Message from
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Hockey India strengthened the link between people and sports through various events during the Olympic Day weekend. Along with the celebration of Olympic Day on Sunday, 23 June, the activities spread the spirit of sportsmanship.

The events brought together people from different walks of life, different age groups, without any gender and physical biases, to provide an opportunity to get their first experience of sport. A member unit Hockey Maharashtra hosted a match between Olympians/International stars against Hockey Maharashtra senior men’s and women’s teams to celebrate Olympic Day. Olympians Dhanraj Pillay, Mohammed Riyaz, Sameer Dad, Rahul Singh, Arijit Lakra, Vikram Pillay, Tushar Khendekar, Preeti Dubey, Renuka Yadav and international players Dhananjay Mahadik, Yuvraj Walmiki, Edgar Mascarenhas, Girish Pimpale, Vikas Pillay, Ajitesh Roy, Suraj Karkera, Akash Chikte, M.N. Ponnamma, Shyama and Sanggal Ibenhal Chingshubam participated in the match. The international stars team won the match 3-2.

The Goans Hockey member unit enjoyed a game of hockey in the rain, Hockey Bengaluru hosted a 12-team tournament. Exhibition matches for men and women were held at the SGTB Khalsa College by Delhi Hockey, Assam Hockey hosted friendly matches and Hockey Madhya Bharat held matches for U-14 men’s and women’s teams for Olympic Day celebrations.

Hockey Uttarakhad hosted a 5-a-side men and women hockey tournament in Kashipur. They held a 5-a-side hockey tournament for women in Almora as well. A 5-a-side tournament was held by Citizen Hockey XI for the U-10, U-13, U-15 and U-18 divisions to celebrate Olympic Day.

Hockey Mizoram, Telangana Hockey, Malwa Hockey Academy and Hockey Patiala hosted matches to mark the celebrations for Olympic Day. Telangana Hockey and Malwa Hockey Academy conducted Olympic Day runs as well. Hockey Jharkhand organised an exhibition match between Sports Authority of India and Naval Tata Hockey Academy.

Cdr Nandy Singh Academy celebrated Olympic Day by paying homage to the Olympians, displaying a special collage of Indian group pictures who played from 1928 to 2016 to show the youth all Olympians who performed their best and won a record 8 Gold medals.

Punjab & Sind Bank, Zonal Office, Jalandhar celebrated Olympic Day by organizing a blood donation camp. Hockey Karnataka organised a drawing and painting competition along with exhibition matches for men and women on the occasion of Olympic Day.

The spirit to embrace sports as a way of life was made evident by our Member Units as they conducted various activities to bring people from different age, gender and athletic ability together and promoted the benefits of engaging in sports. The Olympic Day Celebration is a great way of strengthening the link between children and young adults with sport and it provides a great opportunity for people to get their first experience of the sporting culture. Olympic Day Celebration aims to promote fitness, well-being, culture and education while also observing values of excellence, friendship and respect.

I would like to thank all member units and associate member units for their active participation and upholding the values of Olympics on Olympic Day.
Activities Galore As Hockey India Celebrates Olympic Day

Hockey India’s Member Units marked this year’s Olympic Day with activities that spread the spirit of sportsmanship. Through various events planned over the weekend, it was Hockey India’s initiative to strengthen the link that children, young people and adults have with sports and through these activities it brought together people from different walks of life, different age groups, without any gender and physical biases, to provide an opportunity to get their first experience of sport.

From hosting friendly tournaments, 5-a-side matches, to organizing Olympic Day runs, meet-and-greet former international players, were some of the main features of the celebrations across different member units that emphasised on the motto #Hockey4LIFE in the country that brought hundreds of hockey lovers together.

Olympic Day was introduced in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games on 23 June 1894 at the Sorbonne in Paris. The goal was to promote participation in sport across the globe regardless of age, gender or athletic ability. Marking the 71st Olympic Day, Hockey India through various activities endorsed IOC’s campaign called ‘UnitedBy’ that champions to bring together stories, experiences and events of Olympism from across the sporting world.

Endorsing the three pillars of Olympic Day - “Move”, “Learn” and “Discover”, member unit Hockey Maharashtra celebrated Olympic day 2019 with a match between Olympians/International stars Vs Hockey Maharashtra senior men and womens teams. Olympians Dhanraj Pillay, Mohammed Riyaz, Sameer Dad, Rahul Singh, Ajit Lakra, Vikram Pillay, Tushar Khandekar, Preeti Dubey, Renuka Yadav and international players Dhananjay Mahadik, Yuvraj Walmiki, Edgar Mascarenhas, Girish Pimpale, Vikas Pillay, Ajitesh Roy, Suraj Karkera, Akash Chikte, M.N. Ponnamma, Shyama and Sangai Ibenhal Chingshubam took part in a match that saw several spectators gather and cheer for their favourite stars. The match saw old memories being revived with All Star players turn out in full vigour and defeated Maharashtra team by 3-2.

Meanwhile, players from Goans Hockey had a time of their lives as they revelled in the game of hockey, playing in rain, which marked their Olympic Day celebrations. In Bengaluru, 12 teams took part in a tournament hosted by Hockey Bengaluru which saw healthy competition and quality play on Olympic Day. Delhi Hockey, on the other hand, hosted exhibition matches for men and women at the SGTB Khalsa College. Hockey Madhya Bharat too hosted matches for U-14 men and women teams and Assam Hockey also hosted friendly matches over the weekend at three different venues.

Hockey Uttarakhand organised a 5-a-side men and women hockey tournament in Kashipur as well as an exclusive 5-a-side hockey tournament for women in Almora that marked the Olympic Day celebrations. Citizen Hockey XI also organised 5-a-side matches for various age groups that included eight teams in U-10, ten teams for U-13, eight teams for U-15, 12 teams in U-18 and six teams for above U-18 taking part.

Telangana Hockey too were in the forefront of championing Olympic Day activities as they organised a run as well as matches. Hockey Mizoram too involved over 50 players in matches that were conducted over the weekend at Kawnpui Hockey Ground. Malwa Hockey Academy too conducted an Olympic Day run and an exhibition match while Hockey Patiala celebrated the day by hosting matches for senior men and women and junior men and women categories. Hockey Jharkhand organised an exhibition match between Sports Authority of India and Naval Tata Hockey Academy to mark Olympic Day 2019.

Through these tournaments, the Member Units promoted the benefits of physical exercise, inspired people to get active and embrace the Olympic ideals regardless of age, gender or athletic ability.
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ASSAM HOCKEY

On Olympic Day Celebrations, Assam Hockey organized Friendly Hockey matches for Men and Women from 21st to 23rd June, 2019 in Missa Playground, TDSA Play Ground and Kaziranga College Ground.
Hockey Bihar organized matches for Men and Women to celebrate the spirit of Olympism on the 71st year of the Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
CHHATTISGARH HOCKEY

To Celebrate Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 Chhattisgarh Hockey organized Exhibition Matches for Men and Women.
DELHI HOCKEY

To mark the celebration of Olympic Day, Delhi Hockey organized exhibition matches for Men and Women on 21st June, 2019 at SGTB Khalsa College.
HOCKEY GUJARAT

Celebrating the Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 Hockey Haryana organized 5-a-side matches for Men and Women.
HOCKEY HIMACHAL

On the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 Hockey Himachal organized Matches for Men and Women to make it a memorable event.
HOCKEY JAMMU & KASHMIR

To Celebrate Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019, Hockey Jammu & Kashmir organized friendly matches for the Men and Women Teams.
HOCKEY JHARKHAND

Hockey Jharkhand organized an Exhibition Match between Sports Authority of India vs Hockey Ranchi in Women’s category and also Conducted Match between Sports Authority of India and Naval Tata Hockey Academy in Men’s Category to mark Olympic Day celebrations on 23rd June, 2019.
Hockey Karnataka organized Drawing and Painting competition along with Exhibition Matches for Men and Women on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
Kerala Hockey conducted Exhibition Matches for Men and Women on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
MANIPUR HOCKEY

 Manipur Hockey member unit Bishnupur Hockey organized exhibition matches for Men and Women players on 23rd June, 2019, with an aim to inspire the younger generation to take Hockey as a career.
HOCKEY MIZORAM

Hockey Mizoram celebrated Olympic Day on 22nd June at Kawnpui Hockey Ground, where the association organized a friendly match for 50 and 60 years old senior players to indulge in the spirit of Olympic Day.
HOCKEY RAJASTHAN

On the occasion of Olympic Day Hockey Rajasthan on 23rd June, 2019 organized friendly matches for both Men and Women in the various districts along with a State-Level athlete program at Jaipur’s Sawai Mansingh Stadium.
Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu on 23rd June, 2019 organized Chennai Women Hockey Tournament along with a Blood Donation Camp to celebrate the Olympic Day.
TELANGANA HOCKEY

Telangana Hockey's District Unit Hockey Mahaboobnagar organized an Olympic run as part of Olympic Day celebrations on 23rd June, 2019.
Uttar Pradesh Hockey conducted Exhibition Matches to celebrate Olympic Day on 23rd June 2019.
Hockey Uttarakhand organized a 5-a-side Men and Women Hockey tournament in Kashipur, along with organizing a 5-a-side Women’s match in Almora on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

HOCKEY ANDHRA PRADESH

GOANS HOCKEY

Players of Goans Hockey had a fun day in the rains as they set out to play a game of hockey to mark the occasion of Olympic Day celebrated on 23rd June, 2019.
HOCKEY MADHYA PRADESH

On the occasion of Olympic Day Hockey Madhya Pradesh organized exhibition matches in various districts to mark the occasion of Olympic Day celebrated on 23rd June, 2019.
Hockey Odisha on 23rd June, 2019 organized exhibition matches for Men and Women to celebrate the Olympic Day.
LE PUDUCHERRY HOCKEY

HOCKEY PUNJAB

As a part of the Olympic Day Celebrations, Hockey Punjab on 23rd June, 2019 organized KGM Hockey Tournament for the Junior Women at Lyallpur Khalsa College and matches for Junior Men at the Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, in Jalandhar.
TRIPURA HOCKEY

Tripura Hockey on 23rd June 2019 organized a friendly matches for Men and Women along with the lecture on the importance of the Olympic Day.
Andhra Hockey Association on the special day of Olympics Day Celebration on 23rd June, 2019 organized a major hockey activity for around 1100 players in ananthapuramu district to enjoy the spirit of the game.
Bengal Hockey Association celebrated the competitive spirit of Olympism on Olympic Day 2019 with a hockey tournament.
Hockey Patiala celebrated Olympic Day by organizing matches for 4 different categories of teams- Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Men and Junior Women.
12 teams took part in a Hockey Tournament conducted by Bengaluru Hockey Association on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23 June, 2019.
An exhibition match for the Women's Team and a friendly match for the Veterans was organized by Hockey Bhopal to mark the celebration of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
HOCKEY CHANDIGARH

Hockey Chandigarh marked Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 by organizing matches for Men and Women teams.
Hockey Coorg celebrated Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 by conducting friendly matches for the U-16 Men and Women.
HOCKEY HIM

Friendly matches were organized for Men and Women in different age categories including U-17, U-14, U-19 by Hockey HIM as part of their Olympic Day celebrations on 23rd June, 2019.
THE MUMBAI HOCKEY ASSOCIATION LTD.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

Punjab & Sind Bank, Zonal Office, Jalandhar celebrated Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 by organizing a blood donation camp.
Here's a glimpse of how the Sports Authority of Gujarat Hockey Academy celebrated the Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
ACADEMY MEMBER

R.Y.D.T. HOCKEY ACADEMY

On the eve of the Olympic day celebrations, R.Y.D.T. Hockey Academy organized Hockey 5-a-side tournaments in its residential academy situated in Anantapur Sports Village (ASV) as well as in its 9 partnered Government Schools and 3 ASA Hockey development centers situated across the district of Anantapur.
Mata Sahib Kaur Hockey Academy Jarkhar - Ludhiana celebrated Olympic Day in Ludhiana on 23rd June by organizing a hockey match between Jarkhar Hockey Academy and Ghuddaddi schools at Mata Sahib Kaur Campus.
Here’s a glimpse of the Olympic Day celebration by Olympian Vivek Singh Academy at Varanasi.
SDT HOCKEY NILGIRIS ACADEMY

Over 100 students participated in a 14-team Tournament held by the SDT Hockey Nilgiris Academy on 22nd and 23rd June, 2019 as a part of the Olympic Day celebration.
BABA UTTAM SINGH NATIONAL HOCKEY ACADEMY

Akashdeep Singh interacted with players from Baba Uttam Singh National Hockey Academy Khadur Sahib and was felicitated ahead of Olympic Day on 22nd June, 2019.
MALWA HOCKEY ACADEMY HANUMANGARH

As a part of Olympic celebrations on 23rd June, 2019, Malwa Hockey Academy Hanumangarh conducted an Olympic Day Run and an Exhibition Match.
ASHWINI SPORTS ACADEMY

To celebrate Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019 Ashwini Sports Academy organized Cross Country Run to spread awareness of the important day among the youth.
JAI BHARAT HOCKEY ACADEMY

Jai Bharat Hockey Academy celebrated Olympic Day in Kurukshetra on 23rd June, 2019 by conducting a series of lectures on the importance of the day.
In a bid to celebrate Olympic Day, Salute Hockey Academy organized a mini tournament for U-14 and U-17 Men and Women on 23rd June, 2019.
RAJA KARAN HOCKEY ACADEMY

Raja Karan Hockey Academy organized March Past and exhibition Matches on the Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
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MARKANDESHWAR HOCKEY ACADEMY

Markandeshwar Hockey Academy organized exhibition Matches for Men and Women on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
HOC-KEY MEMBER

CITIZEN HOCKEY XI

Citizen Hockey XI organized Olympic Day celebrations in New Delhi by organizing a Hockey 5-a-side tournament for various age groups for men on 23rd June, 2019.
MUMBAI SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The U-12 and U-14 Tournament was conducted by the Mumbai Schools Sports Association for Men and Women on the occasion of Olympic Day on 23rd June, 2019.
HISTORY OF INDIA AT OLYMPIC GAMES

India first participated at the Olympic Games in 1900, with a lone athlete (Norman Pritchard) winning two silver medals in athletics. The nation first sent its team to the Summer Olympic Games in 1920, and has participated in every Summer Games since then. India has also competed at several Winter Olympic Games beginning in 1964. Indian athletes have won a total of 28 medals, all at the Summer Games. For a period of time, the Indian national field hockey team was dominant in Olympic competition, winning eleven medals in twelve Olympics between 1920 and 1980. The run included 8 gold medals in which six gold medals were in succession from 1928–1956.

India’s Olympic delegation in the early Olympic Games were as follows:

- 1900: One athlete
- 1920: 6 competitors (four athletes, two wrestlers)
- 1924: 14 competitors (seven athletes, seven tennis players)
- 1928: 21 competitors (seven athletes and a hockey team of 14)
- 1932: 20 competitors (four athletes, one swimmer, and a hockey team of 15)
- 1936: 27 competitors (four athletes, three wrestlers, one Burmese weight-lifter, and a hockey team of 19)
- 1948: 79 competitors
- 1952: 64 competitors

From 1948 onward, because of the Indian Olympic Association’s wider outreach, India began sending delegations of over 50 sportspersons representing several sports – each selected by its sports federation – to the Olympics.

The 2012 Summer Olympics saw an 83-member Indian contingent participating in the games, and set a new best for the country with a total of six medals. Wrestler Sushil Kumar became the first Indian with multiple individual Olympic medals since Norman Pritchard in 1900. However, both of Norman Pritchard's medals were Silver, while Sushil Kumar had one Silver and one Bronze.

At the 2016 Summer Olympics, a record number of 118 athletes competed. Sakshi Malik became the first Indian woman wrestler to win an Olympic medal with her bronze medal finish in Women’s freestyle 58 kg category. Shuttler P. V. Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in Olympics and also the youngest Indian Olympic medallist.
HISTORY OF HOCKEY IN OLYMPICS

Hockey, or more specifically, field hockey, was introduced at the Olympic Games as a men's event at the 1908 Games in London, with six teams, including four from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Field hockey was removed from the Summer Olympic Games at the 1924 Paris Games because of the lack of an international sporting structure. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) was founded in Paris that year as a response to field hockey's omission. Men's field hockey became a permanent feature at the next Olympic Games in Amsterdam in 1928.

For a long time, India dominated the Olympics, winning the men's gold medal in seven out of eight Olympics from 1928 to 1964.

The first women's Olympic field hockey event was held at the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. Olympic field hockey games were first played on artificial turf at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.

Until 1988 the Olympics were invitational, however FIH introduced qualification system for the Olympic Games since the 1992 games. India is the leading team in overall medal tally with 11 medals (8 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze). India also lead in most number of Gold medals.
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