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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SOCIETY

NEHRU HOCKEY CALENDAR RELEASED

SEASON STARTS WITH GIRLS' TOURNAMENT ON OCT 9

NEW DELHI - Oct 1:

Nehru hockey season - longest chain of tournaments in the country - gets underway with the start of Charanjit Rai 32nd Nehru Girls hockey on for Oct. 9, 2026 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

Thirty top teams of the country in under 17 sections will participate in 11-day event. Mr Jang Bahadur Singh, MD Sangha Group and Ms Mamta Kharab, former India captain and Olympian are likely esteemed guests on the second Friday of October in a colourful march past at 2.00 pm.

Final of the tournament will be played at 2-30 pm on Oct 19.

The girls (under-17) event will be followed by Sardar Manmohan Singh 43rd Nehru sub junior boys (under-15) hockey from Oct 21 to 31, 2026, informed Mr Kukoo Walia Secretary General of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society while releasing the calendar.

Kanwarji Construction 54th Nehru junior boys (under-17) would hold at the same venue from Nov 1 to 12, he said adding that most teams for age-group competitions come through pre-Nehru tournaments held across the States and UTs.

The age-group competitions, Mr Walia, announced would be played in three phases.

First phase would have 15 teams divided into five groups of three each. Winner of each group will make it to phase II where they would be joined by seven teams seeded on the basis of their past performances.

Phase II would have 12 teams divided into four groups. Top team from each group will make it to Phase III, where these teams would be joined by eight seeded teams. These 12 teams will figure in four groups.

Winner of each Phase III group will make it to the knock out semi-finals of tournament.

The feature event of season SNBP 62nd Nehru Senior hockey for men will be staged, after a brief break, from Dec 15 to 26. Teams from Indian Railways, Indian Oil, Indian Air Force, the Navy and Army, PSB and Canara Bank will be the main attraction apart from others.

The last tourney of the season SNBP 5th Nehru women's hockey will be hosted from Dec 27, 2026 to Jan 3.

The women's tournament is being revived this year after a break.

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