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Marking this very special year as the Indian Men & Women Hockey Team head for the Rio Olympics with confidence and zeal to win a medal, we at Hockey India celebrated the Olympic Day on 23 June 2016 via a unique pan India initiative. Rejoicing in the celebrations, 35 Hockey India member units conducted various activities across the country from quiz series at NGOs to various exhibition matches.

The sole idea was to create more awareness on the philosophy of the Olympics. The various events organized under the supervision of Hockey India to celebrate Olympic Day helped hundreds of participants to know, understand and value the Olympics ideology and to highlight Hockey’s role in making India shine at the Olympics.
Hockey India Celebrates The Spirit Of The Sport This Olympic Day via A Unique Pan India Initiative

On this day on 23 June 1894, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was born turning Pierre de Coubertin’s dream into a reality. Marking this day every year as IOC’s official birthday, sports organizations encourage people to get active and engage in sports and celebrate the spirit of unity through various local events and activities.

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Some highlights include the Coonoor based SDT Hockey Academy functioning under Hockey India celebrated The International Olympic Day at Arignar Anna Government Higher Secondary School ground in Coonoor wherein more than 150 players participated. Exhibition matches were held amongst various teams who displayed enormous zeal and enthusiasm while taking part in this celebration. Also, on the occasion Mr Balamurugan, Secretary of Hockey Nilgiris enlisted the activities of the Association aimed at producing quality players and young umpires through the help of Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu and Hockey India via periodic workshops, coaching seminars and visit by experts.

Similarly, Hockey Andhra Pradesh and Rural Development Trust, Anantapuramu jointly commemorated the Olympic Day celebrations by organizing a goodwill Hockey Match between the AP Youth Women Hockey Team and RDT Hockey Academy Team at Anantapur. Various dignitaries attended the event and conveyed best wishes to the Indian Men & Women Hockey Teams taking part in the upcoming Olympic Games at Rio 2016.

Likewise, Hockey Karnataka also hosted the Olympic Day celebrations by organizing exhibition match for women between Stars Eleven vs Christ College. Hockey Mizoram celebrated their Olympic Day by conducting matches for both the men and women. Assam Hockey also organised Olympic Day celebrations 2016 at Guwahati by hosting Men’s Friendship Match. The Mumbai Hockey Association also celebrated the Olympic Day by conducting exhibition matches. Hockey Haryana also celebrated Olympic Day by hosting matches (Men & Women) at the Astro-Turf field in Sonepat. Hockey Maharashtra celebrated the Olympic Day by hosting friendly matches at the Khadki Cantonment ground. Present on the occasion were Olympians Ajit Lakra and Vikram Pillay who were felicitated by Mrs Pooja Manish Anand, Member of Khadki Cantonment Board. Senior Player from yesteryears, Mr Felix Bernard was also felicitated on the occasion.

In New Delhi, a special Quiz and exhibition matches marked the Olympics Day celebrations at One Thousand Hockey Legs, a project of Delhi based NGO Hockey Citizen Group. Hockey Citizen Group is a Hoc-Key member of Hockey India. Hockey Citizen Group, through its OTHL Project, works at grassroots level to bring more children into the realm of hockey as a preferred sport. This was followed by an exhibition match between One Thousand Hockey Legs XI and Govt Boys School, which ended in a 2-2 draw.
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Delhi Hockey joined the Olympic Day celebrations by hosting a special event to promote the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect.
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The Olympic Day celebrations by The Mumbai Hockey Association Ltd. with an exhibition match.
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ACADEMY MEMBERS

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MSK Jarkhar Hockey Academy celebrated the Olympic Day with an exhibition match.
OLYMPIAN VIVEK SINGH HOCKEY ACADEMY

An exhibition match to mark the Olympic Day celebration of Vivek Singh Hockey Academy.
RV ACADEMY OF HOCKEY

RV Academy celebrated the **Olympic Day** with a match at a grass root level.
The SDT Hockey Nilgiris Academy collaborated a friendly match with the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu to celebrate the Olympic day.
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Hockey India and its Members wishes the Indian Men & Women Hockey Teams Good Luck for the Rio Olympics 2016