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TOP HIGHLIGHTS

KHELO INDIA WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (UNDER-16) PHASE 1

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
16th-23rd August	Pool A – Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation Pool B – HAR Hockey Academy	Pool A – SAI 'A' Pool B – Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Pool A – Sports Hostel Odisha Pool B – SAI 'B'	New Delhi

Khelo India Women's Hockey League 22 (Under-16) Phase 1 saw Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy Sonapat outplay Citizen Hockey XI 21-0 to remain unbeaten in the Phase 1 of the tournament. Sakshi Rana (23', 28', 29', 30', 43', 46', 58') starred with seven goals, while Captain Khushi (5', 33', 55'), Ravina (6', 12', 37'), Manjinder (1', 21', 54') and Riya (38', 44', 50') each bagged a hat-trick, and Sakshi (31', 41') netted twice for Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy Sonapat in the Pool A match.

While Pool B toppers Har Hockey Academy registered a comprehensive 7-0 win over Salute Hockey Academy to finish Phase 1 on top of Pool B. Kirti (26', 41', 53') bagged a hat-trick, while Captain Pooja (15'), Shashi Khasha (37'), Bharti (44') and Seema (59') scored a goal each for Har Hockey Academy in the last match of the Phase 1.



WINNER - POOL A
Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation



WINNER - POOL B
HAR Hockey Academy

KHELO INDIA WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (UNDER-16) PHASE 2

DATE OF THE EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	LOCATION
14th-21st October	Pool A – SAI 'A' Pool B – Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy	Pool A – Pritam Siwach Sports Foundation Pool B – Odisha Naval Tata Hockey H P Centre	Pool A – Sports Hostel Odisha Pool B – SAI 'B'	Lucknow

Sports Authority of India 'A' remained on top of Pool A as they ended Phase 2 with a scoreline of 6-0 against Sports Hostel Odisha. Jyoti Xaxa (23', 45'), Captain Tanuja Toppo (27', 37') and Binati Minz (41', 42) were the scorers for Sports Authority of India 'A'.

HAR Hockey Academy took on Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre, with the latter winning a closely contested game 2-1. Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre took the lead through Doli Bholi (25') before Diksha (34') equalised for HAR Hockey Academy. However, Nirmala Senbar (52') scored the winner for Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre to claim the top spot in Pool B.



WINNER - POOL A
SAI 'A'



WINNER - POOL B
Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2022

Amit Rohidas and Deep Grace Ekka received cash prizes from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik on National Sports Day

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik honoured Commonwealth Games (CWG) medalists Amit Rohidas and Deep Grace Ekka with cash prizes during Biju Patnaik Sports Awards 2022 on the occasion of the National Sports Day on 29 August 2022.

Hockey player Amit Rohidas was awarded a cash prize of Rs 75 lakh for winning the Silver medal with the Indian hockey team while Deep was honoured with a Rs 50 lakh cash prize for winning Bronze at CWG 2022.



GLIMPSES OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION





COA and FIH delegation visited Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium

A delegation of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) including the Acting President Mr. Seif Ahmed & CEO, Mr. Thierry Weil and a delegation of Hockey India including Committee of Administrators, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi and Mr. Zafar Iqbal visited Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium on 7 September 2022 to review the construction work of the stadium as the co-host venue for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela.



FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela draw

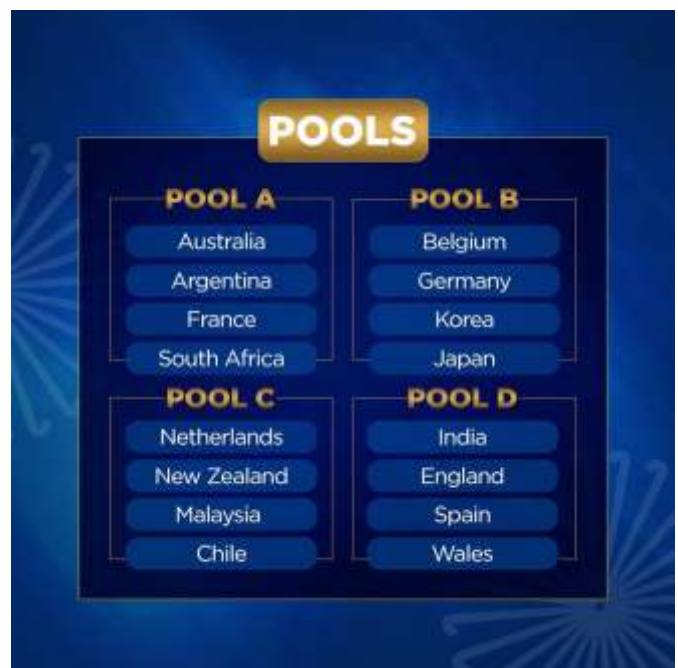
The FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela draw was held on 8 September 2022 at the Convention Centre, in Lok Sewa Bhawan, Bhubaneswar (India). The four Pools for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar – Rourkela were determined as follows:

Pool A was headed up by then World No. 1 Australia. The 2016 Olympic Champions Argentina, France, and African Champions South Africa were also drawn into the same group.

The 2018 World Champions Belgium were the top seed in Pool B. The much-fancied Germany Korea and Japan (WR:17) were also drawn in Pool B.

Pool C featured 2018 World Cup runners-up the Netherlands, New Zealand, Malaysia, and newcomers Chile.

The hosts India were placed in Pool D alongside England, two-time silver medallists (1971, 1998) Spain, and Wales, which, like Chile, had qualified for their maiden World Cup.



NAMITA TOPPO

Hockey India congratulates Midfielder Namita Toppo on an illustrious career with the Indian Women's Hockey Team

Hockey India on 15 September 2022 congratulated experienced midfielder Namita Toppo as she decided to call her time with the Indian Women's Hockey Team.

The two-time Asian Games medallist is a graduate of the Sports Hostel, Panposh, Rourkela, Odisha. She rose through the ranks of Junior team where she won the Bronze medal at the Girls U-18 Hockey Asia Cup in Bangkok, Thailand held in 2011. Toppo went on to make her senior team in 2012 when she participated in the FIH Champions Challenge I in Dublin.

The following year, she was part of the Indian Junior Women's Hockey team which won the Bronze Medal at the FIH Hockey Junior World Cup Women 2013 held in Mönchengladbach, Germany.

Toppo then took part in major tournaments like FIH Women's World League Round 2 in 2013 where India won the Gold Medal, 3rd Women's Asian Champions Trophy in 2013 where India won the Silver Medal, 8th Women's Asia Cup 2013, 20th Commonwealth Games 2014, 17th Asian Games 2014 where India won the Bronze Medal, 2016 Rio Olympics, the team's Silver medal victory at the 9th Women's Asia Cup 2017 and the 18th Asian Games 2018 where the national team clinched the Silver Medal.





Hockey India names 33-member Indian Men's Core Group for FIH Hockey Men's Pro League 2022-2023

Hockey India named a 33-member core probable group for the National Coaching camp that started on 03 October 2022 to prepare for the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 season opener in Bhubaneswar.

GOALKEEPERS

PR Sreejesh

Krishan B Pathak

Pawan

DEFENDERS

Jarmanpreet Singh

Surender Kumar

Harmanpreet Singh

Nilam Sanjeep Xess

Amit Rohidas

Jugraj Singh

Mandeep Mor

Yashdeep Siwach

Dipsan Tirkey

Sanjay

Manjeet

Sumit

MIDFIELDERS

Manpreet Singh

Hardik Singh

Vivek Sagar Prasad

Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh

Shamsher Singh

Nilakanta Sharma

Rajkumar Pal

Pawan Rajbhar

FORWARDS

Akashdeep Singh

Gurjant Singh

Maninder Singh

Mohd. Raheel Mouseen

S.Karthi

Mandeep Singh

Lalit Kumar Upadhyay

Abhishek

Dilpreet Singh

Sukhjeet Singh

Hockey India name 18-member Indian Junior Men's Team for Sultan of Johor Cup

Hockey India on 8 October 2022 named the 18-member Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team for the Sultan of Johor Cup Malaysia 2022, which was played after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The tournament was held in Johor Bahru from 22 October to 29 October.

The India Colts side was Captained by Uttam Singh, while Bobby Singh Dhama was named the Vice Captain of the team.

Goalkeepers Mohith HS and Ankit Malik were selected for the team along with defenders Amir Ali, Shardanand Tiwari, Rohit, Amandeep Lakra, Cyril Lugun. In the midfield department, Vishnukant Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ankit Pal, Poovanna CB, Amandeep, and Johnson Purthy were chosen.

In the forward line, Captain Uttam Singh was picked along with Angad Bir Singh, Arajjeet Singh Hundal, Vice Captain Bobby Singh Dhama, and Sudeep Chirmako

Top Highlights from 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022

10TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP				
22 OCTOBER TO 29 OCTOBER 2022				
JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA				
Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
1	22-10-2022	13:35 HRS	Australia Vs Japan	3-2
2	22-10-2022	15:35 HRS	Great Britain Vs South Africa	4-1
3	22-10-2022	18:05 HRS	India Vs Malaysia	5-2
4	23-10-2022	13:35 HRS	Japan Vs Great Britain	2-1
5	23-10-2022	15:35 HRS	India Vs South Africa	4-5
6	23-10-2022	18:05 HRS	Australia Vs Malaysia	8-0
7	25-10-2022	13:35 HRS	Great Britain Vs Australia	1-3
8	25-10-2022	15:35 HRS	Japan Vs India	1-5
9	25-10-2022	18:05 HRS	South Africa Vs Malaysia	3-1
10	26-10-2022	13:35 HRS	India Vs Australia	5-5
11	26-10-2022	15:35 HRS	Malaysia Vs Great Britain	2-4
12	26-10-2022	18:05 HRS	South Africa Vs Japan	0-1
13	28-10-2022	13:35 HRS	Great Britain Vs India	5-5
14	28-10-2022	15:35 HRS	Malaysia Vs Japan	2-2
15	28-10-2022	18:05 HRS	Australia Vs South Africa	6-1
16	29-10-2022	13:35 HRS	South Africa Vs Malaysia	3-2
17	29-10-2022	15:35 HRS	Great Britain Vs Japan	3-1
18	29-10-2022	18:05 HRS	Australia Vs India	1-1 SO(4-5)



The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team defeated Malaysia 5-2 in their opening game of the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

18:05 HRS **SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2022**

 **INDIA**
5

2
MALAYSIA 



India Junior Men's Hockey Team go down 4-5 against South Africa in 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

15:35 HRS **SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2022**

 **INDIA**
4

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SOUTH AFRICA 



Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team Win 5-1 Against Japan at the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

15:35 HRS **TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022**

 **JAPAN** **1**  **5** **INDIA** 



India and Australia play out thrilling 5-5 draw at 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

13:35 HRS **WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2022**

 **INDIA** **5**  **5** **AUSTRALIA** 





India and Great Britain play out entertaining 5-5 draw at the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022.

13:35 HRS **FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2022**

 **GREAT BRITAIN** 5

5
 **INDIA**



The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team put in a fine display on a nervy evening against Australia, to win the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 after a tense penalty shootout.

18:05 HRS **TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2022**

 **AUSTRALIA** 1

1
 **INDIA**

SO (4-5)



Spain and New Zealand arrived in Bhubaneswar on 25th October 2022 to kick off the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 India leg.

Expressing their excitement upon arriving, Max Caldas, Head Coach of Spain said, "It's been a long journey but we love coming to India, especially Bhubaneswar. We know the stadium, the pitch and the conditions in Bhubaneswar very well. During these matches, our aim will be to focus on ourselves and the things we have been training."

Greg Nicol, Head Coach of New Zealand stated how important these matches are for his team. He said, "India is hockey-crazy and it's always exciting to come here. It was very important for us to get these matches now in India as Pro League is a good opportunity for us to prepare for the World Cup."





Top Highlights from FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 (Men)

FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN) ODISHA, INDIA

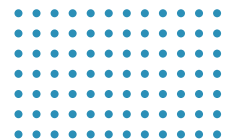
Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
1	28-10-2022	19:00 HRS	India Vs New Zealand	4-3
2	29-10-2022	19:00 HRS	New Zealand Vs Spain	2-3
3	30-10-2022	19:00 HRS	India Vs Spain	2-3
4	04-11-2022	19:00 HRS	India Vs New Zealand	7-4
6	05-11-2022	19:00 HRS	Spain Vs New Zealand	1-1 SO (0 - 1)
8	06-11-2022	19:00 HRS	India Vs Spain	2-2 SO (3 - 1)

28-10-2022

MATCH 1



FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA



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INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND

MATCH 2
29-10-2022



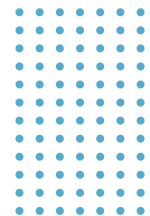
FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA

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NEW ZEALAND VS SPAIN



30-10-2022

MATCH 3



FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA



2 - 3
INDIA VS SPAIN



MATCH 4

04-11-2022



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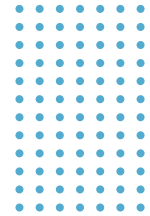
INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND

FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA



05-11-2022

MATCH 6



FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA

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SO (0 - 1)

SPAIN VS NEW ZEALAND



MATCH 8
06-11-2022

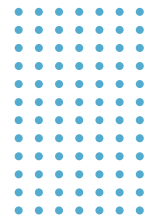


FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE 2022-2023 (MEN)
ODISHA, INDIA



2 - 2
SO (3 - 1)

INDIA VS SPAIN





Hockey India delegation paid a visit to Rourkela's Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium

In October, a high-level Hockey India delegation led by President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh, and Executive Director Cdr RK Srivastava visited the Birsa Munda hockey stadium in Rourkela to inspect the stadium's construction work.



Hockey India names 33-member Indian Women's Core Group for FIH Women's Nations Cup

Hockey India, on 26 October 2022 announced the Indian Women's Hockey Core group resumed training at SAI, Bengaluru for a four-week National Coaching Camp to prepare for the FIH Women's Nations Cup in Valencia, Spain from 11th December 2022.

The Core Group comprised of: Savita, Rajani Etimarpu, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki, Deep Grace Ekka, Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Reet, Mahima Chaudhary, Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Monika, Mariana Kujur, Sonika, Neha, Baljeet Kaur, Reena Khokar, Vaishali Phalke, Ajmina Kujur, Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Sharmila Devi, Deepika, Sangita Kumari, Rani and Beauty Dungdung.

Harmanpreet Singh honoured for being top goal-scorer of FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2021-22

Indian Men's Hockey Team defender Harmanpreet Singh on 29 October 2022 was presented with the Hero Top Scorer award along with a cash prize for being the leading goal-scorer in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2021/22. Having played 16 games in the last season, the 25-year-old had scored 18 goals, 14 of which had come from penalty corners. During the course of the tournament, Harmanpreet had also taken his senior international goals tally past 100.

The dragflicker was presented the award after FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 encounter between India and New Zealand at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 29th October 2022.

Accepting the honour, Harmanpreet Singh said, "I am thankful for the FIH for presenting me with the award and for recognising my efforts. I want to dedicate this to my teammates who have supported me throughout my sporting career and have helped me every step of the way."



Hockey India announces cash prize for Junior Men's team after 10th Sultan of Johor Cup triumph

Hockey India on 29 October 2022 announced Rs Two lakh each to the players and Rs One lakh each for the support staff of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team who won the prestigious 10th Sultan of Johor Cup after defeating Australia in the final.

The two teams were tied at 1-1 in regulation time, following which 9 penalty shots were needed to decide the winner. India edged the shootout 5-4 and won their third Sultan of Johor Cup title. Announcing the cash award to the team, Hockey India President Padma Shri Dilip Tirkey said, "Hockey India is delighted to announce Rs Two lakh each for the players and Rs One lakh each for the support staff of the Indian Junior Men's Team for their winning performance at the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup. They have made us all very proud with their fighting spirit in this entire tournament."





Hockey India CEO Ms. Elena Norman awarded FIH President's award for her outstanding contribution to Hockey promotion and development in India and around the globe

Hockey India on 06 November 2022 congratulated Ms. Elena Norman, CEO of Hockey India, on receiving the FIH President's Award for her outstanding contribution to Hockey promotion and development in India and around the globe. The President's Award is awarded to individuals for their long and valuable services to hockey, whether direct or indirect. Services that have had an indisputable beneficial effect on hockey at international level.

Hockey India named 20-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022

Hockey India on 9th November named the 20-member Indian Women's Hockey Team for FIH Women's Nations Cup held for the first time in 2022, where the champions would promote to the FIH Hockey Women's Pro League's 2023-2024 season. India was grouped in pool B along with Canada, Japan and South Africa. The other teams in the fray are Ireland, Italy, Korea and Spain who were also grouped in pool A. Savita was named the Captain for the tournament along with Deep Grace Ekka as the Vice Captain.

FIH WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP 2022 TEAM SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

Savita

Bichu Devi Kharibam

DEFENDERS

Deep Grace Ekka

Gurjit Kaur

Nikki Pradhan

Udita

Ishika Chaudhary

MIDFIELDERS

Nisha

Salima Tete

Sushila Chanu
Pukhrambam

Monika

Neha

Sonika

Jyoti

Navjot Kaur

FORWARDS

Vandana Katariya

Lalremsiami

Navneet Kaur

Sangita Kumari

Beauty Dungdung

Hockey India announce Rs 50,000 each for the Indian Men and Women's Hockey team for every victorious outing

Hockey India on 6 November 2022 announced a new cash incentive policy to boost the morale of the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams. Under the new policy, players will be awarded Rs 50,000 for every win, and support staff will receive Rs 25,000 for each victory.

The announcement was made by Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey, who said, "Hockey India has unanimously decided to award cash incentive of Rs 50,000 each to the players of the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Team for every victory they register from here on."

Hockey India Secretary General Shri Bhola Nath Singh also praised the initiative, saying, "I believe this is a landmark decision taken by Hockey India. It will not only lift the spirit of the Indian teams to vie harder for victories but it will also make young aspiring hockey players believe that hockey can be a financially viable sport."



The new policy is expected to benefit players who come from financially challenging backgrounds and is likely to attract more youngsters to take up hockey as a profession.

HOCKEY INDIA CONGRESS 2022

The 12th Hockey India Congress was held on 12 November 2022 in New Delhi at the Hockey India office, where Goans Hockey and Hockey Bengal were named best State Member Unit for the year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively.

Additionally, Bhupender Singh, Asst. Manager Coordination, and Priyanka Yadav, P.A. to CEO, were named the Best Employee of the Year Award for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22.





Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey presents first ticket for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik

Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey on 23 November 2022 presented the first ticket for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela, worth Rs 500, to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik.



Hockey India named 23-member Indian Men's Hockey Team for the Tour of Australia

Hockey India named the 23-member Indian Men's Hockey Team for the Tour of Australia, which began from November 26th in Adelaide. The Indian team played five matches against Australia as they prepared for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar-Rourkela 2023. Experienced drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh was named the Captain, while Amit Rohidas was picked as the Vice-Captain.



INDIA TOUR OF AUSTRALIA 2022 TEAM SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

Krishan B Pathak

PR Sreejesh

DEFENDERS

Harmanpreet Singh (C)

Amit Rohidas (VC)

Jarmanpreet Singh

Jugraj Singh

Mandeep Mor

Nilam Sanjeep Xess

Surender Kumar

Varun Kumar

MIDFIELDERS

Akashdeep Singh

Hardik Singh

Manpreet Singh

Mohd. Raheel Mouseen

Nilakanta Sharma

Rajkumar Pal

Shamsher Singh

Sumit

FORWARDS

Abhishek

Dilpreet Singh

Gurjant Singh

Mandeep Singh

Sukhjeet Singh

Indian Men's Hockey Team five-match Test Series against Australia

Indian Men's Hockey team battled against Australia in a five-match Test Series, which was played in Adelaide from 26 November 2022 to 4 December 2022.

The opening match of the Indian team's Tour of Australia went down to the wire, with as many as three goals being scored in the last quarter of the match. But eventually, it was the home team who snatched a 5-4 win.

Australia won the second game also as they defeated India 7-4 to take 2-0 lead in the Series. However, India's never-say-die attitude came to the fore in the third match against Australia as they scored in the 60th minute to grab a 4-3 win and keep the five-match Series alive.



But Australia came up with a clinical performance to outclass India 5-1 in the fourth match to take unassailable 3-1 lead in the series, while in the fifth and last game of the series, India gave tough fight to the home side but lost 4-5 as Australia sealed the Test Series 4-1.



Top Highlights from India Tour of Australia (Sr. Men)

INDIA TOUR OF AUSTRALIA (SR. MEN) 26 NOVEMBER TO 04 DECEMBER 2022 MATE STADIUM, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Match No.	Date	Time (IST)	Team	Score
1	26-11-2022	19:00 HRS	Australia Vs India	5-4
2	27-11-2022	19:00 HRS	Australia Vs India	7-4
3	30-11-2022	19:00 HRS	Australia Vs India	3-4
4	03-12-2022	19:00 HRS	Australia Vs India	5-1
5	04-12-2022	19:00 HRS	Australia Vs India	5-4

Australia wins 5-4 in an entertaining opening match against Indian Men's Hockey Team

19:00 HRS

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022



AUSTRALIA

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INDIA



Dominant Australia beat Indian Men's Hockey Team 7-4; take 2-0 lead in five-match Series

19:00 HRS SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER 2022

 AUSTRALIA **7**  **4**  INDIA



Indian Men's Hockey Team keep the Series alive; beat Australia 4-3

19:00 HRS WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022

 AUSTRALIA **3**  **4**  INDIA





India goes down 1-5 to Australia; lose Series 3-1 to the World No.1 side

19:00 HRS

SATURDAY 03 DECEMBER 2022



AUSTRALIA

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1

INDIA



Australia complete 4-1 series win; India display fighting spirit in 4-5 loss

19:00 HRS

SUNDAY 04 DECEMBER 2022



AUSTRALIA

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INDIA



FEATURE STORY

"Team is moving in the right direction with youngsters pushing for place in the squad," says experienced midfielder Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam

After creating history by winning the Bronze medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the experienced midfielder Sushila Chanu praised the youngsters who were part of the core group.

"There are a bunch of youngsters who are giving their 100 percent in training every day and it is good to see them push us to do well too. Certainly, as seniors we can't take our place in the team for granted as we also need to show that we are in the reckoning to play big tournaments," she stated.

"I feel this internal competition is good for the team and we are moving in the right direction," she added.

The midfielder, who was part of the team in back-to-back Olympic Games further highlighted that fitness is one of the key aspects for the team.

"Working on fitness and speed has been a priority for us and it remains our main focus in this camp as well. Playing with good speed and optimal fitness level was our plus point during the Olympic Games too which helped us in getting good results. Fitness will continue to be the key to our performance when we play in the upcoming major tournaments," she concluded.

SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM

Midfielder
Indian Women's Hockey Team





Hockey India congratulates Umpire Javed Shaikh for officiating his 150th international match

Hockey India in November 2022 congratulated umpire Javed Nuruddin Shaikh for officiating the 150th international match of his illustrious career. Javed Shaikh achieved the elusive feat when he officiated a match at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 in Ipoh.

Shaikh has been in hockey officiating for the past two decades. He started his career as an umpire in 2000 at a local tournament. In 2002, he was called up as a national umpire followed by an opportunity at the 2003 Under-21 Invitational Cup in Poland where he served as an international umpire. Over the last decade, Javed Shaikh has officiated in major events such as Commonwealth Games, Asian Games as well as the 2014 Men's World Cup in Hague, The Netherlands. His biggest assignment came up when he was called up for umpiring during the 2016 Rio Olympics.

He was also appointed as an umpire in the discipline of hockey for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in 2018, 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela held from 13 to 29 January 2023.

Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey congratulated Javed Shaikh for his achievement and stated that it is a matter of pride when an umpire represents India in top tournaments across the world. "I congratulate experienced umpire Javed Shaikh for officiating the 150th international match of his illustrious career. He has earned this feat after working tirelessly for more than 17 years. It is a matter of pride for us when an umpire represents India in top tournaments across the world. I wish Javed Shaikh the very best for his future endeavours."

Javed Shaikh thanked Hockey India for all their support in his growth as an umpire and said, "It is a huge honour to officiate 150 international matches in my career. I couldn't have done it without the support of Hockey India which has been doing a great job to raise the standards of umpires in India with regular workshops where educators from the FIH Academy are invited. They exchange their knowledge about umpiring with us."



JAVED SHAIKH

Hockey India congratulates Dharamvir Singh and Deep Grace Ekka on being named for National Awards

Hockey India on 16 November 2022 congratulated former Indian player Dharamvir Singh and Indian Women's Hockey player Deep Grace Ekka on being named for the National Awards which was presented on 30th November at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Dharamvir Singh, who was part of the Indian Men's Team for the London Olympics 2012 and won the Gold Medal at the Asian Games 2014, received the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement. In his long career, he was part of the team that won Silver at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, Bronze at the Hockey World League Final in Raipur 2015, and also has to his credit a Bronze Medal from the 2010 Asian Games among several other feats.

Meanwhile, the experienced defender of the Indian Women's Team Deep Grace Ekka was honoured with the prestigious Arjuna Award. The 28-year-old from Sundergarh district in Odisha has contributed to the team's resurgence over the last decade. She was part of the Indian team's historic fourth place at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020, she has to her credit a Silver and a Bronze Medal at the Asian Games 2018 and 2014 respectively. She was also part of the team that recently won the Bronze Medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. Among her many feats is a Gold Medal at the Asia Cup in 2017 and the recent title-winning feat at the FIH Nations Cup glory held in Valencia, Spain in December 2022.



**DHARAMVIR
SINGH**

Former Indian Men's Hockey Player



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DEEP GRACE EKKA

Defender

Indian Women's Hockey Team



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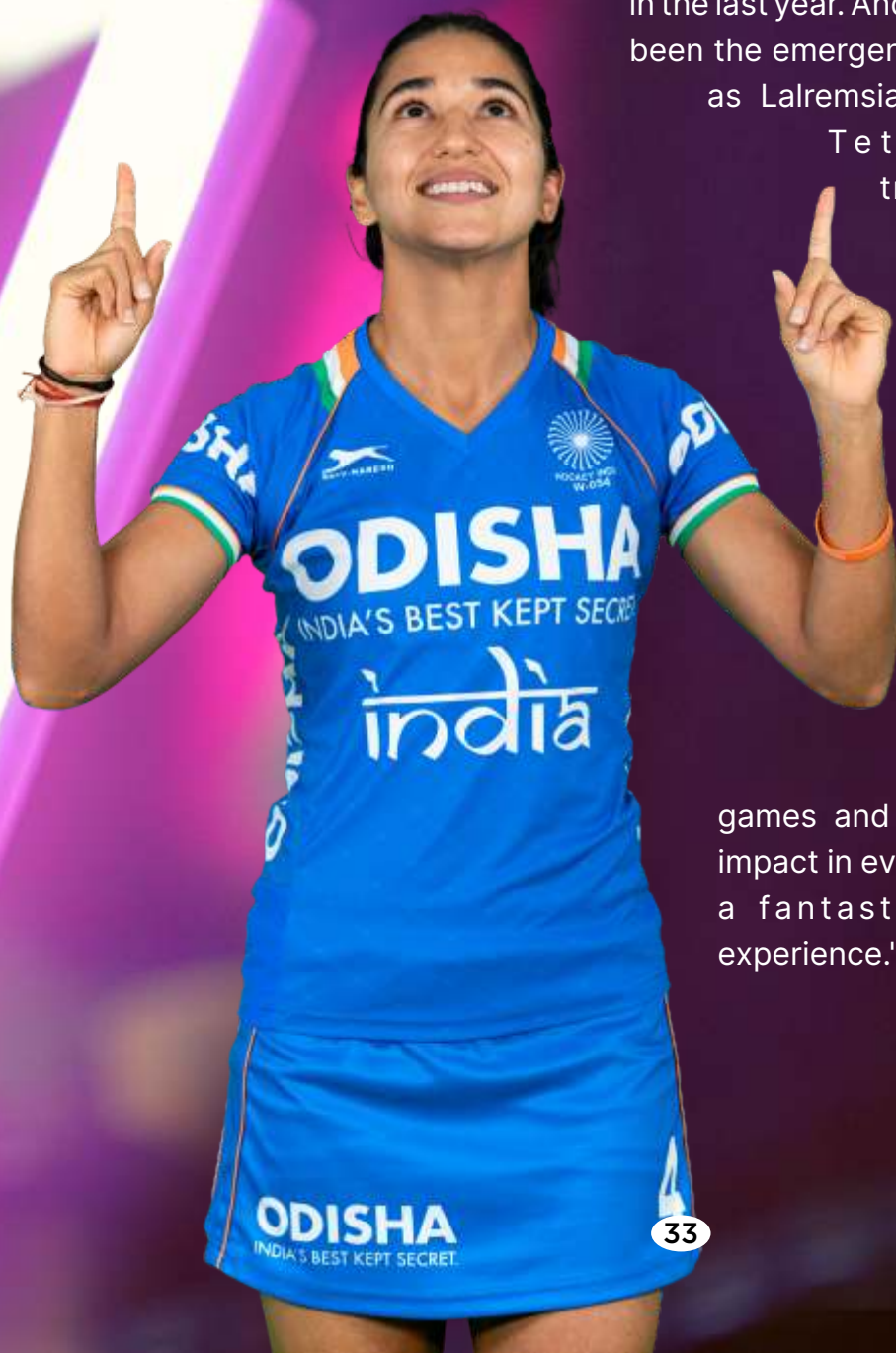
Midfielders
Indian Women's Hockey Team

Experienced midfielder Monika share insights on the reason behind Indian Women's Hockey Team's successes

The Indian Women's Hockey Team stunned the entire world with a brilliant show at the Tokyo Olympics 2020 and then backed it up with a third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22, the Bronze medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Speaking about the great performances put up by the team in the recent years, Indian Women's Hockey Team Midfielder Monika said, "It's been really heartening to see the way our team has risen in the last year. And I feel the biggest plus for us has been the emergence of many young players such as Lalremsiami, Sharmila Devi and Salima Tete. They have worked tremendously hard and have made many important contributions to the team."

Monika also said that the National team has a great balance at the moment, "I think having a good core of experienced players is very important for any team and we have been lucky to have that. However, it's been great to see the youngsters take full responsibility of their own games and have also looked to make an impact in every game we play. Our team has a fantastic balance of youth and experience."





Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey becomes first player-president of Hockey India

Former India Captain Padma Shri Dilip Tirkey became Hockey India's first player-president after his unopposed election in September 2022 to the top of the National Sports Federation (NSF).

Hockey India elections were scheduled to be held on October 1 but the results were declared uncontested. Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, who filed his nomination as President of Hockey Association of Odisha, was elected after Uttar Pradesh Hockey Chief Shri Rakesh Katyal and Hockey Jharkhand's Shri Bhola Nath Singh withdrew their nominations.

On being elected unopposed, Dr. Tirkey said, "I believe former players should come into sports administration because they know where to focus."

"I am happy that Hockey India has also elected a former player like me as its President for the first time. Players go through many phases in their career and they get better experience," the former full back added.

Meanwhile, Hockey Jharkhand President Shri Bhola Nath has been elected unopposed as Secretary General.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has approved Tirkey and his team's appointments.

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In a letter, the FIH said that when the number of contesting candidates for any post is equal to or less than the number of posts, they shall be deemed to have been elected unopposed as per election by-laws on the Hockey India website.

"Therefore, we are pleased to observe that the Executive Board of Hockey India stands elected as has been put on the website of Hockey India and that the posts election was unanimous for all posts," it said.



PADMA SHRI DR. DILIP TIRKEY
Former Indian Hockey Captain



The game's governing body appreciated the efforts of the three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA), which included Hon'ble Justice Anil R Dave, Dr. SY Quraishi and Padma Shri Zafar Iqbal, for smoothly conducting the election process.

"We are delighted that the election process has been completed and a democratic body is now in place. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Bhola Nath Singh and Sekar J Manoharan and look forward to working with them closely," it added.

Tirkey, who is the country's most capped player with 412 international caps, said there is a need to prepare the next generation of players.

"There is a need for a specific training program for junior players such as the need to prepare the next generation of drag-flickers and goalkeepers and the focus will also be on team fitness," he said.

Echoing the new President's views, Bhola Nath Singh said, "We will also work towards the development of the game at the grassroot level and make domestic hockey stronger."

The other elected members of Hockey India are Asima Ali (vice president) of Hockey Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka's SVS Subramanya Gupta (vice president), Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu's Sekar J Manoharan (treasurer), Hockey Rajasthan's Arti Singh (joint secretary) and Hockey Haryana's Sunil Malik (joint secretary). The five executive board members are Arun Kumar Saraswat (Hockey Rajasthan), Asrita Lakra (Hockey Jharkhand), Gurpreet Kaur (Delhi Hockey), V Sunil Kumar (Kerala Hockey) and Tapan Kumar Das (Assam Hockey).





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Newly-elected Hockey India President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey Chairs Executive Board meeting

The Hockey India Executive Board meeting was held in October in New Delhi and was chaired by the newly elected President Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey. The meeting was attended by Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh, Treasurer Sekar J Monoharan, Vice President SVS Subramanya Gupta, Joint Secretary Aarti Singh, Joint Secretary Sunil Malik and Executive Board members Arun Kumar Saraswat, Asrita Lakra, Gurpreet Kaur, V Sunil Kumar and Tapan Kumar Das.

The major focal point of the meeting was the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar-Rourkela 2023 in January as well as reviving the grassroots program particularly for Junior and Sub Junior categories. "We had a very fruitful Executive Board meeting today and many important issues we discussed," expressed Tirkey.

The former India Captain Tirkey also highlighted his plans to revive the grassroots structure in the country by introducing zonal-level tournaments for sub junior and junior girls and boys. He said, "Particularly in this (sub-junior and junior) age group, we have fewer tournaments apart from the Hockey India Annual Championships. So, the plan is to introduce more exposure tournaments such as zonal championships. The tournament will be divided into four zones, with two teams being selected from each zone. We want to give more and more opportunities for this age group in order to catch them young and bring them into the national program."

Tirkey also passionately spoke of having a specialised training program for goalkeepers and dragflickers apart from having hockey training programmes at the grassroots level which is integrated with academics. "We also discussed having special training for goalkeepers and dragflickers at the grassroots level."

"I also believe there is scope to revive the erstwhile Hockey India League and we also discussed the potential in starting a league on similar lines for women," Tirkey signed off.



Indian Hockey Teams Paid Homage to Dhyan Chand on National Sports Day and Reflected on the Importance of Sports Culture

On 29th August, the Indian Men and Women's Hockey Teams marked National Sports Day which is celebrated on the legendary Major Dhyan Chand's birthday by paying homage to him and reflecting on the significance of sports in the country. Indian Men's Hockey midfielder Manpreet Singh, said, "The National Sports Day is a great occasion to remind ourselves the importance of leading a healthy life. We must nurture a good sports culture in the country." He also mentioned the Khelo India Youth Games and their role in encouraging children to lead an active lifestyle, saying, "we are moving in the right direction."

As the celebration was of the team's upcoming season of FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23, Manpreet stated, "We will in-detail introspect and analyze our performance at the Commonwealth Games. That will be our focus as we prepare for our next assignments."

Savita, who led the Indian Women's Hockey Team to a historic Bronze medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, also expressed her happiness to see more young women taking up sports to make a career out of it. She said, "I am overwhelmed to see more and more young women take up sports to make a career out of it. I feel with the country bagging several medals in events like the Olympics, Commonwealth Games among others, more children are inspired to take up an active lifestyle."

Overall, both teams were optimistic about the future of sports in the country and believed that recent achievements would continue to inspire young people to lead healthy and active lives.

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Indian Hockey shines at FIH Stars Awards 2021-22 with 6 winners including Harmanpreet Singh, PR Sreejesh, and Savita

Hockey India swept as many as 6 awards at the FIH Stars Awards 2021-22. From the Indian Men's Hockey Team - Harmanpreet Singh won the FIH Player of the Year Award 2021-22, while Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was awarded the FIH Men's Goalkeeper of the Year Award.

From the Indian Women's Hockey Team, Savita was voted as the FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year, while Mumtaz Khan won the FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year award.

Indian Men's and Women's Chief Coaches- Graham Reid and Janneke Schopman won the FIH Coach of the Year awards.



An Arjuna awardee in 2021, Harmanpreet expressed his gratitude and attributed his success to the collective efforts of his teammates, stating, "This award is not mine alone, even though it is an individual award, because without the help and support of my teammates, this would not have been possible in any way at all. So, this is for the team."

Mumtaz Khan echoed Harmanpreet's sentiments, she opined, "I cannot believe that I have won this award. It is the hard work of our entire team over the year that has paid off, and I dedicate the win to my team."





Ace Indian Hockey goalkeepers PR Sreejesh and Savita also expressed gratitude upon being awarded the Goalkeeper of the Year at the FIH Star Awards 2021-2022. PR Sreejesh said, “No doubt, this is a special award because the hockey fans are voting for us. This is a big honour for me and a testimony to all the hard work. I would also like to thank Hockey India, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, SAI and the Odisha Government for all the support they have given us.”

On the same, Savita expressed her surprise and elation, “This surely is a big surprise and a very pleasant one. I am sure many Indian hockey fans voted for us and I thank each one of them”

Head Coach for the Men’s team Graham Reid said, “Being recognized with awards can be a source of inspiration regardless of where you are in your professional journey, so I am grateful for the recognition.”

Janneke Schopman further added, “It really does feel pretty amazing to win the award when you are up against some of the finest coaches in the world.”

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UPASANA SINGH

Midfielder

Indian Women's Hockey Team

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Upasana Singh aims to represent India and win medal at the Olympics

Upasana Singh has been making good progress in the world of hockey. The 21-year-old midfielder, who was part of the national squad for the FIH Pro League 2021/22 matches against the Netherlands in 2022, started pursuing the sport at the age of 11, while she was studying in Agra.

"I was always interested in sports. I, first, started with cricket, but upon suggestion from my coach, I switched to hockey," Upasana said.

During the Diwali season, Upasana was injured by a girl she was playing along with.

"Because of the injury I suffered, I became even more determined to pursue hockey and decided to dedicatedly pursue the sport," she added.

While receiving support from her parents, Upasana was questioned by her neighbours over her decision to pursue hockey. "At that time, not many knew about women's hockey. Today, the situation has completely changed.





With our team's recent performances over the past decade, and our achievements, Hockey has become a well-known sport and even my family members now want their daughters to become hockey players," Upasana said.

Upasana moved to Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy in 2013 and began her Junior Nationals career in 2013, as she helped her team win the Silver medal. In 2016, Upasana made her debut in the Senior Nationals and once again, she helped her team win the Silver medal.

"I was quite young at the time. Playing Nationals gave me a chance to grow my game and to learn a different set of skills at the time," she said.

In 2018, Upasana received her first opportunity to be a part of the Junior's camp. In 2021, she was called up for the first time at the Indian Senior Women's Hockey Team camp and was named among the 60-member core-probable group in January 2022.

Upasana further said that her dream is to represent India one day and stand on the Olympic podium.

"Much like any other hockey player, I wish to represent my country and wear the India jersey. My dream is to stand at the Olympic podium one day and make the nation proud," she signed off.





MOHAMMED RAHEEL MOUSEEN

Forward
Indian Men's Hockey Team



Mohammed Raheel Mouseen hopeful of India debut

The Indian Men's Hockey Team returned to National Coaching Camp in October 2022 in order to begin their preparations for the new season of the FIH Hockey Pro League. Having made quite an impression when he was part of the India squad for FIH Hockey 5s in Lausanne earlier in 2022, Raheel became a regular feature in the Indian Men's Hockey core group.

He expressed his excitement of making it to the 33-member core group. "You know that feeling you get when you are getting close to your dream, the restlessness, the excitement, it's a whole storm of feelings. I thought this was my last chance to get selected for 33 and I worked really hard to make sure I don't let this opportunity slip from my hands," Raheel said.

The Bengaluru lad was first picked in the Senior National Camp in January 2022 after an impressive performance in Hockey India Senior National Championship where he was named the Player of the Tournament and Highest Goal Scorer.

When asked about his chances to make a debut for the Indian team, he said, "I am waiting for a chance to show everyone how I play and I am working hard on my game. The last year has been a great learning experience for me and I definitely am vying to take my performance to the next level. Surely making a debut for India is my biggest dream and there is quite a healthy competition within the core group to make a place."

Raheel also spoke of the positive atmosphere in the group ahead of the biggest event in the hockey calendar, the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela. He said, "Everyone in the group is looking forward to the next three months. It's going to be a great build-up to the biggest event in the hockey calendar and the mood within the group is very upbeat with every single player wanting to give his best. I think each one of us pushes each other to bring out our best."

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10TH SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2022

Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team reign supreme over Australia to win the Sultan of Johor Cup

The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team went past Australia to win the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup after a tense penalty shootout. The two teams were tied at 1-1 in regulation time after which India edged Australia 5-4 in the shootout to claim their third Sultan of Johor Cup title. Hockey India announced Rs Two lakh each to the players and Rs One lakh each for the support staff of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team who won the prestigious 10th Sultan of Johor Cup after a tense penalty shootout.

While Sudeep Chirmako (14') scored the goal for India in the regulation time in the final, Australia's Jack Holland (29') scored the equaliser to push the match to the shootout. In the intense shootout that went right down to the wire, Captain Uttam Singh scored twice, while Vishnukant Singh, Ankit Pal, and Sudeep Chirmako were on target to help India clinch the thriller. The top-scorer at the 10th Sultan of Johor Cup was India's Sharda Nand Tiwari with 7 goals to his name, and the Player of the Match in the Final against Australia was Sudeep Chirmako.

Earlier, Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team started their campaign with a 5-2 win over Malaysia, with Amandeep (6'), Arajjeet Singh Hundal (10'), Bobby Singh Dhami (20'), Sudeep Chirmako (26'), and Sharda Nand Tiwari (56') on target. In their next game, India went down 4-5 against South Africa with Sharda Nand Tiwari (9', 10'), Captain Uttam Singh (17'), and Sudeep Chirmako (45') being on the scoresheet for India.



In their third game of the tournament, India triumphed 5-1 over Japan with Captain Uttam Singh (3'), Rohit (12'), Purty Johnson (21'), Bobby Singh Dhama (31'), and Amandeep Lakra (51') scoring a goal each. India drew 5-5 against Australia in their next game with Sharda Nand Tiwari (8', 35') scoring a brace and Bobby Singh Dhama (2'), Arajjeet Singh Hundal (18'), Amandeep (60') getting a goal each.

India drew 5-5 against Great Britain in their final round-robin stage match with Sharda Nand Tiwari (56', 58') scoring a brace again, and Chandura Bobby Poovanna (7'), Amandeep (50'), and Arajjeet Singh Hundal (53') scoring a goal each to help their team book a spot in the Final against Australia.



CHAMPION TEAM INDIA





The Indian Junior Men's Hockey team's triumph at the Sultan of Johar Cup is a massive boost for the squad as they prepare for the FIH Junior World Cup, according to Skipper Uttam Singh. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey team won the Sultan of Johor Cup in October, defeating Australia. It was India's third overall title triumph and their first since 2014. India won the summit clash via shootout (5-4) after the game was tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

"I was a member of the Indian team during the previous edition of the competition, and we came very close to winning it but were defeated in the final. This time, however, it was an experienced team, and the entire group had worked extremely hard over the previous few months, so this win feels surreal," said Uttam Singh.

India kicked off their campaign with a 5-2 victory against Malaysia. India lost their next game against South Africa 4-5 and after that made a massive comeback by defeating Japan 5-1. India recorded a 5-5 draw against Great Britain and Australia in their last two round-robin matches.

The youngster stated that India's 2014 victory at the Sultan of Johor served as an inspiration to them. The Indian team that won the Sultan of Johar Cup in 2014 also won the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup in 2016, which was played in Lucknow. This served as a big inspiration for him.

UTTAM

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Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team Captain Uttam Singh reflects on Sultan of Johor Cup glory

"Yes, I have heard Harmanpreet (Singh) and other players from India's Sultan of Johor Cup winning squad in 2014 speaking fondly about their victory and how it encouraged them to win the Junior World Cup title," he said.

He added, "This is a massive win for us because it had some of the top junior teams in world hockey. It will certainly build our confidence as we work on improving our game further in the lead-up to the Junior World Cup being held next year in Malaysia."





On song Sukhjeet Singh utilises Pro League opportunity

SUKHJEET SINGH

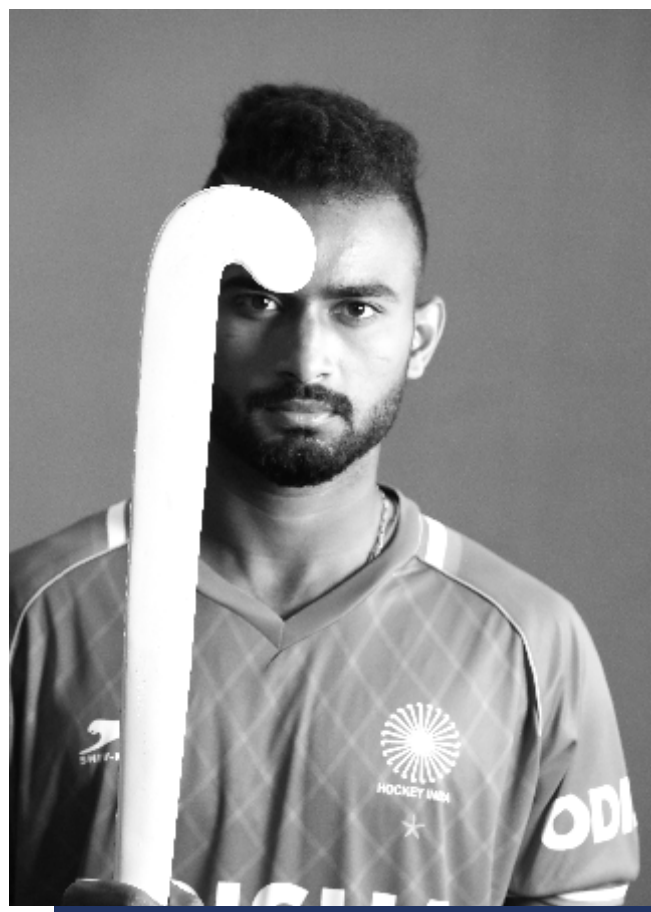
Indian Men's Hockey Team forward Sukhjeet performed admirably at the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022-23 matches against Spain and New Zealand at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar in October and November. The 25-year-old forward started for India in all four games and even scored his third goal for the senior men's team during

the match against New Zealand.

Sukhjeet's goal-scoring opportunity came in India's second game against New Zealand when the forward, following a sublime pass from Manpreet Singh, fired the ball past the Kiwi goalkeeper to add a goal to India's tally. India eventually prevailed 7-4 in the game. Speaking about getting the important goal, Sukhjeet said, "It was a tight match. We were trailing 1-3 at one point. So, it was important for us to get the goals back and I am glad I was able to convert a late one for my team. It was a good moment for me."

The Indian Men's Hockey Team began their campaign in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 with a 4-3 win over New Zealand before falling 2-3 to Spain. India then defeated New Zealand 7-4 before defeating Spain via shootout (3-1 SO) after the game was tied at 2-2 at the end of regulation time. "I think we performed well. Our aim was to play as a unit and we did that well. We played the style of hockey we wish to play. There are a couple of areas where we can improve upon and now, we will work on that."

"Working along with the team and playing with all the experienced members is a motivation in itself to improve. Everyone also keeps on sharing advice which also helps. I definitely felt that I was a much-improved player this time around and I hope to continue this trajectory," he signed off.





WORLD CUP SPECIAL

Hockey Te Charcha Podcast

HOCKEY TE CHARCHA

The Hockey Te Charcha Podcast, was initiated by Hockey India with the purpose of offering insights into Indian Hockey from people closely associated with it. The podcast features guests who have been involved in Indian Hockey in various capacities, such as coaches and players, who share their personal and professional experiences in the sport.

In the build-up to the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela the podcast featured a few key members of the Indian contingent; Jugraj Singh, Hardik Singh, Krishan B Pathak, Sumit and forward Lalit Kumar Upadhyay.

Indian Men's Hockey Team's rising star and drag-flicker Jugraj Singh spoke about his journey from his humble origins in Attari, playing for Punjab National Bank, the Navy Hockey team eventually representing the Indian National Team. He said, "I was eagerly waiting for that one chance to play in the senior Indian Men's Hockey team. I put in a lot of work preparing myself for that chance and it was an extremely proud moment for me."

He further added, "one must fight with all his will power to achieve anything they want in life, and I did the same."



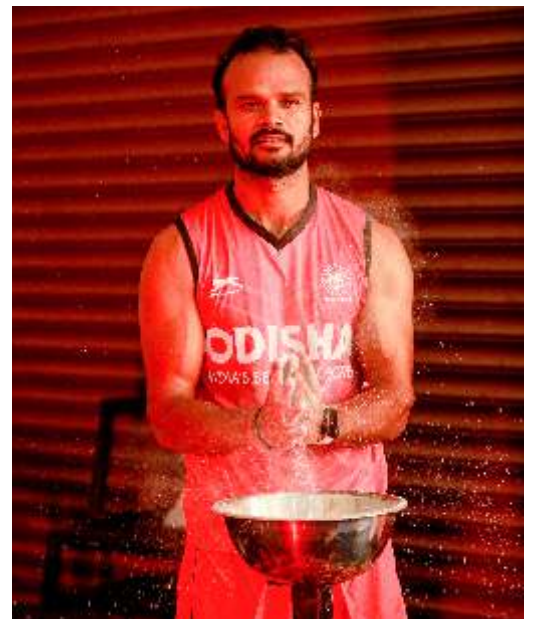
Hardik Singh shed light on the team's preparation ahead of the World Cup the excitement ahead of the marquee event, he said, "We have been training hard and the team is hungry for a podium finish." He went on to say that the competition will be fierce at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela, "All games will be very difficult, it does not matter who the team on the other side, we will treat every game like a final."



Krishan B Pathak spoke about his connection with the team, "the team is like my family. It has been since my junior days ... I think what makes our team so great is the emotional bond we have with each other and the understanding we offer to each other"

Forward Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, spoke about the impact of the Tokyo Games and how it has

inspired the team and the country. "We will try to replicate what we did during the Tokyo Olympics after which people felt we revived hockey in India, we want to return the love hockey fans showered on us by doing something significant.", said an emotional Lalit.



Sumit opened on his mental preparations ahead of the event, and his commitment to giving his best every time he steps out to represent India, "I always think about giving my 100 percent when I go to the ground. I always compete with myself and believe that I have to be better than what I was yesterday. My duty is to do the hard work and selection completely depends on the coach and selectors"





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Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey urges Academies to focus on improving drag flicking and goalkeeping

In a correspondence that went to all Hockey India Member Units in November, Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, President, Hockey India stated the growing importance of specialist Drag-flickers and Goalkeepers in modern hockey. He also highlighted the need to develop a talent pool of young athletes specialised in these two skills.

He stated, “The drag-flicking technique has become one of the most thrilling aspects of modern hockey. The joy of a well-coordinated penalty corner with the ball being dragged at the speed of a bullet going past the wall of defenders always emerges as one of the most exciting aspects of the sport. Similarly, there is a growing importance of having a well-trained and agile goalkeeper. India’s recent success in major international tournaments can be attributed to PR Sreejesh and Savita who have played their roles with utmost professionalism.”

He further added, “Drag-flickers and Goalkeepers at Junior level still need vast improvement in their game skills. Hence, there is a growing need for specialised coaching across these disciplines at the academies.”

In light of this need for enhancing our pool of talent across these aspects, Hockey India has initiated a process of scouting talent from a young age and with the support of the Hockey Academies and Sports hostels, support the training and selection of these athletes for national programs.

Additionally, to develop better young talent across these two critical domains, Hockey India has urged the Member Units to initiate specialised coaching across the Hockey Academies and Sports Hostels. The coaches engaged for this will train Zonal teams selected during inter-zonal tournaments. These coaches, who are as essential to the ecosystem as all other coaches, will also get a chance to enhance their own skills as part of this programme.



Hockey India Presents *Flashback Series*

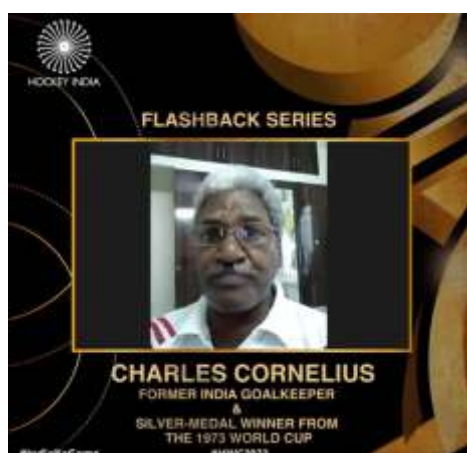
Hockey India launched Flashback Series and My Favourite World Cup Memories

Hockey India also launched two initiatives - the Flashback series and Favorite World Cup Memory series - as part of the build-up to the Hockey World Cup.

The flashback series commenced with 1975 World Cup Winner Harcharan Singh. V Baskaran, silver medallist at the 1973 World Cup and his teammate Charles Cornelius also featured in the series. Several members of India's 1975 World Cup-winning squad, including Captain Ajit Pal Singh, VJ Philips, and BP Govinda, were part of the series announced to relive the golden years of Indian hockey. The series also featured Indian legend Viren Rasquinha, former Indian Captain Sardar Singh, and VR Raghunath.

Several of stalwarts of the Hockey fraternity also featured on "My Favourite World Cup Memories" which brought hockey fans unknown facts, fun anecdotes and special moments for hockey stars around the world who have achieved the pinnacle at this prestigious event in the previous years.

This includes former World Cup winning Belgium Captain Thomas Briels, his teammate Vitor Wegnez, Mark Knowles, who won the World Cup with Australia in 2010, Moritz Fuerste, who was part of the Germany team that won the World Cup in 2006, Dutch defender Mink van der Weerden, former Australian forward Glen Turner, two-time World Cup winner from Netherlands Stephan Veen, 1994 World Cup winner, Tahir Zaman from Pakistan and Indian legend Zafar Iqbal among others.





MEMBER UNIT

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2022

Major Dhyanand Hockey Ground, Gujarat, India has been granted the FIH Category 2 Hockey field certificate based on its construction, performance, player welfare requirements.

A big congratulations to the Synthetic Turf Hockey Stadium at BHSS in Pulwama, India for receiving the FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

Congratulations to the Saurashtra University Campus, Rajkot, India for being granted the FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

Congratulations to Jujumora High School, Jujumora, India for being granted the FIH Category 3 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.



Congratulations to Hockey pitch-1 State Sports Hostel Panposh Rourkela, India for being granted the FIH Category 2 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

Congratulations to Hockey Training Centre, Birkera Lathikata, India for being granted the FIH Category 3 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.

Congratulations to the Police High School Playground, Chatrapur, India for receiving the FIH Category 3 field certificate based on its construction, performance, and player welfare requirements.



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India hockey forward Abhishek concedes team has to 'improve upon in training' following CWG thrashing



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YOUNG India men's hockey team forward Abhishek has conceded that the 0-7 thrashing at the hands of Australia in the final at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games was a lesson that the side had to "improve upon in training".

India's hopes of clinching their maiden CWG hockey gold remained a dream as they were soundly thrashed in the quadrennial showpiece, even as Australia went on to clinch a record-extending seventh CWG gold.

Even though the final against Australia did not go our way, we learned a lot from the match and

have to improve upon in training," opined Abhishek on Friday.

The forward, who is set to turn 23 on August 15, started in all six games at the Commonwealth Games and remained an ever-present threat inside the opposition's defence as India settled for silver. He believes the tournament was a big learning experience for him.

Abhishek made his senior India debut earlier this year when the team travelled to South Africa for the FIH Pro League 2021/22 matches in February. He played 14 matches during the Pro League and displayed consistent performances,

on the back of which he was selected in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games squad.

Speaking about his experiences of performing on the big stage, Abhishek, who also scored two goals at the Games, said, "It was quite a memorable experience for me to perform on such a big stage."

"I learned a lot about my game during the tournament, and understood areas where I can improve upon."

"Our chief coach Graham Reed had already told me before in training sessions to enjoy the games and to not take too much pressure. -IANS

Ahmedabad Mirror

'Team must improve upon in its training'

Says hockey forward Abhishek after CWG defeat

#NEWDELHI

Young India men's hockey team forward Abhishek has conceded that the 0-7 thrashing at the hands of Australia in the final at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games was a lesson that the side had to "improve upon in training".

India's hopes of clinching their maiden CWG hockey gold remained a dream as they were soundly thrashed in the quadrennial showpiece, even as Australia went on to clinch a record-extending seventh CWG gold.

"Even though the final against Australia did not go our way, we learned a lot from the match and have to improve upon in training."

opined Abhishek on Friday.

The forward, who is set to turn 23 on August 15, started in all six games at the Commonwealth Games and remained an ever-present threat inside the opposition's defence as India settled for silver. He believes the tournament was a big learning experience for him.

Abhishek made his senior India debut earlier this year when the team travelled to South Africa for the FIH Pro League 2021/22 matches in February. He played 14 matches during the Pro League and displayed consistent performances, on the back of which he was selected in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games squad.

IANS

Millenium Post

Coach Janneke Schopman's hands-on approach has brought best out of me: Jyoti

NEW DELHI: Indian women's hockey team forward Jyoti says chief coach Janneke Schopman's hands-on approach has helped her to make drastic improvements as she won a bronze medal on debut at the Commonwealth Games.

The 22-year-old was part of the Indian women's hockey team that returned to India after clinching a memorable bronze medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, ending a 16-year medal drought at the quadrennial event.

"The players and coaching staff have really helped me improve my game. Now I feel a lot more confident while carrying the ball and my off the ball movement has improved drastically," she said in a Hockey India

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(HI) release.

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On the influence of Schopman, Jyoti said, "Janneke has helped me improve my game. She has taught me how to make the game simple and easy for myself. I do not ponder on the ball anymore and look to move it as swiftly as possible.

"Her hands-on approach during practice sessions has brought out the best of my abilities."

Talking about her maiden appearance at the mega sporting event, Jyoti said, "Commonwealth Games was especially important for me because this was my first appearance for the team at a multi-discipline event.

"Winning the bronze medal filled us up with an immense sense of pride and joy and is a true reward for everyone's efforts connected to the team. The bronze medal has surely made this outing doubly special for me."

The women's team claimed the bronze medal after pulling off a thrilling 3-1 shootout win over New Zealand after a 1-1

scoreline in regulation time.

"My whole experience of the Games was amazing. We won our matches against Ghana, Wales and Canada but lost to England in the group stages. I also understood that losing and winning will always be an important part of any tournament," she said.

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"It is an honour for me to be part of this Indian Women's Hockey squad, and I hope we keep improving so that we can do even better at the next tournament." -IANS

The Hindu

Indian hockey players share heartfelt messages ahead of Independence Day

ANE, NEW DELHI: A few members of the Indian men's and women's hockey teams shared heartfelt messages on the eve of the Independence Day.

"I would like to wish all the citizens of our country a very Happy Independence Day. This one is extra special for us as it's our 75th Independence Day. We have grown tremendously as a nation, especially in the field of sports," said men's team captain Manpreet Singh.

Defender Harmanpreet Singh said, "It's been absolutely fantastic

to see our growth as a nation in the last few years and I am eager to see how far we can go in the future. The determination and persistence we have shown in every field are simply amazing."

The men's team goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh said, "There's no greater pride than playing for your country and therefore Independence Day is always special to me. It's been truly magnificent to be a small part of this journey. I wish everyone happiness and light this Independence Day."

The women's skipper Savita Puri also wished the fellow citizens.

"It's a great honour and pride for us to complete 75 years of Independence. I wish all Indians a very Happy Independence Day."

"I hope you enjoy the day and also look back at how far we have come. We have done exceedingly well in sports in the last few years and I am certain that we are going to get stronger from here."

Forward Vandana Kataraya said, "This is a special day for all of us. I always feel very proud of the way our nation has grown over the years."

"I hope that we keep evolving as a nation in the years to come."

The Pioneer



We desperately wanted a podium finish at CWG after WC debacle: Tete

NEW DELHI

Titled captain of the Indian women's hockey team Tete said she and her teammates were desperate to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games after a disappointing performance at the World Cup in London last year.

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The Daily Guardian

KHelo INDIA

Women's Hockey League to begin from 16 August

NEW DELHI

Khelo India Women's Hockey League 22 (Under-16) matches will commence from Tuesday here at the iconic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium. The league will see 16 teams divided into Pool A and Pool B vie for top honours. This will be the first phase of the league, which will go on till 31st August, with each winning team being awarded three points, one point for each team in the event of a draw, and zero points for the losing side.

Grouped in Pool A are Sports Authority of India T, Anantapur Hockey Academy, HAR



X, Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy Bhagat, Ghumanhera Riser's Academy, Citizen Hockey XI, Smart Hockey Academy Raipur, Pritam Siroach Hockey Academy Sonapat, Mumbai School Sports Association, and Sports Hostel Bhuvanewar.

In Pool B are Sports Authority of India T, Anantapur Hockey Academy, HAR

Hockey Academy, Delhi Hockey, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Odisha Niral TATA Hockey High-Performance Centre, Salate Hockey Academy, and Sports Authority of Gujarat Academy.

Talking about the importance of a league for the under-16 age category, Ranjen Ekeka, Team Manager of Sports Hostel, Bhuvanewar said, "This is a great initiative by the Government of India. Getting the right amount of exposure is critical for budding players in this age group category, and an exclusive league for under-16 girls will definitely motivate academies to develop more players at the grassroots level. Our team is reaching New Delhi on Monday."



The Hindu

'We desperately wanted CWG medal after WC debacle: Salima

The Indian women's team claimed a bronze medal in Birmingham after beating New Zealand



High point: Salima Tete, centre, celebrates scoring the opening goal against New Zealand during the women's bronze medal match.

HOCKEY

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM MIDFIELDER SALIMA TETE SAID THEY DESPERATELY WANTED TO WIN A MEDAL AT THE BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH GAMES AFTER A DISASTROUS WORLD CUP CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS YEAR.

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The Political and Business Daily

Bhubaneswar, Rourkela getting a makeover for FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023

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WITH less than five months left for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023 to commence, hockey lovers across the world are excitedly looking towards Odisha, which will host the mega sporting event.

As Odisha is not only the hosting state, but also sponsoring the national men's and women's hockey teams, it is leaving no stone unturned to make the event more memorable than the previous World Cup, which was also hosted here.

The Hockey World Cup will be held in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar from January 13 to 29, 2023. Several players, coaches and FIH officials have lauded the marvellous hockey stadium inside the iconic Kalinga Sports Complex in Bhubaneswar, where the last edition of the World Cup was organised.

Apart from the Kalinga Stadium, the 2023 World Cup matches will also be played at the Bira Munda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Sundargarh.

Sundargarh district is said to be the heart of hockey in India as the region has produced several international hockey players such as former captains Dilip Tirkey, Ignacio Tirkey and Prabhakar Tirkey in the men's team and Subhadra Pradhan and Jyoti Sumita Kulu in the women's team.



It has also produced more than 40 international hockey players, including Olympians Lazarus Florja, William Xalou, Birendra Lakra and Sumita Lakra. Three players from Sundargarh - Deep Grace Ekka (women's team), Armit Rohidas and Birendra Lakra - made it to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Recognising the talents of the soil, Naveen Pattnaik took the decision to build the country's largest hockey stadium soon after Odisha was selected by the international hockey federation (FIH) to host its flagship event for the second time in a row.

Besides the main stadium, which will have a 20,000 seating capacity, a practice pitch is also being developed nearby.

On the other hand, Kalinga Stadium is also being upgraded. Recently, a brand new turf has been laid for the upcoming World Cup.

Apart from the stadiums, the state has also lined up a lot of infrastructure and beautification projects in the cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela to give a pleasant experience to the hockey players, sports lovers and other guests during the World Cup.

The state government is eyeing to make the Rourkela airstrip operational before the event while connecting roads are being strengthened in the steel city.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik has already unveiled the official logo for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

A meeting between the FIH and the Hockey India Committee of Administrators (CoA) was held recently in New Delhi where both the organisations appreciated the infrastructure being developed for the tournament. They said the official draw for the World Cup 2023 would be announced in Bhubaneswar on September 8, 2022.

Odisha sports secretary R. Vineed Krishna said, "We are eagerly looking forward to hosting the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. While Kalinga Stadium is match ready with two new pitches laid (main and practice), Bira Munda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela will be ready in the coming months."

Rourkela too is going through massive development to welcome the participating teams, he said.

The Hindu

CWG bronze a huge confidence boost for me: Nisha

The Indian women's hockey team will return to the National camp on August 29

HOCKEY

ANE NEW DELHI

THE Indian women's hockey team made history at the recently-concluded Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games after clinching the bronze medal, their first CWG Medal after 16 years.

27-year-old midfielder Nisha, who was absolutely thrilled to be a part of the bronze medal-winning team, spoke about the importance of the medal for the team and for her career.

"This CWG medal will always be special to me as I have always dreamed of being part of medal-winning teams at prestigious tournaments.

Shining on the big stage "We have always looked to play our best hockey at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games and we are glad to have put in a great performance in Birmingham.

"The team has grown from strength to strength since I joined the side in 2019 and hopefully, we keep evolving as a team in the future."

Nisha also said that the CWG medal is a huge confidence booster for her. "I have certainly gained a lot of confidence after CWG. I feel blessed to have been part of a fantastic experience and we gelled as a team very well during the competition.

Rewarding "It was very rewarding for me to contribute to the team's success and I will keep working hard to help the team do even better in the upcoming tournament."

National camp on August 29 at SAJ, Bengaluru. Speaking about the team's focus after their return to training, Nisha said, "We have noted down the mistakes we made during CWG and we will definitely be focusing on improving them. I feel the team is moving in the right direction and if we play to our potential, we can certainly start winning gold medals at the biggest of stages.

"We are coordinating very well on the field and it's been an absolute pleasure to be a part of this team."

Millennium Pos

Bigger & better: Odisha's aim for hockey WC

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha is pulling out all stops for the upcoming FIH Hockey Men's World Cup next year to ensure that the event is even bigger and better than its previous edition. Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mahapatra emphasised on the challenges of the event as it will be held in two cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela - at the same time, according to a release by the Chief Minister's Office on Monday. "We are confident of ensuring a smooth, successful and memorable world cup for players, officials, fans and spectators," he said during a meeting with top officials at the Loka Seba Bhawan, the state secretariat.

Mahapatra underlined that there were certain areas that needed special attention and "we will be reviewing the development periodically."

The Hindu

Devastating to not play the final: Vivek

The midfielder missed CWG summit clash due to injury

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

INDIAN men's hockey team midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad says he was devastated after missing the final of the Commonwealth Games against Australia due to a minor knee injury.

India had to settle for a silver medal after going down 0-7 to Australia in the final of the quadrennial event.

"I was devastated to miss the Commonwealth Games final against Australia," Vivek said in a Hockey India GH release.

"Making the final of such a prestigious tournament is a big deal for any player.

Having played a great campaign, I missed the final and then being ruled out of the summit clash due to injury was devastating for me. "I really wanted to be there for my team on that particular day. However, this happens in sports. So, the only thing we can do now is to move on."

This was Vivek's second CWG campaign. In 2018, at the Gold Coast edition, he was the youngest player in the squad, which returned home without a medal.

Having missed over the past few weeks, Vivek is all set to join his compatriots at the National Camp which commences in SAJ, Bengaluru, on Monday.



Vivek, GETTY IMAGES

Morning India

Indian women's hockey team midfielder Sonika shows happiness with her performance at CWG 2022



NEW DELHI: The Indian women's hockey team midfielder Sonika, who played a stellar role at the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2022 in Brisbane, Australia, and Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, spoke on her experience of competing in major tournaments for the first time. Sonika, who had taken a break from the sport in 2020 due to personal reasons, made a solid comeback to the locker room in March 2022, as and when invited to the squad for the FIH Women's Pro League 2022/23. On the back of her consistent performance, Sonika made it to the final squad for the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2022, where she started in all six games. At the Commonwealth Games 2022, Sonika was a key player in the squad as she helped the team to win a bronze medal in Birmingham.

"Starting to hockey after a long gap, and then competing for the first time in major tournaments was an extremely positive experience for me. I always had faith in the asset and I know we have the potential to perform well. For me a personal level, competing in these matches gave me a sense of confidence to face every challenge in front of me," Sonika said. Speaking on how Indian hockey has evolved over the past couple of years, Sonika mentioned how they have become more dynamic in the attack. "I have been playing since I was 10 years old. I have always loved playing hockey. We are continuously evolving as a team and I feel we are doing very well on the field and it's been an absolute pleasure to be a part of this team."

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

FOCUS IS ON WINNING NATIONS CUP TO BOOK NEXT SEASON'S FIH PRO LEAGUE BERTH: DEEP GRACE

By ANITA KUMAR

India's women's hockey vice-captain Deep Grace Ekka revealed that the preparation for the FIH Women's Hockey Nations Cup is going on. In full swing and they have their eyes set on a berth for the tournament.

India's Women's team had recently won the bronze medal at 2022 Commonwealth Games and Ekka that even though it was a bronze medal to the women it is a thing of the past and they need to move forward to next championships. We would have liked to win the Gold in Birmingham for us, but winning Bronze was a big achievement for us. Standing on the podium is a moment we will never forget. It's a big week because for the entire team, Deep said is a Hockey India release. One of the mainstays in the Indian defence, Deep Grace Ekka hopes the team can continue to build on the momentum going ahead.

work. I am sure the Chief Coach, Jenrick Schepman will assess our previous performance and plan the upcoming Asia in camp accordingly. Captained by Sachin Tendulkar, the Indian Women's Hockey Team is set for a long training camp before their next outing and the experienced defender expects to be put through the fastest yards ahead of their next assignment.

"We have to do well in Spain to the FIH Women's Hockey Nations Cup and for that the preparation begins from today. It won't be easy but training hard and doing the right things especially during our sessions in the camp (Bengaluru) will help," she explained. The one-week long tournament in Spain will see the winners get promoted to the FIH Hockey Pro League (Women). The Indian Women's Hockey Team finished third in their debut campaign in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 season.

"Our aim in Spain will be to progress in the FIH Hockey Women's Pro League and for that, we have to win the Nations Cup. Our target is to finish in the top two in the final of us, now it's a matter of how we go back to the correct direction," the veteran of 2016 games Ekka said.



Australia – the thorn in India's flesh

The women's team had a bumpy ride to the semifinals, while the men's team had a smooth ride to the final. Both favored against the Australians, whose 24-year reign at the Commonwealth Games shows no signs of ending.

LITHA GANESAN

Just after India's hockey team arrived at the Tokyo Olympics, the Commonwealth Games were cancelled for the first time in its history. The women's team was one of the few who were not affected by the cancellation. They were scheduled to play in the Nations Cup in Australia, but the event was postponed to 2023.

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attack, which is very good," former coach Stuart Murray said. Murray, who was in charge of the team at Tokyo, had resigned following the men's bronze medal triumph but has been consistently supportive of their growth process.

However, the Indian women were expected to make the semifinals and their early exit, but not without reasons. The start wasn't auspicious, Daniel Blane being appointed as the coach for the first time. The opening games against Spain and Wales were underwhelming but the team's performance improved in a play, relying more on their superior skills, especially, the use of pace in the group stage – to have England – was also its best performance in terms of creating a game plan and playing as a unit.

"I had a special effect from (Lithuania) to get past Canada and create a semifinal spot, but it was also indicative of how the team could take their match off to a crucial moment that may never come back in leave to lose. Against stronger teams, it would be a realistic something India experienced at the World Cup two weeks before the Commonwealth Games, finishing sixth. The reality is to come after all the hard work in the middle was a victory while the biggest setback was India's penalty corner conversion. Eighteen opportunities but a goal to score made a total of 100% penalty corner conversion.

"I think it is a lot to blame the team, it's getting more and more difficult to score from penalty corners for all teams, including Netherlands who score almost every goal they can, not just India. The players are getting better, both the field and several conversations with the goalkeeper getting an angle and the corners like that, it becomes harder any team to take the shot without getting Benjamin," Murray continued.

India had previously experienced the Italian hurdle in Tokyo, and the contrast between the two sides was clear. In the early days, before India lost to the Netherlands. But to be fair, India's best performance could only take it to the quarterfinals. The absence of Barkha Singh, who is an ace, appeared to be another case of a star player for whom the team couldn't find a replacement. There were no scoring goalkeepers – captain Barkha Singh – this time. The team, despite the absence of Barkha Singh, seems to be on the right track on their way to the next big target.

Hockey India names 33 probables for FIH Pro League matches

BENGALURU: Hockey India on Saturday named a 33-member men's core probable group, including the likes of captain Manpreet Singh and veteran goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, for the FIH Pro League season opening matches beginning on October 28.

The players will report to the SAI Center in Bengaluru on Monday for a national camp ahead of FIH Pro League matches against New Zealand and Spain at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Talking about the camp, chief coach Graham Reid said, "The FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 will give us insights into the areas that require work ahead of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.

"The matches against

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Spain and New Zealand are important for us and the players are excited about the upcoming months of hockey. We have chosen some fresh names in the core group who have shown great potential and are eager to perform when given a chance."

India play against New Zealand on October 28 and November 4. They face Germany on October 30 and November 6.

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a three-week camp in SAI, Bengaluru.

The Probables: Goalkeepers: PR Sreejesh, Krishan B Pathak, Pawan Kumar; Defenders: Jarnanpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh, Nilam Sanjeev Xess, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Mandeep Mor, Yashdeep Siwach, Dipsan Tirkey, Sanjay, Manjeet, Sumit; Midfielders: Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, Shamsher Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Rajkumar Pal, Pawan Rajbhar; Forwards: Akashdeep Singh, Gurjant Singh, Maninder Singh, Mohd Raheel Mousen, S Karthi, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Abhishek, Dilpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh.

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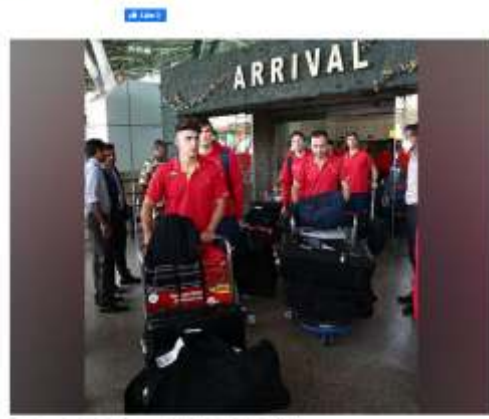
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ANI logo and a photo of the team arriving at an airport. Below the photo is a caption: 'Spain and New Zealand arrive in Bhubaneswar for FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23'.

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Spain and New Zealand arrive in Bhubaneswar for FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23



Spain and New Zealand arrive in Bhubaneswar (Photo: Hockey Pro League India)

Bhubaneswar (Odisha) [India], October 26 (ANI) With the FIH Hockey Pro League India leg starting this weekend, Spain and New Zealand arrived on Tuesday in the temple city of Bhubaneswar, which is also one of the venues for the most awaited FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar-Rourkela in January 2023.

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ETV Bharat

FLASHBACK: We never forget the reception in India after winning 1975 World Cup, says BP Gowda

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When at the Silver Jubilee of the 1975 World Cup held in Hyderabad, and the Silver Jubilee of the 1975 World Cup in the state of Karnataka, the legendary BP Gowda, standing by the side of the sports giant Ajit Pal, said that he will never forget the reception in India after winning the 1975 World Cup. The former Karnataka Minister said that he will never forget the reception in India after winning the 1975 World Cup. The former Karnataka Minister said that he will never forget the reception in India after winning the 1975 World Cup.

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HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Australia will pose biggest challenge for India: Ajit Pal

NEW DELHI Hockey great Ajit Pal Singh believes Australia will likely pose the biggest threat to India's quest for World Cup glory at home, saying the hosts will have to play to their full potential to overcome the challenge of the Kookaburras.

Australia had thumped India 7-0 in the gold-medal match at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and Singh said the hosts can counter the Kookaburras' challenge by "playing together as a unit".

"The World Cup will be played in Bhubaneswar and Bhubaneswar from January 13 to 29 with 16 teams vying for the trophy. India are clubbed in Pool D with Wales, Spain, England. "The Indian men's team should consider every single game as extremely im-



portant. Yes, Australia is a difficult team, but they must play to their full potential. Winning or losing is a part of the game, but you do your best at all times."

He also advised the Harmanpreet Singh-led side to do their basics right and be confident in defence.

PTI

India have quality players to shine in WC: Turkey

New Delhi: Legendary defender Turgay Turkey believes the current Indian hockey team has quality players who can retain the world title after a gap of 47 years. India won the 1975 World Cup in 1975 at Kuala Lumpur.



Hockey India president Turgay Turkey

During the launch, the 80-year-old said this is a great opportunity for India to shine on the world stage. The World Cup will be hosted by Bhubaneswar and Bhubaneswar from January 13 to 29.

"The current Indian team is a very confident unit and the performance they have been giving in recent years has made the fans really happy. I am confident they will do well in the World Cup," said Turkey, who is also the Hockey India president.

"I want them to get their best out forward and play with confidence. The team has quality players."

Turkey, a former India captain who was part of the 1966 Asian Games gold medal-winning side, represented India in three World Cups and as many Olympics.

"Capturing the nation's belief was a great experience for me and we played a very good box set as well. I was captain at two Olympics, World Cup and even an Asian Cup, and it was definitely a very great experience."

was part of the World Cup team," said Turkey, a recipient of the Padma Shri Award in 2015.

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"India Would Be One Of My Top Picks For FIH Men's Hockey World Cup": Stephan Veen

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Australia, Belgium, Netherlands are favourites but don't take India lightly, says former Austrian player Glenn Turner

The former player who won the World Cup in 2010 and 2014 feels Australia's basics and fundamentals set it apart and make it favourite to win the title again.



Glenn Turner was a part of Australia's back-to-back World Cup winning team in 2010 and 2014. Photo Credit: Getty Images.

TEAM BIRTHDAYS



HOCKEY INDIA

SENIOR MEN

LALIT KUMAR UPADHYAY
AKASHDEEP SINGH
SUKHJEET SINGH
SUMIT
MOHD. RAHEEL MOUSEEN
YASHDEEP SIWACH

DECEMBER

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20
26

ADITYA SINGH
UTTAM SINGH
SUNIL JOJO
AMANDEEP
RAJINDER SINGH
HIMWAAN SIHAG
MANOJ YADAV
SATHISH B.

JUNIOR MEN

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JANUARY

GURINDER SINGH
HARMANPREET SINGH
MANDEEP SINGH
GURJANT SINGH
SIMRANJEET SINGH

01
06
25
26
26

BOBY SINGH DHAMI
SHARDA NAND TIWARI
ADITYA LALAGE
ARAJEET SINGH HUNDAL

07
07
15
21

FEBRUARY

MANINDER SINGH
VIVEK SAGAR PRASAD

04
25

INNOCENT MUNDA
SHAHBAZ KHAN
MOHITH H.S.
MOHIT KARMA

08
14
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29

SENIOR WOMEN

RANI
DEEPIKA
SANGITA KUMARI

DECEMBER

04
06
24

PUJA SAHU
ANNU
ANJALI BARWA
DEEPIKA SORENG
ASHWINI KOLEKAR
PREETI

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JANUARY

UDITA
SUSHMA KUMARI
NAVNEET KAUR

14
22
26

HRIKA SINGH

16

FEBRUARY

SUSHILA CHANU PUKHRAMBAM

25

MADHURI KINDO

25



IN FOCUS MUMTAZ KHAN

(Indian Women's Hockey Team)

My age is - 20

My hometown is – Lucknow, UP

I play as a – Forward

My debut was in – 2016

My most important target – Getting on the podium in the Paris Olympics

My favourite workout is – Core workout

My favourite actor is – Ranveer Singh

My favourite song is – Maan Meri Jaan

My favourite cuisine is – Chinese

My best sporting moment – Playing in the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup

My idol is – Rani

My dream destination is – Dubai

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

My gym buddy are – Mahima and Jyoti

My favourite outfit is – Suit Salwar

3 things I don't travel without – My phone, earphones and friends

My cheat meal – Everything from KFC



IN FOCUS

SANJAY

(Indian Men's Hockey Team)

My age is - 22

My hometown is – Hisar, Haryana

I play as a – Defender

My debut was in – 2021

My most important target – Finishing on the podium in Olympics 2024

My favourite workout is – Drag flick practice

My favourite actor is – Ali Fazal

My favourite song is – AK 47 by Sidhu moose wala

My favourite cuisine is – North Indian

My best sporting moment – Playing the youth Olympic Semi-Final was the most memorable

My idol is – Gonzalo Peillat

My dream destination is – America

If I wasn't a hockey player, I would've been – A Kabaddi player

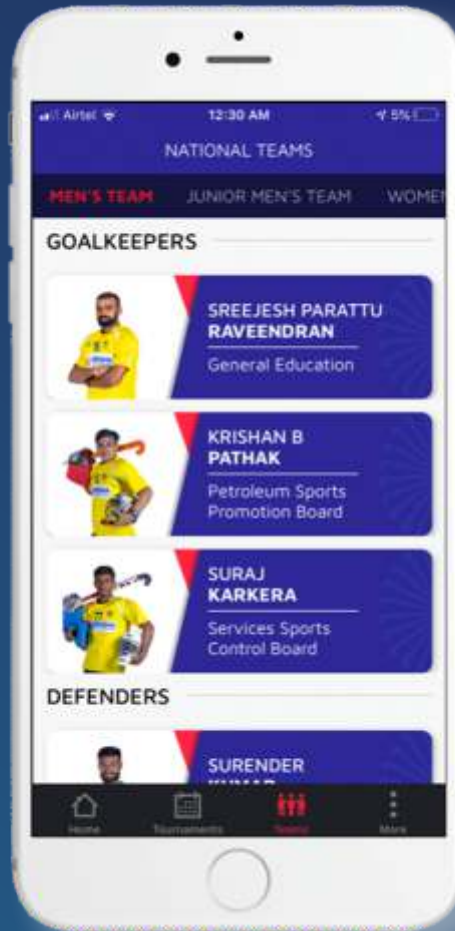
My gym buddy is – Mandeep Mor

My favourite outfit is – Casuals

3 things I don't travel without – Phone, Food , Clothes

My cheat meal – Anything that has chicken





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