



# Newsletter

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**Message from  
Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra**  
President - Hockey India &  
Chairman - Hockey India League

March, April and May was an exciting quarter for Hockey and the fans of the game across India. March witnessed the commencement of the 5th National Championship and which ended on 31st May with the Sub Junior Women National Championship. What came out clearly from this year's Championships was the huge talent on offering and which we immediately inducted in the core probable's for senior and junior, men and women.

These players have made all the coaching staff excited as they see a second layer of players who can be groomed for the future International platform. Apart from the excitement on the domestic front, the International front had loads to cheer about as the Men and Women team yet again gave us many reasons to be proud of them.

The month of March witnessed the Indian Women team delivering a strong performance during the FIH World League Round 2 which helped them take a clean sweep of the tournament and advancing to the Semi-Final stage which is due to be held in June this year. The same month saw the commencement of the first edition of the Hockey India Annual Awards for 2014. Through these awards it was the first time that players not only got recognition for their efforts on the field but they were awarded in grand style. We did not limit the recognition only to the current players basis their 2014 performances but we even created the Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement award. The commencement of the annual award is yet another of Hockey India's initiative to recognize those players who brought India laurels in the past.

This was followed by another round of excitement in April where the Indian Men Hockey team did us proud as they claimed the third position in the 24th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. While the Women team on the other hand had to settle for the 7th position during the Hawke's Bay Cup, however what cannot be ignored is the hard time they gave to the opponents who were ranked higher than us on the FIH ranking. May 2015 saw Bhubaneswar hosting the Japan team and even successfully marking another International tournament at the Kalinga Stadium. The tournament went on to see the Men team taking a clean sweep of 3-0 and in a way announcing that they are no more a team to be taken lightly.

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# India Beats Poland 3-1 To Win the Hero FIH Hockey World League Round 2 (Women), Delhi 2015



The final of the Hero FIH Hockey World League Round 2 (Women) lived up to the tag of the Finale game, as the spectators were treated to a spectacular, breathtaking and intense game of hockey between India and Poland. The game tied 1-1 at the end of the first half and was slated as anyone's game until the last thirty minutes which decided the fate of both the teams. It was the Indian eves who got their experience into play, keeping their nerves intact and beat the opponents 3-1. With the win, India made a clean sweep as they won all six matches played in the tournament.

A happy, High Performance Director, Hockey India, Roelant Oltmans said, "The First quarter we played outstanding. The way Rani scored her goal was brilliant and not everyday someone scores a goal like that. We had pressure on us in the third quarter but we came back strong. The team has a very good understanding on the field and they did a great job."

Speaking post the match Ritu Rani, Indian Captain said "We are very happy we won. We played well but we should have played better. From here we will concentrate on Semi Finals and we are confident of our performance".

The matches of the Hero FIH World League Round 2 (Women) were being telecast LIVE and exclusive on DD Sports.

**Top Scorer of the Tournament: Vandana Katariya, India**

**Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Marta Kucharska, Poland**

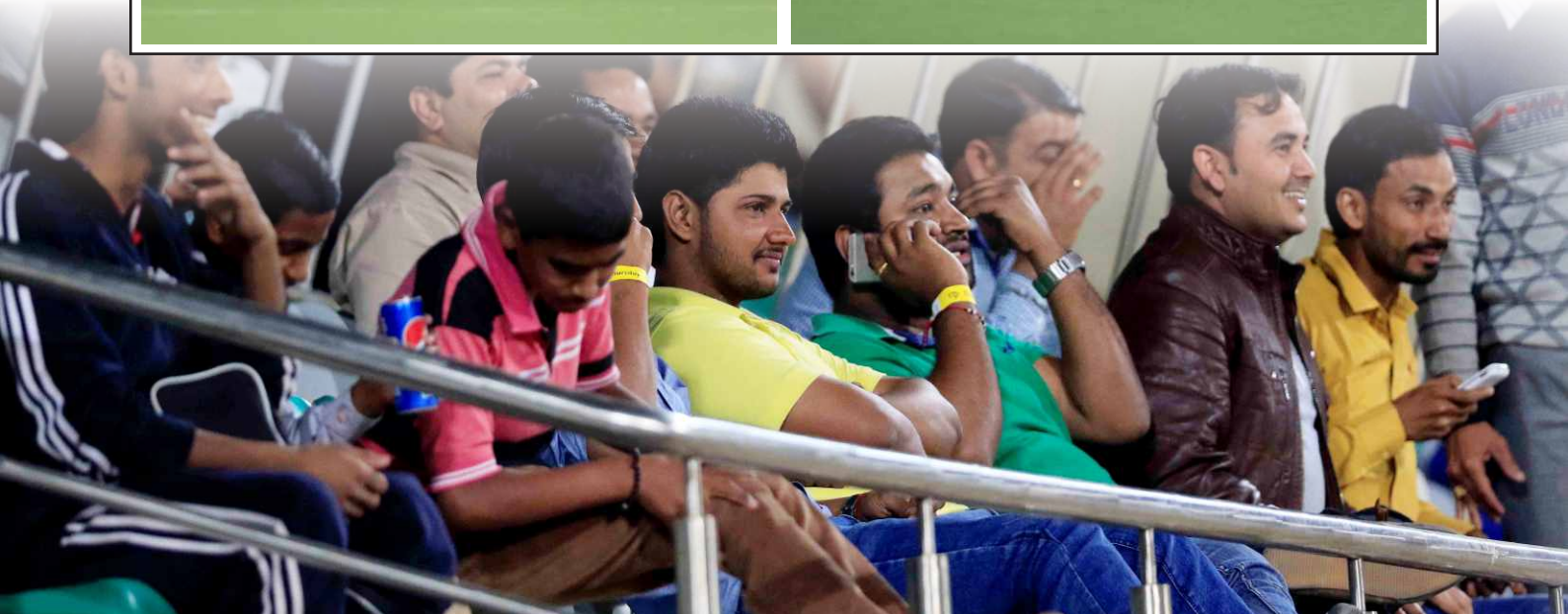
**Junior Player of Tournament: Rani, India**

**Player of the Tournament: Marlena Rybacha, Poland**













## FIH World League Round 2

### Women, Delhi (India) – 7 / 15 March 2015



#### Participating Teams

**Pool A**  
India  
Poland  
Ghana  
Thailand

**Pool B**  
Malaysia  
Russia  
Kazakhstan  
Singapore

## MATCH RESULTS

Date	Match #	Time	Pool	Match	Match	Results
Saturday 7 March	1	13:15	B	Malaysia	v	Kazakhstan 8 – 0
	2	15:30	B	Russia	v	Singapore 7 – 0
	3	17:45	A	Poland	v	Thailand 4 – 1
	4	20:00	A	India	v	Ghana 13 – 0
Sunday 8 March	5	13:15	B	Kazakhstan	v	Singapore 4 – 0
	6	15:30	B	Russia	v	Malaysia 0 – 3
	7	17:45	A	Ghana	v	Thailand 1 – 3
	8	20:00	A	Poland	v	India 0 – 2
Monday 9 March					Rest Day	
Tuesday 10 March	9	13:15	B	Malaysia	v	Singapore 5 – 0
	10	15:30	B	Kazakhstan	v	Russia 3 – 2
	11	17:45	A	Ghana	v	Poland 0 – 4
	12	20:00	A	India	v	Thailand 5 – 0
Wednesday 11 March					Rest Day	
Thursday 12 March	16	13:15	QF4 <sup>1</sup>	Malaysia	v	Ghana 2 – 0
	14	15:30	QF2 <sup>1</sup>	Kazakhstan	v	Thailand 3 – 4
	15	17:45	QF3 <sup>1</sup>	Poland	v	Russia 4 – 2
	13	20:00	QF1 <sup>1</sup>	India	v	Singapore 10 – 0
Friday 13 March					Rest Day	
Saturday 14 March	17	13:15	5 / 8 <sup>2</sup>	Singapore	v	Kazakhstan 1 – 2
	18	15:30	5 / 8 <sup>2</sup>	Russia	v	Ghana 7 – 1
	20	17:45	SF 2 <sup>2</sup>	Poland	v	Malaysia 1 – 0
	19	20:00	SF 1 <sup>2</sup>	India	v	Thailand 5 – 0
Sunday 15 March	21	13:15	7 / 8 <sup>3</sup>	Singapore	v	Ghana 1 – 2
	22	15:30	5 / 6 <sup>3</sup>	Kazakhstan	v	Russia 0 – 9
	23	17:45	3 / 4 <sup>3</sup>	Thailand	v	Malaysia 0 – 3
	24	20:00	Final	India	v	Poland 3 – 1



# 1975 Hockey World Cup Remembrance

40 years back, on 15 March 1975, the Indian Men Hockey team accomplished a historic feat against Pakistan in the Final of the 1975 Hockey World Cup wherein they beat the opponents 2-1 to earn the title of 'Champions'. It was a moment of pride that day and it is a moment of pride for every Indian today. Remembering the occasion and the achievement, Hockey India congratulates the team who made this possible.



# Hockey India Annual Awards 2014



Hockey India conferred the first ever annual award to recognize the dedication and hard work of hockey players, coaches and administrators on the field to build the sport on the national and international arena.

**Awards of over Rs. 2.80 crore were presented in a glittering ceremony at New Delhi**



# Hockey India MAJOR DHYAN CHAND

## Lifetime Achievement Award 2014



**Balbir Singh Sr.**  
₹ 30,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**DHRUV BATRA AWARD**  
for Player of the Year 2014 (Men)



**Birendra Lakra**  
₹ 25,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**DHRUV BATRA AWARD**  
for Player of the Year 2014 (Women)



**Vandana Katariya**  
₹ 25,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**JUGRAJ SINGH AWARD**  
for Upcoming Player of the Year 2014 (Men – Under 21)



**Harmanpreet Singh**  
₹ 10,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**ASUNTA LAKRA AWARD**  
for Upcoming Player of the Year 2014 (Women–Under 21)



**Namita Toppo**  
₹ 10,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India  
DHANRAJ PILLAY AWARD**  
for Forward of the Year 2014.



**Akashdeep Singh**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India  
AJIT PAL SINGH AWARD**  
for Midfielder of the Year 2014.



**Manpreet Singh**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**PARGAT SINGH AWARD**  
for Defender of the Year 2014.



**Deepika**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India**  
**BALJIT SINGH AWARD**  
for Goalkeeper of the Year 2014.



**P R Sreejesh**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY





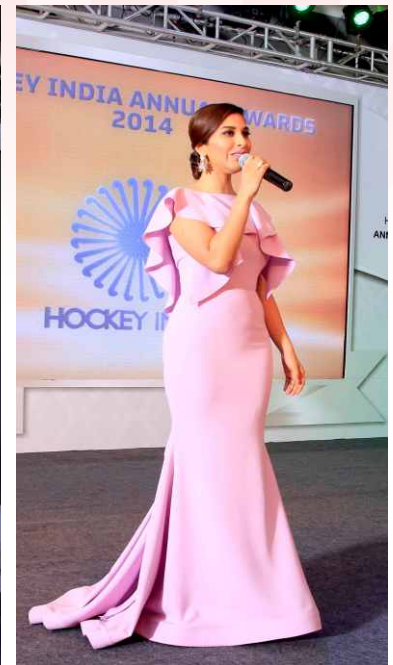
**Hockey India  
PRESIDENTS AWARD**  
for Outstanding Achievement 2014

**One Thousand Hockey Legs**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY



**Hockey India  
JAMAN LAL SHARMA AWARD**  
for Invaluable Contribution (for Coaches & Support Staff) 2014

**Harendra Singh**  
₹ 5,00,000 & TROPHY



## List of Awards at the Hockey India Annual Awards 2014

SN.	Competition	Winners	Prize Money
1	AHF Annual Awards	Manpreet Singh (AHF Junior Men Player of the Year)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
2	Malaysia Test Series	GurjitKaur (Goal on Debut)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
3	Champions Sultan Of Johor- Junior Men Team	18 Players + 1 Coach	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		4 Support staff	Rs 50,000 each
4	Champions Sultan Of Johor- Individual Winners	Harmanpreet Singh (Player of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		Harjeet Singh (Upcoming Player of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
5	Silver Medal Winners Commonwealth Games- Men Team	16 Players + 1 Support Staff	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		6 Support staff	Rs 50,000/- each
6	Bronze Medal Winners Asian Games Women Team -	16 Players + 1 Support Staff	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		5 Support staff	Rs 50,000/- each
7	Gold Medal Winners Asian Games Men Team -	16 Players + 1 Support Staff	Rs 2.50 Lakh each
		7 Support staff	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
8	Champions Trophy- Individual Winners	Akashdeep Singh (Upcoming Player of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		S.V Sunil (Most Energetic Player Award)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		Sardar Singh (Fans Choice Award)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		P.R Sreejesh (Goalkeeper of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
9	World League Round 2 - Women Team	18 Players	Rs 1.00 Lakh each
		8 Support staff	Rs 50,000 each
10	World League Round 2 - Individual Winners	Rani (Junior Player of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh
		VandanaKatariya (Maximum Goals of the Tournament)	Rs 1.00 Lakh



## Indian Clinches Bronze Medal in the 24th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2015

After registering a convincing victory over Australia, the confident Indian team defeated 8th-ranked Korea by 4-1 (2-2), which was ended with penalty shoot-out, and clinched the Bronze Medal in the 24th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2015 being played at Ipoh, Malaysia. This is Team India's fifth Bronze Medal in the prestigious tournament as they previously won the Bronze in 2012, 2007, 2006 and 1983. India claimed five Gold medals in 2010, 2009, 1995, 1991 and 1983 in the tournament.

The world-class goalkeeper PR Sreejesh showed his mettle again and thwarted two shoot-out attempts of South Korea to become a hero of the match. He failed the attempts of Korea's Kihoon Kim and Juhun Kim to help his team. For India, Akashdeep Singh, Captain Sardar Singh, Rupinder Pal Singh and Birendra Lakra out-foxed Korean goalie Jaehyeon Kim and hit successful goals to register a remarkable 4-1 (2-2) victory over higher-ranked Korea. With this win, India finished third and clinched the Bronze Medal after 2012.

For Sreejesh's heroic performance, he was adjudged the Man-of-the-Match.

### RESULTS

Date	Match	Result
05 April 2015	Vs Korea	2-2
06 April 2015	Vs New Zealand	1-2
08 April 2015	Vs Malaysia	2-3
09 April 2015	Vs Canada	5-3
11 April 2015	Vs Australia	4-2
12 April 2015	Vs Korea	2-2 (1-4 SO)



## Hawke's Bay Cup

# India Beats Higher Seeded Japan 3-2 To Claim The 7th Position

It was a day which will go down in the history of Indian Women hockey as the team went on to beat the higher seeded FIH ranked team Japan in the classification match of the Hawkes's Bay Cup. By this win India has been successful in consecutively beating them, the last being the 17th Asian Games wherein both the teams met to play for the Bronze medal finish. The match was for the 7th / 8th position resulted in an exciting clash as both the teams were looking at signing off the tournament on a winning note. While Japan started off strong by a two goal lead vis a vis India's unopened account, India bounced back into the game and won the match 3-2 leaving the opponents stunned.

### RESULTS

Date	Match	Result
11 April 2015	Vs China	1-2
12 April 2015	Vs USA	2-4
14 April 2015	Vs Australia	0-0
16 April 2015	Vs New Zealand	1-4
18 April 2015	Vs USA	0-3
19 April 2015	Vs Japan	3-2





# India Japan Test Series

## India Beats Japan Wins the Indo-Japan Series 3-0

With the series already in their name, India played to add another win to their name while Japan looked at ending the series with one win in their name. It was finally India who stamped its dominance as they went on to win the match 4-0 and claiming the series 3-0. With this India will now be eyeing the FIH World League Semi-Final slated in Belgium next month.

### RESULTS

Date	Match	Result
03 May 2015	Vs Japan	1-1
05 May 2015	Vs Japan	2-0
07 May 2015	Vs Japan	2-1
09 May 2015	Vs Japan	4-0









# Awards & Honours

## Hockey India Conferred 'Best National Sports Federation' Award

In recognition of the astounding work done to promote the sport, the Major Dhyan Chand Sports Awards Committee (MDCSA) conferred the 'Best National Sports Federation' award to Hockey India. Major Dhyan Chand Award is given to sports personalities and organizations for their efforts and team work in building the sport in the country.

Hockey India has consistently been aggressive in promoting hockey as a sport not only nationally but also on the international arena. For the first time six major international tournaments were organized in India under the aegis of Hockey India over the last 3 years. It not only gave extensive exposure to the Indian Hockey Team to play against the players from other countries, but it also helped showcase the state of the art infrastructure that has been built within the country to match international standards.



## Top 10 Sports Personalities In India

Indian Express nominated Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra amongst the 10 top personalities of Indian sport in the country. This nomination has come for his relentless, passionate and vibrant leadership to revive Indian Hockey



**ie 100<sup>15</sup>** The Indian EXPRESS THE LIST OF MOST POWERFUL INDIANS  
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<p><b>75</b> NEW ON THE LIST</p> <p><b>Azim H Premji, 69</b> Wipro Chairman</p> <p><b>WHY</b> Has expanded Wipro's footprint. The company's consolidated revenues were up to Rs 12,085 crore in the October-December quarter.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> Donated Rs 13.16 crore between April 2013 and October 2014. Shanghai-based Hurun Research Institute put him at the top of a list of philanthropists in India.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Wipro is seen to expand in Andhra Pradesh and is planning to invest Rs 500 crore to develop an information technology SEZ.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> The tech tycoon loves watching movies and also enjoys trekking.</p>	<p><b>76</b> NEW ON THE LIST</p> <p><b>Parkash Singh Badal, 87</b> Punjab CM</p> <p><b>WHY</b> This is his fifth term and second in a row as Punjab CM, making him the tallest political leader in the state.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> He led the Akali Dal-BJP coalition to a second consecutive term in power when few expected it. The BJP knows Badal's value: the Centre recently gave him Padma Vibhushan.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Ahead of the 2017 polls, he has moved away from a religious-political agenda and is resting his chances on the plank of development.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> Of the serving CMs, he is the only one to have spent 16 years in prison for leading protests.</p>	<p><b>77</b> Rank '14': 94</p> <p><b>Piyush Goyal, 50</b> Minister of State for Coal &amp; Power, Independent Charge</p> <p><b>WHY</b> As the public face of the BJP, Goyal stoutly defended the policies and programmes of the party during the last Lok Sabha elections. He headed the BJP's information communication campaign committee during the 2014 general elections.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> Goyal is considered architect of the coal ordinance and paved the way for auctioning of 204 coal blocks.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Goyal is hoping for waiving off of custom duty on coal.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> A chartered accountant, he began as an investment banker.</p>	<p><b>78</b> Rank '14': 95</p> <p><b>Jyotiraditya Scindia, 44</b> Congress Chief Whip in Lok Sabha</p> <p><b>WHY</b> He has emerged as one of the credible and articulate opposition voices in the House where the BJP is in a huge majority. Congress hopes in Madhya Pradesh also rest on his shoulders.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> The BJP may be in power at the Centre and in MP, but Scindia continues to control the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> With the government planning to bring crucial Bills in the Lok Sabha this session, all eyes are on him.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> Goes to the gym every day.</p>	<p><b>TOP 10 SPORTS</b></p> <p><b>1 VIRAT KOHLI</b> The new '30-30' guy for the Indian team when it comes to batting. His appointment as skipper of the Test team further underlines his growing influence.</p> <p><b>2 RAVI SHASTRI</b> Considering that Duncan Fletcher's contract runs out after the World Cup, the director of the Indian cricket team will have a say in appointing his successor. Underlines his growing influence.</p> <p><b>3 M S DHONI</b> Despite missing out on the Test format, he remains an authoritative figure in ODIs. The final captain to win three ICC trophies, he is considered the legend.</p> <p><b>4 N SRINIVASAN</b> Despite being barred from standing for ICC elections, the 75-year-old still holds the reins of cricket in India.</p> <p><b>5 P V SINDHU</b> The only one of three Olympians to have won a medal in every tournament he participated in.</p> <p><b>6 SURI RAI</b> The only Indian shooter to win a medal at the Rio Olympics so far, he won a medal in every tournament he participated in.</p> <p><b>7 LALIT BHANDI</b> The former Indian team captain has been named as the new national football official. He is expected to be the national team coach for the AFC.</p> <p><b>8 NARINDER BATRA</b> The only Indian to have won a medal in every tournament he participated in. He has had 11 record breaks.</p> <p><b>9 SACHIN TENDULKAR</b> After the London-12 World Cup, he is expected to be the national team coach for the AFC.</p> <p><b>10 ABHINAV BINDRA</b> The former world number one in a more proactive role in leading the government's sports policy. He has been a formidable public figure as the recently named Target Olympic Podium Scheme.</p>
<p><b>79</b> Rank '14': 66</p> <p><b>Sachin Pilot, 37</b> Rajasthan Congress president</p> <p><b>WHY</b> A Rahul Gandhi appointee, Pilot has been slowly and steadily scripting a Congress revival of sorts in Rajasthan, where the party was decimated in the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> Led the Congress to a 3-1 win over BJP in the Assembly by-elections held after Lok Sabha whitewash. The party also made impressive gains in recent local body polls.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Has a long road ahead as Assembly polls are some distance away.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> Fond of chocolates and junk food, but tries to balance that by jogging a few times a week.</p>	<p><b>80</b> Rank '14': 47</p> <p><b>K Chandrasekhar Rao, 61</b> Telangana Chief Minister</p> <p><b>WHY</b> As the first Telangana CM, he holds absolute power in state. Has also managed to win over at least five TOP MLAs, including Takasa Srinivas Yadav, who has been made minister.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> Refused to align with the Congress for the Lok Sabha elections, dashing the latter's hope of benefitting from the formation of the state.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Will hope to wrest control of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation from the AMIM and the Congress.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> A loving grandfather, he loves shopping for his grandkids.</p>	<p><b>81</b> NEW ON THE LIST</p> <p><b>Akhilesh Yadav, 41</b> Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister</p> <p><b>WHY</b> After electoral losses and Muzaffarnagar riots, he has tried to assert his authority as CM. His biggest advantage is that there is no visible opposition to him in the party.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> The SP defeated the BJP in the Assembly bypolls, held months after the rout of the Lok Sabha polls. Recently, it won Cantonment Board polls as well as MLC elections.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> To beat BJP in the 2017 polls, he has to win back youth support.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> He does not wear a watch or any ring or necklace. What he always found in is a pair of black leather shoes.</p>	<p><b>82</b> Rank '14': 77</p> <p><b>Sachin Bansal, 33</b> Co-founder &amp; CEO, Flipkart <b>Binny Bansal, 33</b> Co-founder &amp; COO, Flipkart</p> <p><b>WHY</b> The Bansals run the largest e-commerce company in India with more than \$1 billion in sales.</p> <p><b>POWER PUNCH</b> Flipkart became India's most valued e-commerce firm last year after raising \$1 billion in funding.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT</b> Bringing more and more small, medium entrepreneurs on board and starting mobile-only platform.</p> <p><b>BY THE WAY:</b> IT, Amazon would finally bring them together, but the Bansals were always destined to be partners. They went to the same school, St Anne's, in Chandigarh.</p>	

**8 NARINDER BATRA**  
His decision-making will be crucial for Indian hockey to build on one of the most successful years it has had in recent times.

## Awards & Honours

### India Men Captain Sardar Singh And Former Women Captain Saba Anjum Receive The Padma Shri Award

Earning another glory for Indian hockey, India Men Hockey Team Captain Sardar Singh as well as the former Captain for the India Women Team, Saba Anjum received one of the most prestigious national honours – Padma Shri Award – from Honourable President Shri Pranab Mukherjee at a glittering ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan. Both Sardar as well as Saba Anjum were earlier conferred with the Arjuna Award in 2012 and 2013 respectively. Both the awardees have to their credit of bringing laurels to the country for their contribution on the field and even guiding their teams to victories.



The 28-year-old midfielder Sardar has played a pivotal role for India and his skilful game which has even inspired the new generation of hockey players across the world. Sardar made his debut for the senior team against Pakistan in 2006 and since then he has played more than 200 international matches and has successfully contributed towards Indian hockey. Sardar is also the most sought after player in the prestigious Hockey India League.



Saba was one of the most prominent forwards and represented India during the Asian Games in 2002, Asia Cup in 2004, Commonwealth Games in 2002 and 2006, and Junior World Cup in 2001. Saba even had been conferred with the Chhattisgarh's top Gundadhur Sports Award for bring honour to her state in the field of sports.

**Congratulating both of them, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said, "Hockey India is delighted and proud of both Sardar Singh and Saba Anjum for being conferred with the Padma Shri Award. Sardar has been contributing selflessly to the national team and Indian Hockey since he started playing for the country and under his leadership India won the Gold at the Asian Games last year. Hockey India also congratulates Saba who was one of the most prominent forward players in the world of Hockey. Hockey India takes pride in congratulating both of them on this auspicious day."**

## Awards & Honours

### PR Sreejesh And Rani Adjudged as the Hockey Player of the Year 2014 at the TOISA

Adding another feather in the hat, the Indian Men Hockey Team's Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and Indian Women Forward player Rani received the Hockey Player of the Year Award 2014 during the Times of India Sports Award (TOISA) at a glittering ceremony at Hyatt, Gurgaon. Both the players were awarded for their brilliant and consistent performance through-out the year 2014.

The 26-year-old Kerala player started with the Junior National team in 2004 in a match against Australia at Perth and was later awarded with the 'Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament' at the 2008 Junior Asia Cup. He made his debut in the Indian Men team in 2006 and since then there is no looking back for him. He became a permanent member since 2011, after his match winning performance where he saved two crucial penalty strokes against Pakistan during the Asian Champions Trophy Final.

Rani has to her credit of being the only Indian to be nominated for the FIH Women's Young Player of the Year Award, 2010. She was even adjudged the "Best Young Player of the Tournament" award at the Women's Hockey World Cup 2010, recognizing her stellar performance as the top field goal scorer in the tournament. She played a huge role in winning the silver medal for the Indian team in the Asia Cup held in November 2009. After playing with India's national team at 2010 Commonwealth Games and 2010 Asian Games, Rani was included in the FIH Women's All Star Team of 2010.



## Awards & Honours

### Hon'ble President of India Congratulates Indian Women Team for Winning the World League Round 2

Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee congratulated Captain Ritu Rani and the entire Women's Hockey Team for winning the Hockey World League Round 2, New Delhi, India held from 7th March to 15th March 2015.

In the letter sent to Captain Ritu Rani, Hon'ble President Mr. Pranab Mukherjee Said "Hearty congratulations to all members of your team and you on winning the World Hockey League Round 2 Championship. The nation is proud of your superb performance."



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राष्ट्रपति  
भारत गणतंत्र  
PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

March 18, 2015

Dear Captain and all members of the Team,

Hearty congratulations to all members of your team and you on winning the World Hockey League Round 2 Championship. The nation is proud of your superb performance.

I wish you and the entire team the very best for the next Round.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pranab Mukherjee)

Ms. Ritu Rani,  
Captain, Indian Women Hockey Team,  
C/o. Hockey India,  
B1/E3, Ground Floor,  
Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate,  
(1 KM ahead of Mohan Estate Metro Station),  
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# Hockey India Offers Help to Victims of Nepal Earthquake Disaster; Contributes Rs 10.00 Lakhs to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund

In support of the earthquake disaster in Nepal, Hockey India has extended help to the country by donating Rs 10,00,000 to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund.

**Expressing grief over the critical situation in Nepal, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, Hockey India said,** "Our neighbouring country needs our full support to come out of this situation and we are ready to offer all assistance to enable them to recover from this natural calamity. There has been considerable loss to the Nepalese community and our contribution is a small token of support to help them restart their lives."

Through the Prime Minister National Relief Fund, this amount will be used for the well being of the families and manage the destruction that has happened as a result of the earthquake and its aftershocks.

**P.K.Bali**  
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**Dated 13-May-2015**

**DO.No.82(10094)/2015-PMF**

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge with thanks the generous contribution made to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

Prime Minister appreciates this thoughtful gesture and conveys his gratitude. The contribution will be of immense help in providing assistance to the victims.

A formal receipt is enclosed.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

  
[P.K.Bali]

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# 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Railway Sports Promotion Board Finishes as the Champions

The 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 was conducted at PCMC Hockey stadium, Pune.

Railway Sports Promotion Board won the championship of the 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 Division- A as they defeated Uttar Pradesh Hockey by 5-3 in the highly-contested final match in Pune. In the Position match, Air India Sports Promotion Board (AISPB) outplayed Hockey Gangpur-Odisha by 5-3 to finish at 3rd position in the tournament

**Gold Medal - Railway Sports Promotion Board**

**Silver Medal - Uttar Pradesh Hockey**

**Bronze Medal - All India Sports Promotion Board**





# 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Namdhari XI Wins Division-B

The 5th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship was conducted at PCMC Hockey stadium, Pune.

The final day of the Division-B of the 5th edition of the Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2015 witnessed two matches played wherein one was for the 3rd / 4th position and the other was the final. The Final match was a one sided affair as Namdhari XI took an easy win over Hockey Patiala to emerge the winners of the Division-B. It was Gagandeep Singh's four goals that helped his team to win the match comfortably. The other match between Chandigarh Olympic Association and Hockey Himachal was an intense clash as the former claimed the 3rd position and the latter having to settle for the 4th.

**1st Place - Namdhari XI**

**2nd Place - Hockey Patiala**

**3rd Place - Chandigarh Olympic Association**



# 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Railway Sports Promotion Board Clinches the Title

The 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship was conducted at Chandgi Ram Hockey Stadium, Saifai, Uttar Pradesh.

The tournament concluded with a win for Railway Sports Promotion Board who clinched the title of the 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2015 (Division A) by defeating Hockey Jharkhand with a huge margin of 12-2 at Saifai, Uttar Pradesh. Whereas, Hockey Punjab settled for the bronze medal by beating Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy 2-0.

**Gold Medal - Railway Sports Promotion Board**

**Silver Medal - Hockey Jharkhand**

**Bronze Medal - Hockey Punjab**



# 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Hockey Madhya Pradesh Wins Division - B

The 5th Hockey India Senior Women National championship was conducted at Chandgi Ram Hockey Stadium, Saifai, Uttar Pradesh.

Favourites Hockey Madhya Pradesh wrapped up the tournament and defeated Hockey Patiala 4-0 to clinch the title of the 5th Senior National Hockey Championship 2015 (Women) "B" Division at Saifai. In the Position match, Hockey Bihar outplayed Association of Indian University by 3-2 to finish at 3rd position in the tournament

**1st Place - Hockey Madhya Pradesh**

**2nd Place - Hockey Patiala**

**3rd Place - Hockey Bihar**



# 5th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Hockey Odisha Lifts the Trophy

The 5th Hockey India Junior Men National championship was conducted at Chamundi Vihar Hockey Stadium, Mysore, Karnataka.

Hockey Odisha team finally took the field with a victory against Hockey Punjab, 4-3 and claimed the title of the 5th Junior National Hockey Championship 2015 (Men) 'A' Division. While in the hard-line match Hockey Haryana claimed the 3rd position by beating Hockey Himachal.

**Gold Medal - Hockey Odisha**

**Silver Medal - Hockey Punjab**

**Bronze Medal - Hockey Haryana**



# 5th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Hockey Gangpur – Odisha Wins Division – B

The 5th Hockey India Junior Men National championship was conducted at Chamundi Vihar Hockey Stadium, Mysore, Karnataka.

The 5th Hockey India Junior Men National Hockey Championship 2015 'B' Division concluded announcing Hockey Gangpur – Odisha as the winner of the Division 'B' tournament who defeated Bengal Hockey Association by 4-2 to clinch the title. On the other hand, The Mumbai Hockey Association LTD. secured the third position after a tough fought battle against Hockey puducherry by 3-1.

**1st Place - Hockey Gangpur – Odisha**

**2nd Place - Bengal Hockey Association**

**3rd Place - The Mumbai Hockey Association LTD.**



# 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Hockey Haryana Emerges As The Winners

The 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship was conducted at Ranjandgaon, Chhattisgarh.

The 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Hockey Championship 2015 "A" Division announcing Hockey Haryana as the winners who bagged the title after outplaying Hockey Jharkhand with 6-1. Whereas, Hockey Punjab pulled down Hockey Odisha with huge margin 7-1 and settled with the third position.

**Gold Medal - Hockey Haryana**

**Silver Medal - Hockey Jharkhand**

**Bronze Medal - Hockey Punjab**



# 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Hockey Gangpur-Odisha Wins Division - B

The 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship was conducted at Ranjandgaon, Chhattisgarh.

The final day of 5th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship (Division B) concluded announcing Hockey Gangpur-Odisha as the winners of the tournament who clinched the title defeating Hockey Patiala with 2-1. Whereas, Chandigarh Olympic Association won a close fought battle defeating Hockey Uttarakhand with 2-1 and settled with the third position.

**1st Place - Hockey Gangpur - Odisha**

**2nd Place - Hockey Patiala**

**3rd Place - Chandigarh Olympic Association**



# 5th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Hockey Odisha Declared Champions

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship was conducted at MDCNS, Delhi.

The Final day of the 5th Sub Junior National Hockey Championship 2015 (Men) at New Delhi saw two teams playing for the Champions tag. In the earlier match of the day, two teams played for the 3rd position. It was Hockey Odisha who beat Hockey Haryana by 4-1 to emerge the winners of the tournament. Playing for the 3rd / 4th position, Hockey Gangpur – Odisha beat Hockey Karnataka by 5-3 to settle for the 3rd position.

**Gold Medal - Hockey Odisha**

**Silver Medal - Hockey Haryana**

**Bronze Medal - Hockey Gangpur - Odisha**





# 5th Hockey India Sub-Junior Men National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Chandigarh Olympic Association Wins Division - B

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship was conducted at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium, Jammu.

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Hockey Championship 2015 'B' Division concluded announced Chandigarh Olympic Association as the winners of the Division 'B' tournament who defeated Hockey Patiala by 6-4 to clinch the title. On the other hand, Hockey Madhya Pradesh secured the third position after a tough fought battle against Dadra & Nagar Haveli Hockey Association which concluded with a shoot-out phase resulting to a score 5-3 (2-2) in favour of Hockey Madhya Pradesh.

**1st Place - Chandigarh Olympic Association**

**2nd Place - Hockey Patiala**

**3rd Place - Hockey Madhya Pradesh**



# 5th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - A)

## Hockey Punjab Finishes As The Champions

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior women National Championship was conducted at Ranchi.

After a neck-to-neck tussle between the two best teams of the 5th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2015, Hockey Punjab outplayed Hockey Jharkhand by a narrow margin of 3-2 in the final match and clinched the title in Ranchi. In the 3rd/4th Position match, Hockey Odisha defeated Hockey Haryana by 5-2 and claimed the 3rd Position in the Hockey India National Championship.

**Gold Medal - Hockey Punjab**

**Silver Medal - Hockey Jharkhand**

**Bronze Medal - Hockey Odisha**



# 5th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship 2015 (Division - B)

## Hockey Mizoram Wins Division - B

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior women National Championship was conducted at Ranchi.

The 5th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2015 Div B concluded where Hockey Mizoram claimed the champions tag by defeating Hockey Patiala 8-0. Whereas, Chandigarh Olympic Association settled at the third position post a wonderful victory in the hard-line match against Hockey Bhopal by 14-0.

**1st Place - Hockey Mizoram**

**2nd Place - Hockey Patiala**

**3rd Place - Chandigarh Olympic Association**



## Player's Milestone

Soundarya Yendala completed her 100th appearance for the Indian National team during a match against Poland at the Hero FIH Hockey World League Round 2 (Women) at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.



National Women's Team Goalkeeper Savita earned 100th international caps playing against the Poland team in the Finals of Hero FIH Hockey World League Round 2 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Ritu Rani achieved a memorable milestone in her hockey career by appearing in her 200th International caps while leading the Indian Women Team against Poland in the Finals of Hero FIH Hockey World League Round 2 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.



Dharamvir Singh completed his 100th appearance for the Indian National team during a match against Canada at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2015, Ipoh, Malaysia.



Lilima Minz achieved an unforgettable milestone in her hockey career by appearing in her 50th International caps while representing the Indian Women Team against China in the Hawke's Bay Cup 2015 in New Zealand.

India's clash against New Zealand at the Hawke's Bay Cup 2015 marked the 50th International match for Sunita Lakra.



Birendra Lakra completes his 100th International Match At The India-Japan Series on 3rd May 2015.



On the opening day of the India- Japan Series, Indian defender Kothajit Singh marked his 100th international match

## One Thousand Hockey Legs Founder: This Is Nobel Prize For Us

“This is Nobel Prize for us, hockey volunteers”, says K. Arumugam, the founder of uniquely titled Project 'One Thousand Hockey Legs' upon receiving Hockey India President's Outstanding Achievement award for the Year 2014 in a glittering function at the hands of none other than the HI President Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra himself.

“I did not expect. It was a pleasant surprise. When my name came I thought am one of the nominees. It took someone sitting nearby to make me understand I am the winner and called to the dais” visibly elated K. Arumugam, Founder and CEO of the NGO,

“If I sit back and remember the award, it is like Nobel Prize for me. Because, this is by far the biggest recognition for my work”.

“With this, most people who do not take my work seriously and for some who do not understand my work, will consider my strange but significant project with the seriousness it deserved”

“My passion of starting and running hockey teams in schools — especially where low profile and poor kids study — in a structured way has been recognized. I am extremely happy, happy for me, happy for my kids, and volunteers”.



## FIH Umpiring Committee Promotes Deepa Kumari To FIH International Outdoor Umpire



On the occasion of FIH Umpiring Committee promoting Deepa Kumari as an FIH International Outdoor Umpire, Hockey India congratulates her for this momentous feat.

Congratulating Deepa Kumari on this proud moment, Mr. Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said "It's a proud day for Indian Hockey and everyone at Hockey India would like to congratulate Deepa Kumari for this achievement. Her outstanding performance as an Umpire in the last many years has helped her with this recognition by the FIH Umpiring Committee and today I am sure she would be elated for being promoted to an FIH International Outdoor Umpire".

## Hockey India Congratulates Mr. Srinivasan Kannan And Dr. B.K Nayak For Being Nominated As The Chairman To Asian Hockey Federation Committees



Hockey India congratulates Mr. Srinivasan Kannan and Dr. B K Nayak for their appointment with the Asian Hockey Federation as Committee Chairman.

Congratulating both Mr. Kannan and Dr. Nayak, Mr. Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, Secretary General, Hockey India said "Hockey India would like to congratulate Mr. S Kannan and Dr. B.K Nayak for being nominated as the Committee Chairman for the AHF Media & Communication Committee and AHF Medical Committee respectively and we are

proud of them. We would like to tell them that their contribution towards the game and their experience has helped the Indian Hockey teams both directly and indirectly and this appointment we think is a way their efforts are getting recognition".

Mr. S Kannan who is a renowned journalist in the field of sports has been actively following Indian Hockey in the last many years. Apart from Hockey, in the last 28 years he even has to his credit of being an ardent follower of other sports and has covered the Asian Games in 2010 and 2014 along with Sydney, Beijing and London Olympics. Presently the Sports Editor at Mail Today, Mr. Kannan has been associated with the Indian Express and Hindustan Times in the past.

Dr B K Nayak is known for his vast experience as the Team Doctor of the National Hockey Team. Being an Army Doctor has helped him with good administrative and organising capabilities which was recognised for this appointment

## FIH President Elected To ASOIF Council



General Assembly of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) held in Sochi, Russia, FIH President Leandro Negre was elected to the ASOIF Council for a four-year period. Negre received 20 out of 28 votes in the first round.

Following the election, the FIH President said: "I am immensely honoured and would like to thank the ASOIF family for their trust and support. After over six years as FIH President and having served as both a Continental and National Association President before that, I am convinced that I can make a positive contribution for the benefit of all ASOIF members. Our cooperation with ASOIF has always been very fruitful and I am very much looking forward to working closely with the other Council members in a constructive manner."

## Appointments

### Mr. Mathias Arhens appointed Chief Coach of Indian Women Hockey Team on 4th May 2015



Hockey India on 4th May 2015, announced the appointment of Mr. Mathias Ahrens as the Chief Coach the Indian Women Teams.

Mr. Mathias Ahrens who was the Technical Director of junior hockey with the Vancouver Hawks and was looking after their under-18 development programme. He is now playing a new role and rendering services for the betterment of Indian Hockey.



# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



# BIRTHDAYS

## Men

### June

Pardeep Mor 03  
Manpreet Singh 26

### July

Sardar Singh 15  
Akash Chikte 24

## Women

### June

Deep Grace Ekka 03  
Lily Chanu Mayengbam 03  
Namita Toppo 04  
Rajani Etimarpu 09  
Sunita Lakra 11  
Sukhmani Virk 14

### July


Savita 11  
Renuka Yadav 18  
Amandeep Kaur 24



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