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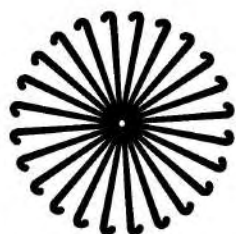
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# Message



**Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam**  
President, Hockey India

Namaskar,

The months of January and February have been very delightful here at Hockey India. It was absolutely fantastic to see the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team and Indian Women's Hockey Team go for their first tours post the Covid-19 pandemic began in March last year. The teams have practiced hard in the last one year and they applied their skills and techniques in their tours of Chile (Junior Women's Team) and Argentina (Senior Women's Team) brilliantly.

It's also our pleasure to note that the Indian Men's Hockey Team has traveled to Europe for two matches against Germany and two games against Great Britain, and the Indian Women's Hockey Team has also traveled to Germany to play four matches against the host nation during the months of February and March.

We were ecstatic to see the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik lay the foundation stone of what will be India's largest hockey stadium in Rourkela in February. We are certainly looking forward to utilizing the stadium with a seated chaired capacity of 20,000 for the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar & Rourkela.

It was fantastic to conduct the first Coaching Course on-ground since the pandemic started last year with the conduct of the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course in New Delhi and Bhubaneswar in January and February 2021. In the month of February, Hockey India organized the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) 2021 as well. It's been amazing to see the way Hockey India has utilized the virtual medium to ensure that Coaches continue to make good progress in their Coaching careers. Hockey India endeavors to continue to conduct various Coaching courses under the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway also in the near future

In the month of January, Hockey India introduced some new key features to the Hockey India Member Unit Portal. Hockey India introduced an open application and registration process for players under various categories.

Furthermore, continuing in its effort to get new members on their board and in the process of reaching out to new talent at the grassroots level, Hockey India announced Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar), RoundGlass Punjab Hockey Club Academy, Adyar Hockey Academy, Surjit Hockey Academy Jalandar, S.G.P.C Hockey Academy and Har Hockey Academy as new Academy Members.

We are delighted that AHF has continued to organize Online Education Workshops exclusively for Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials in the months of January and February as well. The Online Education Workshops have tremendously helped our Coaches and Technical Officials to learn some key techniques.

All in all, the last two months have been very gratifying here at Hockey India. We will continue to put in our efforts to make sure that hockey is evolving and growing in the upcoming months.

# TOP HIGHLIGHTS

## Indian Men's Hockey Core Probable Group returned to National Coaching Camp

After a well-deserved break, 33 members of the Indian Men's Hockey Core Probable Group returned to the National Coaching Camp, which began at Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru on 5 January 2021.

The Core Probable Group in the National Coaching Camp included three Goalkeepers PR Sreejesh, Krishan B Pathak and Suraj Karkera, Defenders Birendra Lakra, Rupinder Pal Singh, Surender Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Kothajit Singh Khadangbam, Harmanpreet Singh, Gurinder Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Varun Kumar, Dipsan Tirkey, Nilam Sanjeep Xess. Midfielders Manpreet Singh, Chinglensana Singh Kangujam, Nilakanta Sharma, Sumit, Jaskaran Singh, Rajkumar Pal, Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad too reported in SAI.

Forwards SV Sunil, Akashdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Upadhyay, Ramandeep Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Shamsher Singh, Gurjant Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Gursahibjit Singh and Shilanand Lakra were the other athletes who reported for the National Coaching Camp.



## Hockey India introduces Open Application & Registration system for Players

Hockey India, which has utilized the Hockey India Member Unit Portal since September 2019 to manage all their important documentation, registration of players, player transfers, national championships, Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, registration of coaches and technical officials, have introduced some new key features to the Hockey India Member Unit Portal. The Hockey India Member Unit Portal is a major step towards going paperless and making data easily accessible. All the activities carried out by all Hockey India Member Units are documented on the Portal.

On 07 January 2021, Hockey India introduced an open application and registration process for players under various categories, similar to the open application and registration process for Coaches and Technical Officials. Any hockey player across the country can submit their application for further approval of Hockey India Registered Member Unit to register as a player through the Hockey India Member Unit Portal.





## South Africa's Gregg Clark appointed as new Analytical Coach for Indian Men's Hockey Team

Olympian Gregg Clark has been appointed as the new Analytical Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey team until the conclusion of the Tokyo Olympic Games scheduled to be held from 23 July to 8 August 2021. The South African who was formerly associated with the Canadian Men's Hockey Team as Assistant Coach between 2017-2020 has joined the National Coaching Camp in early January 2021.

Clark in his 11-year long career as a hockey player for the South African national team has 250 international caps and has appeared in two World Cups ('94 - Sydney & '02 - Kuala Lumpur), two Commonwealth Games ('98 - Kuala Lumpur & '02 - Manchester) and two Olympic Games ('96 - Atlanta & '04 - Athens). Gregg Clark comes to India with over 13 years of Coaching experience and his first big assignment came as Head Coach in 2007 when he took charge of the South African National team and worked with them from 2007 - 2013.



Clark also participated as a Coach at a number of major international tournaments including the Olympic Games in Beijing and London, FIH World Cup 2010 and Commonwealth Games 2010 in New Delhi.

## Hockey India inducts six Hockey Academies as new Academy Members

Continuing in its effort to get new members on their board and in the process of reaching out to new talent at the grassroots level, Hockey India announced Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar), RoundGlass Punjab Hockey Club Academy, Adyar Hockey Academy, Surjit Hockey Academy Jalandar, S.G.P.C Hockey Academy and HAR Hockey Academy as new Academy Members.

All the six academies, being inducted as new Academy Members, have always aimed to create an environment in which the pursuit of excellence in hockey can be achieved by anyone. The academies have put a lot of emphasis on social inclusion and the personal development of hockey players beyond the sporting environment as well.



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## Unbeaten Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team returns after a successful Tour of Chile

A confident and satisfied looking Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team returned to the country's national capital in the early hours of 27 January 2021 after remaining unbeaten in their Tour of Chile. The team landed in New Delhi after having won five out of the six matches they played during their Tour of Chile, with one match ending in a draw.

The Indian team had started the tour by playing two matches against the Chile Junior Women's Team, both of which ended in India's favour with score-lines of 5-3 and 4-2 respectively. The two wins in the opening matches were backed by three wins in four matches against the Chile Senior team. With score-lines of 3-2, 2-0 and 2-1, India registered three wins against the experienced Chilean team, with their second of the four matches ending in a 2-2 draw.



CHILE TOUR (JR. WOMEN)						
18 Jan - 25 Jan 2021						
SANTIAGO, CHILE						
Match No.	Date	Time	Team		Score	
01	18-01-2021	04:00	Chile (jr. Women)	Vs	India	3 - 5
02	19-01-2021	04:00	Chile (jr. Women)	Vs	India	2 - 4
03	21-01-2021	04:00	Chile	Vs	India	2 - 3
04	22-01-2021	04:00	Chile	Vs	India	2 - 2
05	24-01-2021	04:00	Chile	Vs	India	0 - 2
06	25-01-2021	04:00	Chile	Vs	India	1 - 2

## Indian Women's Hockey Team end their campaign with a 1-1 draw in Argentina

Indian Women's Hockey Team put up a determined performance to end their campaign in Argentina with a 1-1 draw on 31 January 2021. It was Skipper Rani who struck for India in the 35th minute while Emilia Forcherio scored for the home team through a penalty stroke.

This was India's fourth scheduled match against the World No. 2 ranked side after the third match to be played on Saturday was abandoned due to incessant rains. Earlier in the tour, India had drawn 2-2, 1-1 against the Argentina Junior team and lost 1-2, 2-3 to Argentina 'B' team. Against the Argentina Senior side, India lost 2-3 and 0-2 in the first and second matches.



ARGENTINA TOUR (SR. WOMEN)					
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA					
18 Jan - 31 Jan 2021					
Match No.	Date	Time	Team		Score
01	18-01-2021	02:30	Argentina (Jr. Women)	Vs India	2 - 2
02	20-01-2021	02:30	Argentina (Jr. Women)	Vs India	1 - 1
03	23-01-2021	02:30	Argentina B	Vs India	2 - 1
04	25-01-2021	02:30	Argentina B	Vs India	3 - 2
05	27-01-2021	04:00	Argentina	Vs India	3 - 2
06	29-01-2021	02:00	Argentina	Vs India	2 - 0
07	30-01-2021	21:30	Argentina	Vs India	Match abandoned
08	31-01-2021	20:30	Argentina	Vs India	1 - 1



## Senior Women's core probable group returned to National Coaching Camp

After a two-week break following their Argentina Tour, the 25-member Senior Women's core probable group returned to the National Coaching Camp at the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru on 14 February 2020 as part of the team's preparations for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The core group underwent mandatory quarantine upon their arrival at the SAI campus.

The 25-member probable list included goalkeepers Savita, Rajani Etimarpu and Bichu Devi Kharibam. The defenders selected for the national camp included Deep Grace Ekka, Reena Khokhar, Salima Tete, Manpreet Kaur, Gurjit Kaur and Nisha.

Nikki Pradhan, Monika, Neha Goyal, Lilima Minz, Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam and Namita Toppo were the midfielders called-up for the National Camp while forwards Rani, Lalremsiami, Vandana Katariya, Navjot Kaur, Navneet Kaur, Rajwinder Kaur, Jyoti, Sharmila Devi, Udita, Rashmita Minz also reported for the camp.



## Hockey India conducts Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) 2021

After the successful organization of the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) in September/ October and December last year, Hockey India once again called for applications of interested and aspiring Coaches to apply through an open forum and only

70 slots were available for the online course, which was held on 13 February 2021 and 15 February 2021.

Since the launch of Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway in 2019, over 800 coaches from across India have benefitted from the programme which is a simplified education structure that consists of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process, which helps the Coaches in progressing to higher levels.



**COACHING  
EDUCATION  
PATHWAY**

## Hockey India pays tribute to Olympic Bronze Medallist and World Cup winner Michael Kindo

Hockey India expressed their deepest condolences on the sad demise of former India hockey player Michael Kindo, who breathed his last breath on 31 December 2020 in Rourkela. The Olympic Bronze Medallist and World Cup winner was bed-ridden for quite some time before he passed away at the age of 73 due to age-related ailments.

Kindo, who was part of India's 1975 hockey World Cup-winning and 1972 Olympics Bronze medal winning teams, was conferred with the Arjuna Award in 1972. The Defender contributed to India clinching the Bronze Medal at the 1972 Olympics by scoring three goals as well.

Kindo, who passed away at the Ispat General Hospital, is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.



## Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) continue to conduct Online Education Workshops exclusively for Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials



After the successful completion of the AHF Online Education Workshops exclusively for the Hockey India Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials in each of the six months prior to January, the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) conducted another set of Online Education Workshops during the course of this month. A group of 12-30 Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials attended seven AHF Online Education Workshops in January.

Aimed at providing technical expertise and knowledge on various aspects of power & strength training and method of video analysis for Coaches, communication for Umpires and officiating for Technical Officials, these online education workshops were conducted free of cost, consisting of a three to four hours' sessions each.

## Indian Men's Hockey Team set to play matches against the National team of Germany and Great Britain

After a year since they last played an international match, the Indian Men's Hockey Team are scheduled to play two matches each against the Germany and Great Britain national teams during their 17-day tour of Europe.

Playing their first international match in over 12 months, the Indian Men's Hockey Team led by PR Sreejesh put up a scintillating show as they outclassed hosts Germany 6-1 in the first of their four-match Europe Tour on Sunday, 28 February 2021. India's goal scorers were Nilakanta Sharma (13'), Vivek Sagar Prasad (27', 27'), Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (41'), Akashdeep Singh (42') and Harmanpreet Singh (47'), who outplayed the hosts and led their team to a winning start in their first assignment of 2021.

The 22-member squad left from Bengaluru for Krefeld, Germany on 21st February 2021. The national side will play its second match against Germany on 2nd March 2021. They will then travel to Antwerp, Belgium where they are scheduled to play against Great Britain team on 6th March and 8th March 2021.

The entire Indian contingent underwent a Covid-19 RT-PCR Test 48 hours prior to their entry in Germany. The team will be following all safety and health measures as advised by the respective Governments of India, Germany and Belgium during their tour. Further the teams will also be following the Hockey India SOPs as available on the Hockey India website.



### EUROPE TOUR 2021 (SENIOR MEN)

28 Feb - 02 Mar 2021 KREFELD, GERMANY & ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Match No.	Date	Time	Team	Score
01	28-02-2021	17:30	Germany Vs India	1 - 6
02	02-03-2021	20:30	Germany Vs India	-----
03	06-03-2021	18:30	Great Britain Vs India	-----
04	08-03-2021	18:30	Great Britain Vs India	-----

## Indian Women's Hockey Team set to play four matches against the National team of Germany

After their tour of Argentina where the Indian Women's Hockey Team played a total of 7 matches, the Rani-led squad has traveled to Dusseldorf, Germany to play four matches against their National squad as part of their preparations for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The 18 members squad left for Dusseldorf on 23 February 2021 from Bengaluru.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team went down 0-5 and 0-1 to the World No. 3 Germany side in their first two matches of the four-match tour on 27 February 2021 and 28 February 2021 respectively.

The Indian Women's Team is scheduled to play their third and fourth matches on 02 March 2021 and 04 March 2021.

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27 Feb - 04 Mar 2021				
DUSSLEDORF, GERMANY				
Match No.	Date	Time	Team	Score
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02	28-02-2021	16:30	Germany Vs India	1 - 0
03	02-03-2021	16:30	Germany Vs India	----
04	04-03-2021	16:30	Germany Vs India	----



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# NOMINATIONS



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## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha laid foundation stone of country's largest hockey stadium in Rourkela

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik, on 16 February 2021, laid the foundation stone for the new world-class Hockey stadium to be constructed in Rourkela city which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a chair seated capacity of 20,000. The name of stadium will be Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela.

The stadium is set to have all the modern facilities and will offer a unique experience to players and the fans during the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. The work to develop synthetic hockey turf in each of the 17 blocks of Sundargarh district has also already begun. In 2023, the hockey-loving nation will host the

competition for a record fourth time since its inception in 1971. The FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and Rourkela is slated to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from 13 January 2023 to 29 January 2023. The FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and Rourkela being hosted in India holds great significance since India will be completing 75 years of independence in 2023.

The host federation Hockey India did not want to miss out on the opportunity to showcase the growth of the sport in the country in this landmark year and give the country another reason to celebrate 75 years of independence.



**Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela**

When India hosted the 14th edition of Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup Bhubaneswar in 2018, all the matches of the competition were held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, but two venues will be utilized for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023 – Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.



"We are aiming to complete all the work required for hosting a successful FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and Rourkela by mid-2022. The upcoming World Cup is expected to be even bigger than the one in 2018. It will be a challenge and an opportunity for us to organize the 2023 World Cup in two venues – Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Since the World Cup in 2018 was held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, most of the arrangements are in place in Bhubaneswar, while a new world-class Hockey stadium is being built in Rourkela.



World-class infrastructure at both venues will enable Odisha to once again deliver a successful and memorable tournament and leave behind a valuable and lasting legacy," said Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Shri. Tusharkanti Behera.

Speaking on the preparations for the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and



Rourkela, Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India, said "It's an absolute honour for us to host the Men's Hockey World Cups back-to-back. After hosting a successful World Cup in 2018, we are going to ensure that the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar and Rourkela will have even better facilities for the players and the fans. It's very exciting to note that we are exactly two years away from the 2023 World Cup."

India has hosted some of the biggest hockey competitions in recent years including the FIH Hero Men's Champions Trophy 2014, FIH Men's Hockey World League Final Raipur 2015, FIH Uttar Pradesh Hockey Junior World Cup Men Lucknow 2016, FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World League Final Bhubaneswar 2017, FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018, FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019 and the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers Odisha (Men and Women) in 2019. Smooth organization, world-class facilities, and the success of these tournaments have made India one of the major centres for hockey in the world. India will become the first country ever to host four Men's Hockey World Cups in 2023, after having hosted the Men's Hockey World Cups in 1982 (Mumbai), 2010 (New Delhi) and 2018 (Bhubaneswar). The national side will be looking to win the coveted title after their last win in 1975.





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## Hockey India announce dates for Annual National Championships

After working closely with the State Member Units over the past few months to ensure hockey activities resume in their respective states, Hockey India has now announced the dates for the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021, 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021, 11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021 as well as the 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 and 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021.

Kicking off the domestic calendar this year will be the 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021 which will be held in Simdega, Jharkand from 10 March to 18 March 2021. The 11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021 will be held in Jind, Haryana starting from 17 March to 25 March 2021. 11th Hockey India Junior Women National

Championship 2021 will be held in Simdega, Jharkand from 3 April to 12 April 2021.

The inaugural edition of 1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 17 March 2021 to 26 March 2021 and 1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021 will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha between 17 March 2021 to 24 March 2021.

The National Championships will be resuming after a span of one year. In 2020, the 10th Hockey India Senior Men and Senior Women Championship 2020 (A Division) as well as the 10th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2020 (B Division) were held earlier in the year while the remaining National Championships were canceled.



To ensure safety of players as well as technical officials taking part in this year's annual National Championships, Hockey India has laid special emphasis on following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the federation to all the participating teams and host states. "We are delighted to announce the dates for the Annual National Championships. Though we had to cancel the remaining National Championships for the year 2020, we are happy that all state member units who are participating in 2021 have resumed activities and are able to prepare their teams for the forthcoming National Championships," expressed Gyanendro Ningombam, President, Hockey India.

He further stated that Hockey India officials were in constant touch with the State Member Units to ensure activities have resumed in a smooth, systematic way. "Since the MHA guidelines allowed resumption of sporting activities in September last year, the Hockey India officials have been in constant touch with State Member Units and affiliated Academies encouraging them to resume activities. We extend our gratitude towards all the host state who have agreed to hold the competitions despite challenging circumstances," he added.

The dates for the remaining National Championships for 2021 will also be announced once there is confirmation from all participating states and academies.

<b>Hockey India National Championships 2021</b>		
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Dates</b>
11th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2021	Simdega, Jharkand	10 March - 18 March 2021
11th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2021	Jind, Haryana	17 March - 25 March 2021
1st Hockey India Sub Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	17 March - 24 March 2021
1st Hockey India Junior Women Academy National Championship 2021	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	17 March - 26 March 2021
11th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2021	Simdega, Jharkand	3 April - 12 April 2021



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## "Aim is to become a dependable player for the team," says Indian Men's Core Probable Shamsher Singh

Having made his senior India debut at the Olympic Test Event in Tokyo in 2019, young midfielder Shamsher Singh had many things to look forward in the year 2020. His single most important mission was to prove his worth to the team to find a place in the squad for key events last year but the pandemic derailed his plans, however did little to dent his spirit.

"I have come from a difficult background with my father making his living from farming. There were several odds that I faced in my initial days in hockey and the struggle for basics like stick, kit and shoes were real. I believe this past experience helped me brace for any uncertain circumstances and this year we have all been put off gear with the pandemic but what's important is to continue to stay focused on our goals no matter the odds," stated the 23-year-old from Attari who climbed the ranks in domestic hockey after honing his skills at the Surjit Singh Academy in Jalandhar, Punjab where several of his teammates come from.

Shamsher's debut for the Indian team was quite memorable as they won the tournament by beating New Zealand 5-0 in the Final, a match which saw Shamsher score his first Senior Team goal for the country. He struck the 2nd goal for India in the 18th minute. The talented youngster played all four of India's games - 6-0 win over Malaysia, 2-1 loss to New Zealand, 6-3 win against hosts Japan and 5-0 win against New Zealand in the Final.



"I wanted to build on my game further and was hopeful of finding opportunities in key events that were to be held this year. But with the scenario changing due to the pandemic, I have realigned my focus to make the most of the situation by improving my basics and gain experience by closely working with seniors in the team. The learnings during this time has been of immense value," he added.



Shamsher's disappointment in 2016 when he missed out on making the team for the FIH Junior Men's World Cup was a turning point in his career, explains the young lad. He said, "I was part of the reserves but missed out on making the cut for the Indian squad that went on to win the coveted Junior World Cup. It was magical to watch the team lift the title in front of crazy hockey fans in Lucknow and watching the entire tournament from the sidelines only made me more determined to work hard and earn the India jersey. Now in the Senior Core probable group, my aim is to become a dependable player for the team and execute what's expected of me from the Coach."

Shamsher Singh is currently part of the National Coaching Camp, which began in Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru on 5 January 2021.





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"We trained hard for the Chile tour and it paid off," says Indian Junior Women's Hockey team striker Sangita Kumari

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The 19-year-old striker Sangita Kumari was one of the top performers for the Indian Junior Women's hockey team in the recently concluded Chile tour, where the team remained unbeaten. Having scored four goals in five matches, Sangita said that it was a great feeling to contribute to the team's success, especially after a long hiatus due to an ACL injury and the pandemic situation.

"I was playing after quite a long time as I had an injury in 2019, and then due to COVID, everything came to a grinding halt. It was a great feeling to be back and contribute to the side's winning cause. All credit to the coaching staff and teammates for all the support and trust, which helped me deliver," expressed Sangita.

Indian Junior eves won five out of six matches while one ended in a draw. Commenting about the team's performance, she added, "We did really well in Chile, despite not getting any competitions in 2020 due to the pandemic. We had trained really hard at the camp for the tour, and it has paid off."

The Jharkhand-born first came in the limelight during the 2016 Girls U18 Asia Cup, where she scored eight goals and helped the team clinch the Bronze medal. She was also a part of the Hockey Jharkhand team which won the 9th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2019 (A Div).



"I think winning the Nationals for Jharkhand in 2019 was a big highlight for me and a very satisfying victory.



We were quickly recognized for this feat by getting a call-up for the Junior Women's National Coaching Camp. My journey since then has been quite eventful and I am working hard on improving my game," she said.

Having featured in six international-level competitions before, the Jharkhand-born is now aiming for the Junior Women's Asia Cup, which is scheduled for August this year in Kakamigahara, Japan. "We have begun our training in SAI, and I definitely think the Chile tour has boosted our confidence. Hopefully, we can continue the same run of form at the camp and hopefully at the Junior Women's Asia Cup as well," she signed-off.



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## Indian Hockey Teams return to Action!

After nearly a year since they last played an international match, the Indian Women's Hockey Team traveled to Argentina for their first tour of the Olympic year 2021. The team competed in 8 matches against the host nation from 17 January 2021 to 31 January 2021, while the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team traveled to Chile for their much-needed preparations for the all-important Junior World Cup this year. The team took on the Junior Chile Team on 17 January 2021 and 18 January 2021 before going up against the Senior Chile Team on 20 January 2021, 21 January 2021, 23 January 2021 and 24 January 2021.

This was the first time that the Indian Hockey team preparing for the Olympic Games received government sanction to travel for an international assignment after the pandemic hit and halted all National & International



competitions around the world abruptly.

In the past few months, Hockey India has been meticulously planning, in coordination with a number of countries to ensure international competitions for the Indian teams as part of their preparations for the Tokyo Olympic Games which were postponed from July 2020 to July 2021 and other major international tournaments in the year 2021.





It's been the Federation's top priority to ensure the best interest of the teams to receive necessary match practice in a safe environment after the kind of year 2020 was where hardly any tournaments were held due to the pandemic hit year.

The Indian Men's Hockey Team also returned to action in February with matches against Germany and Great Britain. The members of the team have been eager to showcase their skills in an international match and the tour of Europe presented the perfect opportunity for the team to do so.

### **Positive step in Senior Women's Team's preparation for Olympics**

The exposure tour of Argentina saw the Indian core group register 2-2, 1-1 draws against the Argentina Junior team and lost 1-2, 2-3 to Argentina 'B' team before a 2-3, 0-2 loss to the World No.2 senior side. In the last scheduled match on 31 January 2021, the Indian team led by Rani held Argentina to a 1-1 draw.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team on the other hand went for their second tour this year to Germany in February. The team is moving from strength to strength with each international match.

The Men's tour of Europe is being held between 21st February 2021 and 9th March 2021, while the Women's tour of Germany is being held between 23rd February 2021 to 05 March 2021.

“In all three matches against the Senior Women, it was very closely contested, and the matches could have gone either way. Even the match where we lost 0-2, they (Argentina) were very effective, but our quality of play was very high in that game. Overall, this tour has helped us gain that confidence of playing against a top side like Argentina.



We had the chance to experience what it takes to beat a team like Argentina and the areas we need to focus on to succeed against a quality side.

This is a positive step in our preparations for the Olympic Games," expressed Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne.



### Successful tour for Indian Junior Women’s Team

A confident and satisfied looking Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team returned to the country's national capital on 27 January 2021 after remaining unbeaten in their Tour of Chile. The team landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport after having won five out of the six matches they played during their Tour of Chile, with one match ending in a draw.

"We are very happy to have got the opportunity to resume competitive hockey after the pandemic. It was a very good experience for all the players and members of the support staff and it gives us huge confidence as we approach an important year ahead," expressed Suman Devi Thoudam, who served as the Captain of the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team.







## Robust bio-bubble to ensure safety

Hockey India and the host National Associations created a bio bubble in Argentina, Chile, Germany and Belgium for the players and support staff of all the teams on their respective tours. Separate halls are being provided to the teams for all the meals, team meetings, sessions etc. And the accommodation for the Indian contingent has been on a twin sharing basis, where the room sharing partners remain the same throughout the tour. Every small detail is being planned carefully keeping in mind all necessary requirements.

The team members are not being allowed to move out of the bubble and meet any third-party source and even while travelling to the match/training venue the teams travel in a

dedicated transport which only take upto 80% capacity. The local resources along with the team including Team bus/coach, drivers, support staff remains the same throughout the tour to avoid any lapses in the protocols with regard to the safety of the team.

The entire Indian contingent of the Senior Men's and Women's, and Junior Women's Teams underwent a Covid-19 RT-PCR Test 72 hours prior to their departure from India. All the teams had to follow all safety and health measures as advised by the respective Governments of India on all of their tours. Further, the teams also followed/following the Hockey India SOPs as available on the Hockey India website.



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## Former Indian hockey players undertake Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021



A host of former Indian international players, which included Dr AB Subbaiah (Arjuna Awardee), Sabu Varkey (Olympian), Davinder Kumar (1998 Senior World Cup), Virender Singh (1997 Junior World Cup Silver Medalist), Dipika Murty (2006 World Cup) and Deepika (Arjuna Awardee, Olympian), undertook the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021, which took place in New Delhi from 29 January 2021 to 1 February 2021 and in Bhubaneswar from 3 February 2021 to 6 February 2021.

The Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course, which was organized after almost one year, saw over 100 candidates from

various parts of the country undertaking the course. This was the first Coaching Course conducted on-ground since the Covid-19 pandemic began in March last year.

Speaking on participating in the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021, Arjuna Awardee Dr AB Subbaiah said, "The Coaching Education Pathway started by Hockey India is a very good program. I recommend all the young aspiring coaches of India, who want to pick up coaching seriously, to undergo the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course.

This is where one can learn all the modern techniques from the very experienced national coaches as well as former players, who have undergone FIH level coaching courses."

Olympian and Arjuna Awardee Deepika said that she has learned how to utilize her experience as a player to coach young players at the grassroots level.



"I have learned a lot through the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway. I have learned how to utilize my experience and passion to coach players at the grassroots level. I would like to thank Hockey India for starting the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway for experienced players like us," said Deepika.

Senior Women's World Cup (2006 and 2010) player Dipika Murty expressed that she learned a very important coaching technique at the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course 2021, "One important thing that I have learned through the coaching sessions is that I would like to get down to the level of the players that we are coaching, focus on the minute details, teach them and explain them properly, and also get feedback from them."

Davinder Kumar, 1998 Senior Men's World Cup player, said that he learned effective coaching methods through the coaching course, "My experience at the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course has been fantastic. It has given me a chance to learn new ways of coaching which are better and more effective, which we can impart to our youngsters, which helps in the growth of hockey."

While speaking about his biggest learning from the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course, Virender Singh, Silver Medallist - 1997 Junior Men's World Cup said, "The future hockey players have to be groomed at the grassroots level itself and that's what I got to learn here as a coach. I have really liked learning this through the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level '1' Coaching Course."

Each of the candidates' competencies were assessed and only those candidates who successfully completed the Hockey India Level '1' Coaching Course on the basis of the assessment criteria, were provided the necessary certification.

Since the launch of the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway in 2019, over 800 coaches from across India have benefitted from the programme which is a simplified education structure that consists of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process, which helps the Coaches in progressing to higher levels.

HICEP aims to help in developing coaches from the grassroots level into world-class coaches of the high performance/international level. Once a candidate progresses from the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, they are then eligible to enrol for the FIH Academy Level 1 Course, and so on.





Having made her Senior Team debut in 2017, attacking midfielder Udita made rapid strides with opportunities to showcase her talent in big-ticket events such as the 2018 Asian Games and 2018 FIH Women's World Cup among other major events. Now, she has pinned her focus on the Olympic Games in Tokyo this year and believes the next five months is going to be the most crucial time of her career. "I have been very fortunate to have got an opportunity to play for India in some

of the biggest events like the Asian Games and the World Cup in London where we had some significant performances as a team. Now, the entire team has only one focus and that is the Olympic Games in Tokyo. There is no doubt that the next few months is going to be the most crucial time of our lives and everything we do; it will be with an aim to produce the best results in Tokyo," stated the youngster from Hisar, Haryana.

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**"We have only one focus and that's the Olympic Games," says India attacking midfielder Udita**



Udita first broke into the national scene when she was selected for the Junior National Camp in 2015 following impressive performances in domestic tournaments. Having debuted for the Junior India team in 2016, she went on to Captain the junior India squad that won the Bronze at the 4th U-18 Women's Asia Cup in 2016. "It has been a fantastic journey so far in my career. There is so much to learn not just from senior players in the team but also from Janneke (Analytical Coach, Indian Women's Team) who herself is an Olympic Gold medallist. There are many instances when we quiz her about her career and experience in hockey," expressed Udita.

Speaking about practicing in the National Coaching Camp prior to the tour of Argentina, Udita said every player made progress. She reflected on the challenging circumstances when they were restricted indoors and had to keep up with their fitness routine. "I think every sports person has had to face various challenges due to the pandemic. Personally, it was quite challenging to keep up fitness both mentally and physically during the lockdown this year but thanks to incredible support and encouragement from Hockey India, the team and coaching staff, we were able to overcome the challenges."

"The months before the tour of Argentina was all about hitting the same levels we were at early in the year. We have worked extremely hard to reach the desired levels in terms of fitness and speed.

We will be able to test our progress when we play more international matches this year," she said. Udita was part of the Indian Women's Hockey Team squad which played two matches against Argentina Junior team, two matches against Argentina B team and four matches against Argentina Senior team from 17 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.





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## For Junior Men's Hockey Striker S Karthi, hopes are pinned on hockey for a financially stable life

India Junior Men's team striker S Karthi, who hails from a small town named Ariyalur, which is about 350 km away from Chennai, made a career choice of playing hockey at a very young age. A series of scintillating performances for the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu in the 2018 Hockey Junior National Championships earned him a call-up for India Colts Camp.

Currently a part of the Junior Men's Core Probables, Karthi comes from a difficult economic background, who believes that a successful career in hockey will ensure him a job and financial stability back home for his family.

"My father works as a watchman at a government college for a salary of Rs 5,000 a month. I have an elder sister who is married and a younger brother who has completed his 12th standard. I am aware that there have been many players in the Indian team who have come from very difficult financial background and I am no different, but hockey has helped them come up in life. They have a good job and recognition because of hockey.

My goal too like every other player is to play for India and I am working hard to earn a place in the Junior India team," said the 19-year-old striker who admires his senior compatriot Harmanpreet Singh for his drag-flicking abilities.

Getting affected financially by the pandemic, Karthi had to work part-time in a bakery as his father's meagre salary was cut further following nationwide lockdowns in 2020. While recalling the hardships faced last year, Karthi said, "I had just returned home from National Camp in March last year when the nationwide lockdown was announced. With no colleges functional, my father's salary was reduced to half leaving the family in dire need of money to make ends meet. I chose to work in a nearby bakery from 10am to 3pm to help my family meet the expenses".

However, in August 2020, Hockey India provided financial aid of Rs 10,000 to 61 of those core



probable athletes who were not holding employment. The objective of this initiative was to provide financial relief for athletes, to be able to assist them to resume sporting activities.

"This came as an immense support to me during those days. But most importantly it also made me realize that because I am a hockey player currently in the Junior core group, I was provided the financial aid. If I had not pursued hockey, I perhaps would have been doing odd jobs to earn a living. It has made me more determined to do well and earn a place in the Junior India Team and go on to a successful international career," stated Karthi.

## "Scoring five goals in Chile Tour was special," says Indian Junior Women's striker Beauty Dung Dung

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Indian Junior Women's striker Beauty Dung Dung had a remarkable outing on the recently concluded Chile tour, where the team remained unbeaten. Dung Dung, who has been one of the vital cogs of the Indian junior team, scored five goals in six games on the tour including a hat-trick in the first match against the Chile Junior Team which helped set up a comfortable 5-3 win. In the following matches of the tour, Indian Junior eves won 4-2, drew 2-2 and secured 2-0 and 2-1 victory against the Chile Senior Women's Team.

"Since we were playing in international matches after more than a year, we really wanted to enjoy playing every match. Last year has been particularly tough on all of us because we were not in camp for nearly eight months. During the lockdown, we couldn't practice hockey. Only in September when the MHA guidelines allowed us to resume activities, I could train at the Ekalabya Sports Hostel in Ranchi. When we were called for the Camp later that year, we were all very excited and wanted to make the most of it and trained really hard for the Chile Tour," explained the 17-year-old forward.



Beauty earned her maiden call-up for the Junior Core Group on the back of her solid performance in the 9th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2019 (A Div), where her team Hockey Jharkhand beat Hockey Haryana 2-1 in the Final. Soon after, she was picked in the Junior Women's squad for the Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4 Nations Tournament in Ireland followed by the Series in Belarus. The Jharkhand-born also took part in India's successful outing in the 3 Nation tournament in Australia.

"We have developed a very good understanding amongst each other. The core group is led by Captain Suman who is very encouraging especially for youngsters like me in the team. In our previous camp, we also played a few matches against the Senior India team which helped us prepare well for Chile. Since we are in the same campus as the Senior core group, we watch how they press, the skills they use and set pieces they create. We often tell ourselves, if they can play so well, then why can't we," expressed Beauty, who lives in Karangaguri, in Simdega district, Jharkhand.



Having made a career choice of playing hockey at a very young age, Beauty was encouraged by her family and particularly by her school principal at Aarti Madhya Vidyalaya in Karangaguri. Her compatriots from the same village Sangeeta Kumari and Sushma Kumari too are part of the Junior India squad. Currently a part of the Women's

Junior Core Probable Group, the young forward is aiming to make the cut in the Indian team squad for the Junior Asia Cup scheduled for August this year in Kakamigahara, Japan. "Doing well in Chile has given me a lot of confidence and scoring five goals there was special for me. Next aim is to do well in the National Camp, improve my skills and hope to make the team for the Junior Asia Cup where we need to finish in the top 3 to qualify for the FIH Junior

World Cup (Women) to be held in December this year in South Africa," she signed-off.





**“Real medal for me will be the day when I put on Senior Team’s jersey,” says Indian Women’s Core Probable Manpreet Kaur**



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With some prodigious talents doing wonders and climbing up their ranks at the junior level, the future of Indian Women's Hockey Team looks bright. One such individual is Haryana's talented Defender Manpreet Kaur, who has been named in the 25-member core probable group for the Senior Women's National Coaching Camp as part of the team's preparations for the Tokyo Olympic Games. "I am so happy and proud to be a part of the Core Probable group, and to have this opportunity to play and work with the best

players from India. My ambition has always been to represent my country at the highest level, and having done so at the Junior level, my next milestone is to represent the Senior Team soon," said Kaur.

The 22-year-old is yet to make her debut for the Senior Team. However, she has plenty of international experience having played around the world for the Indian Junior Women's Team.

Speaking on the prospect of making her debut for the senior team, Kaur added, "It is obviously something that is not in my hands, but I want to focus on everything that is in my hands. I want to put my 100% effort and hard work into getting myself ready for the time when I get the chance.

I am really happy that we've had such great support and planning from Hockey India and SAI with regards to the exposure that I've been able to get at the Junior level, even without having played for the Senior Team yet".

Kaur was a part of the Bronze-medal winning India Junior Women's team at the 4th Girls U18 Asia Cup 2016 held in Bangkok, Thailand. Recalling the glorious campaign, the young defender said that it has been her most memorable tournament. "I was really young back then, only 17 and it was such a big occasion for us to be representing the country at the continent's most important tournament at the Junior level.

I remember how amazingly everyone in the team performed and I thought we were unfortunate to not make it to the Final, but the 3-0 victory in the Bronze Medal match against Republic of Korea made it worthy," expressed the youngster, who also won a Silver Medal at the 6-Nations Invitational Tournament in Antwerp, Belgium in 2018.

Having won National Championships and Khelo India Medals with her state team of Haryana, Kaur said, "When you are playing, you always step onto the field with only one aim - to win. Whenever I'm on the hockey pitch, I just focus on helping my team and winning the match. It has of course led me to some medals, but the real medal for me will be the day when I put on the Senior Team's jersey, and play my first ever match for the ever-improving Indian Women's Hockey Team".



## FIH President's visit to Odisha on 12 February 2021

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation, presented a memento to Mr. Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary & Chief Development Commissioner, Government of Odisha.



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation, presented a memento to Mr. V Karthikeyan Pandian, IAS, Private Secretary to Chief Minister, Odisha.



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation, presented a memento to Mr. Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Sports and Youth Services Department, Additional Charge Principal Secretary to Government, Tourism Department, Government of Odisha.



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation, presented a memento to Mr. R Vineel Krishna, IAS, Special Secretary to Chief Minister, Odisha, with Additional Charge of Special Secretary to Government Sports and Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha.



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra President, International Hockey Federation presented a memento to Mr. Balwant Singh, IAS, Managing Director, Odisha Mining Corporation.

## Hockey India President Visits

Hockey India President, Mr. Gyanendro Ningombom, visited Guwahati to witness an exhibition hockey match between Adimgiri Hockey Centre and Guwahati Hockey Centre played at Maulana Md. Tayabullah Hockey Stadium, Guwahati, Assam on 31 Jan 2021. He also took a venue tour of the Stadium.



Hockey India President, Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam met with Secretary, Sports Authority of Assam Mr. Dharma Kanta Mili, ACS on 1 February 2021.





Hockey India President Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam called upon Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal in Guwahati on 1 February 2021.



Hockey India President, Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam met up with Mr. Lakhya Konwar, Secretary General, Assam Olympic Association & Mr. Shantanu Kalita, Joint Secretary, Assam Olympic Association on 1 February 2021.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh congratulated newly elected President of Hockey India Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam on 12 November 2020.



Hockey India President Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam called upon Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh on 7 February 2021.



Hockey India, President, Shri. Gyanendro Ningombam had a courtesy call with Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Shri Sandip Pradhan, IRS on 19 February 2021 at his office in Delhi.



Ms. Elena Norman, CEO Hockey India presented a Hockey India memento to Shri. Rana Gurmit Sodhi, Hon'ble Sports Minister, Government of Punjab on 20 January to mark the occasion.

Mr. Alberto Coco Budeisky, President of the Pan American Hockey Federation met with the visiting Indian women's hockey team in Bueno Aires, Argentina on 8 January 2021. He wished the team goodluck for their upcoming matches with the Argentina Women's team.

The team presented Mr. Budeisky with a Hockey India memento for his gracious act of meeting the team during these tough times.





# MEMBER UNIT ACTIVITIES



## Assam Hockey

With an aim to promote Hockey across the State of Assam, 10th Inter District Junior Men's Hockey Championship 2021 organized by Assam Hockey at Geruati High School Playground from 6th February to 8th February 2021.



## Chhattisgarh Hockey

Hockey Bilaspur under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Hockey, distributed hockey sticks to talented sportspersons at Police Hockey Ground on 7 February 2021.



Here are the glimpses from Hockey India sanctioned Navabharat Trophy 4th Men All India Tournament 2021 in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh from 15 February to 24 February 2021. Hockey India ensured all the SOP's were being implemented and followed during the conduct of the tournament.





## Citizen Hockey XI

The players of Citizen Hockey XI resumed their sporting activities with practice sessions and matches moderated by the Coach.



## Delhi Hockey

In an attempt to encourage the sport, Delhi Hockey had conducted weekend training sessions on 16 & 17 January 2021



Delhi Hockey joined other Hockey India member units in resuming sporting activities by conducting open trials for its Sub-Junior Women's Team which were held at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium, New Delhi on 8th & 9th February, 2021



## Goans Hockey

Young Sports Hockey Club under the aegis of Goans Hockey organised a Hockey 5s tournament on 31st January at Assonora, Mapuca Goa.



Goans Hockey held the 2nd 5-a-side State Hockey Championship on 7th February 2021 at Seraulim Ground, Goa.



## Hockey Andhra Pradesh

Hockey Chandragiri under the aegis of Hockey Andhra Pradesh conducted 'Roots 2 Leaves' event, the main motto of which was to bring players of all generation on a single stage, where they interacted and shared their experiences with each other.



## Hockey Andhra Pradesh

Republic Day celebrations were carried out at Dharmavaram in Anantapur district, which falls under Hockey Andhra Pradesh.



## Hockey Arunachal

Hockey Arunachal held their General Body meeting under the Chairmanship of Shri Gumjum Haider, the President of Hockey Arunachal on 08 January 2021.



## Hockey Bengal

Hockey Bengal on 7 February 2021 organised a hockey tournament where Bengal Nagpur Railways emerged as Champions. The tournament was graced by the legendary Gurbux Singh and Bir Bahadur Chettri.



National Security Advisor to Government of India, Mr. Ajit Doval visited the Bengal Engineer Group and Centre Roorkee to present the 'Doval Trophy'



116th Calcutta Hockey Tournament 2021 was conducted by Hockey Bengal, at Mohun Bagan Stadium & East Bengal Stadium



## Hockey Chandigarh

A workshop for Coaches, Umpires and Technical Officials was organised by Hockey Chandigarh on 30 January 2021.



## Hockey Jharkhand

Here's a look at sporting activities being resumed at Khunti by Hockey Jharkhand.



## Hockey Karnataka

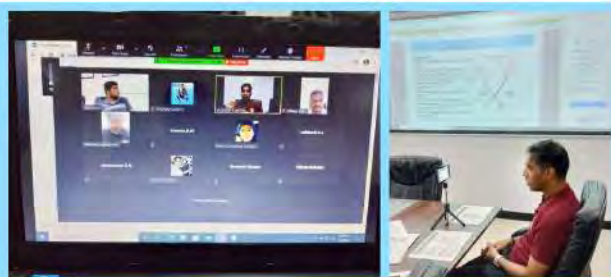
Hockey Coorg under the aegis of Hockey Karnataka had conducted the 3rd Women's Hockey Tournament from 23rd to 26th of January 2021 at Turf Ground, Mini Stadium, Ponnampet. Tournament was inaugurated by Padmashri Dr. M. P Ganesh



In preparation for the upcoming Hockey India National Championships, Hockey Karnataka conducted training camps for the Sub Junior Men (15th February to 13th March 2021) and the Sub Junior Women (15th February to 5th March 2021) in Bangalore and Under 16 Men's and women's selection trials were conducted in ponnampet, Coorg on 06th and 7th February 2021



Hockey Karnataka conducted an online coaching course on January 9, 2021, to update the coaches on basic hockey skills and how to implement them during training.



## Hockey Haryana

Hockey Haryana inaugurated its 5th Women's Hockey Series Tournament (Sonipat) on 10th January 2021.



## Hockey Jammu & Kashmir

For the development & promotion of hockey in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and as part of re-starting activities in the State, Hockey Jammu Kashmir successfully conducted the following tournaments-

1. Anantnag Premier League 2020 at Boys Degree College, Anantnag
2. Premier Hockey League of District Badgam at Sports Stadium Badgam
3. Premier Hockey League at Udhampur
4. Premier Hockey League of District Jammu was inaugurated by Hon'ble Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha
5. Premier Hockey League of District Kathua
6. An exhibition match was organised by Hockey J&K at HSS Nowshera, Roujouri District near LOC border, between the school team and the Nowshera Hockey Club.
7. Premier League, the first phase of which was held at Hiranagar District, Kathua.



## Hockey Maharashtra

Vishwajeet Patil of Hockey Maharashtra working on fitness of Sub Junior players of Islampur, Sangli with outdoor training and trekking.



## Hockey Uttarakhand

Team Udham Singh Nagar outclassed Pithoragarh to seize the match 6 - 3 and to win the Uttarakhand State Open Men's Hockey Championship 2021. The event was held from 8th Feb to 10 Feb.



## Kerala Hockey

The Palakkad Hockey Unit and Malappuram Hockey Unit of Kerala Hockey organised a 5-a-side mixed hockey championship on 23rd January 2021.





## Manipur Hockey

On 9 January 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh, launched the official website of Manipur Hockey after completion of the Annual General Congress and Election 2021 of Manipur Hockey in the presence of Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President of Hockey India. President Manipur Hockey Mr. Basudev Singh presented Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh with a certificate of honour for Patron in Chief of Manipur Hockey.



On 9 January 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh presented a certificate of honour and a shawl to President Hockey India Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam in recognition of his dedicated services towards developing hockey in the state.



With an attempt to promote hockey across the state Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, President Hockey India along with members of Manipur Hockey led by Mr. Basudev Singh President and two officials from YAS Govt of Manipur inspected Noney district hockey ground for setting up synthetic hockey pitch.



In a felicitation programme organised by Kangpokpi District Hockey Association under Manipur Hockey, Hockey India President Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam distributed hockey sticks and balls to the association.



### Exclusive shots from the Manipur Hockey State Championship 2021



With an attempt to promote Hockey amongst young generation, Manipur Hockey conducted the following events

1. YCCIC ground, a club constituent of HU Imphal East under Manipur Hockey.



2. Sporting activity at Konthoujam Youth Union Club



3. Sporting activities being conducted in full swing at Hockey Union, a club constituent of Hockey Union of Imphal East under Manipur Hockey.



4. Players of Mayai Lambi Hockey Union a Club Unit of Hockey Unit of Imphal West under Manipur Hockey in action during their training





4. AJSA Hockey Unit, Jiribam district under Manipur Hockey had organised a 21-day long regular coaching program for its hockey players.



5. Sporting activity at MEIRAA a club constituent of Hockey Unit of Imphal West under Manipur Hockey.



## Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar - Ludhiana

Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar - Ludhiana celebrated the New Year by distributing track suits to their players.



## Mumbai School Sports Association

A two-day Winter Hockey Rink Tournament sanctioned by Hockey India and organised by a Hoc-key Member Mumbai School Sports Association (MSSA) at the St. Dominic Savio School, Andheri West on 12 and 13 February 2021.



## SDT Hockey Nilgiris Academy

35 hockey players studying in Crescent Castle School, Ooty of SDT Hockey Nilgiris Academy took part in an 18 KM run, as a part of the Fit India programme on the occasion of the 72nd Republic Day.



## Telangana Hockey

Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji 5-a-side tournament for women was conducted by Telangana Hockey at the Ambedkar Stadium, Karimnagar From 15th to 17th January 2021.



# Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre

Hockey India conducted a two-day Developmental workshop on 27 & 28 January 2021 for the budding Umpires of Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre at Kalinga Stadium.



Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre has organised its 1st Grassroot Hockey Championship 2021 for U 14 Boys and Girls in Purnapani and Subdega in Sundargarh district from 15-20 February 2021. Padma Shri Dilip Tirkey was also present to watch the players in action.



Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre is scheduled to organise the Final Phase of its 1st Grassroot Hockey Championship 2021 for Boys and Girls in Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 2-6 March 2021.

 **ODISHA NAVAL TATA HOCKEY -HPC**   
GROSSROOT HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.  
VENUE: KALINGA STADIUM, BHUBANESWAR.

**FINAL PHASE - FIXTURE - GIRLS**

ALANDA
MAHAPARA
KADOBHAL
NUAGAON

No	Date	Day	Ground	Time	Team	Vs	Team
1	02.03.2021	Tue	Pitch-01	9:30 am	ALANDA	Vs	KADOBHAL
2				11:00 am	MAHAPARA	Vs	NUAGAON
3	03.03.2021	Wed	Pitch-02	9:30 am	ALANDA	Vs	MAHAPARA
4				11:00 am	KADOBHAL	Vs	NUAGAON
5	04.03.2021	Thu	Pitch-02	9:30 am	ALANDA	Vs	NUAGAON
6				11:00 am	MAHAPARA	Vs	KADOBHAL
05.03.2021 Fri							
<b>REST</b>							
Bronze Medal Match - Pitch-01							
7	06.03.2021	Sat	Pitch-01	9:00 am	3rd Rank Team	Vs	4th Rank Team
Gold Medal Match - Pitch-01							
8			Pitch-01	5:00 pm	1st Rank Team	Vs	2nd Rank Team

**Note:** 1. Ranking of teams will be done after the end of the competition  
2. 3rd & 4th Rank teams will play Bronze Medal Match  
3. First two ranked teams will play Gold Medal Match

 **ODISHA NAVAL TATA HOCKEY -HPC**   
GROSSROOT HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.  
VENUE: KALINGA HOCKEY STADIUM

**Final-Phase - FixTURE - BOYS**

SUBDEGA
MAHAPARA
KADOBHAL
PURNAPANI

No	Date	Day	Ground	Time	Team	Vs	Team
1	02.03.2021	Sun	Pitch-02	2:00 pm	SUBDEGA	Vs	PURNAPANI
2				3:30 pm	MAHAPARA	Vs	KADOBHAL
3	03.03.2021	Wed	Pitch-02	2:00 pm	SUBDEGA	Vs	MAHAPARA
4				3:30 pm	KADOBHAL	Vs	PURNAPANI
5	04.03.2021	Thu	Pitch-02	2:00 pm	MAHAPARA	Vs	PURNAPANI
6				3:30 pm	SUBDEGA	Vs	KADOBHAL
05.03.2021 Fri							
<b>REST</b>							
Bronze Medal Match							
7	06.03.2021	Sat	Pitch-01	10:30 am	3rd Rank Team	Vs	4th Rank Team
Gold Medal Match							
8			Pitch-01	6:30 pm	1st Rank Team	Vs	2nd Rank Team

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3. First two ranked teams will play Gold Medal Match

On 22nd January 2021, Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre in Bhubaneswar launched its inaugural Boys' Resident Programme at the Kalinga Hockey Complex, with a total of 31 selected cadets took part.



Glimpses from the visit of Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President, International Hockey Federation, to the Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre on 12th February 2021.



## Infrastructure development



Congratulations to the Eastern Naval Command Hockey Ground, Visakhapatnam, on acquiring the National level certification for a brand new pitch by FIH!

## Ashwini Sports Academy

Ashwini Sports Academy, an affiliate academy member of Hockey India has commenced the work for setting up a natural turf for its players. Since sports is an integral part of education, the students of Ashwini Sports Academy are involved in the setting up of the hockey field as part of their curriculum.



## Hockey Bengal

Hon'ble Sports Minister of West Bengal, Shri. Aroop Biswas announced that an international hockey stadium with astroturf will be built inside the Salt Lake Stadium Complex in Kolkata.





## Hockey Haryana

Take a look at the all new Synthetic Hockey Pitch laid by Haryana Sports Department at Habri, Kaithal, Haryana



## Hockey Jammu & Kashmir

For the development & promotion of hockey in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, local administration commenced the work on replacement of AstroTurf at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium, Jammu.



## Hockey Maharashtra

The newly laid synthetic pitch at Shiv Chhatrapati Kreedha Peeth - Hockey Ground, Balewadi, Pune, Maharashtra is now FIH Global Category certified.



Central Chronicle

## Admire senior compatriot Harmanpreet Singh for his drag-flicking abilities: S Karthi

**Bengaluru (IN)**  
The young forward S Karthi from Tamil Nadu, who is part of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Camp Probation Camp, is trying to make his Hockey India debut this year, says his admires his senior compatriot Harmanpreet Singh for his drag-flicking abilities.

From a small town named Arayalur, about 350 kms from Chennai, in Tamil Nadu known for its limestone-rich soil and cement factories, S Karthi made a career choice of playing hockey. Starting off young, Karthi's progress went swift as series of strong performances for the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu in the Hockey India Junior National Championships saw him receive a call-up to the India Camp in 2018. While the pandemic has disrupted many livelihoods, Karthi too had found



himself at the crossroads when he had to part-time in a bakery as his father's income salary was cut further following nationwide lockdown last year.

But just returned home from National Camp in March last year when the nationwide lockdown was announced, with no colleges functioning, my father's salary was reduced to half leaving the family in dire need of money to make ends meet. I chose to work in a nearby bakery from 10am to 3pm to help my family meet the expenses," recalled Karthi of the hardships faced last year. Hockey India in August 2020 had provided financial aid of Rs 10,000 to 6L crore probable athletes for finding employment. The objective of this initiative was to provide financial relief for athletes, to be able to assist them to resume sporting activities.

"This came as an immense support to me during those days. But most importantly it also made me realize that because I am a hockey player currently in the junior camp group, I was provided the financial aid. If I had not pursued hockey, I perhaps would have been doing odd jobs to earn a living."

Central Chronicle

## Indian women's hockey team draw 2-2 with Argentina in women



**Bengaluru (IN)**  
India's women's hockey team drew 2-2 with Argentina in the women's hockey match on Saturday. The match was held at the J. R. D. Tata Hockey Stadium, Bengaluru. The Indian team, coached by G. Srinivasan, scored two goals through players like S. Karthi and P. Anshu. Argentina's goals were scored by their players. The match was a friendly encounter between the two teams.

Dainik Bhaskar

महिला हॉकी: अंतिम 9 मिनट में 3 गोल का जौत, चिली को 4-2 से दी शिकस्त



**बैरहोल** पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ गोल करने के बाद जर्जर मनाती भारतीय खिलाड़ी।

# अजेय भारत की एक और विजय

## जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम ने चिली की सीनियर टीम को 2-1 से दी शिकस्त



चिली के खिलाफ गोल करने के बाद जर्जर मनाती भारतीय खिलाड़ी।

Amar Ujala

## भारत ने अर्जेंटीना से खेला ड्रॉ

सात मैचों में एक भी जीत हासिल नहीं कर सकी महिला हॉकी टीम

**ब्यूनास आयर्स** भारतीय महिला हॉकी टीम ने बेरार्नो एस्टानो क्रासो के अडिओना दौर का अंत में महिला टीम के खिलाफ 1-1 से ड्रॉ के साथ किया। जूनियर की पहली खेल की टीम के खिलाफ, भारतीय टीम ने 25वें मिनट में गोल टाका जबकि अर्जेंटीना ने 55वें मिनट में पेनाल्टी स्ट्रोक का गोल किया। यह भारतीय टीम का चौथा मैच था जबकि दोसरा मैच लगातार बीरहोल के काफिर स्टूडियो में हुआ था।

जूनियर भारत ने 2-2 और 1-1 से ड्रॉ के साथ अर्जेंटीना को भी



दिलो जेबिन विरहानन टीम ने समूची पर फलें फेर दिए।

अर्जेंटीना ने पहले बर्वाटर के गोल के साथ खेल शुरू किया। दूसरे बर्वाटर ने गोल किया। भारत ने 25वें मिनट में गोल टाका जबकि अर्जेंटीना ने 55वें मिनट में पेनाल्टी स्ट्रोक का गोल किया।

Central Chronicle

## Former players undertake Hockey India's level '1' coaching course



**New Delhi (IN)**  
A host of former Indian international players have enrolled for the Hockey India coaching education pathway level '1' coaching course.

Some of prominent names including Dr. A. B. Subbiah (Arjuna Awardee), Saba Varkey (Olympian), Davinder Kumar (1988 Senior World Cup), Vinod Singh (1997 Junior World Cup Silver Medalist), Dipika Murty (2006 World Cup) and Deepika (Arjuna Awardee), have enrolled for the four-day course, which commenced on Friday in the National Capital.

It will also be conducted in Bhubaneswar from February 3 to 6. The course, which is being organized after almost one year, will see over 100 candidates from various parts of the country undertaking the course.

"This is the first coaching course being conducted on ground since the Covid-19 pandemic began in

सैंटियागो (चिली)। ब्यूटी ड्रगड्रग के दो गोल से भारतीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम ने अपने छठे और आखिरी मैच में चिली की सीनियर टीम को 2-1 से हराकर अजेय रहते हुए दौर का अंत किया। टीम को यह छह मैचों में पांचवाँ जीत है और मुकाबला ड्रॉ रहा था। फॉरवर्ड ड्रगड्रग ने छठे और 26वें मिनट में गोल करके भारत को जीत दिलाई। चिली को ओर से 40वें मिनट में फ्रांसिस्का ने गोल किया। भारत ने मैच में शुरू से दबाव बनाना शुरू कर दिया था। ड्रगड्रग ने छठे मिनट में बेहतरीन प्रयास को खराब नहीं जाने दिया और टीम को शुरुआती बढ़त दिलाई। दूसरे बर्वाटर में भी भारत ने मौक बनाए और ड्रगड्रग ने फिर से गोल किया। उन्होंने यह गोल पेनाल्टी कॉर्नर पर किया। एजेसी

Amar Ujala

## ब्रेक के बाद हॉकी की फिर से होगी ट्रेनिंग शुरू

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The Hans India



## Rani's goal help women's hockey team draw 1-1 with junior Argentina side

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Amar Ujala

## अर्जेंटीना में होगी तैयारियों की परख : रानी

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वों जीत है टीम को यह दौर पर छह मैचों में, एक रहा है ड्रॉ

सीनियर टीम की लगातार दूसरी हार

ब्यूनास आयर्स

भारतीय महिला हॉकी टीम को अर्जेंटीना 'बी' के हाथों 2-3 से हार का सामना करना पड़ा। टीम की यह अर्जेंटीना दौर पर लगातार दूसरी पराजय है।

Dainik Jagran

## 18 में से दस गोल झाखंड की बेटियों ने दागे

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Central Chronicle

## We trained hard for the Chile tour and it paid off, says India colts hockey striker Sangita Kumari

**Bengaluru, (IN)**  
Nineteen-year-old striker Sangita Kumari was one of the top performers for the Indian Junior Women's Hockey team in the recently concluded Chile tour, where the team secured four goals in five matches, and that it was a great feeling to contribute to the team's success, especially after a long hiatus due to an ACL injury and the pandemic situation.

"I was playing after quite a long time as I had an injury in 2019, and then due to COVID, everything came to a grinding halt. It was a



swimmers for all the support and trust, which helped me deliver. Sangita said in a Hockey India release. Indian junior players were five out of six matches while one ended in a draw.

Commenting on the team's performance, she added, "It really will in Chile, despite not getting any competitions in 2020 due to the pandemic. We had trained really hard in five camps for the tour, and it has paid off."

The Bhubaneswar-based player first came in the limelight during the 2016 Girls U18 Asia Cup, where she scored eight goals and helped the team clinch the bronze medal.

Jan Satta

हम मैचों के दौरे पर चिली जाएगी भारतीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम

नई दिल्ली, 8 जनवरी (भाषा)। भारतीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम इस महीने के आखिर में छह मैचों के दौरे पर चिली जाएगी। कोरेना महमारी के कारण मिले ब्रेक के कारण एक साल से अधिक समय बाद यह टीम की पहली प्रतिस्पर्धा होगी। भारतीय जूनियर महिला टीम ने आखिरी बार दिसंबर 2019 में न्यूजीलैंड और आस्ट्रेलिया के खिलाफ तीन देशों का टूर्नामेंट खेला था। यह टीम अब 17 और 18 जनवरी को चिली की जूनियर टीम से खेलेगी। इसके बाद 20, 21, 23 और 24 जनवरी से चिली की सीनियर टीम से मुकाबला होगा। कोच ने कहा कि अक्टूबर में राष्ट्रीय कॉलेज शिविर में लौटने के बाद से जूनियर महिला टीम ने काफी मेहनत की है।

Orrisa Post

Good show vs Argentina confidence booster: Rani

New Delhi, Jan 8: Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal looks good when she scores a goal for the national team. The 20-year-old Rani is a key player for the national team. She has been in excellent form since her return from the 2019 Asian Cup. Her performance against Argentina was a confidence booster for the team. She has been in talks with the national coach for a long time. She has been in talks with the national coach for a long time. She has been in talks with the national coach for a long time. She has been in talks with the national coach for a long time.

The Hans India

India women's hockey team set off for Argentina tour

THE Indian women's hockey team on Sunday left for Argentina where they are scheduled to play eight matches between January 17 to 31. The Indian team is scheduled to play two matches against Argentina (January 22 and 24) and four matches against Argentina on January 26, 28, 30 and 31. This tour will be the first international assignment for a team of New Zealand in January 2020. India's last international assignment was a tour of New Zealand in January 2019. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal.

Central Chronicle

Hockey India and Odisha govt gearing up to host 2023 Men's Hockey WC

New Delhi (UNI) With exactly two years to go, Hockey India and the Odisha government are gearing up to host the all-important 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. In 2023, the hockey-loving nation will host the competition for a record fourth time since its inception in 1971. The Hockey World Cup is slated to be held in Bhubaneswar and Bhoukela from January 13 2023 to January 29 2023. The Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik, on December 24 2020, announced a new world-class Hockey stadium to be constructed in Bhoukela city which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a seating capacity of 20,000. The stadium is set to have all the modern facilities and will offer a unique experience to players and the fans during the 2023 World Cup. The work to develop synthetic hockey turf in each of the 17 blocks of Sundargarh district has already begun. "We are aiming to complete all the work required for hosting a successful FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup India 2023 by mid-2022. World-class infrastructure at both venues will enable Odisha to once again deliver a successful and memorable tournament and leave behind a valuable and lasting legacy," said Minister for Sports and Youth Services, Odisha, Jusharkanti Behera.

Speaking on the preparations for the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, Gyanendra Nigombam, President, Hockey India, said "It's an absolute honour for us to host the Men's Hockey World Cup back-to-back. After hosting a successful World Cup in 2018, we are going to ensure that the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023 will have even better facilities for the players and the fans. It's very exciting to note that we are exactly two years away from the 2023 World Cup." India has hosted some of the biggest hockey competitions in recent years including the FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2017, FIH Men's Series Finals in 2019 and the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in 2019.

Orrisa Post

Men's hockey camp to begin January 5

NEW DELHI, Jan 2: After a three-week break, a 33-member Indian men's hockey core probable group, including skipper Manpreet Singh and goalkeeper PR Sreejesh as well as five Odisha players, will return to the national camp scheduled to begin in Bangalore from Tuesday. The camp will take place at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) campus and the core group will undergo a mandatory quarantine period before re-starting training as per SAI and Hockey India SOPs.

CORE PROBABLE LIST

- Goalkeepers: PR Sreejesh, Krishan B Patil & Suraj Kararka; Defenders: Brendra Lakra, Rupinder Pal Singh, Surender Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Kothajith Singh Khadangbam, Hamanpreet Singh, Gurinder Singh, Jarnanpreet Singh, Varun Kumar, Dipsan Tirkey & Nilam Sanjeev Xess; Midfielders: Manpreet Singh, Chinglensana Singh Kungjum, Nilakanta Sharma, Sumit, Jaskaran Singh, Rajkumar Pal, Harvik Singh & Vivek Sagar Prasad; Forwards: SV Sunil, Akashdeep Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Upadhyay, Rameshdeep Singh, Simeranjit Singh, Shamsher Singh, Gurjant Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Gursahibjit Singh & Shillanand Lakra.

The Indian men's hockey team had been training from August to December 12 last year. While the Indian women's team will head to Argentina to play an eight-match series against the hosts this month, HI has been in talks with different nations to organise a tour for the men's side as well. The Indian men's team played its last international match against Australia February 22 last year at the FIH Hockey Pro League.

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The Pioneer

Rani-led India leave for Argentina tour

THE Indian women's hockey team, led by Rani Rampal on Sunday left for Argentina where they are scheduled to play eight matches between January 17 to 31. The Indian team is scheduled to play two matches against Argentina (January 22 and 24) and four matches against Argentina on January 26, 28, 30 and 31. This tour will be the first international assignment for a team of New Zealand in January 2020. India's last international assignment was a tour of New Zealand in January 2019. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal. The team will be led by captain Rani Rampal.

Deshbandhu

हमारा पूरा फोकस ओलंपिक की तैयारियों पर : मनदीप सिंह

नई दिल्ली, 5 जनवरी (भाषा)। राष्ट्रीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम के कोच मनदीप सिंह ने कहा कि उनकी टीम का पूरा ध्यान ओलंपिक तैयारियों पर है। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा।

Deshbandhu

सुमन देवी थोडम जू, टीम की कप्तान, इशिका चौधरी उपकप्तान

नई दिल्ली, 5 जनवरी (भाषा)। भारतीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम की कप्तान सुमन देवी थोडम और उपकप्तान इशिका चौधरी ने कहा कि उनकी टीम को ओलंपिक तैयारियों में अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा।

Deshbandhu

चिली दौरे पर 5 गोल करना मेरे लिए खास था : डुंगडुंग

नई दिल्ली, 5 जनवरी (दिव्यभारत)। भारतीय जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम की खिलाड़ी डुंगडुंग ने कहा कि चिली दौरे पर 5 गोल करना उनके लिए खास था। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि टीम को अच्छे प्रदर्शन के लिए तैयार होना पड़ेगा।

Deshbandhu

अपना कोलंबो के लिए, हमें जूनियर महिला टीम में चुना गया

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The Pioneer

Indian women lose 2-3 to World No 2 Argentina

NEW DELHI, Jan 8: Indian women's hockey team lost 2-3 to Argentina in their first match of the tour. The match was held in Buenos Aires. The Indian team was led by captain Rani Rampal. The Argentine team was led by captain. The match was a tough one for the Indian team. They were unable to score a goal in the first half. They scored two goals in the second half. Argentina scored three goals in the second half. The final score was 2-3 in favor of Argentina.

Deshbandhu

Indian jr women's hockey team hold Chile senior team to 2-2 draw

Santiago (Chile) (UNI) A resilient performance from the Indian junior women's hockey team against the Chile senior women's team saw the two sides play out a well fought 2-2 draw here at the Prince of Wales Country Club. India's two goalscorers on Thursday evening were Deepika (40') and Gagandeep Kaur (55') who led the team's fightback after Chile had twice taken the lead through goals from Mariano del Real Lagos (21') and Fernanda Villagra (51'). With three wins from three matches in their Tour of Chile, the Indian team started the match brightly, as they tried to penetrate Chile's defence, but could not find a clear opportunity inside the first 15 minutes. On the other hand, Chile tried to push the young India team on the counter attacks, with their tactic paying off in the second quarter. It was in the 21st minute that

Deshbandhu

Chark jays men's team support staff

NEW DELHI, Jan 8: The Chark jays men's hockey team has announced their support staff for the upcoming season. The team is led by captain. The support staff includes. The team is looking forward to a successful season. The support staff will be working hard to support the team. The team is looking forward to a successful season. The support staff will be working hard to support the team.

The Hindu

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Deshbandhu

मात इस साल कई टूर्नामेंट्स को मेजबानी के लिए तैयार

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The Political & Business Daily

Working hard to be part of team for Olympics, says Dilpreet Singh

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN women's hockey captain Dilpreet Singh said her team is working hard to be part of the Olympic team for Tokyo 2020.

"I have been working on the court for the last few months. I have been training hard and trying to improve my skills. I am looking forward to playing for my country in the Olympics."

She said that she has been working hard to improve her skills and to be part of the Olympic team for Tokyo 2020.



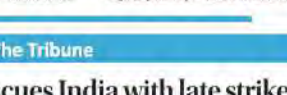
Dilpreet Singh in action during a training session.

The Tribune

Women's hockey team held by Argentine juniors

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Indian women's hockey team in action during a match.

The Times of India

The Argentina tour is our first competitive hockey match in almost a year: Gurjit Kaur

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN women's hockey team captain Gurjit Kaur said that the Argentina tour is their first competitive match in almost a year.

"This is a great opportunity for us to play competitive hockey after a long time. We are looking forward to the match."



Gurjit Kaur in action during a match.

The Political & Business Daily

We're looking to gain as much as we can from Chile tour, says Dungdung

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN women's hockey team captain Dungdung said that they are looking to gain as much as they can from the Chile tour.

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Dungdung in action during a match.

The Tribune

Captain Rani rescues India with late strike

INDIAN women's hockey captain Rani said that she rescued India with a late strike in a match held in Santiago, Chile.

"I was really happy to score that goal. It was a great feeling. I was really happy to score that goal. It was a great feeling."



Rani in action during a match.

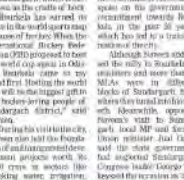
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Naveen lays foundation of India's biggest hockey stadium

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN hockey minister Naveen Shroff laid the foundation of India's biggest hockey stadium in Santiago, Chile.

"This is a great opportunity for us to build a new stadium. We are looking forward to the match."



Naveen Shroff laying the foundation stone of the stadium.

The Tribune

INDIA BEAT CHILE

INDIA women's hockey team beat Chile in a match held in Santiago, Chile.

"We were really happy to win the match. We were really happy to win the match."



Indian women's hockey team celebrating victory.

The Tribune

Clinical Argentina get better of India

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

ARGENTINE women's hockey team got better of India in a match held in Santiago, Chile.

"We were really happy to win the match. We were really happy to win the match."



Argentine women's hockey team in action during a match.

Rajasthan Patrika

आओलकी की विचारी तुम और महिला टीम के कप्तान मनीषा ने राणी ने कहा

आगले 200 दिन हाँकी टीम के लिए होंगे अहम

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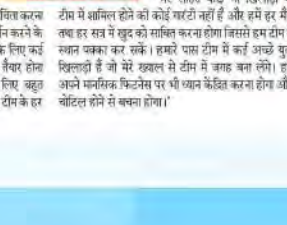
Manisha in action during a match.

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Manisha in action during a match.

The Political & Business Daily

Will aim to up the ante in current hockey camp, says Graham Reid

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN women's hockey coach Graham Reid said that he aims to up the ante in the current camp.

"We are looking to gain as much as we can from the Chile tour. We are looking to gain as much as we can from the Chile tour."



Graham Reid in action during a match.

The Political & Business Daily

Hockey India inducts five academies as new members

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

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"We are looking to gain as much as we can from the Chile tour. We are looking to gain as much as we can from the Chile tour."



Hockey India logo and academy members.

The Political & Business Daily

Proud to see talented hockey players emerging from Jharkhand, says Salima

By NIKHIL KUMAR, FEB 21

INDIAN women's hockey coach Salima said that she is proud to see talented players emerging from Jharkhand.

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Salima in action during a match.

The Political & Business Daily

बोले हाँकी कप्तान

INDIAN women's hockey captain Manisha said that she is looking forward to the match.

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Manisha in action during a match.

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# India colts begin training for junior Asia Cup hockey

With their focus on the men's junior Asia Cup, India colts began training on Saturday following a week-long quarantine. The 37-member junior men's core group reported to SAI, Bengaluru on February 6 and underwent mandatory quarantine followed by a RT-PCR swab test before resuming training from Saturday.

"The focus of this camp will be to improve our fitness, speed and create some match scenarios to be best prepared for the Asia Cup," expressed coach B.J. Karappa.

"Since the senior men's core group is also housed in the same campus, we want to make the most of their presence here and will plan a few sessions where the junior players can get some match-practice against them," he added.

# Rani on target, India hold No. 2 Argentina

World No. 9 Rani Singh took off as captain before coasting to a 2-0 win.



Rani Singh (9) in action during the match against Argentina.

# अर्जेंटीना के खिलाफ बढ़िया प्रदर्शन का विचार : सविता पुनिया

सविता पुनिया ने कहा कि अर्जेंटीना के खिलाफ हमें बेहतरीन प्रदर्शन करना होगा। हमें अपने खेल को आगे बढ़ाना होगा और टीम के साथ काम करना होगा।

# 'We should be mentally prepared for Olympics'

Team Might Face Several Obstacles On Its Way To Tokyo; Manpreet



Manpreet Singh, captain of the Indian men's hockey team.

Manpreet Singh has said that the team must be mentally prepared for the challenges ahead. He mentioned the obstacles they will face on their way to the Tokyo Olympics.

# हॉकी | लैप्री इंडिया ने नई हॉकी अकादमियों को नए अकादमी सदस्यों के रूप में किया शामिल

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# जूनियर महिला हॉकी एशिया कप में अच्छा प्रदर्शन लक्ष्य : दीपिका कुमारी

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# Argentina tour will be good indicator of where we stand: Rani

Pt. Buenos Aires

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Rani Singh in action during the Argentina tour.

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# Indian girls beat Chile



The Indian junior team members celebrate beating world No. 15 Chile 2-0.

SANTIAGO, JANUARY 24 The Indian women's junior hockey team extended its unbeaten run by notching up a 2-0 victory over the Chile senior side at the Prince of Wales Country Club here.

Playing their fifth match of the tour of Chile, India won courtesy goals from Sangita Kumari (48th minute) and Sushma Kumar (56th minute) in the last quarter.

It was a very open contest between the two teams during the first three quarters, with neither team managing to break the deadlock. There were chances for both the teams through open play and set-pieces, but the defences stood tall to deny their opponents.

It was India who drew first blood as they orchestrated a beautiful team move to open the scoring through Sangita. The young forward took her chance confidently to maintain her goal-scoring form.

In the 56th minute, it was the visiting team's turn to get a penalty corner, which proved to be the decisive. A well-executed drag-flick and a strike off a rebound by Sushma Kumar hit the back of the net, putting India 2-0 up. — PTI

# Argentina tour helped build confidence, says coach Marjine

Marjine has said that the Argentina tour helped build confidence in the team. She mentioned the challenges they will face during the tour.



Marjine in action during the Argentina tour.

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# Junior team stuns Chile

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The junior team celebrating their victory over Chile.

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# भारत की जूनियर महिला हॉकी टीम ने चिली को 2-0 से हराया

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# Marjine, Rani happy with Argentina lessons

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Marjine and Rani Singh during the Argentina tour.

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# TEAM BIRTHDAYS

## SENIOR MEN'S

## JUNIOR MEN'S

### APRIL

RAMANDEEP SINGH  
KRISHAN B PATHAK

01  
24

GOPI KUMAR SONKAR 10

## SENIOR WOMEN'S

## JUNIOR WOMEN'S

### MARCH

NAVJOT KAUR  
LALREMSIAMI

07  
30

GAGANDEEP KAUR 03  
JIWAN KISHORI TOPPO 04  
KAVITA BAGDI 07  
BALJEET KAUR 22  
LALRINDIKI 25

### APRIL

REENA KHOKHAR  
LILIMA MINZ  
VANDANA KATARIYA

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USHA 05  
ISHIKA CHOUDHRY 15  
MARIANA KUJUR 20  
PARNEET KAUR 26  
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## SHARMILA DEVI

(Indian Women's Hockey Team)  
My age is - 19

**My hometown is** – Hisar, Haryana

**I play as a** - Forward

**My debut was in** – 2019

**My most important target** – Olympic Medal

**My favourite workout is** – Speed training

**My favourite actor is** – Salman Khan

**My favourite song is** – Keh len de by Kaka

**My favourite cuisine is** – Ghar ka khaana (Rice and Paranthas)

**My best sporting moment** – When India Women's Hockey Team qualified for the Tokyo Olympics

**My idol is** – My father

**My dream destination is** – Goa

**If I wasn't a hockey player, I would've been** – Teacher

**My gym buddy is** – Rajwinder Kaur

**My favourite outfit is** – Jeans and T-shirt

**My go-to karaoke song is** – Kale Je Libaas Di

**3 things I don't travel without** – my cell phone, charger, power bank

**My 3am buddy in the team is** – Baljit Kaur

**My cheat meal** – Dosa





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