



HOCKEY INDIA

Newsletter

Hockey India to host Men World Cup in 2018

Hockey India Hails Hockey Returns to its 'Home'

FIH awarded India major FIH events from 2015-2018



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

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to International Hockey Federation (FIH) for reposing their faith in us to host the Senior Men Hockey World Cup in 2018 and awarding many other major events during the period 2015-2018.

I also convey thanks to Hockey India team and all stakeholders for hosting a wonderful Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup in New Delhi. I expect similar inspirational efforts will continue during the forthcoming first ever World League Final and the second edition of Hero Hockey India League.

The last three months continued to be very active for Indian Hockey. The Senior Women team won the silver medal in the 3rd Asian Women's Champions Trophy at Japan. The Indian Men teams also participated in the 3rd Asian Men's Champions Trophy and Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup.

The preparation for the second edition of Hero Hockey India League is well underway and we welcome the sixth franchise Kalinga Lancers based in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

All development and promotional activities of hockey within the country have not been possible without the ongoing support of International Hockey Federation (FIH), Government of India and SAI. With the end of 2013 we would like to thank all our stakeholders and wish them a happy 2014. The next three months will project a new dimension of Indian hockey through the Hero Hockey India League to the entire world. The League will commence on 25 January 2014 with a gala opening ceremony at Mohali and semi-finals and finals at Ranchi on 22 and 23 February 2014.

Hockey India won the right to host the Senior Men's World Cup in 2018 after it presented a strong bid to FIH, the other countries shortlisted were Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia and Germany. The India bid showcased the futuristic vision of Hockey India to revitalize Hockey in the sub continent and the growth of the sport on a global level.

Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra said it's a proud moment for Indian Hockey to be once again given the responsibility of hosting the Senior Men World Cup in 2018. I would like to specially thank Federation of International Hockey (FIH). "This has been only possible with the extraordinary efforts put in by Hockey India Chief Executive Officer, Ms Elena Norman and her team." added Dr. Batra.

"Hockey has been in the heart and mind of all Indians and we are focused on rebuilding the sport and bringing back the glory of our former years, the efforts put in by Hockey India in last few years not only by conducting the International events but also managing the Federation in a professional manner has been reflected in this wonderful achievement. India will showcase to the world our Hockey growth both on and off the field of play" said Dr. Batra.

Continued...on page 2



FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre congratulating Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India for winning bid to host Senior Men's World Cup in 2018

HOCKEY INDIA PARTNERS



HERO HOCKEY INDIA LEAGUE PARTNERS



website: www.hockeyindia.org
www.league.hockeyindia.org

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hockey-India/257841377661769>
<http://www.facebook.com/TheHockeyIndiaLeague>

[handle:@thehockeyindia](https://twitter.com/thehockeyindia)

email us at: hockeyindia@hockeyindia.org

Hockey India to host Senior Men's World Cup in 2018

"In the next five years it would be the endeavor of Hockey India to improve the present hockey infrastructure in the country with the support and guidance of Government of India, Sports Authority of India and all the stakeholders. Also, most importantly the best possible training and support would be provided to the hockey teams to enhance their performance at every level including the senior men team achieving best results at the World Cup in 2018" he said.



Ms. Sally Munday, CEO England Hockey and Ms. Elena Norman CEO Hockey India with Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO FIH after winning bids for World Cup in 2018.

FIH Events in India

Men's Champions Trophy : 13-21 Dec 2014

Men's World League Final : 5-13 Dec 2016

Men's World League Final : 2-10 Dec 2017

Women's WLR-2 : 7-15 Mar 2015

Men's Junior World Cup : 1-11 Dec 2016

Men's Senior World Cup : 28 Nov-16 Dec 2018

Stage Set for Men's Hockey World League Final Delhi from 10-18 January 2014

Hockey India will host the first FIH Men's Hockey World League Final at Major Dhyan Chand National Hockey Stadium in New Delhi from 10-18 January 2014.



Mr. J. Narain, Advisor Sports, Hero MotoCorp Ltd, Mr. Leandro Negre, President FIH, Sardar Singh and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India during Hero Hockey World League Final Press Conference at The Lalit in New Delhi.

The tournament will see eight of the world's finest teams in action and is the culmination of a journey which began back in August 2012 when the first rounds of the competition were played.

The event features two pools of four followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals, classification and medal matches. Pool A will feature reigning Olympic Champions Germany alongside New Zealand, England and hosts nation India, while current World Champions Australia face the Netherlands, Belgium and Argentina in Pool B.

The Round-Robin pool phase will take place over three competition days between 10th and 13th January. Following the Round Robin, the teams will move into the crossover quarter-final phase, with the pool winners meeting the bottom team from the opposite pool. The #2 and #3 finishers will also face-off in the knock out quarter-final. From there, the winners move into semi-finals and the medal games, with the losing teams playing for placement.

The opening day of the tournament (Friday 10th January) will feature all eight teams taking to the field. Two matches from Pool B will kick things off, with Australia and Belgium meeting at 1400 hrs IST before Netherlands and Argentina go head to head at 1600 hrs IST. In Pool A, Germany take on New Zealand at 1800 hrs IST ahead of the mouth-watering meeting between England and India at 2000 hrs IST.



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India cuts the cake for Hero Hockey World League Final. Sardar Singh and FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre are also present.



Hero Hockey World League Final 2014

Men, New Delhi (IND) – 10 / 18 January 2014



Pool A Germany | England | New Zealand | India

Pool B Australia | Netherlands | Belgium | Argentina

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

Glittering Hero Hockey Junior World Cup Trophy unveiled in New Delhi

A glittering Hero Hockey Junior World Cup Trophy was unveiled by International Hockey Federation (FIH) on the eve of the tournament in New Delhi. The glamorous unveiling took place alongside the announcement of various special awards during a unique function at The Lalit Hotel.

Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO, FIH, Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General, Hockey India and competing Captains unveiled the traditional Roger Danet Trophy, the symbol of supremacy in the Hero Hockey Junior World Cup competition, amidst the global hockey fraternity.

Title sponsor Hero MotoCorp Ltd. also announced a series of awards to further enhance the competitiveness and highlight the feat of the young guns including the Hero Man of the Match, Hero Top Scorer and a Hero Player of the Tournament.

The Hero Player of the Tournament received a cash award of Rs. 100,000 and the Hero Top Scorer received a cash award of Rs. 50,000. A Hero Man of the Match Trophy was awarded after each match and from the quarter finals onwards the player also received a cash award of Rs.12,000.



Manpreet Singh, Captain India and Mats Grambusch, Co-Captain Germany with the Hero Hockey Junior World Cup Trophy



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India presenting a Jersey of Indian Hockey Team to Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO FIH during Hero Hockey Junior World Cup Trophy unveiling ceremony.



Captains of all 16 teams with the Hero Hockey Junior World Cup Trophy

Germany defends Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013 title

Defending Champions Germany defeated France 5-2 in the final of the Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013 to defend their title successfully and win the quadrennial event for a record 6th time.

The Netherlands beat Malaysia 7-2 to secure the bronze medal.

The host team, India failed to book their berth for the quarter-finals and finished tenth in the tournament. India had a good start in the tournament as they lost to the higher-ranked Holland 2-3 in their opening match with a margin of only one goal. In the second league match India defeated Canada 3-2 but the draw played against Korea 3-3 in their last league match was not enough to qualify for the Quarters.

After the disappointment of not qualifying for next round, India defeated Argentina 4-2 in their classification match before playing against Pakistan for ninth/tenth place play-off. In a high voltage clash against Pakistan, India lost the match 4-5 via penalty shoot-out.

France, though were the story of 2013 Hero Hockey Junior World Cup. Over the period of 10 days, we did not only witness the new, upcoming talents coming of age on the biggest stage of all, but – in France - also the emergence of the newest hockey destination. France arrived discreetly in the competition but managed to win over the American Champions (Argentina), European Champions (Belgium) and Asian Champions (Malaysia) to progress to their first ever final in a top international event.

The smooth conduct of the Hero Hockey Junior World Cup in New Delhi also kicked off a series of international tournaments that India will host in the next five years, starting with the World League final in January. Hockey fans are surely in for a treat!



Individual Awards

Player of the Tournament	Christopher Ruhr (Germany)
Goal-keeper of the Tournament	Edgar Reynaud (France)
Top Scorer of the Tournament	Christopher Ruhr (Germany) 9 Goals
Goal of the Tournament	Jean Laurent Kieffer (France)

Final Standings

1-Germany	2-France	3-Netherlands	4- Malaysia	5- Australia	6- Belgium	7- New Zealand	8- Korea
9- Pakistan	10- India	11- Argentina	12- South Africa	13- Spain	14-England	15- Egypt	16- Canada

Germany celebrating their victory after winning Hero Hockey Junior World Cup



Moments of Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup





Runners-up France during the presentation ceremony



Hockey India Selector Dr. RP Singh presenting Goal-keeper of the Tournament Trophy to Edgar Reynaud (France)



FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre presenting Player of the Tournament Award to Christopher Ruhr (Germany).



FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre presenting FIH flag to Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India.



Netherlands during presentation ceremony



Ms. Surinder Kaur, Joint Secretary Hockey India presenting Goal of the Tournament Trophy to Jean Laurent Kieffer (France)



Mr. David Collier, Tournament Director presenting Top Scorer of the Tournament Award to Christopher Ruhr (Germany)



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India, Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member- Advisory Board Hero HIL and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Mr. Leandro Negre, President FIH during the National Anthem



FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre, Mr. Kapil Dev, Former Captain Indian Cricket Team and Mr. Kelly Fairweather, CEO FIH watching the match between India and Pakistan



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India, Dr. Lalit Bhanot and Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General SAI watching the match between India and Pakistan



Mr. Sandeep Dikshit, Member Parliament Lok Sabha with Olympian Mr. Balbir Singh Senior



Mr. Jitender Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge), Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India, Ms. Mariamma Koshy, President Hockey India and Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India watching match.



Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Affairs and Communication watching the match with his family.



Mr. Abhay Singh Chautala, Dr. Lalit Bhanot, Mr. RK Gupta, Mr. Anandeswar Pandey, Executive Board Member Hockey India, Mohammad Mushtaque Ahmed, Treasurer Hockey India and Mr. VA Shiyad, Executive Board Member Hockey India during the National Anthem.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India, Mr. Arun Jaitley, Member- Advisory Board Hero HIL and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mr. Leandro Negre, President FIH and Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India during Hero Hockey Junior World Cup.

Indian Junior Men Hockey Team announced for Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013 during a glamorous event organised at Hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 27 November 2013



Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India, Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary Services Sports Control Board, Olympian Mr. Zafar Iqbal and Mr. Shiv Kumar, Owner Shiv Prakash Singh



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a bunch of flowers to Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary Services Sports Control Board



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a bunch of flowers to Olympian Mr. Zafar Iqbal



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presenting a bunch of flowers to Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India



Olympian Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India, Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India, Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary Services Sports Control Board and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India in a group photo with Indian Junior Men Hockey Team



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India presenting jersey of Indian team to Ramandeep Singh



Mr. Neeraj Kansal, Secretary Sports Authority of India presenting jersey of Indian team to Gurjinder Singh



Group Captain R K Raksha, Secretary Services Sports Control Board presenting jersey of Indian team to Malak Singh



Olympian Mr. Zafar Iqbal presenting jersey of Indian team to Surender Kumar



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India presenting a bunch of flowers to Captain Manpreet Singh



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India presenting a bunch of flowers to Coach Gregg Clark



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India wishing good luck to Captain Manpreet Singh



Players and Support Staff of Indian Junior Men Hockey Team during team announcement event.

Hockey India felicitates Junior Men Hockey Team for winning the Gold Medal in the 3rd Sultan of Johar Cup

Hockey India felicitated the Junior Men Hockey Team at Hotel The Lalit in New Delhi on 18 October 2013 for recognition of winning the gold medal at the 3rd Sultan of Johar Cup in Johar Bahru, Malaysia.

In the felicitation ceremony, Chief Guest Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) Mr. Jitendra Singh presented cheques of Rupees One Lakh to each player of the Junior Men Hockey team and their National Coach Gregg Clark. Also a cheque of Rupees Fifty Thousand was awarded to each member of the teams support staff.

The midfielder Harjeet Singh was awarded an additional cheque of Rupees One Lakh for winning the Most Promising Player of the Tournament award in the 3rd Sultan of Johar Cup.

Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Secretary Ministry of Sports, Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India, Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Cairn India felicitated the Players & Support Staff and Mr. Harbinder Singh (Government Observer) also felicitated the players and support staff.

Hon'ble Minister Mr. Jitendra Singh said "It's a proud moment that our hockey teams are winning medals in various prestigious tournaments. The Government of India will give its full support to the game of hockey and we hope that our teams will bring laurels to the nation".

During the felicitation ceremony Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India, Group Captain R K Raksha, SSCB, Mr. Rajinder Singh, Director Incharge Teams (SAI) and Mr. Rajesh Kurup, General Manager, Corporate Reputation and Branding Cairn India were also present.



Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General SAI, Indian Junior Men Hockey Team,
Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge),
Mr. Roelant Oltmans, Director High Performance, Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications and Affairs, Cairn India and
Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India in a group photo with Indian Junior Men Hockey Team.



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) presenting a cheque of Rupees One Lakh to Manpreet Singh



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) presenting a memento to Rani for completing 100 international caps



Mr Rajeev Gupta, Secretary Sports, Govt of India presenting a bunch flowers to Sukhmanjit Singh



Dr. Sunil Bharati, Head Corporate Communications Cairn India congratulating Satbir Singh for winning Sultan of Johar Cup



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) presenting an Ipad to Kothajit Singh



Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) presenting a cheque of Rupees One Lakh to PR Sreejesh for winning Goalkeeper of the Tournament in Asia Cup.



Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India presenting a signed hockey stick to Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge)



Dr. Narinder Batra, Secretary General Hockey India in discussion with Mr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge)

Young India finishes fifth at the 3rd Men's Asian Champions Trophy

A young Indian Men Hockey Team finished fifth at the 3rd Men's Asian Champions Trophy played at Kakamigahara, Japan from 2-10 November 2013. Hockey India had send its junior side in this tournament to give them exposure ahead of the Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013. Although India lost 3 out of its 6 matches in the tournament but young brigade performed well against the senior sides of other competing nations.

India didn't have a convincing start in the tournament as they lost to China 0-2 in their first match and went down in their second match 1-2 to Japan. In the third match, India made a comeback in the tournament defeating Oman 3-0 and gave a tough fight to Pakistan in their next match, losing to Pakistan 4-5. India beat Malaysia 4-3 in their final group stage match and in the fifth/sixth place play-off India routed Oman 6-1.



Results

Date	Match	Result
2 November 2013	Lost to China	0-2
3 November 2013	Lost to Japan	1-2
5 November 2013	Defeated Oman	3-0
7 November 2013	Lost to Pakistan	4-5
8 November 2013	Defeated Malaysia	4-3
10 November 2013	Defeated Oman	6-1



Senior & Junior Hockey Players part of the CWG Queens Baton Relay in Delhi

The 2014 Queen's Baton made its first stop in New Delhi on 12 October 2013, honouring the long-held tradition of beginning the relay to the next Commonwealth Games from the city which hosted the previous edition of the prestigious event.

Members of the senior and junior men national hockey team were part of this Baton relay in Delhi. Junior players Mohammad Amir Khan and Lalit Upadhayay handled the Baton at DND flyover while the Baton was entering Uttar Pradesh on its way to Agra.

In the evening, the Baton was taken to Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium where Mr. Jiji Thomson, Director General Sports Authority of India and Olympians from various sports including hockey players P.R. Sreejesh, V.R. Raghunath, S.V. Sunil and Birendra Lakra were present.

On 13 October, the Baton was taken to Qutab Minar and hockey players P T Rao, S K Uthappa, Harbir Singh and Dharamvir Singh were present on the occasion. The Baton was brought by Commonwealth Games Federation Secretary and 2014 Glasgow CWG Vice-Chairman Louise Martin and baton left for Dhaka on 14 October 2013.



India wins Silver Medal at the 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2013

The Indian Women Hockey Team won the Silver Medal, losing 0-1 to the hosts Japan in the final of the 3rd Women Asian Champions Trophy played at Kakamigahara in Japan from 2-8 November 2013.

Indian Women Hockey Team made a winning start in the tournament defeating China 4-2 in their first league match. In the second league match, India overcame Malaysia 5-1. Although India lost to Japan in their last league match and then final with a margin of only one goal each but team performed well throughout the tournament.

Indian goalkeeper Rajni Etimarpu was adjudged Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament and Indian Women Team won the Fairplay Award in the tournament.

Results

Date	Match	Result
2 November 2013	Defeated China	4-2
4 November 2013	Defeated Malaysia	5-1
7 November 2013	Lost to Japan	1-2
8 November 2013	Lost to Japan (Final)	0-1



Six Hero Hockey India League Franchises picked 49 players for USD 1.37 million in the 2013 Closed Bid

**-Ramandeep Singh was the top pick and went for USD 81,000 to Uttar Pradesh Wizards
-49 players including 28 from India and 21 from overseas**

In the Hero Hockey India League Closed Bid, six franchises picked up a total of 49 Indian and overseas players for the second season of the Hero HIL at Hotel The Lalt in New Delhi on 22 November 2013.

Talented Indian junior Ramandeep Singh was the top pick of the day and went for USD 81,000 to Uttar Pradesh Wizards. Ramandeep Singh who scored his maiden goal in his debut match at the 9th Men's Asia Cup.

Amongst the overseas players Ryan Archibald went for USD 71,000 to new franchisee Kalinga Lancers.

Indian forward Nikin Thimmaiah got the second highest bid amongst the domestic players for USD 59,000 and was also bought by Uttar Pradesh Wizards.

The total 154 players put themselves forward for the Closed bid. The newly introduced franchise Kalinga Lancers from Odisha bought 24 new players while Ranchi Rhinos bought 1 player, Dabur Mumbai Magicians 11 players, Uttar Pradesh Wizards 4 players, Jaypee Punjab Warriors 5 players and Delhi Waveriders 4 players.

The six franchises spent a total of USD 1.37 million to buy 49 players from Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Argentina, Ireland, England, South Africa and India.

Amongst the other Indian junior players Defender Gurjinder Singh was picked by Dabur Mumbai Magicians for USD 56,000, forward Affan Yousuf picked by Jaypee Punjab Warriors for USD 35,000

Hockey India Secretary General and Hero Hockey India League Chairman Dr. Narinder Batra firstly welcomed on board Kalinga Lancers the new franchisee. "It is a great to see that promising junior players have been bought by franchises at higher than the expected amounts which is a good sign for the future of Indian hockey" he said.

In the trading window which was opened from 19 August to 30 September, Dabur Mumbai Magicians traded two players Sandeep Singh and Satbir Singh to Jaypee Punjab Warriors.



Dabur Mumbai Magicians team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



Uttar Pradesh Wizards team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



Kalinga Lancers team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



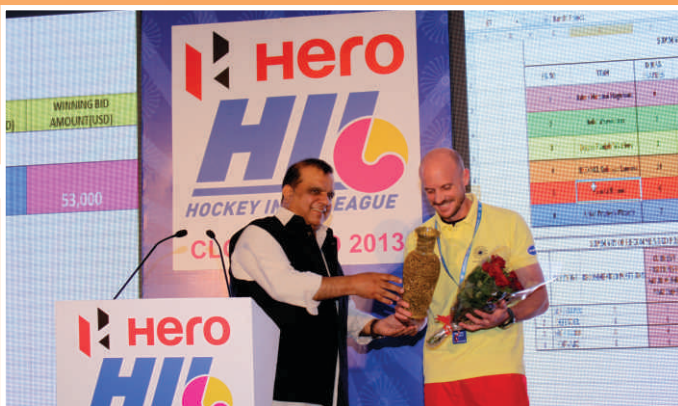
Jaypee Punjab Warriors team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



Delhi Waveriders team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



Ranchi Rhinos team management during the HHIL Closed Bid



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Gregg Clark, Coach Ranchi Rhinos



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Satya Tadimedi, COO Dabur Mumbai Magicians



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Vishal Dev from Kaliniga Lancers



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Askari Zaidi, CEO Jaypee Punjab Warriors



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Dhanraj Pillay, Technical Director Uttar Pradesh Wizards



Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL presenting flower bunch to Mr. Cedric D Souza, Coach Delhi Waveriders

Hero HIL Franchise Workshop 7 on 21 November 2013



Mr. Vidur Naik, Senior Vice-President, TCM, Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India, Dr Narinder Batra, Chairman Hero HIL and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hero HIL during the Franchise Workshop



Delhi Waveriders team management during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Uttar Pradesh Wizards team management during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Dabur Mumbai Magicians team management during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Mr. Baljeet Saini, Coach Ranchi Rhinos and Kalinga Lancers team management



Japjee Punjab Warriors team management during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



HHIL Franchise Workshop in progress

Hero HIL Franchise Workshop 8 on 27 November 2013



Mr. Anupam Goswami, Senior Vice-President programming Star Sports giving presentation on broadcasting plans for HHIL to franchisees.



Mr. Askari Zaidi, CEO Jaypee Punjab Warriors, Mr. Jagbir Singh and other officials of Jaypee Punjab Warriors during the HHL Franchise Workshop



Mr. Mohit Burman, Owner Dabur Mumbai Magicians and Mr. Satya Tadimedi, COO Dabur Mumbai Magicians during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Mr. Arvind Sharma from Ranchi Rhinos, Mr. Maneck Kotwal from Uttar Pradesh Wizards and other officials during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Ms. Rina Mohapatra and Mr. S.P Thakur (IAS) from Kalinga Lancers during the HHIL Franchise workshop



Mr. PT Govindan and Mr. Amar Sinha, CEO Delhi Waveriders during the HHIL Franchise Workshop



Mr. Anupam Goswami, Senior Vice-President Programming Star Sports, Mr. Lokesh Sharma, MD TCM, Dr. Narinder Batra, Chairman HHIL and Ms Elena Norman, CEO HHIL during the Franchise Workshop.

John Abraham unveiled as co-owner of Delhi Waveriders Team

- Cedric D'Souza announced as new coach of Delhi Waveriders

Delhi Waveriders, the Delhi franchise of Hero Hockey India League (HHIL), showcased new additions, new vigour and new management at the Major Dhyana Chand National Stadium in December 2013. With the second season of HHIL gearing up, Delhi WAVERIDERS announced their plans of going a step up from where they finished in the inaugural season of the Hockey India League.

The team announced a new face of the franchise, actor and producer, John Abraham, who will also be co-owner of Delhi Waveriders. Driven by his passion for sports and Hockey, John Abraham will be part of the Delhi WAVERIDERS camp in the league, supporting his team during their games.

Announcing John Abraham as the co-owner, Mr. Amar Sinha, Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Waveriders said, "Delhi Waveriders stand for dynamism and passion. Continuously evolving and energetic the team's main aim is to bring alive the true spirit of the game. We have lived up to our philosophy in the first season and would look to keep the same going this season as well. With John Abraham joining us to develop the franchise, we are all committed to fulfill our vision of reigniting the love and passion for our national sport – Hockey from the grass root level."

Speaking on the occasion, John Abraham said, "This is a great opportunity for me to be associated with Hockey, our national sport. Delhi Waveriders has an excellent team led by Sardar Singh, I am sure this team will do well and be the super team of the Hockey India League in 2014. My vision is to see Hockey in the forefront of all sports played in India once gain and soon this vision is going to be a reality."

The franchise also introduced Mr. Sardar Singh as its Captain and Mr. Cedric D'Souza as the new coach of the team.

FIH President Mr. Leandro Negre and Hero Hockey India League Chairman Dr. Narinder Batra also attended the event.



YES BANK signs multi-year deal with Hero Hockey India League as Associate Sponsor

YES BANK

-YES BANK and Hero HIL announce a partnership with the world's most popular and innovative Hockey League, beginning with the 2014 season

BANK on board, it will benefit both the League and our millions of followers around the world. I welcome YES BANK to the Hero HIL family and our joint vision and commitment to the league and its fans will help make the League one of the best and the biggest in the world."

YES BANK has been recognized amongst the India's Top and Fastest Growing Banks and now this home grown iconic Indian brand will join HIL's other leading brand partners- Hero MotoCorp and Airtel.

Rana Kapoor, Managing Director & CEO, YES BANK said: "YES BANK is fully committed to the growth and development of India's most participative sport - Hockey. Through its vibrant & innovative sporting format, HIL brings together the entire country, irrespective of regional or demographic diversity, as also grooms a steady pool of young, talented players for the Indian National Team. We are extremely pleased to associate with the Hockey India League. Through our dedicated Sports Banking proposition, we are also committed to provide a robust financial infrastructure to support sports through customised banking solutions for various Hockey Associations, Teams as well as Players."

YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector Bank, signs a multi-year deal with the Hero Hockey India League (HHIL) commencing with the 2014 season.

Announcing the deal, HIL Chairman, Dr Narinder Batra, said: "This is a fantastic, long-term partnership for the League. We look forward to our association with YES BANK to mobilise sports innovation and infuse positive energy into Hockey. Hero HIL had a terrific start last year and we are certain with YES

V S Agriculture win Delhi Waveriders School Cup

V S Agriculture senior secondary school, Kheragarhi outplayed Government boys senior secondary school, Palam 3-1 to win the inaugural Delhi Waveriders School Cup that concluded at Major Dhyana Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on 24 December 2013.

In a ten days tournament, 32 schools across Delhi/NCR battled against each other to win the Best Hockey School team in the city.

The Chief Guest Mr. Ajit Saran (Secretary Sports, Government of India) presented winners trophy to VS Agricultural Senior Secondary School, Kheragarhi. Hero Hockey India League Chairman and Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra and Vice-Chairman of Wave Group Mr. Manpreet Singh Chadha were also present on the occasion.

Ganga International School's Prakash was declared Player of the Tournament and he scored 12 goals while Ankit from Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Begampur was declared Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Manpreet Singh Chadha, Vice-Chairman, WAVE Group said, "It is indeed a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and passion among the children for the national game. This initiative was an endeavor to promote the national game and bring back its glory. The vision is to take this tournament to other cities as well, thus creating the best national level school hockey tournament in the country."



APPOINTMENTS

Terry Walsh appointed as Chief Coach of the Senior Men National Hockey Team



Hockey India appointed Mr. Terry Walsh as Chief Coach of the Senior Men National Hockey Team from 21 October 2013. Mr. Walsh has vast experience of coaching and represented Australia in three Olympics.

Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra said that the appointment of Mr. Terry Walsh is an important step to ensure an appropriate program is in place for our senior men team looking ahead 2014. The season which commences with the World League Final at Delhi and terminates with the Champions Trophy in India. In between the team will be participating in three very important and prestigious events including FIH Men's World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Asian Games.

"Mr. Terry Walsh will provide the adequate guidance and motivation to the team. He not only has the experience but also has a vision to develop senior men hockey team as a well knit professional unit" said Dr. Batra.

Mr. Walsh said "The opportunity to head the Indian coaching team is extremely humbling. Coaching India must be regarded as the greatest challenge in the hockey world. The world's richest history in our sport combined with the great passion of Indian hockey sets an incredible platform for excitement, but also expectations in this country".

"I look forward to working with the players, the coaching staff, Hockey India and the Sports Authority of India in ensuring no stone is left unturned with India's quest to return to the performance pinnacle of world hockey" said Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Terry Walsh who worked as Technical Director with USA field Hockey from 2005-2012, pursued his coaching career in 1990 where he worked as head coach of the Malaysian National Hockey team till 1994. He also worked as head coach of the Australian National team from 1997-2000 and under his coaching the team had won Commonwealth Games in 1998, Champions Trophy in 1999 and a Bronze medal at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. In 2004, Terry worked as head coach of the Netherlands hockey team that won Silver medal at the Athens Olympic Games same year.

Mr. Terry Walsh is an International Hockey Federation (FIH) Master Coach. As a player Mr. Walsh has 175 international caps and has represented Australia in four World Cup campaigns and three Olympic Games including a silver medal at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

Matt Eyles appointed Scientific Advisor of Indian Men National Team



Hockey India appointed Mr. Matt Eyles as the Scientific Advisor to the Indian Men National team from 14 October 2013.

Hockey India Secretary General Dr. Narinder Batra said the appointment of Mr. Matt Eyles is an important step towards ensuring the proper fitness level of our national team looking ahead major events in 2014. "I am sure Mr. Eyles will play a key role in the physical and mental fitness of our players, as they prepare for the major tournaments this year" Dr. Batra said.

Mr. Matt Eyles said "I am looking forward to working with the Indian team, there is a lot of potential there, and together the coaching staff will bring that potential out in each athlete"

Before being appointed to the Indian Junior Men Hockey team, Matt Eyles has worked with the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (Australian Professional Rugby League Club) for almost two years as Strength and Conditioning Coach. After completing his Human Movement Degree at the University of Technology Sydney, Matt began working in the Sports Science Unit at the Sydney Academy of Sport where he developed strength and conditioning programs that assisted athletes that are competing at a national and international level in sports such as swimming, surfing, rugby union and athletics.

Hockey India appoints V Baskaran as Coach of the Senior Men Hockey Team



Hockey India appointed Olympic Gold Medalist Mr. V Baskaran as Coach of the Senior Men Hockey Team. Mr. Baskaran is working under Chief Coach Mr. Terry Walsh.

Mr. Baskaran joined the training camp of the senior men hockey team at SAI Centre, Bhopal in November 2013 for preparations of the FIH World League Final to be held at Delhi from 10-18 January 2014 and the FIH World Cup to be held in The Netherlands next year. Dr. Narinder Batra Secretary General, Hockey India said "Mr. Baskaran forms an integral part of the coaching staff headed by Mr. Terry Walsh. I am sure his valuable experience will help the Indian team in its 2014 World Cup and help take Indian hockey to new heights".

Mr. Baskaran said "It's a pleasant comeback for me with the senior men national team. Its excellent to work with Mr. Terry Walsh for the betterment of Indian Hockey".

Mr. Baskaran who was the captain of the team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow has 287 internationals caps and has represented India in the Olympic Games in 1976 Montreal, two World Cups in 1973 Amsterdam (Silver) and in 1978 Buenos Aires, two Asian Games in 1974 Tehran (Silver) and in 1978 Bangkok (Silver) and Champions Trophy in 1978 Pakistan (Bronze).

Mr. Baskaran coached the senior men national team for ten years. Under his coaching India had played 187 matches including major tournaments such as the Olympic Games in 2000 (Sydney), two World Cups in 1998 in Utrecht and 2006 in Germany, Asian Games 2006 in Doha, Junior World Cup in 1997 in Milton Keynes (Silver) and Champions Trophy in 1997 in Chennai. In 1980, he received the Arjuna Award and in the next year he received Padamshri Award.

TECHNICAL APPOINTMENTS

Hero Hockey India League appoints Bjorn Isberg as Tournament Director for season 2014



Hero Hockey India League (HHIL) has appointed Bjorn Isberg as Tournament Director for the second season of the six-team franchisee based event to be held from 25 January to 23 February 2014.

Hockey India Secretary General and Hero Hockey India League Chairman Dr. Narinder Batra said the appointment of Mr. Isberg is a key step towards ensuring that the 2014 season of the League is technically well conducted. "Together with Todd Faulds appointment as Director Competitions, highly experienced Bjorn's coming on board as Tournament Director will make HHIL a great event in 2014," he said.

Mr. Bjorn Isberg said "I am honored to be part of the HHIL 2014. The HHIL had a very good start in 2013, and now HHIL will build on that success to be even better in 2014."

"Our team of technical officials will make sure that the players have the best competition environment possible, so that they can perform at the top level. Personally it will be great to follow Indian Hockey on site. There will be a lot of exciting matches during the HHIL" further added Mr. Isberg.

The 50 year-old Mr. Isberg has conducted many events over recent years in this capacity as Tournament Director including Olympic Games 2012 in London, three FIH Champions Trophy tournaments including Lahore in 2004, Kuala Lumpur in 2007 and Auckland in 2011 and FIH Indoor World Cup 2011 in Poland. He has also worked as an Assistant Tournament Director at the Olympic Games 2008 in Beijing and two FIH World Cups including Germany in 2006 and India in 2010.

Hero Hockey India League appoints Craig Gribble as Umpires Manager



Hero Hockey India League appointed Mr. Craig Gribble as Umpires Manager for the six franchise based team event to be held from 25 January 2014.

Hockey India Secretary General and Hero Hockey India League Chairman Dr. Narinder Batra said reunited for the first time since their success in London at the 2012 Olympic Games, the appointment of Craig in conjunction with Bjorn as Tournament Director further substantiates the profile of the Hero HIL. "Attracting such quality to serve in the two senior technical roles of the HHIL is a true testament to the status of the tournament and how it is perceived globally by the world's leading officials" said Dr. Batra.

Mr. Gribble said I am looking forward for being part of the Hero HIL where I can work with the appointed umpire and officiating panels and also help to develop the local India umpires. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the umpire group to develop and apply their craft to such an exciting brand of hockey. It will be a great opportunity to work again with the World's leading Tournament Director Bjorn Isberg. We have worked together at the Champions Trophy in 2011 and London Olympic Games 2012.

The 47 year old Craig Gribble is currently working as the Technical Manager for Hockey New Zealand. He has conducted many events over the recent years in this capacity. He has been part of Commonwealth Games 2010, two Champions Trophy Tournaments in 2011 & 2012, two Olympic Qualification Tournaments in 2012, London Olympic Games in 2012 and FIH World League Semi-finals in Rotterdam 2013.

Mr. Gribble has been working as an international umpire manager since 2007 after retiring from international umpiring in 2006. He stood in the 48 test matches from 1997-2006.

Two Indian Technical Officials appointed for Senior Men World Cup 2014

Two Indian technical officials including one technical official and one umpire have been appointed for the Rabobank Senior Men Hockey World Cup to be held at The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014. Hockey India wishes success to both the officials for their appointments.



Claudius De Sales

The 48 Year Old Claudius De Sales who officiated in the recently concluded Hero Hockey Junior Men World Cup 2013 has now been appointed as Technical Official for Senior Men Hockey World Cup 2014. Claudius has been officiating in FIH tournaments for the past eight years including the Olympic Games in London 2012, Asian Champions Trophy 2011, World Cup in Delhi 2010, Commonwealth Games in Delhi 2010, Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010 and Asia Cup in 2006.



Javed Shaikh

International Umpire Javed Shaikh has been appointed to the panel of Umpires for Senior Men Hockey World Cup 2014. Javed who recently officiated in the Hero Hockey Junior Men World 2013 has stood in more than 85 internationals and achieved Grade-1 level from FIH in 2009. He is also the second Indian Umpire who was recently appointed in the FIH World Development Panel of Umpires. He officiated in the FIH World League Round 2 in New Delhi 2013, FIH Champions Challenge 1, 2012, Olympic Qualifiers in New Delhi 2012, Asia Cup 2009, Commonwealth Games 2006 and Asian Games 2006.

AROUND INDIA

Indian Oil Corporation lifts 48th Bombay Gold Cup Title

Indian Oil Corporation won the title of the 48th Bombay Gold Cup conducted by Mumbai Hockey Association Limited at Mahindra Hockey Stadium in Mumbai. In the high voltage final, a star studded Indian Oil Corporation showed a spirit to bounce back thrice and defeated Air India 5-3 to lift the trophy and a cash prize of Rs 2 Lakh in October.

India's Forward SV Sunil who helped Indian Oil Corporation to win final of the tournament was declared Man of the Match for his highly impressive game.

The runners-up Air India were awarded cash prize of Rs One Lakh.



Award	Player
Best Goalkeeper	Devesh Chauhan (Indian Oil Corporation)
Best Forward	Shivendra Singh (Air India)
Best Midfielder	Bharat Chikara (Indian Oil Corporation)
Best Defender	V R Raghunath (Indian Oil Corporation)
Player of the Tournament	Deepak Thakur (Indian Oil Corporation)

Punjab & Sind Bank wins 30th Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament

Punjab and Sind Bank (Delhi) defeated Indian Oil Corporation (Mumbai) 2-1 to claim the title of the 30th Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament 2013 played at the Burlton Park Stadium, Jalandhar in October. It is a record 10th time that Punjab & Sind Bank have won the title of the tournament.

Chief Minister of Punjab Sardar Parkash Singh Badal presented the glittering trophy to the Punjab & Sind Bank team alongwith a cheque of Rs 5 lakh as the prize money for the winners.



Army XI lifts 118th edition of Beighton Cup

Army XI routed Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) 4-3 in the final to win the 118th edition of Beighton Cup Hockey on Thursday.

A P Siraju who scored two goal for Army XI in the final of the tournament was named Player of the Tournament.

Army XI won prize money of Rs 1.5 lakh while ONGC pocketed Rs 1 lakh. West Bengal Sports Minister Mr. Madan Mitra announced an additional Rs 1 lakh for the champions and Rs 50,000 for ONGC.

AROUND INDIA

Government Girls Senior Secondary School (Shahbad) lifts HI 20th Nehru Junior Girls Hockey Tournament Trophy

Government Girls Senior Secondary School (Shahbad) came from behind a two goal deficit to win the title of Hockey India 20th Nehru Junior Girls Hockey Tournament 2013 played at Shivaji Stadium from 8-18 October 2013.

In the final, Government Girls SSS (Shahbad) defeated Kiddy's Corner HSS (Gwalior) 4-2.

In the play-off for the third place, Birsa Munda Vidyapitha (Rourkela) beat Government Model SSS (Chandigarh) 5-3.



Punjab & Sind Bank wins 50th Nehru Senior Men Hockey Tournament Title

Punjab & Sind Bank won the title of 50th Nehru Senior Men Hockey Tournament as they defeated Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) 6-5 via penalty shootout in the final played at Shivaji Stadium.

BPCL continued to remain the unluckiest team for the fourth time. In its fourth final of the tournament in seven years, BPCL failed to claim the title.

In the play-off for third place, Indian Oil Corporation overcame South Central Railway 9-0. IOC Captain Deepak Thakur scored thrice for his team victory.

Vikramjeet Singh from Punjab & Sind Bank was declared Player of the Tournament.



Town High School, Sundergarh (Odisha) wins HI 31st Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament

Town High School, Sundergarh (Odisha) defeated CRRZ Sr Sec School, Sonapat (Haryana) 2-1 to clinch the title of the HI 31st Nehru Sub-Junior Boys Hockey Tournament played at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi from 18-30 October 2013.

In the third/fourth position match, Government School, Kawnpui (Mizoram) defeated Baba Gurmukh Singh Uttam Singh Sr Sec School Kahdoor Sahib, Ludhiana (Punjab) 3-2 to win the bronze medal.

The winners Town High School, Sundergarh (Odisha) were presented a trophy and a cash award of Rs. 96,000 while runners-up CRRZ Sr Sec School, Sonapat (Haryana) were awarded trophy and cash prize of Rs. 64,000. Total Prize Money was awarded Rs. 2,18,000.



Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh claims title of 42nd Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament (Boys U-17)

Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh defeated Birsa Munda Vidyapitha Rourkela, Sundergarh (Odisha) 2-1 in the final of the 42nd Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament (Boys U-17) played at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi from 30 October-14 November 2013.

In the third/fourth position match, Food Corporation of India beat CRPF XI 4-2.



AROUND INDIA

Hockey Hyderabad felicitated Rajni Etimarpu & Soundarya Yendala members of Asian Champions Trophy Silver Medalist Team

Hockey Hyderabad felicitated the two members of the Silver medal winner Indian Women Hockey Team at the 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy held at Kakamigahara in Japan from 2-9 November 2013.

Goalkeeper Rajni Etimarpu and Midfielder Soundarya Yendala were presented cheques of Rs. 10,000 each by the President of Hockey Hyderabad Dr. Jayesh Ranjan (IAS) and Secretary General Padamshree Awardee Mr. N Mukesh Kumar.

Rajni Etimarpu was adjudged Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament in the 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy.



Hockey Hyderabad conducted Residential Camp of Under-16 Boys & Girls at Gachibowli Stadium

In a bid to boost hockey in city of Hyderabad, Hockey Hyderabad a new body formed by former players last year are now using their experience and that of some illustrious former national teammates to coach the budding talent in the city.

In such a move, Hockey Hyderabad conducted a week-long Residential hockey camp of under 16 boys and girls at Gachibowli Stadium from 6-12 October 2013. Hockey Hyderabad selected youngsters on the basis of merit after an inter-school tournament conducted by body earlier.

The camp was inaugurated by an athlete and double Olympian Ms. Geeta and she also gave coaching to these youngsters. During the camp, Hockey Hyderabad also

roped in Olympian and former captain Dhanraj Pillay for coaching these youngsters.

“We are very glad to bring Dhanraj Pillay to help us train the kids. The city youngsters can learn a lot from him,” said Mukesh Kumar, a triple Olympian and General Secretary of Hockey Hyderabad.



Hockey India State Units held its Elections

Two state member units of Hockey India held their elections in their respective states and elected their new office bearers.

Hockey Gujarat



I.D. Navavati
President



Rajendra Shelar
General Secretary



Mayur Patel
Treasurer

Hockey Haryana



M.L. Tayal
(IAS Retd.)
President



Sunil Malik
General Secretary



Kishan Singh
Treasurer

Hockey India condoles demise of Senior Women Hockey Team Coach Mr. Inderjit Singh

Hockey India condoled the sudden demise of Indian Senior Women Hockey Team Coach Mr. Inderjit Singh Gill.

Mr. Inderjit Singh Gill 59, died in a road accident near Sangrur in Punjab on 20 November 2013.

Hockey India President Ms Mariamma Koshy said "The untimely demise of Mr. Inderjit Singh Gill is a big loss to all of us in the hockey fraternity. He was associated with the Indian Women Hockey for a long time and has contributed immensely for the development of our women teams".

"I on behalf of Hockey India offer my condolences to the bereaved family," she added.

Mr. Inderjit Singh Gill, Coach of Sports Authority of India who did his NIS Diploma of Coaching in 1979 started his coaching career in 1986 and was working with the Junior & Senior Women hockey teams since 1999. Mr. Gill was also part of the Coaching staff of the Senior Women Team that won the Silver medal at the recently concluded 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Japan.

He was also part of the Indian Women Coaching Team in major tournaments including Commonwealth Games in 2002 Manchester, Asian Games in 2002 Busan, Asia Cup in 2007 Hong Kong, FIH Olympic Qualifying Tournament in 2012 New Delhi and FIH World League Round 2 in New Delhi and Round 3 in Rotterdam this year.



India Men qualify for Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014

The Indian Men Hockey Team qualified for the Rabobank Hockey World Cup to be held in The Hague, Netherlands from 31 May – 15 June 2014, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) confirmed in November 2013.

India's participation in next year's FIH most prestigious event was confirmed following the completion of the men's Oceania Cup Continental Championships in Stratford, New Zealand on 3 November 2013.

Like all of the Continental Championships, the winners of the men's Oceania Cup tournaments always get direct qualification to the World Cup. However, with Australian team having already achieved World Cup qualification thanks to strong performances in the Hockey World League Semi Finals, the door was subsequently opened to the teams that finished outside the top three at the Hockey World League Semi-Finals that had not yet qualified for the World Cup.

India men's team who finished sixth place at the Rabobank Hockey World League Semi Final in Rotterdam has proven to be enough for their participation and have also been handed their ticket for the World Cup.

The other teams including India who have qualified for the Rabobank World Cup are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa and Spain.



Hero HIL TV Commercial Shoot with Star Sports



Sardar Singh and Rupinder Pal Singh of Delhi Waveriders during ad shoot campaign of Hero HIL with Star Sports at Jantar Mantar in Delhi



Prabodh Tirkey and Mohammad Amir Khan of Kalinga Lancers during ad shoot campaign of Hero HIL with Star Sports at Bhubaneswar



VR Raghunath and SK Uthappa of Uttar Pradesh Wizards during ad shoot campaign of Hero HIL with Star Sports at Varansi

Birthday Celebrations



Dr. Sudershan Pathak, Joint Secretary Hockey India cuts cakes on her Birthday. Mr. Rajeev Mehta, Associate Vice-President Hockey India and Mr. Tapan Kumar Das, Joint Secretary Hockey India are also present

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIOR MEN

January

- Talwinder Singh- 1
- Nikkin Thimmaiah- 18
- Mohd. Nizamuddin- 24
- Harjot Singh- 28
- Imran Khan- 30

February

- Harjeet Singh- 2
- Birendra Lakra- 3

March

- Harbir Singh Sandhu- 27

WOMEN

February

- Anuradha Devi Thokchom- 2
- Deepika- 7
- Poonam Rani- 8
- Punam Barla- 10
- P Sushila Chanu- 25

March

- Navjot Kaur (Sr)- 7