro Kabaddi League – "Dabang Delhi"

New International Hockey Stadium inaugurated in Raipur, Chhattisgarh

A brand new international hockey stadium with a blue artificial turf was inaugurated on 29 August 2014 to celebrate the National Sports Day - the 109th birth anniversary of the legendary Major Dhyan Chand. The stadium, with a capacity of 4000 spectators, was inaugurated by the Speaker of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly, Gauri Shankar Agarwal. Member of Parliament, Ramesh Bais, was also present on the occasion.

This is the second International Hockey Stadium with a blue Astroturf inaugurated in the state after the International Hockey Stadium in Rajnandgaon.

The occasion also witnessed an exhibition match played between India 'A' and India 'B' teams. The players of the Silver Medal winning Indian Men Hockey Team at the XX Commonwealth Games 2014 also played this exhibition match where Sardar Singh led India 'A' outplayed Vikram Kanth led India 'B' 4-1.



AROUND INDIA

Roelant Oltmans conducts High Performance Coaching Clinic in Rohtak

Hockey India's Director High Performance Mr. Roelant Oltmans conducted a one day High Performance Coaching Clinic at Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex in Rohtak, Haryana on 27 August 2014. Almost 30 coaches participated in the High Performance Coaching Clinic organized by Hockey Haryana in association with Hockey India.



During the Coaching Clinic, Mr. Oltmans shared the latest coaching techniques and new strategies of the highest level in international hockey with the participant coaches. He additionally shared his expertise with the coaches about the advancements in the game and how to prepare the young players in this speedy sport. Mr. Oltmans showed tutorial videos relating to coaching, strategies and the team coordination on the field.

This interactive session also witnessed various Q&As by the coaches which were righteously adhered to, giving a positive end to the coaching clinic.

The High Performance Coaching Clinic was inaugurated by Dr. Davinder Dhull, Director Sports Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak and Mr. Sunil Malik, General Secretary Hockey Haryana was also present on the occasion.

ONGC XI wins 8th Oriental Bank Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament 2014

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) XI defeated Indian Air Force XI 2-1 in the final of the 8th Oriental Bank Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Tournament played at the Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi on 28 September 2014.



ONGC displayed better cohesion and precision in making the most of the opportunities that came its way in the first half. ONGC opened its account in the 13th minute when Pradhan Somanna scored with an angular placement. IAF, however, conceded one more goal when Pramod Kumar found the target in the 43rd minute to place ONGC in a comfortable position. Reorganising its midfield, IAF pressed hard and scored its first goal in the 46th minute through Alam.

Hockey India selector & Olympian Harbinder Singh, Olympian Ajitpal Singh and Olympian Brig. H J S Chimni presented winner's trophy to ONGC XI team.

AROUND INDIA

HIM Academy Lifts Inter District Under-14 School Boys Hockey Tournament Title

HIM Academy defeated Kandaghat School 4-2 in the final, to lift the title of the Inter District Under -14 School Boys Hockey Tournament held at Government Senior Secondary School, Barotiwala in Solan on 1 September 2014.

HIM Academy Boys won all the three matches they played in the three days tournament organized by Department of Elementary Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh from 30 August – 1 September 2014. Six teams from different parts of Solan participated in the tournament.



HIM Academy's New Hockey Stadium inaugurated in Solan

HIM Academy, the Academy Member of Hockey India is making its best efforts to promote hockey in the grassroots district of Solan, Himachal Pradesh. As a result of its efforts, the newly constructed hockey stadium of HIM Academy at Guru Nanak Public School Jagaat Khana in Solan was inaugurated on by Mr. Ali Raza Rizvi (IAS) Principal Secretary (Higher Education, Elementary Education, Information Technology) and Director, HIM Academy on 6 September 2014.

Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Director High Performance Hockey India and Mr. Sukhvir Singh Grewal, Manager High Performance (North Zone) were also present at the inauguration.

Initially, the stadium had a natural grass field but HIM Academy aims to install an artificial turf soon. The stadium also has a capacity to accommodate 2000 spectators and a hostel with 10 rooms is ready for the academy players. HIM Academy has 70 girls of different age groups currently training there.



Nehru-Dhyan Chand Cup: Saket boys win both hearts and the Cup

Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Saket defeated Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar 3-2 to clinch the title of the 2nd Nehru – Dhyan Chand Cup (U-15 Boys) Hockey Tournament played at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi on 29th August 2014. Nakul Kumar (16th & 44th minute) and Shравan Kr Nigam scored for Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Saket while Rohit (10th minute) and Mukul (47th minute) scored for Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar.

In another final match of U-15 girls, Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Dwarka outplayed Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Vijay Enclave 3-2 in a penalty shootout.

The 24 teams were divided in to eight pools of three teams each, and the winner of each pool graduated to the quarterfinal league. For most of the Delhi schools, the event presented the first opportunity for the teams to play on synthetic turf.



S V Sunil, Member of Indian Men Hockey Team launched Audi A-3 in Mangalore



Hockey India Extends its Contract with Shiv Naresh as its Kit Partner till 2017

Hockey India extended its contract with Shiv Naresh as its Kit Partner for the National teams as well as the annual Hockey India League on 17 September 2014. The contract with Shiv Naresh is extended for a period of 3 years until 2017.



Shiv Naresh who became the Apparel Partner of Hockey India and Hockey India League in 2013 will continue to provide both on and off-field playing and training uniform ranging from training shorts and shirts to tracksuits and equipment to the teams.

As a part of its association with Hero Hockey India League, Shiv Naresh will supply uniform for technical officials, umpires and Hero HIL staff.

BIRTHDAYS

Men

October

Sanjit Toppo	12
Dipsan Tirkey	15
Gurwinder Singh Chandi	20
Satbir Singh	22

November

V R Raghunath	1
Nilam Sanjeev Xess	7
Rupinder Pal Singh	11
Vikas Pillay	20
Rajat Sharma	22
Yuvraj Walmiki	29

December

Lalit Upadhyay	1
Chinglensana Singh Kangujam	2
Akashdeep Singh	2
S K Uthappa	2
Nithin Thimmaiah	8
Abhinav Kumar Pandey	12
Danish Mujtaba	20
Sumit Chauhan	20
Simranjit Singh	27
Affan Yousuf	29
Gurmail Singh	30
Jasjit Singh Kular	30

Women

October

M N Ponnamma	25
Gurjit Kaur	25

November

Neha Goyal	15
Asunta Lakra	20

December

Rani	4
Jaspreet Kaur	11
Kirandeep Kaur	13
Joydeep Kaur	21
Manjit Kaur	23
Chanchan Devi	25
Ritu Rani	29

