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### *From the President's Desk*

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, which has entered its Golden Jubilee this year, will honour three of its living Founder Members, viz Shri Ashwani Kumar, Dr V.K. Malhotra and Shri I.M. Kapur, on the occasion of the final of the 50<sup>th</sup> Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament on November 25, 2013. The contribution of these veteran administrators to give the Society a proper stature and identity for the past five decades or so can never be forgotten. We recall with gratitude their valuable contributions to our national game of Hockey.



I am happy to announce that the Society has roped in Steelbird International as Title Sponsor of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Nehru Junior (Boys u-17 years) Hockey Tournament. The other two flagship tournaments of the Society viz Nehru Girls (u-17 years) has always been supported by the NDMC and the Nehru Sub-Junior (Boys u-15 years) Hockey Tournament was last year supported by Hockey India. We hope that this year also Hockey India will support the Society. We are confident that such fine gesture on their part will go a long way in promoting the game of Hockey in the country.

India's national teams, both men and women, continue to disappoint and struggle at International competitions. In the just concluded FIH World Hockey League Round-3 at Rotterdam, Indian men finished sixth and their women counterparts managed to avoid the wooden spoon and ended seventh. Both men and women's teams have to win the Asia Cup to qualify for next year's edition of the World Cup.

Back-home, the third edition of Hockey India's Six Nationals, viz Senior men and women, Junior men and women and Sub-Junior boys and girls, were conducted successfully at different venues.

*(Signature)*

**Arun Subhashchandra Yadav**

## NEHRU HOCKEY SOCIETY TO HONOUR THREE LIVING FOUNDER FATHERS

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society will honour three living legends, out of a total of 25 founder-members, on the final day of the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Senior Nehru Hockey Tournament on November 25, 2013. The three living founder-members of the Society are Shri Ashwani Kumar, Dr Vijay Kumar Malhotra and Shri I.M. Kapur.

Ninety three year old Padma Director-General of the Border Security and International Awards in his illustrious and coveted Olympic Order. He was Chef de Olympics. He was President of the Indian



**Shri Ashwani Kumar**

Bhushan Shri Ashwani Kumar retired as the Force (BSF) in 1978 and has won many National career, including Padma Bhushan and the most Mission in 1960 (Rome) and 1964 (Tokyo) Hockey Federation for 16 years.

Dr Vijay Kumar Malhotra is a 1931 at Lahore (Pakistan), Dr Malhotra did from the PG DAV College, Delhi. He was the Administration from 1967 to 1972. He was 1968-1971 and now Leader of Opposition in



**Dr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra**

versatile personality. Born on 3<sup>rd</sup> December in his M.A. Ph.D and retired as Senior Lecturer Chief Executive Councilor of the then Delhi the Vice-President of the JNHT Society during Delhi Vidhan Sabha, elected in 2008.

Shri I.M. Kapur is associated with Founder of the Society. He was an active the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Hyderabad. At present he is Chairman and 2008.



**Shri I.M. Kapur**

the Society since its inception in 1964 as member of the first Organising Committee of in 1964. He is a leading business man of M.D. of Gooncha Villa Hill Pvt Ltd.elected in

### STEELBIRD INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT 42<sup>ND</sup> NEHRU JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (BOYS U-17 YEARS)

The Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society has been fortunate all these 50 years of its existence to have the support and guidance of individuals and groups whose sole objectives have always been to help promote sports in general and Hockey in the country in particular.

The Society is proud to announce that M/s Steelbird International, a first among names to be reckoned for automobile components, have agreed to associate themselves with the Society by



sponsoring the 42<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Junior Nehru Hockey Tournament (for boys under-17 years) to be conducted during October 30 and November 14 this year. This giant industrial Organization have been one of the pioneers in this country to come forward and associate themselves for the promotion and betterment of the country's national game of Hockey. The Society is really indebted to Shri Ramesh Kapur, Chairman & Shri Pankaj Kapur, Managing Director, Steelbird International for their fine gesture in sponsoring the 42<sup>nd</sup> Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament.

## NDMC SUPPORT 20<sup>TH</sup> NEHRU GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (U-17 YEARS)

The NDMC which is providing financial grant to conduct the Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament for the last so many years has agreed to support the 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament this year also. We are grateful to the NDMC and particularly its dynamic



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Chairperson Ms. Archana Arora for their continued support to the Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society.



### HOCKEY INDIA

## HOCKEY INDIA TO SUPPORT 31<sup>ST</sup> NEHRU SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT (BOYS U-15 YEARS)

The Sub-Junior (Boys U-15 years) Nehru Hockey Tournament was provided grant-in-aid by the Hockey India which is at present controlling body of the hockey administration in the country. We have

again requested Hockey India to support the 31<sup>st</sup> Sub-Junior Boys under 15 Nehru Hockey Tournament and I am sure the Hockey India will accede to our request, said the Secretary, Shri Kukoo Walia.

## REEBOK FIH WORLD LEAGUE FOR MEN ROUND-3 AT ROTTERDAM (THE NETHERLANDS) JUNE 13-23, 2013. INCONSISTENT INDIA'S MEN'S TEAM FINISH SIXTH

Indian men's hockey team's chances of making it to the next year's World Cup shrunk after it finished a poor sixth in the Reebok FIH World Hockey League Round-3 at Rotterdam. The team has now the tough task of a 'must-win' at the Asia Cup in August this year to secure a place in the next year's World Cup to be held at the same venue. The coveted Asia Cup, the Continent's second biggest championship, is scheduled to be held in Ipoh (Malaysia).

The Sardar Singh – led Indian team were placed in Pool-B in the eight team championship alongwith the hosts the Netherlands, New Zealand and Ireland. Pool-A had Australia, Belgium, Spain and France. The Indian team's main objective was to grab one of the three spots available for qualification for the 2014 World Cup. At least a top five spot here would have made India a potential candidate to make the cut for the next year's World Cup. But unfortunately that was not to be.

The Indian team's performance, thus, was a big let-down. In its six matches, India managed just one win,

against lower-ranked France in the match to decide 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> places. The team played draws against Ireland (4-4) and New Zealand (3-3) apart from going down to Australia (5-1), the Netherlands (2-0) and Spain (4-2).

Then came some consolation for the Indian team in the form of a win over France in the 5-8 classification match. In a tense play-off game against Spain, India lost on penalties to the higher ranked team to finish sixth.

In the Semi-finals, Belgium beat New Zealand 3-2 while Australia ousted hosts the Netherlands 4-3. In the summit clash. Belgium beat the World No. 2 twice in this competition having earlier scored 3-1 in their Pool match.

The next qualifier for the 2014 men's World Cup will be held at Johar Bahru (Malaysia) during June 29 – July 7 this year.

**Final Standing :** 1. Belgium, 2. Australia, 3. The Netherlands, 4. New Zealand, 5. Spain, 6. India, 7. Ireland, 8. France.

**REEBOK FIH WORLD HOCKEY LEAGUE FOR WOMEN ROUND-3  
AT ROTTERDAM (THE NETHERLANDS) JUNE 13-23, 2013.  
INDIAN WOMEN TEAM HUMBLLED**

The Indian Women's team edged out a hard-fought 2-1 win over lower-ranked Chile in a play-off match to avoid the wooden spoon and finish seventh in the FIH World League Round-3 in Rotterdam. Like their men counterparts, the Indian women's team's lone success in this tournament was its win over Chile, who are World ranked No. 18 in comparison to India's 12<sup>th</sup> place. And like the Indian men, the women's team also 'must-win' the Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur in September this year to make it to next year's World Cup.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA'S SENIOR MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
(MAY 28 – JUNE 10, 2013) AT PUNE (MAHARASHTRA)  
AIR INDIA UPSET DEFENDING CHAMPIONS PUNJAB**

Hockey India's third edition of Senior Men's National Championship, organized jointly by Hockey Maharashtra and Coorg Sports Management, was conducted at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex (Balewadi) and Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, (Pimpri) in Pune.

Punjab began their title defence in the final as firm favourites. A well-drilled and disciplined Air India routed Punjab with stunning field goals. At the end Punjab went down 2-6 and lost the crown. Karnataka beat Haryana 3-2 to finish third.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA'S SENIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013  
AT LUCKNOW (APRIL 18-30, 2013)  
HARYANA TOPPLE RAILWAYS**

As many as 28 teams including defending Champions Railways participated in the 13-day Hockey National Championship, held at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in the Guru Govind Singh Sports College, Lucknow. Incidentally, Lucknow hosted a National after a long time.

In the Semi-final, Railways beat Jharkhand 2-1 and Haryana beat Punjab 3-1. In the final, a repeat of last year's summit clash in Bhopal, where Haryana upset defending Champion Railways 4-1.

**SHRI PANKAJ KAPUR THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY**



Shri Pankaj Kapur, Managing Director, Steelbird International was honoured at the AGM of JNHT Society. The Steelbird International is the Title sponsor of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Nehru Junior Boys Hockey Tournament. Steelbird is also sponsoring our Newsletter.

Shri U.C. Sarangi, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Gwalior a very prominent member of the Society honouring Shri Pankaj Kapur.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA'S JUNIOR MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013**  
**AT RAI (SONEPAT) JUNE 4-13, 2013**  
**PUNJAB DEFEND CROWN**

The third edition of Hockey India's Junior Men's National Championship was held at the Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai (Sonapat) during June 4-13, 2013. As many as 30 State teams from across the country, including defending champions Punjab participated in the 10-day competition, which witnessed some high-class Hockey. These teams were divided into eight Pools.

Punjab outplayed MPHA in the first Semi-final. In the other Semi-final, Odisha beat Maharashtra 2-1. A brace by skipper Gaganpreet Singh helped defending champions Punjab beat Odisha 2-1 in the final. In the play-off for the third position, MPHA beat Maharashtra 5-4.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA'S JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013**  
**AT MORABADI (RANCHI) JHARKHAND, APRIL 19 – MAY 1, 2013.**  
**FIELD DAY FOR HARYANA**

Haryana Hockey is having a wonderful year. A day after their Senior women team's title win in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nationals at Lucknow, the State's Junior women's team claimed the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Hockey India's National Championship at the Morabadi's astro-turf Stadium in Ranchi (Jharkhand) during April 19 – May 1, 2013.

In the first Semi-final, Haryana beat Jharkhand 2-1 and MPHA ousted Punjab 8-0 in the other Semi-final.

The junior girls from Haryana beat MPHA 2-1 in the final to put their stamp firmly on the trophy. Jharkhand crushed Punjab 6-0 to claim the third position.

**GLIMPSES OF ANNUAL MEETINGS OF JNHT SOCIETY**



Managing Committee



Tournament Committee



Society Meeting

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA'S SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP (FINAL) 2013**  
**AT AISH BAGH STADIUM, BHOPAL (MAY 21-27, 2013)**  
**HARYANA CLAIM SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS TROPHY**

The third edition of Hockey India's Sub-Junior Girls National Championship was held at Bhopal during May 21-27. As many as 25 teams had participated in Zonal tournaments in April. The winners and runners-up of each of the four zones qualified for the final round in Bhopal. Like the boys category, eight teams were placed in two Pools and matches were played at the Aish Bagh and Mayur Park Stadium. Defending champions Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy (MPHA) was placed in Pool-A alongwith Odisha, Karnataka and Chandigarh. Pool-B had Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Maharashtra. In the league stage, defending champions MPHA topped Pool-A with nine points and Chandigarh stood second with six points. In Pool-B, Haryana emerged on top of the table with nine points while Jharkhand came second with six points. In the Semi-finals, a fine display by forwards in the penalty shoot-out guided Haryana to a 4-2 win over Chandigarh after the two teams were tied 2-2 at the end of the regulation time. MPHA beat Jharkhand 3-2 via a golden goal in the other Semi-final. MPHA, however, failed to defend the title this year when they went down 2-3 to Haryana in the final. Jharkhand beat Chandigarh 2-1 to claim the third place.

**3<sup>RD</sup> HOCKEY INDIA SUB-JUNIOR BOYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (FINALS) 2013**  
**(MAY 21-27, 2013) AT AISH BAGH HOCKEY STADIUM (BHOPAL)**  
**HAT-TRICK FOR ODISHA BOYS**

The third edition of Hockey India's Sub-Junior Boys National Championship was held at Bhopal. As many as 28 teams had participated in Zonal tournaments in April. The winners and runners-up teams of each of the four zones qualified for the final round in Bhopal. For the third time in a row, Odisha emerged champions by winning this year's final also, which was telecast Live on Doordarshan. Odisha registered a dominating 8-0 win over Jharkhand to claim the trophy. Odisha had earlier won this prestigious trophy at Rohtak (2011) and Gurgaon (2012). Punjab beat MPHA 1-0 to claim the third place scoring in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute through a penalty corner conversion by Arvinder Singh.

**SHRI ARUN BHATNAGAR, IAS JOINS JAWAHARLAL NEHRU HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SOCIETY**



JNHT Society feels honoured to announce that Shri Arun Bhatnagar, IAS, Former Secretary to the Government of India has joined the Society as Vice-President. Welcoming him into the JNHT Society, Secretary, Shri Kukoo Walia said his wise counsel and administrative

expertise would help the Society achieve its goal of promoting the National Game of Hockey at all levels.

Shri Samar Hamid, Director Administration, Hamdard Education Society also joined the Nehru Hockey family as Member.



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