







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

June and July proved to be fruitful for Indian Hockey. It was not only the Indian Hockey teams who made us feel proud because of their brilliant play on the field but even both the Jr. teams attained a similar feat in the just concluded Volvo International Under 21 tournament.

June was a very crucial month for the Indian Women team as they were playing for a berth in the upcoming RIO Olympics at the Hockey World League Semi-Final (Women). The team through their outstanding performance ensured that they stayed in contention for the all important tournament next year. On the other hand the Men team playing the Hockey World League Semi-Final (Men) ended the tournament on a high as they claimed the 4th position.

Seeing the seniors performing with elan, the Jr. Women team during the Volvo International Under 21 tournament stunned their opponents as they finished at the third position while in the same tournament the Jr. Men team finished fourth.

The two months which went by, proves to us that the teams are now hungry for wins as they aim for atleast the top 4 slots in any tournament that they play. This makes us feel proud and gives us a new zeal to work more harder for them in ensuring that they go out and conquer.

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### Hockey India Wishes Good Luck To Team India For The FINTRO FIH World League Semi-Finals

Hockey India on the sideline of hosting a Good Luck dinner for the Indian Men and Women team ahead of their departures for the FINTRO FIH World League Semi-Finals.



## Men's Team



### Women's Team









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# **Unique number Caps to Player**



## **Presented Unique number Caps to Player**

Marked yet another first in the history of Indian Hockey wherein players of both teams were presented with caps which has their own individual Unique Number and which stays with them for lifetime. The numbers given to players are based on each player representing Hockey India since the National Sports Federation was incepted in 2009. While Other player will be the 13th player to have made it to the Indian Men team hence No. 13 being given to him similarly Deepika with the No. 7 cap would mean she is the 7th player to have represented the Country under Hockey India. While Sardar Singh and Ritu Rani being the Captain of the present individual teams, were bestowed with No. 1 as their Unique Cap Number.

	INDIAN MEN TEAN	1	INDIAN WOMEN TEAM		
SI No.	Players Name	Cap No.	SI No.	Players Name	Cap No.
1.	Sardar Singh	1	1.	Ritu Rani	1
2.	Gurbaj Singh	13	2.	Deepika	7
3.	Sreejesh PR	25	3.	Rani	8
4.	Dharamvir Singh	28	4.	Savita Punia	11
5.	Yuvraj Walmki	46	5.	Poonam Rani	15
6.	Rupinder Pal Singh	48	6.	P. Sushila Chanu	16
7.	Manpreet singh	49	7.	Sunita Lakra	17
8.	Birendra Lakra	51	8.	Rajani Etimarpu	18
9.	Chinglensana Singh	52	9.	Vandana Katariya	20
10.	Akashdeep Singh	58	10.	Soundarya Yendala	30
11.	Gurmail singh	59	11.	Anuradha Devi	41
12.	Satbir Singh	66	12.	Deep Grace Ekka	43
13.	Nikkin Thimmaiah	68	13.	Lilima Minz	44
14.	Ramandeep Singh	69	14.	Lily Chanu	45
15.	Harjot Singh	71	15.	Namita Toppo	51
16.	Lalit Upadhyay	79	16.	Navjot Kaur	53
17.	Jasjit Singh	80	17.	Monika	54
18.	Devindar Sunil	82	18.	Renuka Yadav	59
19.	VR Raghunath	11	19.	Yogita Bali	19
20.	SV Sunil	15	20.	Jaspreet Kaur	40
21.	SK Uthappa	54	21.	M. N Ponnamma	46
22.	Kothajit Singh	55	22.	Anupa Barla	48
23.	Sushant Tirkey	67	23.	Ritusha Kumari Arya	55
24.	Pardeep Mor	74	24.	Amandeep Kaur	56
25.	Talwinder Singh	77	/ 0/	11.1.5 1917	2/2

## India, Pakistan Finish Match Of The Tournament At 2-2 Draw In The FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 In Antwerp

After a high-intense battle between India and Pakistan, the Match of the Tournament finished at a 2-2 draw in the Pool A league match of the FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 on 26th June. Both the teams arrived on the green astro-turf with a passion and zeal to win the match as well as collect the points to solidify their positions in the Pool. After this draw, India will be gearing up to their clash against Australia on Sunday and will be looking at ending the Pool phase without a loss in their name.



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## India finishes 4th Position In The FINTRO World Hockey League Semi-Final 2015





India and Great Britain playing for the 3rd / 4th position of the FINTRO World Hockey League Semi-Final 2015, it was Great Britain who stamped its dominance as they went on to win the game 5-1 and India settling for the 4th position in the tournament.





DATE	МАТСН	RESULT
20 June 2015	vs FRANCE	3 - 2
23 June 2015	vs POLAND	3 - 0
26 June 2015	vs PAKISTAN	2 - 2
28 June 2015	vs AUSTRALIA	2 - 6
01 July 2015	vs MALAYSIA	3 - 2
03 July 2015	vs BELGIUM	0-4
05 July 2015	vs GREAT BRITAIN	1-5





## India Finishes 5th Position In The FINTRO World Hockey League Semi-Final 2015

















DATE	MATCH	SCORE
<b>20</b> June 2015	vs BELGIUM	0 - 1
23 June 2015	vs NEW ZEALAND	0 - 5
26 June 2015	vs POLAND	3 - 1
<b>27</b> June 2015	vs AUSTRALIA	2 - 4
<b>30 June 2015</b>	vs NETHERLANDS	0-7
<b>02</b> July 2015	vs ITALY	1-1 SO(5-4)
04 July 2015	vs JAPAN	1 - 0

India registers a thumping win over Japan by 1-0, going on to claim the 5th position in the FINTRO World Hockey League Semi-Final 2015. Thanks to Rani Rampal's superb goal in the 13th minute which helped them not only register the win but even keeps the hope alive for India as the team stays in contention for the RIO Olympics 2016.



## Indian Junior Men Hockey Team Announced For The Volvo Invitational U-21 Men Tournament 2015



Hockey India announced the Indian Junior Men Team for the Volvo International U-21 Men Tournament 2015 to be played in the Netherlands from 18th July to 25th July 2015. The tournament featuring six teams to compete against each other in a Round-Robin format. The seven teams eyeing for the title will be Host team Netherlands, India, Germany, England, Belgium and New Zealand. The Volvo International Tournament 2015 will provide a testing platform to the U-21 Men team, who are even gearing-up from the Men's Junior Asian Cup 2015 in Malaysia and the FIH Junior World Cup 2016 (Men) 2016. The 18-member squad was selected from the Preparatory Camp, in New Delhi in June 2015, on the basis of their consistent performance and technical skills.

#### LIST OF PLAYERS

#### **GOALKEEPERS**

- 1. Pankaj Kumar Rajak
- 2. Suraj Karkera

#### DEFENDERS

- 3. Vikramjit Singh
- 4. Dipsan Tirkey
- 5. Harmanpreet Singh
- 6. Varun Kumar
- 7. Baljit Singh
- 8. Anand Lakra

#### **MIDFIELDERS**

- 9. Santa Singh
- 10. Manpreet
- 11. Nilakanta Sharma
- 12. Harjeet Singh
- 13. Ajay Yadav

#### FORWARDS

- 15. Sumit Kumar
- 16. Armaan Qureshi
- 17. Parvinder Singh
- 18. Gurjant Singh
- 19. Simranjeet Singh

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## Indian Junior Women Hockey Team Selected For The Volvo Invitational U-21 Women Tournament 2015



The tournament ahead will see six teams clashing against each other which includes Host team Netherlands, Indian England, New Zealand, Germany and China. The team of 18 players have been selected basis the preparatory camp which was held in New Delhi. The preparatory camp even saw new players getting added to the National camp and which was basis their good performance during the 5th Junior Women National Championship.

#### LIST OF PLAYERS

#### GOALKEEPERS

1. Inderpreet Kaur 2. Sheweta

#### DEFENDERS

- 3. Deep Grace Ekka
- 4. Namita Toppo
- 5. Gurjit Kaur
- 6. Jaspreet Kaur
- 7. Manjit Kaur
- 8. Rashmita Minz

#### **MIDFIELDERS**

- 9. M.Lily Chanu 10. Lilima Minz 11. Navjot Kaur
- 12. Renuka Yadav
- 13. Preeti Dubey

#### FORWARDS

- 15. Anupa Barla
- 16. Rani
- 17. Poonam Barla
- 18. Navneet Kaur
- 19. Navpreet Kaur

The Indian Women Hockey Team Received Grand Welcome On Their Arrival At New Delhi After Finishing 5th In The FINTRO Hockey World League In Belgium



The Indian women hockey team arrived at the Indira Gandhi International airport, New Delhi to the sounds of celebratory drums and loud cheers. A large contingent of officials and media gathering was present at the airport to receive the team which finished 5th at the FINTRO Hockey World League in Belgium. The result has kept their hopes alive for a place in the upcoming RIO Olympics 2016.

**Star forward, Rani Rampal said**, "Qualifying for the Olympics has been a dream comes true for all of us. The team chemistry of the players, on field coordination and coach's guidance helped tremendously in registering the previous two successive wins. I cannot wait to start the next phase of training for the Olympics."

**The Indian skipper, Ritu Rani said**, "Our target was to qualify for Olympics and we are still in contention. All the players played to their strengths. We played against some of the higher ranking teams, which gave us insights on our shortcomings. We will work on them to improve our game play and be ready for our Olympics dream. "





## VOLVO INVITATIONAL U-21 MEN TOURNAMENT 2015 India finished 4th Position In Volvo Invitational U-21 Men Tournament 2015

DATE	МАТСН	<u>RESULT</u>
18 July 2015	vs GERMANY	3 - 0
19 July 2015	vs NEW ZEALAND	3 - 0
21 July 2015	vs BELGIUM	1 - 3
22 July 2015	vs NETHERLANDS	1 - 2
24 July 2015	vs ENGLAND	1 - 1
25 July 2015	vs ENGLAND	0 - 3





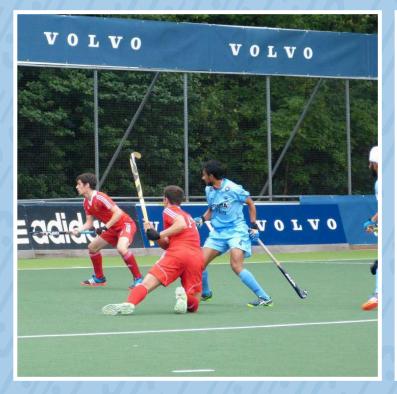
The India and England U-21 Men Team playing for the 3rd position of the Volvo Invitational U-21 (Men) Tournament 2015 at Breda, Netherlands, saw a skilful and strategic game of hockey as both the teams aimed at outwitting each other and winning the match. It was England who through their better performance came out winners as they claimed the 3rd position and India settling for the 4th position in the tournament.



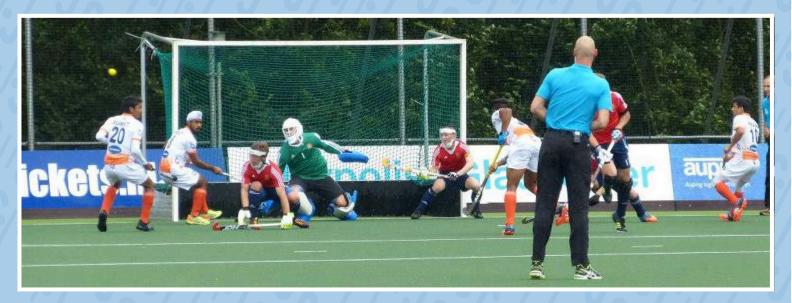
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### VOLVO INVITATIONAL U-21 WOMEN TOURNAMENT 2015 India Finishes 3rd Position In Volvo Invitational U-21 Women Tournament 2015

After losing against England U-21 Women Team ,the India U-21 Women Team took revenge after beating them by 1-1 (1-0 SO) and finished 3rd in the Volvo U-21 (Women) Invitational Tournament 2015 held at Breda, The Netherlands. India's goal-keeper Inderpreet Kaur was the hero of the match as she brilliantly thwarted all attempts by the English players during the penalty shootout which helped India clinch the closely-fought match and the 3rd position.In the penalty shoot-out, India's star goal-keeper Inderpreet Kaur saved all the shoot-outs and Deep Grace Ekka scored the winning goal for India. After a hard-fought 70-minute battle and an intense shoot-out, the India U-21 Women team defeated England U-21 Women team by 1-1 (1-0 SO).



DATE	<u>MATCH</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
19 July 2015	vs NETHERLANDS	0 - 1
21 July 2015	vs GERMANY	4 - 4
22 July 2015	vs CHINA	2 - 4
24 July 2015	vs NEW ZEALAND	6 - 1
25 July 2015	vs ENGLAND	0 - 1
26 JULY 2015	vs ENGLAND	1-1(1-0)







After the National Coaching camp held at Shilaroo. Indian Men Hockey Team Announced For The Upcoming Europe Tour



Hockey India announced the team for the Indian Men Hockey Team for the upcoming European Tour which is scheduled for 31 July – 14 August 2015. To be played in France and Spain the tour will witness India clashing against both the teams in 5 matches. During the Tour, India will play twice against France and thrice against Spain. The tour will be in preparation for the all important FIH Hockey World League Final to be held in India later this year.

#### LIST OF PLAYERS

#### GOALKEEPERS

- 1. PR Sreejesh
- 2. Harjot Singh

#### DEFENDERS

- 3. BirendraLakra
- 4. Kothajit Singh
- 5. VR Raghunath
- 6. Jasjit Singh
- 7. Rupinder Pal Singh
- 8. Gurjinder Singh

#### **MIDFIELDERS**

- 9. Sardar Singh
- 10. Chinglensana Singh
- 11. SK Uthappa
- 12. Satbir Singh
- 13. Danish Mujtaba
- 14. Devinder Walmiki

#### **FORWARDS**

- 15. SV Sunil
- 16. Ramandeep Singh
- 17. Akashdeep Singh
- 18. Mandeep Singh
- 19. Talwinder Singh
- 20. Lalit Upadhyay
- 21. Mohd. Amir Khan

Post Claiming The 3rd Position At The Volvo Invitational U-21 (Women) Tournament 2015, The India U-21 Women Team Arrive At New Delhi



Post a 3rd position finish at the Volvo Invitational U-21 (Women) Tournament 2015, the Indian Women Jr. Hockey team arrived in the midst of great fanfare as family, friends and fans awaited the teams arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. The team playing for the 3rd / 4thposition against England were locked 1-1 at the end of the match's regulation time. What transpired in the penalty shoot-out left many awestruck as the Indian Goalkeeper, Inderpreet Kaur stood like a wall and did not allow a single goal to be scored during the crucial phase resulting in India's win for the 3rd position in the tournament.

**On arrival, a happy Captain, Rani Rampal said** "The team is very happy with the final results. We were always aiming for the top 3 during the entire tournament and we made it. I will give credit to Inderpreet Kaur whose presence of mind and alertness during the penalty shootout helped us win the match. The tournament will help us build ourselves further ahead of the 7th Women's Junior Asia Cup".

**Speaking on the team's performance, Coach NS Saini said** "It's a great finish to the tournament. It's is amazing the way Indrerpreet Kaur kept her nerves during the crucial Penalty Shoot-out and ensured that she did not allow a single goal to be scored. She is someone to look out for in the future and I am happy we have a quality goalkeeper in her. Overall we delivered in all departments in the last match which helped us grab this position in the tournament".

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Star Sports And Hockey India Finalise Agreement For Extension Of Three Year Deal From 2016 To 2018



Hockey India announced that the telecast rights for the Hockey India League and all International Hockey matches hosted by Hockey India in India has been extended with Star Sports for a period of another three years, from 2016 to 2018 inclusive.Star Sports and Hockey India had agreed to join hands to promote the sport in 2012 for an initial period of three years.The agreement comes on the heels of Star Sports being the

global broadcast partner for the International Hockey Federation for the next 8 years, starting from January 2015. With the extension to the agreement, Star Sports will also be the host broadcaster of Hockey India League (in India and globally) and the Hockey India Intenational matches (in India and globally) for the period 2016 – 2018. Speaking on the association, Uday Shankar, CEO, Star India said "The decision to continue our association with Hockey India is in line with our commitment towards development of a multi sports culture in India. Over the last year, the national team has performed phenomenally well winning medals and accolades across the world, making the country proud. We believe in the potential of Hockey as a sport and through our association with Hockey India, will work towards popularising the sport and bring the fans back to Hockey. This association signals our commitment towards this transformation, through world class production of all International matches and the vibrant Hockey India League."

## Hockey India Pays Tribute To Former Indian Women Hockey Team Captain Shashi Bala, On Her Untimely Demise:

Hockey India is deeply saddened by the untimely demise of former India Women Team captain Shashi Bala and her 15-year-old son Agrim Thakur, who met an unfortunate accident at Ropar-Nawanshahr-Phagwara area . The entire Indian Hockey fraternity expresses its grief on losing a prominent personality who was known for her immense contribution towards Indian Hockey.

45-year-old Shashi Bala made her international debut in 1987 and was a member of the national team in the 1998 FIH Women World Cup in the Netherlands. She was captain of the national team during the 1997 FIH Women World Cup Qualifier held in Harare, Zimbabwe. After her playing career, she coached India Railways' hockey teams and later become a Selector of Hockey Punjab.

### **NEW ADDITION**

1. Continuing in its effort to get new members on their board and in the process of reaching out to new talent at grass roots level, Hockey India announced Punjab and Sindh Bank as the new Associate Member.

2. Hockey India announced Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy as the new Academy Member.

### HIL FRANCHISE WORKSHOP

Hockey India League Franchise Workshop was held on 23 June 2015 at The Lalit, New Delhi







### Devindar Sunil Walmiki Makes His International Debut In The FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015

In the opening match of the Indian Men Hockey Team in the ongoing FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015, 23-year-old Devindar Sunil Walmiki made his impressive debut against France by scoring a brilliant goal during the match held on 20 June 2015 in Antwerp, Belgium. On Devindar's achievement of scoring a goal in his first international match, Hockey India has awarded him a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh and wishes him good luck for his new journey in international hockey.

## MILESTONE



### Raghuprasad RV

Raghuprasad RV achieved his 100 International match in the FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Finals at Antwerp, Belgium on 24 June 2015. Raghuprasad has become the 35th men's umpire to receive a Golden Whistle

#### Navjot Kaur



opening day of the FINTRO Hockey World League Semi-Finals at Antwerp, Belgium

Navjot Kaur achieved her 50th International match playing against Belgium on the

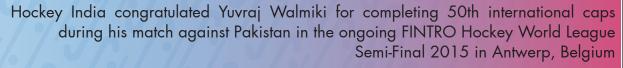


#### Sushila Chanu

Fintro FIH Hockey World League Semi- Final in Belgium another achievement was achieved with Indian defender Sushila Chanu playing her 100th International match today against New Zealand.

### Yuvraj Walmiki







### Gurbaj Singh

In the Fintro Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 (Men) in Antwerp, Belgium, another feather was added to Indian midfielder Gurbaj Singh's hat as he played his 200th international match during the Fintro Hockey World League Semi-Final 2015 (Men)

### AWARDS AND HONOURS



The greatest Hockey player of all time, Major Dhyan Chand, bestowed the 'Bharat Gaurav Puraskar' by Sanskriti Yuva Sangstha in the British Parliament.



The Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) has announced the appointment of Ms. Mariamma Koshy, Dr. R. P. Singh and Ms. Elena Norman as Committee Members in the Federation. Hockey India congratulates all three of them.Ms. Mariamma Koshy as 'Member Women in Hockey Committee', Dr. R.P.Singh as 'Member Athlete Committee' and Ms. Elena Norman, CEO, Hockey India has been appointed as 'Member Competition Committee' with AHF for a period of three years effective 28th March 2015.



## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

# **MEN**

## August

Dharamvir Singh	05
Gurbaj Singh	09
Khadangbam Kothajit Singh	17
Vineet Kamble	23
Ajit Kumar Pandey	01
Manpreet	21
September	
Aiyappa P. R. P.	05

Aiyappa P. F	R. P.	
Syed Nasee	nuddin	Shahbaz

# **WOMEN**

August

Yogita Bali	05
Pallavi Singh	20
Priya	08
Suruj Kisku	31
September	
September Etwari Mundu	13
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