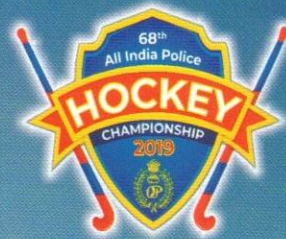


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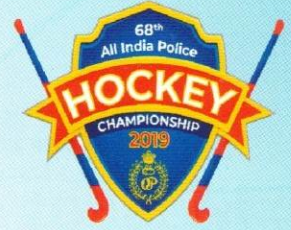
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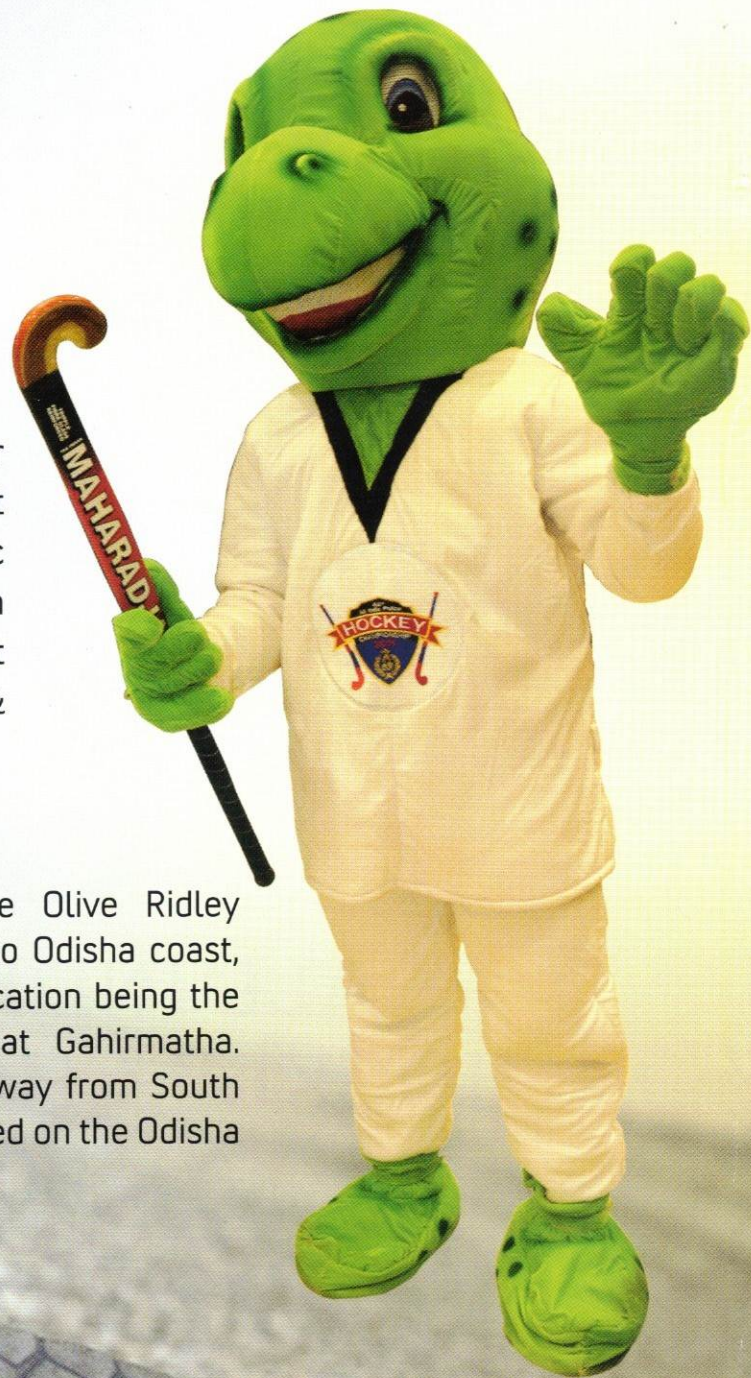
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Mascot of the Championship

“Olly” is the mascot of our championship. Adopted for the first time for the Asian Athletic Championship held in Bhubaneswar in 2017, ‘Olly’ is now the official mascot of Odisha for all its national & international sporting events.

Olly represents the Olive Ridley Turtle that returns to Odisha coast, one of the major location being the wildlife sanctuary at Gahirmatha. They travel all the way from South Pacific Ocean to breed on the Odisha coast.

Olive Ridleys are 'Vulnerable'. They come to Odisha coast for Arribada (mass nesting). Ecological damage to any of these nesting sites can cause huge repercussions on their population. To save these lovely creatures Odisha has made it mandatory for the trawlers to use “Turtle Excluder Devices” (TEDs) and has developed a model with community participation creating a safety net.





Foreword

The 68th Police Hockey Championship has given Odisha Police an opportunity to host together the best of Hockey talents from State and Central Police Organisations at the Sports Capital of India, Bhubaneswar. Sports has been an integral part of the Indian Police since British times. Police sports have, by now, moved into a club format with professional full-time sports persons representing various teams competing at the highest levels. Many of the players participating in this tournament are currently representing India or have represented our country in the past and there are many who may have missed national clours only by small competitive margins.

We expect hockey of the highest sporting quality played in the amazing facilities created by the Government of Odisha for hosting the Hockey World Cup in 2018.

May the best team win and more than that, let sports emerge a winner once again.

Sudhanshu Sarangi

(Sudhanshu Sarangi)

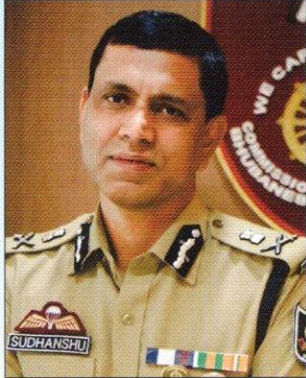
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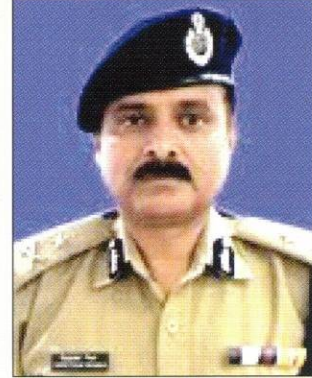
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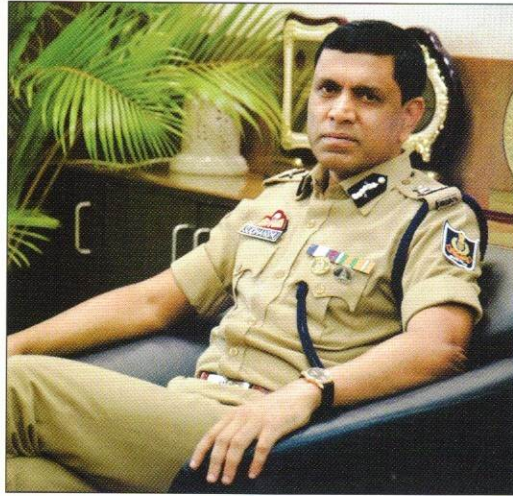
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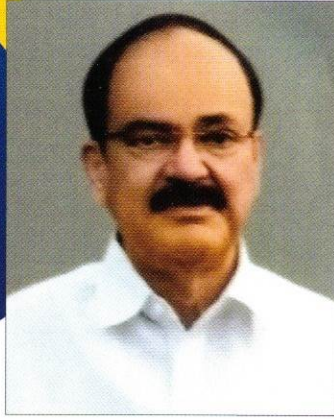
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M. Venkaiah Naidu
Vice-President of India

I am happy to learn that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being held from December 16-24, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

Sports and games occupy an important place in our lives. In addition to improving physical fitness, they also inspire values of sportsmanship and discipline and teach us to cooperate and work in a team.

Such sporting events foster camaraderie and esprit de corps amongst the police personnel and will certainly help in boosting their morale and efficiency.

I extend my greetings and good wishes to the organizers and the participants and wish the All India Police Hockey Championship all success.


(M. Venkaiah Naidu)



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Prof. Ganeshi Lal

Governor, Odisha

I am glad to know that **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is to be held from 16th to 24th December 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. A "Souvenir" is also being brought out to mark the event.

The hockey crazy Odisha is going to host another prestigious hockey event after a series of international events including FIH Men's Hockey World Cup at Kalinga Stadium which has emerged as one of the finest hockey grounds in the world. The Championship coming on the close heels of announcement of Odisha to again organise Hockey World Cup in 2023 generated great interest and enthusiasm among the hockey lovers as they would get to see quality hockey. The all India Police Hockey Championship has given the country many outstanding players. It is an honour for Odisha Police as it organises the Championship. I am sure the event will produce exciting hockey while fostering goodwill among the police fraternity.

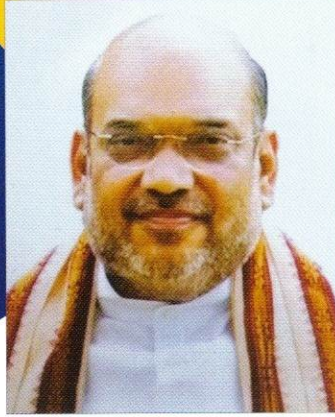
I wish the Championship and publication all success.

Ganeshi Lal

(Ganeshi Lal)



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Amit Shah

Home Minister, Govt. of India

I am glad to know that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship – 2019**, is being held from 16th to 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Orissa and a Souvenir is proposed to be published to mark this occasion.

I am indeed happy to observe that 38 teams from State Police and CAPFs will be participating in the championship. Sports promotes camaraderie-ship, team spirit and competitive attitude amongst the participants. These qualities are essential for uniformed force personnel who are engaged in dealing with a wide variety of challenges, as they bring the best out of them. I hope new talents emerge from this event.

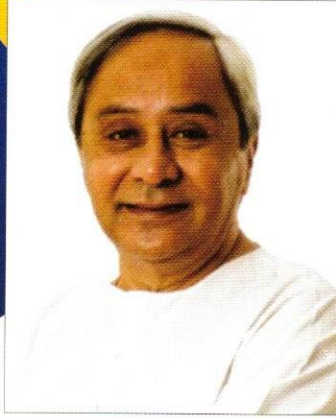
I am sure the participating teams from State and CAPFs will thoroughly enjoy this event and utilize this platform to strengthen their fraternity.

On this grand occasion, I convey my best wishes to all the participating teams.

(Amit Shah)



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Naveen Patnaik
Chief Minister, Odisha

I am glad to know that the Odisha Police is organising the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship 2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar during December 16-24, 2019 under the aegis of All India Police Sports Central Board and a commemorative souvenir is also being brought out on this occasion.

I extend my warm greetings to all the participating teams and wish the All India Police Hockey Championship-2019 a grand success.

(Naveen Patnaik)



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I am glad to know that **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** will be held from 16th to 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Such events foster cooperation among Police personnel, promote team spirit and also provide opportunities to improve one's skills. Police forces in India have contributed outstanding sports persons of national and international standing. I am sure, this championship will provide an opportunity to the participants to complete and prove their excellence.

I convey my best wishes to all the participants and the Organizers to success in their endeavour.

(Kiren Rijju)



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Shri Tusharkanti Behera

Minister of State (Ind. Charge)
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I am glad to know that 68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019 is going to organise on 16 to 24, December 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. A souvenir also being brought out mark this event.

Sports are integral part human life and it plays vital role in the overall development of individual personality. The objective of organising the championship is to motivate the younger generation. It helps to give them a suitable platform to hone up their skills.

Odisha government has special attention for the improvement of sports infrastructure. According to ability and achievement of the player they are motivated by due rewards.

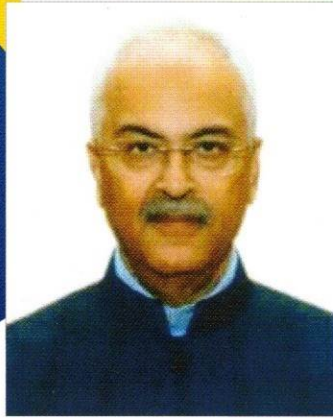
I extend my best wishes for the success of the championship and publication of the souvenir.

Tusharkanti Behera

(Tusharkanti Behera)



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Ajay Bhalla, IAS

Home Secretary
Government of India

I am pleased to learn that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship – 2019** is being held from 16th – 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

A Competition of this nature will bring out the best skills of participants. I am sure that organizing such a Championship will provide an appropriate platform to the Police fraternity in the country to display their skills and proficiency in the true spirit of games. I have been told that 38 teams from State Police and CAPFs are participating in the Championship this year.

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the organizers and the participants of all the State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces and wish the Competition all success.

(Ajay Bhalla)



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A.P. Maheshwari, IPS

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I am extremely happy to know that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being organized from 16-24 December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

A competition of this nature will bring out the best skills of the participants. I am sure that organizing such a Championship will provide an appropriate platform to the Police fraternity in the country to display their skills and proficiency in the true spirit of games.

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the organizers and the participants of all State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces who are participating in this Competition and wish the Competition all success.

A. P. Maheshwari
(A.P. Maheshwari)



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Government of India
New Delhi



Arvinda Kumar, IPS

Director, IB & Chairman

All India Police Sports Control Board

I am happy to know that the Odisha Police is organising the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Bhubaneswar from December 16 to 24, 2019.

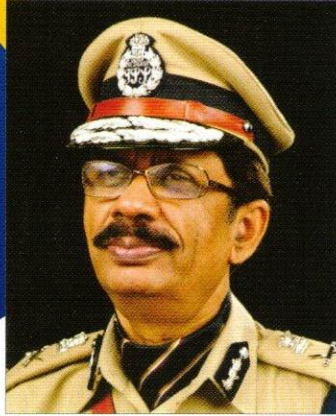
Hockey is a game that builds up stamina, strength and quick reflexes of body and mind, and is particularly popular with the Police forces in the country. It has been a matter of great pride for us that the Police forces of the country have produced a battery of outstanding Hockey players at National and International levels. Out of the 73 recipients of the Arjuna Awards among the Police sportspersons, so far, as many as, 11 are Hockey players. I am confident that in keeping with the past traditions, the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship would be tremendous success.

I wish Championship, its participants and organisers all success.

(Arvinda Kumar)



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Abhay, IPS

Director General of Police
Odisha

It is a matter of great pride that Odisha Police is organizing the **68th edition of All India Police Hockey Championship from 16th to 24th December, 2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar

Games & Sports not only play a vital role in building physical fitness of the police personnel but also inculcate a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among the participants.

I feel privileged to be a part of Organizing Committee and am sure that this Championship will be conducted in an atmosphere of healthy competition and true sportsman spirit.

I convey my best wishes to all the participants and organizers and wish the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship a grand success.

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Rishi Kumar Shukla, IPS

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Game of Hockey happens to be very popular in India. It finds special place in the State of Odisha. Our Players have earned lot of laurels in this field including in international arena. Efforts of Odisha Police to organise **68th All India Police Hockey Championship, 2019** at Bhubaneswar are commendable.

It is my firm belief that scheduled Hockey Championship event will further enhance popularity of the game especially amongst the Police fraternity. This will also contribute in enhancing good health and stamina of Police Personnel. My best wishes to the Organisers of the event for all the success.

Good Luck !

(Rishi Kumar Shukla)



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Vivek Johri, IPS
Director General
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I am happy to know that Odisha Police is hosting **68th All India Police Hockey Championship- 2019** under aegis of All India Police Sports Control Board.

Hockey is a sporting event that tests physical strength, endurance, agility and mental tenacity. It is a sport that requires a high degree of physical fitness, stamina and mental concentration. The achievements of the Indian players in this event were significant during Olympic game. Beside building a sense of Camaraderie amongst the participants such events provide a healthy platform to players to exhibit their skills and match their expertise with their compatriots in a competitive manner.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to the participants and the organizers and wish them all success in their endeavour.


(Vivek Johri)



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Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, IPS

Director General
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I am glad to know that the Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December-2019.

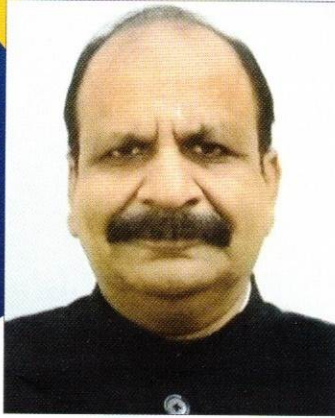
Such competitions provide opportunity to Police personnel from various State Polices and Central Armed Forces to get together and display their excellence & talents and in bringing out the best in them. It fosters greater exchange and understanding among the personnel belonging to different regions, thereby promoting national integration.

On behalf of Central Reserve Police Force, I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to Odisha Police for organizing this Hockey Championship and convey my best wishes to the Organizing Committee as well as participants for the grand success of the event.

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Yogesh Chander Modi, IPS

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I am happy to learn that Odisha Police is organizing **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019**, at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, from 16th to 24th December, 2019 and is bringing out a souvenir on this occasion.

Sports activity is an important component for healthy living. It instills discipline, confidence, competitiveness, hard work and excellence; values that are necessary for success in life. I am sure that the Hockey Championship at Bhubaneswar would encourage sportsmanship among the Police personnel all over India.

I convey my best wishes to Odisha Police, organizers of the tournament and all the participants for the success of 68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019.

(Yogesh Chander Modi)



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Arun Kumar Sinha, IPS

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Government of India

I am very happy to learn that Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019 from December 16 to 24, 2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all participants of the competition and wish the event a grand success. I am sure the games will go a long way in promoting professionalism among the Police personnel.

May the sportsman spirit prevail in the highest traditions of the competition. I take this opportunity to wish Odisha Police the very best in organizing a vibrant and successful championship.

(Arun Kumar Sinha)



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Kumar Rajesh Chandra, IPS

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It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Odisha Police is organizing the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019.

Hockey is one of the most popular game in India. I am sure that the healthy competition during the tournament will highlight the glory of the game and encourage enhanced participation in future. It will, as a team game, inculcate the esprit de corps amongst the team members which is key for any Police Organization.

I take this opportunity to extend my greetings to all the participants and the organizers of the Championship and wish them success in their endeavour.

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I am happy to learn that the Odisha Police is organizing the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December-2019.

Tournaments of this nature provide an opportunity to the police personnel to exhibit their talent and skills, besides contributing to promoting understanding and cooperation among para military and State Police forces. I am confident that the participants will compete with a spirit of camaraderie and will also spread the message of peace and harmony through sports.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations of Odisha Police for organizing this competition and convey my best wishes to all the members of the Organizing Committee and the participants for the success of the championship.

(Rajesh Ranjan)



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Satya Narayan Pradhan, IPS

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I am happy to know that Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship -2019** from 16th to 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Sports and games play a vital role in the life of policemen by promoting physical fitness, nurturing esprit-de-corps, sportsman spirit and overall personality development.

I am sure that this competition will provide a unique opportunity for police personnel to develop their skills and inculcate a spirit of healthy competition.

I convey my warm wishes to all the participants and organizers for a grand success of the championship.

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I am immensely happy to know that the Odisha Police is organizing the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019**, from 16 to 24 December, 2019, at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, and a souvenir is being brought out to commemorate this occasion.

I firmly believe that such an event would provide an opportunity for healthy competition and afford useful learning experience to all the participants. Police sporting event, on such a scale, would also foster spirit of camaraderie amongst the serving police personnel participating in the event.

I convey my best wishes to the organizers and participants for a successful event!

(V.S.K. Kaumudi)



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I am happy to learn that Odisha Police is organizing the **'68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019'** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16-24 December, 2019.

The Championship shall provide opportunity to various State Police & Central Armed Police Forces to get together and display their excellence and talent in sports and bringing out the finest and best potential sportspersons for the country. State Police forces and CAPF's are making significant contribution towards Indian teams and winning medals in International arena.

I am sure this Championship will be played in the best traditions of All India Police Games and make this championship a tremendous success.

I extend my felicitation to all the participants and organizers and wish "A.I.P.H.C. -2019" a grand success.


(S. S. Deswal) 9/10



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Arun Kumar, IPS

Director General, RPF
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Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

I am glad to learn that the Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** from 16th to 24th December – 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

Sports keeps a person physically and mentally fit, irrespective age, colour, caste or creed. Police personnel have to perform arduous jobs under challenging circumstances and need to remain physically and mentally fit to perform their duties to the expectation of the general public. Uniformed men proficient in sports prove to be assets to their organizations. Sports event like this inculcate a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among the participating players, coming from different parts of the country.

My sincere appreciation goes to the organizers for the initiative and organizing acumen. I convey my best wishes to the competitors for their performance.

(Arun Kumar)



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Dependra Pathak, IPS

Director General of Police
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I am extremely happy to know that Odisha Police is Organizing **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019.

The All India Championship provides an excellent opportunity to Police hockey players to demonstrate their sporting skills and also create mutual cooperation, brotherhood, to plug their weak points while playing and an opportunity to interact among the participating teams and players. It is a unique occasion for participants coming from various States and U.Ts to bring honour to themselves and their respective forces.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to the Odisha Police for hosting the championship and convey my best wishes to all members of the organizing committee and the participants for the success of the event.

(Dependra Pathak)



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R.P. Upadhyaya, IPS

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I am extremely happy to know that Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship - 2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar w.e.f. 16th to 24th December - 2019.

The competitions such as these provide opportunity to various State Police and Central Armed Forces to get together and display their excellence and talents and in bringing out the finest and best.

I am sure this event will be conducted in an atmosphere of healthy competition and would also foster camaraderie among different Forces.

I extend my felicitations to all the participants and organizers and wish the meet a grand success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'R.P. Upadhyaya'.

(R.P. Upadhyaya)



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Kuladhar Saikia, IPS

Director General of Police
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I am happy to know that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being organized and hosted by the Odisha Police from 16th to 24th December-2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

The event will enable the participants to endeavour for excellence in the field of sports. Such championship promotes national integration besides fostering spirit-de-corps.

I extend my best wishes to all the participants in this championship and wish the organizers a grand success.

(Kuladhar Saikia)



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Gupteshwar Pandey, IPS

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I am happy to learn that Odisha Police is hosting **68th All India Police Hockey Championship–2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December – 2019.

Sports play a key role in strengthening the bonds of unity and national integrity among us. I do firmly believe that this competition will nourish camaraderie, friendship and healthy interaction among police personnel participating from every corner of our country. Apart from this it will also act as a platform in identifying fresh and emerging talents among police personnel ; who can be groomed to achieve exahable heights at national & international levels.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers and the participants for the successful conduct of this event.

(Gupteshwar Pandey)



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D.M. Awasthi, IPS

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I am glad to know that the Odisha Police is hosting the **“68th All India Police Hockey Championship 2019”** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) from 16 to 24 December 2019. Odisha Police has a glorious history of organising such events.

Games and sports play vital role in the overall development of personality and improving professional skills. They not only improve physical fitness but also develop the team spirit and self confidence. I am sure that championship will provide opportunity to the participants to exhibit their prowess and promote a sense of camaraderie among the Police Forces in the country.

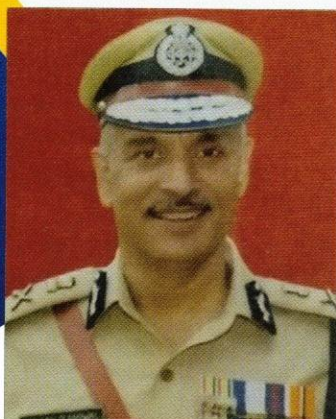
I extend my felicitation and good wishes to organizers and participants for the success of the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship 2019.

(D.M. Awasthi)



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Sanjay Baniwal, IPS

Director General of Police
Union Territory, Chandigarh

I am happy to know that Odisha Police is organized **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019.

I firmly believe that games and sports promote a spirit of cooperation and camaraderie. They also play a pivotal role in shaping the culture of forces and provide a refreshing recess from regular stressful tiring duties.

I take the opportunity to convey my greetings and best wishes to the members of the Organizing Committee, Editorial Board of the Souvenir and all the participants of the event for a successful 68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019.

(Sanjay Baniwal)



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Sita Ram Mardi, IPS

Director General of Police
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I am pleased to learn that Odisha Police is hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019.

The Sports and Games are essential for keeping our Police force in a fine fettle and high morale. These foster in them high spirit of discipline and cooperation, which help them in performance of their official duties efficiently.

I take the opportunity to wish all the participating teams success and hope that they will be able to display their talents and skills in the best traditions of the sports. I extend my best wishes to all the participants and organizers for the success of championship.

Jai Hind !

(Sita Ram Mardi)

**Manoj Yadava, IPS**

Director General of Police
Haryana

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Odisha Police is organizing the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** from 16th to 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar and is also bringing out a Souvenir to mark this grand event.

Competitive sports provide a unique opportunity for police officers across ranks to meet on equal footing in a spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition. I am confident that the championship will help in infusing a sprit of sportsmanship and discipline among the participating police personnel. I also hope that the occasion will promote unity, brotherhood and co-operation among participants and help them in imbibing qualities like perseverance, competitiveness and commitment.

Indian Police has a glorious heritage of contributing to the growth and development of Hockey in India. It has contributed many captains and outstanding players to Indian Hockey team and this tournament is the nursery where such talent is identified and nurtured.

I wish great success to the organizers and participants of the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019.

(Manoj Yadava)



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Dilbag Singh, IPS
Director General of Police
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I am pleased to know that Odisha Police is organizing **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December 2019 and a Souvenir is being brought out to mark the occasion.

I hope that this championship shall be a step forward to assist in indentifying the talent with potential to excel at National and International level besides providing the sports persons a unique platform towards healthy competitions.

On this occasion, I send my greetings to all the participants, officials and organizers and do hope the Event shall be a huge success.

(Dilbag Singh)



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Kamal Nayan Choubey, IPS

Director General of Police, Jharkhand

I am glad to know that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being organized by Odisha Police at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019 in Odisha and a Souvenir is being brought out to mark the occasion.

In today's competitive world, sports provide an excellent opportunity for the participants to show their skills and match their expertise with their compatriots in a competitive manner. Such Event is organized every year by All India Police Sports Control Board to exhibit sporting talents in the police organizations and bring together Sportspersons from all the state police and central police organizations.

I extend my felicitations to all participants and organizers and wish the "68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019" a grand success.

(K. N. Choubey)



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Neelmani N. Raju, IPS

Director General &
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I am extremely delighted to know that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being organized by the Odisha Police at Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December 2019.

Forums like this play a vital role in developing harmony and national integration among police forces of various states. The All India Police Hockey Championship is a unique platform for the hockey teams of various police organizations across the country to showcase their skill as well as enabling them to gain valuable experience for future tournaments.

On behalf of Karnataka State Police, I extend my best wishes to all the participants and wish the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship a grand success.

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(Neelmani N. Raju)



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Vijay Kumar Singh, IPS

Director General of Police
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I am happy to learn that the Odisha Police hosting the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16-12-2019 to 24-12-2019.

Hockey, our National Game, is close to the hearts of millions of Indians. I am sure this championship will provide an opportunity to the participants to display their talents and skills of the game in the best traditions of All India Police Games and make this championship a tremendous success.

I convey my best wishes to the participants and organizers for the grand success of the championship.

(Vijay Kumar Singh)



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L. M. Khaute, IPS
Director General of Police
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I wish to congratulate Odisha Police for organising the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar and also convey my best wishes for successful holding of the event.

My best wishes are with the participating teams from different states. We hope to see the best talents and skills on display during the championship.

(L.M. Khaute)



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T. John Longkumer, IPS

Director General of Police
Nagaland, Kohima

I am happy to learn that the Odisha Police is organizing the **68th All India Hockey Championship-2019** at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar from 16th to 24th December, 2019 and a souvenir is being published commemorating the event.

In a taxing profession such as ours, the championship will surely provide an opportunity to our officers and men to vent our the stress and strains of the hectic schedules. I am sure the occasion will give our players an ideal platform to exhibit their professional skills and sporting talents and improve them.

In behalf of the Nagalad Police, I extend my Best Wishes to all our Police Sportsmen and the participants in this championship and wish the Organizers a Grand Success.

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Bhupendra Singh, IPS

Director General of Police
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I am delighted to learn that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** is being organized by the Odisha Police from 16th to 24th December, 2019 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).

This Hockey Championship offers an excellent opportunity to the Police Personnel to acquire a healthy competitive spirit. All participants would mingle with each other and learn about other cultures. I am sure that this meet will improve the motivation of all Police Personnel and usher in a new level of camaraderie.

May the event be a grand success.



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M. Mahendar Reddy, IPS

Director General of Police,
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I am happy to note that the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship- 2019** is being organised by Odisha Police at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar under the aegis of All India Sports Control Board, New Delhi.

This is an occasion, I hope our Police Officers take a short break from crime control and replace batons and services rifles with Hockey Sticks and play at the National Meet.

Further, the Tournament provides an opportunity to many of our Hockey players to showcase their talents and pave way for their selection in the Indian Team, depending on their merit.

I convey my Best Wishes to the Organizers of the competition for the successful conduct of the same.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, dated 2/11/2019.

(M. Mahendar Reddy)



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Virendra, IPS

Director General &
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I am very happy to note that **68th All India Police Hockey Championship 2019** will be organised by Odisha Police from 16th to 24th December, 19 at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

Sports Activities are integral part of Police during Training and work. Such Sports events provide platform to the Forces of the country to display their proficiency in the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie amongst themselves.

I convey my heartiest greetings to Odisha Police and all the participants of the events from all over India and wish a grand success of the championship.

Virendra
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Praveen Kumar, IPS

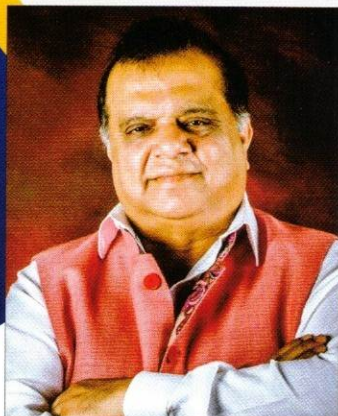
Joint Director, IB &
All India Police Sports Control Board

I am delighted to learn that Odisha Police is organising the **68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019** at Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha, from December 16 to 24, 2019.

Hockey has traditionally been a very popular sport in the country particularly among the Police forces. It is a matter of pride for all of us that, over the years, Police forces of the country have consistently produced a stream of outstanding Hockey players who have not only led the Indian Hockey teams in international events like World Cup Hockey and the Olympics with distinction but also brought laurels to the country. I am confident that in keeping with the past tradition, the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship would be tremendous success besides providing a spectacle to the Hockey loving people of Odisha.

I convey my best wishes to participants and organizers for success of the Championship.


5/11/2019
(Praveen Kumar)

**Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra**

President, IOA

"It brings me great pleasure to note that the 68th All India Police Hockey Championships this year is being hosted by the Odisha Police. I must acknowledge the efforts by the Odisha Police everytime we have held an International Hockey event here. It would have been unimaginable to bring world-class hockey event to Bhubaneswar if not for the tremendous support the Odisha Police has provided over the years.

The support the Odisha State Government provides for hockey is unprecedented and they have played a key role in bringing world class hockey tournament to India. The world took note of their efforts during the Men's Hockey World Cup which was a spectacular event and impeccably organised.

The city of Bhubaneswar is rapidly gaining the reputation of being the sports capital of India and I am sure the 68th All India Police Hockey Championships will be held with the same fervor as the international hockey events. The All India Police Sports Promotion Board tournaments are an integral part of the domestic calendar in India and these tournaments have been a stepping stone for many players to be recognised and promoted to the Indian team.

I wish all the participating teams and players the very best."



Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad

President, Hockey India

"After successfully hosting a number of prestigious International events including the Men's World Cup in 2018 and most recently the FIH Olympic Qualifiers, it is truly delightful to note the keen interest taken by Odisha State Government who have extended all their support to host the 68th All India Police Hockey Championships at the iconic Kalinga Stadium in December. I am sure the hosts Odisha Police department, who have been ever-so supportive to Hockey India especially during the International Tournaments, will make this a memorable event for over 800 participants from 30 teams traveling to Bhubaneswar.

The All India Police Hockey Championships organised by the Police Sports Promotion Board has been one of the marquee events in the domestic calendar. The tournament has a great opportunity for players to showcase their talent. I wish all the players traveling for this event the very best in their endeavour to bag top honours and I also convey my best wishes to the Odisha State Government and the Odisha Police for their continued support to Hockey India and their tireless efforts to promote sports especially hockey in this region."



Sri Amitabh Thakur, IPS
IGP (Operation)

From Organising Secretary's Pen

It is a matter of great pride that Odisha Police has been assigned the responsibility to organize the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship-2019 under the aegis of All India Police Sports Control Board. The matches are to be held from 16.12.2019 to 24.12.2019. All the matches would be played at the Kalinga Stadium. There are 25 teams participating in the tournament. Matches would be held on a league-cum-knockout basis. The teams have been divided into eight different groups with the top rank team of each group making it to the quarter final. These teams would be competing over a period of nine days to take the coveted trophy home.

Bhubaneswar, Odisha is known as the Hockey capital of our country. Having successfully organized World Cup Hockey in 2018, World Hockey League and other such national and international tournaments, Odisha has set a bench mark. Kalinga Stadium where the Police Hockey Tournament will be held, is rated as one of the best Hockey Stadium in the world. I am sure all 25 teams would be looking forward to play on one of the best turfs of the world.

As the Organizing Secretary of the Championship, I along with my entire team have strived hard to provide everyone with the best possible infrastructure as well as a very warm and comfortable stay. I am sure teams would relish playing in the Kalinga Stadium and would enjoy their stay at the games village. I hope that the participants would exhibit highest level of sportsmanship and play the game and conduct themselves in a very disciplined manner, as per our Police tradition.

DGP, who is also the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, has been motivating us and has asked us to improve upon projection in organizing the Championship, as the organization of last Hockey World Cup-2018 could be rated as perfect.

I convey my best wishes to the participating teams. May the best teams win.

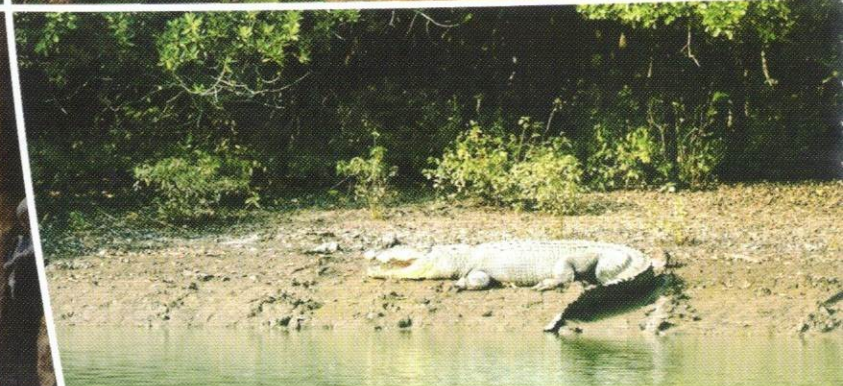
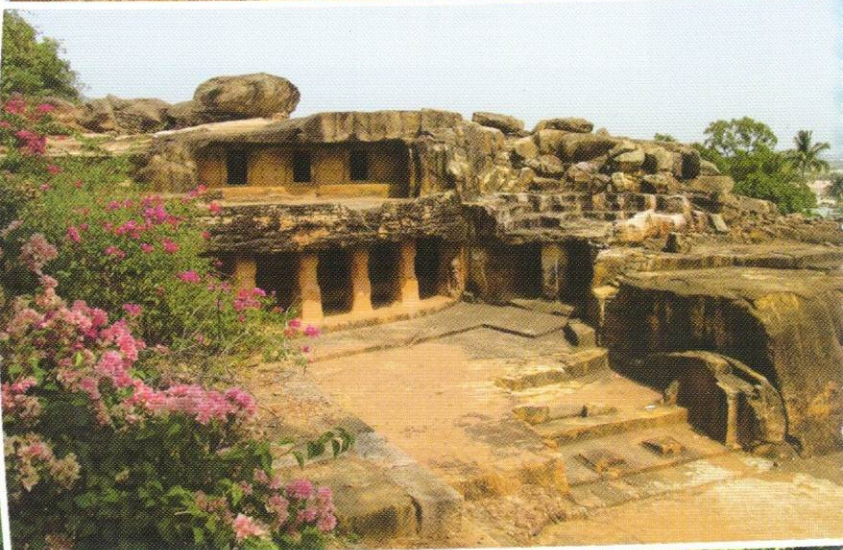
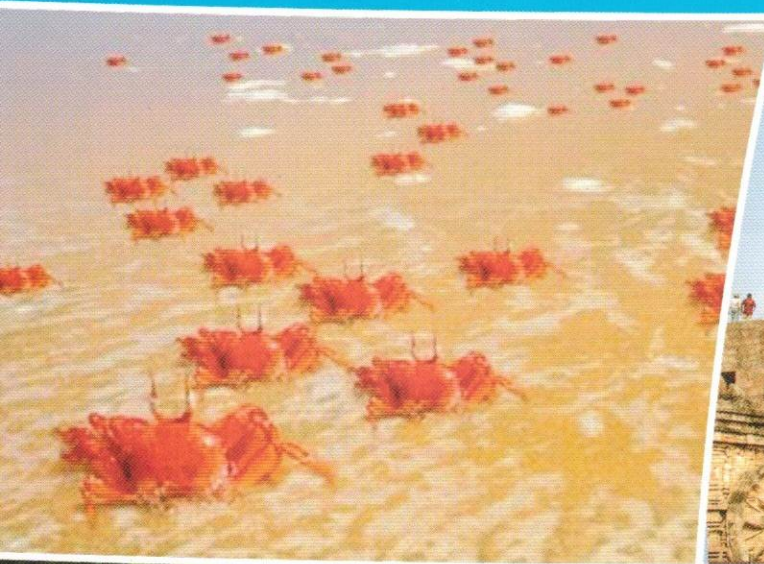
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Organizing Secretary,
68th All India Police
Hockey Championships

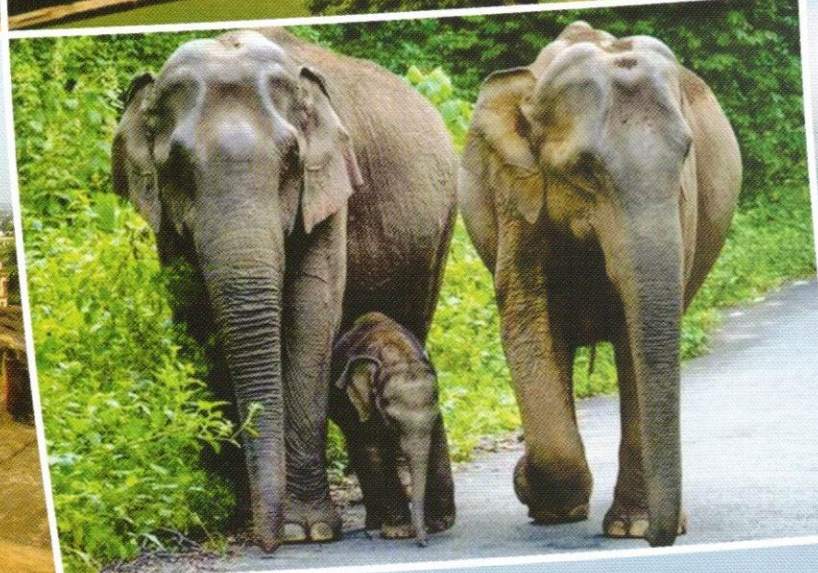
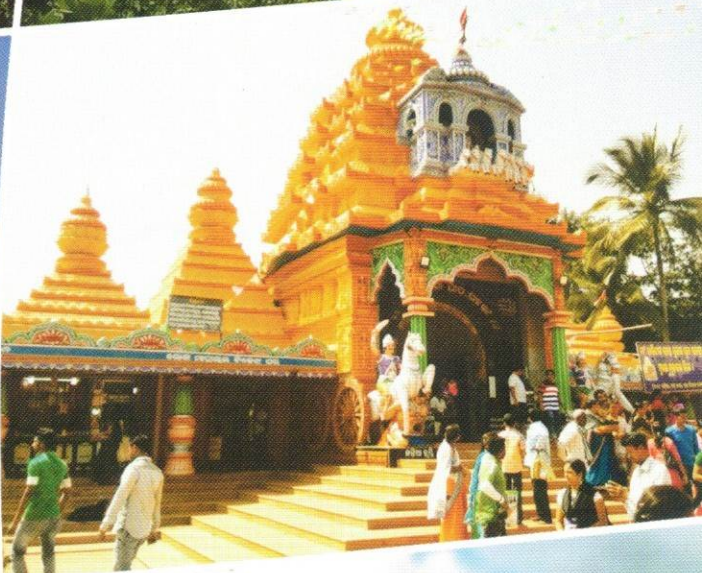
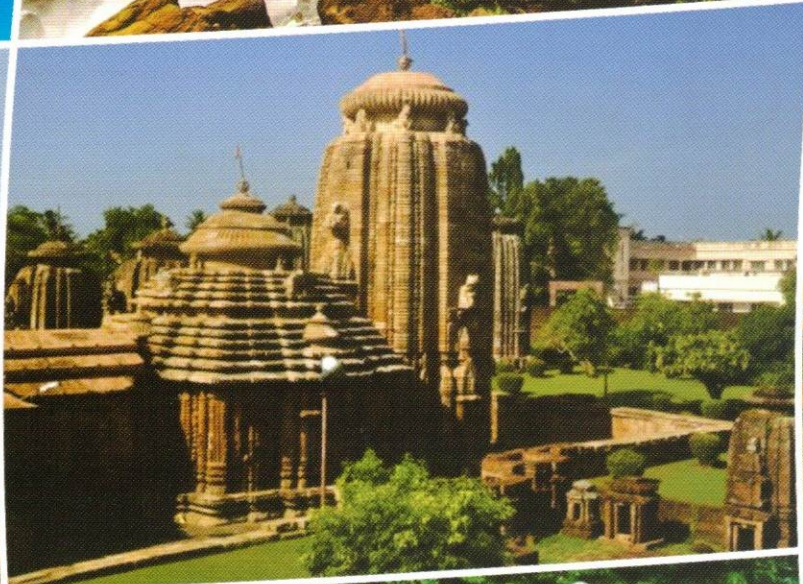
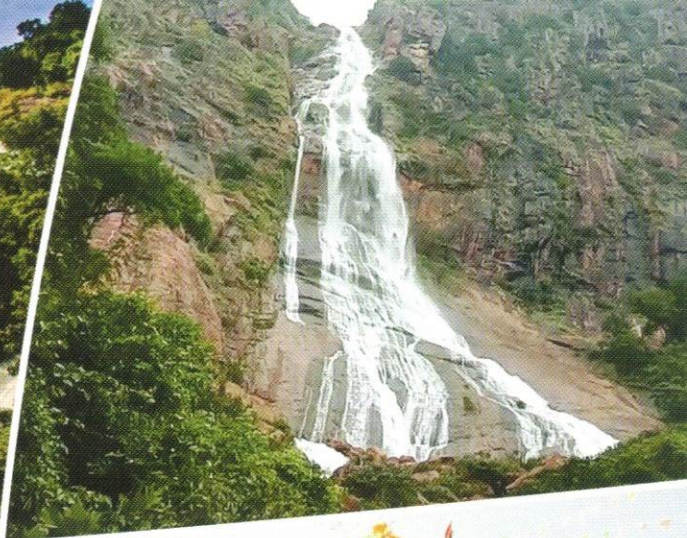
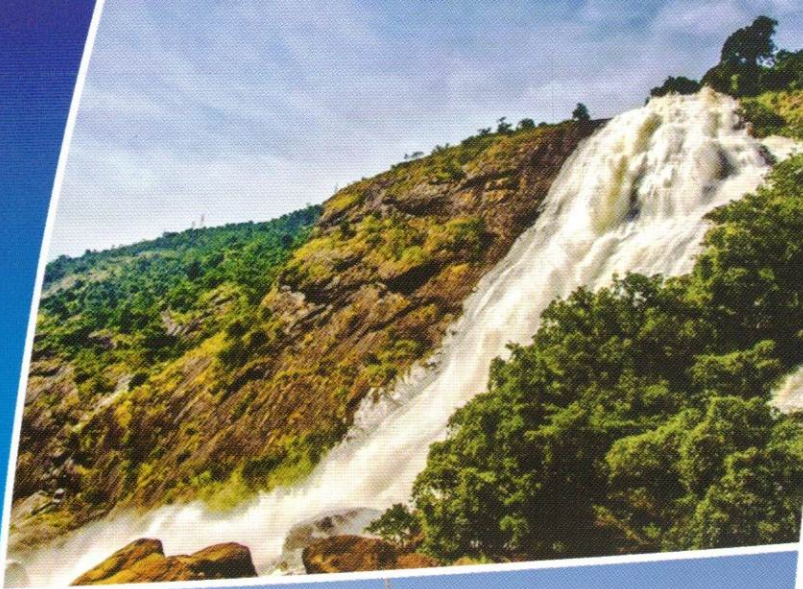


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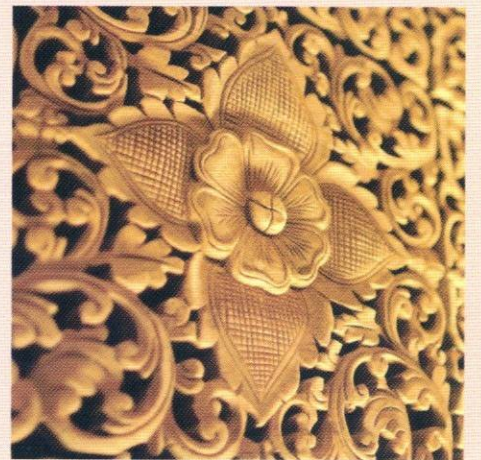
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Wood Carving



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Dhokra - Metal Casting



Straw Craft



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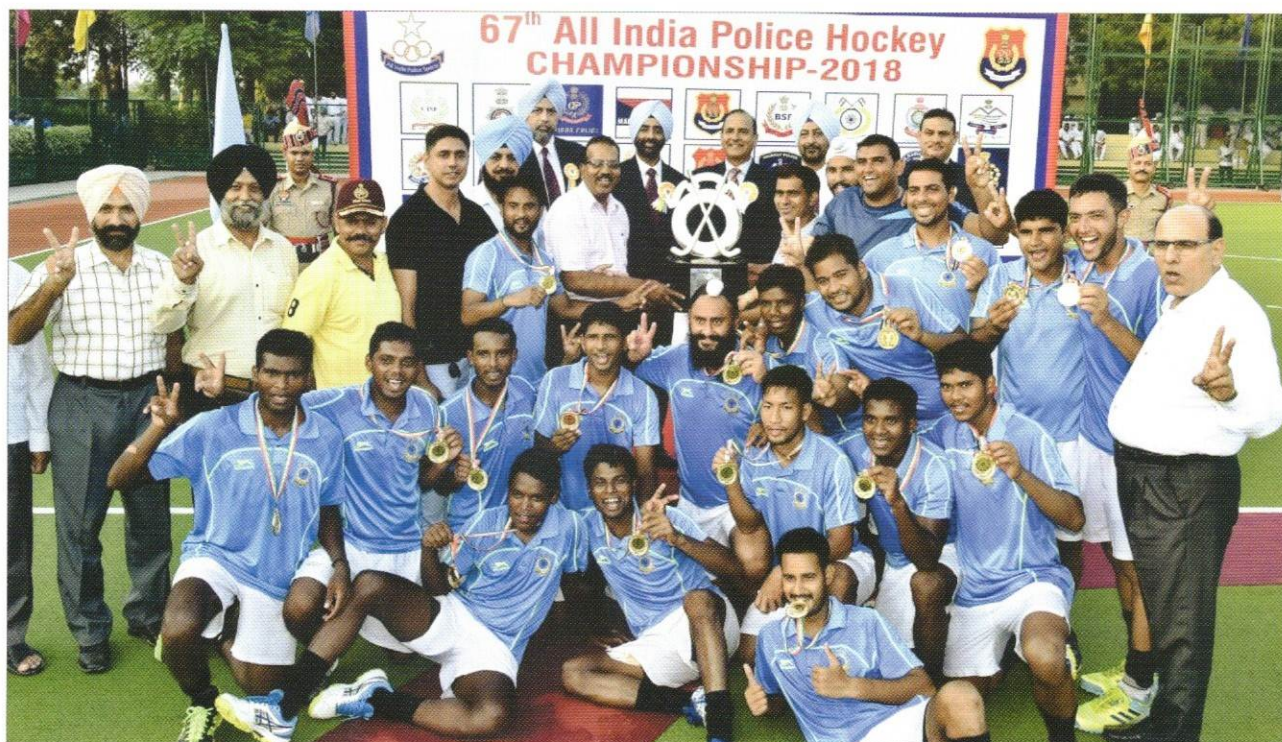
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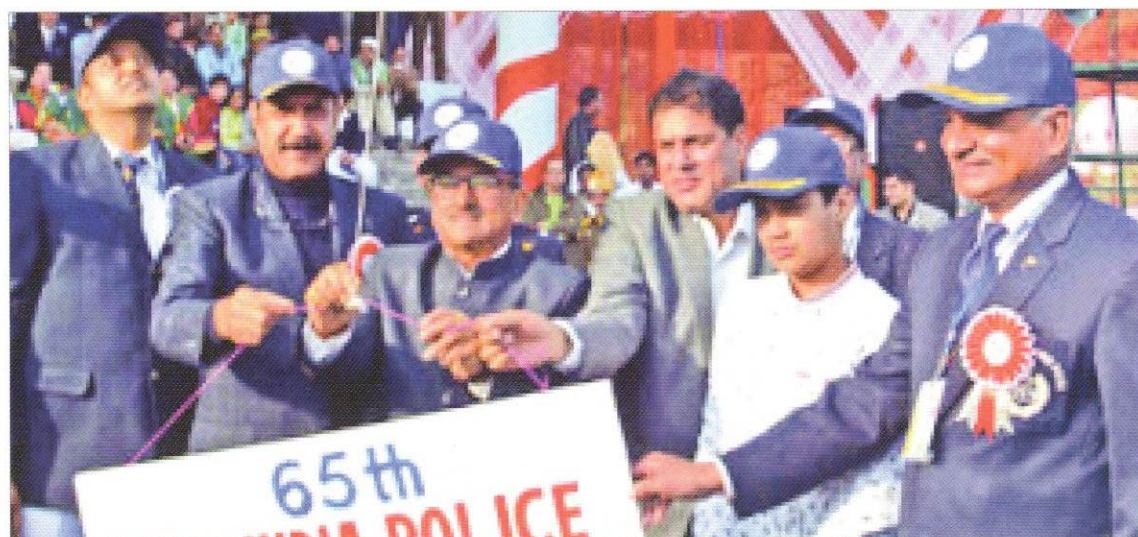


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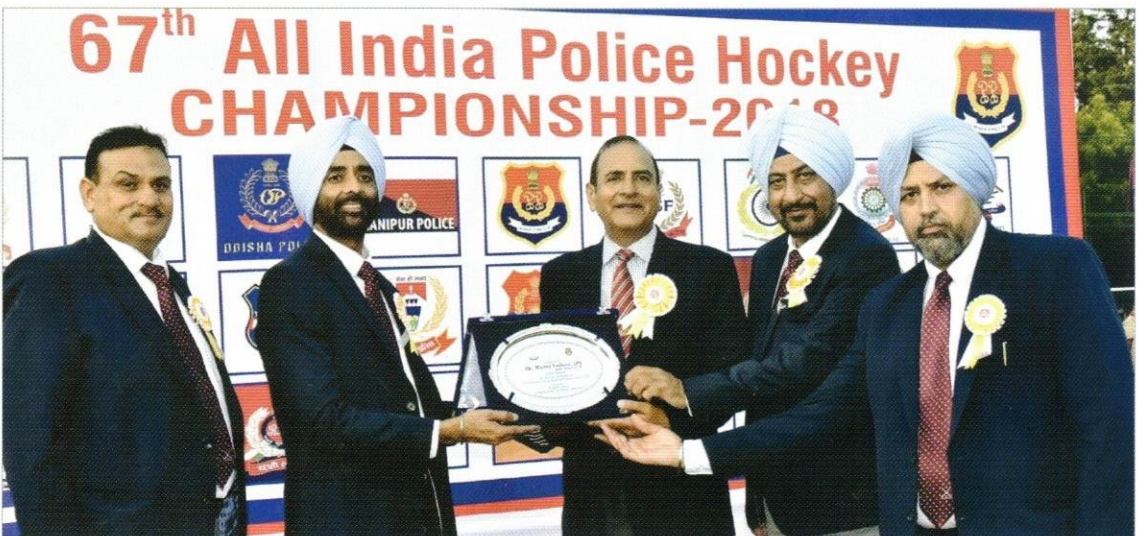
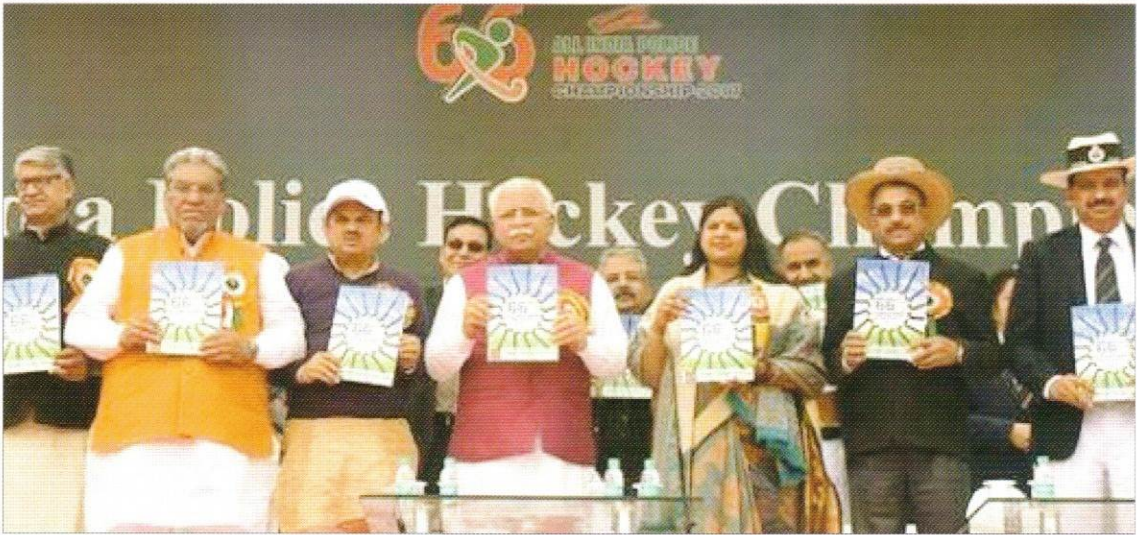
THE CHAMPIONS IN THE CORRIDORS OF TIME

Sl. No.	Year	Venue/Host	Champions	Runners Up
1	2010	Guwahati/Assam	BSF	Punjab Police
2	2011	Ranchi/Jharkhand	BSF	Haryana Police
3	2012	J&K/J&K	Punjab Police	SSB
4	2013	Bengaluru/Karnataka	BSF	Punjab Police
5	2014	Lucknow/Uttar Pradesh	Punjab Police	BSF
6	2015	Guwahati/Assam	ITBP	Maharashtra Police
7	2016	Jammu/J&K	CRPF	Punjab Police
8	2017	Haryana	Punjab Police	BSF
9	2018	Punjab	CRPF	BSF











**68th ALL INDIA POLICE HOCKEY
CHAMPIONSHIP 2019**
16th TO 24th DECEMBER 2019
BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA



POOL-A	POOL-B	POOL-C	POOL-D
CRPF DELHI	BSF JALANDHAR	PUNJAB POLICE	ODISHA POLICE
CHANDIGARH POLICE	KARNATAKA POLICE	BIHAR POLICE	TRIPURA POLICE
WEST BENGAL POLICE	RPF	HARYANA POLICE	TELANGANA STATE POLICE

POOL-E	POOL-F	POOL-G	POOL-H
CISF DELHI	JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE	ITBP JALANDHAR	MAHARASHTRA STATE POLICE POLICE
SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL	MADHYA PRADESH POLICE	TAMIL NADU POLICE	RAJASTHAN POLICE
GUJURAT POLICE	CHHATTISGARH POLICE	MANIPUR POLICE	UTTARAKHAND POLICE
			UTTAR PRADESH POLICE





Match No.	Day & Date	Time (Hours)	Pool	Pitch	Team	V/S	Team
1	Monday 16.12.2019	13:00	E	1	Sashastra Seema Bal	V/S	Gujurat Police
2		15:00	F	1	Madhya Pradesh Police	V/S	Chhattisgarh Police
3		13:00	G	2	Tamil Nadu Police	V/S	Manipur Police
4		15:00	H	2	Rajasthan Police	V/S	Uttarakhand Police
5	Tuesday 17.12.2019	07:00	A	1	Chandigarh Police	V/S	West Bengal Police
6		09:00	B	1	Karnataka Police	V/S	R.P.F
7		11:00	C	1	Bihar Police	V/S	Haryana Police
8		13:00	D	1	Tripura Police	V/S	Telangana State Police
9		15:00	H	1	Rajasthan Police	V/S	Uttar Pradesh State Police
10	Wednesday 18.12.2019	09:00	H	1	Maharashtra State Police	V/S	Uttarakhand Police
11		11:00	G	1	ITBP Jalandhar	V/S	Manipur Police
12		13:00	F	1	Jammu & Kashmir Police	V/S	Chhatisgarh
13		15:00	E	1	CISF Delhi	V/S	Gujurat Police
14	Thursday 19.12.2019	07:00	D	1	Odisha Police	V/S	Telangana State Police
15		09:00	C	1	Punjab Police	V/S	Haryana Police
16		11:00	B	1	BSF Jalandhar	V/S	R.P.F
17		13:00	A	1	CRPF Delhi	V/S	West Bengal Police
18		15:00	H	1	Uttarakhand police	V/S	Uttar Pradesh Police

19	Friday 20.12.2019	09:00	E	1	CISF Delhi	V/S	Sashastra Seema Bal
20		11:00	F	1	Jammu & Kashmir Police	V/S	Madhya Pradesh Police
21		13:00	G	1	ITBP Jalandhar	V/S	Tamil Nadu Police
22		15:00	H	1	Maharashtra State Police	V/S	Rajasthan Police
23	Saturday 21.12.2019	07:00	A	1	CRPF Delhi	V/S	Chandigarh Police
24		09:00	B	1	BSF Jalandhar	V/S	Karnataka Police
25		11:00	C	1	Punjab Police	V/S	Bihar Police
26		13:00	D	1	Odisha Police	V/S	Tripura Police
27		15:00	H	1	Maharashtra State Police	V/S	Uttar Pradesh Police
QUARTER FINALS							
28	Sunday 22.12.2019	09:00	QF1	1	Winner Pool - A	V/S	Winner Pool - H
29		11:00	QF2	1	Winner Pool - B	V/S	Winner Pool - G
30		13:00	QF3	1	Winner Pool - C	V/S	Winner Pool - F
31		15:00	QF4	1	Winner Pool - D	V/S	Winner Pool - E
SEMI FINALS							
32	Monday 23.12.2019	09:00	SF1	1	Winner - 28	V/S	Winner - 31
33		11:00	SF2	1	Winner - 29	V/S	Winner - 30
3rd/4th & FINALS							
34	Tuesday 24.12.2019	09:00	3/4	1	L - 32	V/S	L - 33
33		11:00	1/2	1	Winner - 32	V/S	Winner - 33



The Dhyan Chand of Odisha Hockey: Meeting MICHAEL KINDO



K. Siva Subramani



Michael Kindo is the Dhyan Chand of Odisha Hockey; a true legend, who opened the flood-gates for the entry of players of tribal communities of Chotanagpur into the arena of national and international Hockey. Meeting Kindo was a true privilege,

Michael Kindo was born on 20th June, 1947 at Simdega, Jharkhand, bordering Rourkela. Having spent most part of his life at Rourkela, Kindo has lived a life dedicated to Hockey. Rourkela Steel Plant(RSP) still proudly boasts of having this hockey legend as one of their employees one time. He represented India in three World Cups and two Olympic Games. He helped India win gold medal in

1975 Kuala Lumpur World Cup, Silver Medal in 1973 Amsterdam World Cup, Bronze medal in 1972 Munich Olympic Games and also bronze medal in 1971 Barcelona World Cup. He scored one goal each against Great Britain, Mexico and New Zealand 1972 Munich Olympics. And last but not the least, he was a member of the Indian team that won Gold in the 1980 Moscow Olympics, the last time India won the Gold in Olympic Hockey. Kindo was a full-back and was known for his disciplined performance and dependability. So simple in his manners, Kindo narrated in a matter of fact way how India beat Pakistan in 1975 with a 2-1 score-line in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and won the Gold Medal. One could see the glee and the sense of pride in his face. I felt the goosebumps, what a life he has lived! Hockey India invited all living members of 1975 World Cup Winning team including Kindo to Delhi and handed over a cash award of Rs. 1,75,00/- to each one of them. History of Indian Hockey cannot be written without Kindo being in it prominently.

Another legend Ashok Kumar once said "Michael Kindo has a clean heart and was very disciplined, something that he had inherited from the Fauj. Kindo was among our most loved team-mates and always cracked jokes to keep the environment light. But once he stepped on the field, he meant business". For his achievement he was honored with the Arjuna Award. Kindo was the first Adivasi to don the Indian hockey colours and became an inspiration for the many who have followed his footsteps since.

Now more than seventy years old, he leads a retired life in his Rourkela home, with his wife and son's family. As I bid him farewell, wishing him good health, I felt a sense of utter humility. After all, one meets such legends not many times in one's life.

The author is an IPS Officer and is presently posted as S.P., Rourkela



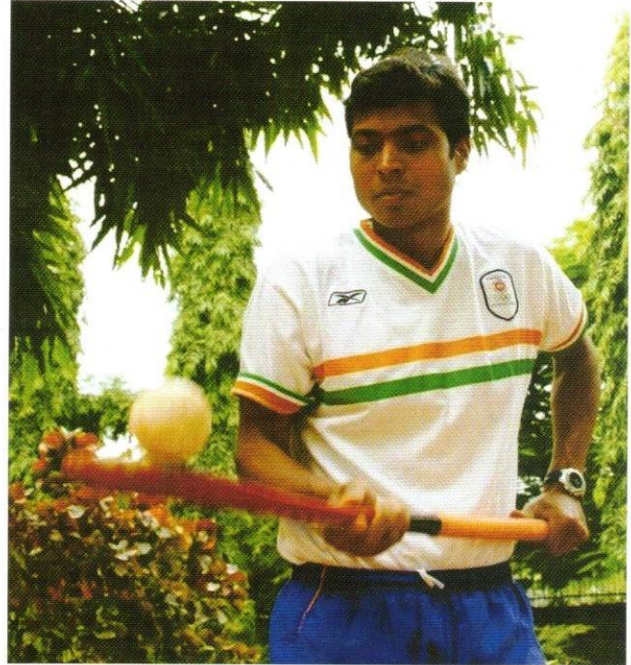
SUNDARGARH : The Hockey District of India

Saumya Mishra

How can one be S.P., Sundargarh and miss out the intense love for Hockey wherever you go in the district? Formed by the merger of two princely states Gangpur and Bonai in the year 1948, the district is as famous for its vibrant living tradition of hockey as for her immense natural resources. I have been amazed as to how a game invented in England becomes an integral part of community life in a tribal district!

No one can say how and when hockey arrived in Sundargarh and became part of life in these tribal communities. The British army introduced hockey in India and the Christian missionaries brought it to the tribal dominated Chhota Nagpur area during the 1860s. The Evangelical Lutheran Church first introduced Hockey into the Ranchi region, which is very near to Rourkela and from there, they gradually moved to other parts of the region. When missionaries set up schools, they included hockey as an extracurricular activity. The mission schools in Keshramal region formed one of the earliest pockets of the sport. It is said that after Sunday prayers, the priests used to play hockey with the villagers as an activity to connect with people. Gradually the tribal communities adopted the sport into their customs and feel a sense of collective passion for hockey. This has now become integral to their culture and identity. Teams in most villages now play with regular sticks and hockey balls, though in earlier times sticks were made out of local wood that were bent and seasoned with fire.

Odisha's tribal talents came to the limelight in 70s. After the retirement from international hockey Michael Kindo joined the Rourkela Steel Plan in 1977. Under his captainship, Odisha entered semi-finals of the national hockey



championship twice in 1979 and 1980. In the year 1982 Odisha bagged the Gold Medal in the national rural hockey championship held at Shimoga (Karnataka). This helped to draw selectors attention towards Odisha. Slowly the Services, Railways and every other national-level hockey team started scouting for talents in Sundargarh. Most hockey teams in India, both men and women, today have players from the district.

Hockey players of Sundargarh are born in remote rural areas of the district, but earn their name and fame from the steel township Rourkela that has provided them a spring board. Rourkela has played a pivotal role in showcasing the districts' immense talents and passion for Hockey. During 1985, the state Government launched a policy for establishing sports hostels. The first hockey hostel was established at Panposh (Rourkela) with a turf laid for giving players an opportunity to play



contemporary hockey under qualified coaches. Realizing the importance and inspired by the players, SAIL (Steel Authority of India) established a second academy at Rourkela. Birendra Lakra is one of the best known products of the SAIL Academy.

Even now hockey tournaments are organized at the village level where Khasi (goat), Kukuda/murga (hen), suar (pig) even eggs are in bait as prizes. The players are given a heroes' welcome when they conquer the prizes and return home. The goat that is won goes into a gala community feast with the entire village participating in the feast and dance. Hockey players are celebrities in their village and this keeps motivating youngsters to seek glory every single day.

After possibly Sansarpur in Punjab, Sundergarh is the most important centre for Indian hockey and has produced five national team captains, namely Dillip Tirkey, Ignace Tirkey and Prabodh Tirkey in the mens' team and Subhadra Pradhan and Jyoti Sunita Kulu in the womens' teams. It has also produced more than 60 international hockey players. The best of the hockey icons of course, is Dillip Tirkey who belongs to Saunamara Village. Dillip's journey began

watching his father Vincent play for the CRPF team. While on leave Vincent trained the village team and took his son also to the local tournaments. Soon, Dillip was playing in the village field and in times to come received a call from Sports Authority of India (SAI) hostel in Sundergarh. Rest as they say, is history.



Hockey has given not merely recognition to Sundergarh but has also been a source of employment for the youth. One cannot think of Sundergarh without mentioning Hockey; to borrow a chiche Hockey and Sundergarh are two parts of the same coin.

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From Sundergarh to Tokyo: The Road less Travelled



The Indian team for the Tokyo Olympics will have three players from Sundargarh. Lilima Minz will represent India in Womens' Hockey. Birendra Lakra and Amit Rohidas will make Odisha proud by donning Indian colours in the men's category. They also reinforce the pre-imminence of Sundargarh in Hockey in India.





While Lilima Minz with her impressive performances as Midfielder will be an integral part of the Indian Women's team, Birendra Lakra and Amit Rohidas will be the will be leading both from the front and behind as the Men's team's ace fullback and defender respectively.

The 25-year-old Lilima Minz from Bihabandh-Tanatoli village of Sundergarh district in Odisha made her International debut for the Indian Women's Team in 2011 during the Four-Nation Tournament in Argentina. She was picked in the National Camp after a series of impressive performances in the domestic circuit. She became a regular feature in the Indian Women's Team from December 2012 when she took part in the Series against New Zealand. Lilima was also a member of the team which took part in the Women's Hockey World League Semi-Final 2013, along with the Indian team that won the women's hockey test series 6-0 against Malaysia in 2014.

Her consistent performances for the Indian team saw her represent the nation at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and she also became a part of the side that won Bronze Medal at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Korea. The 25-year-old went on to represent India at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, where the Indian Women's Hockey team made their first appearance after a gap of 36 years. Lilima was also part of the Indian team's historic 9th Women's Asia Cup win in 2017. She went on to participate at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018 where the team finished fourth, and Silver Medal-winning team of 5th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2018, as well as the team which finished in the Quarter-Finals of the FIH Women's World Cup 2018.



Amit Rohidas made his junior team debut back in 2009 in the 8th edition of the under-18 Asia Cup held in Myanmar in which India finished 5th. His drag flicks earned him the title of star player of the tournament as he scored 7 goals. He also featured in the Silver winning squad in the Sultan of Johor Cup in Bahru, Malaysia. He led the 18-member Indian junior men squad in the European tour from in preparation for the World Cup which was held in 2013 in India. Hockey India soon announced a strong 18-member junior men's squad, led by midfielder DSP Manpreet Singh, for the FIH Junior Men's World Cup held at Delhi where the promising defender was named as Manpreet's deputy. India finished in the 10th position in the score board.

He finally made it to the senior squad in 2013 for the Asia Cup held in Ipoh. With his credible performance in the tournament, the DSP Sardar Singh led team won Silver.

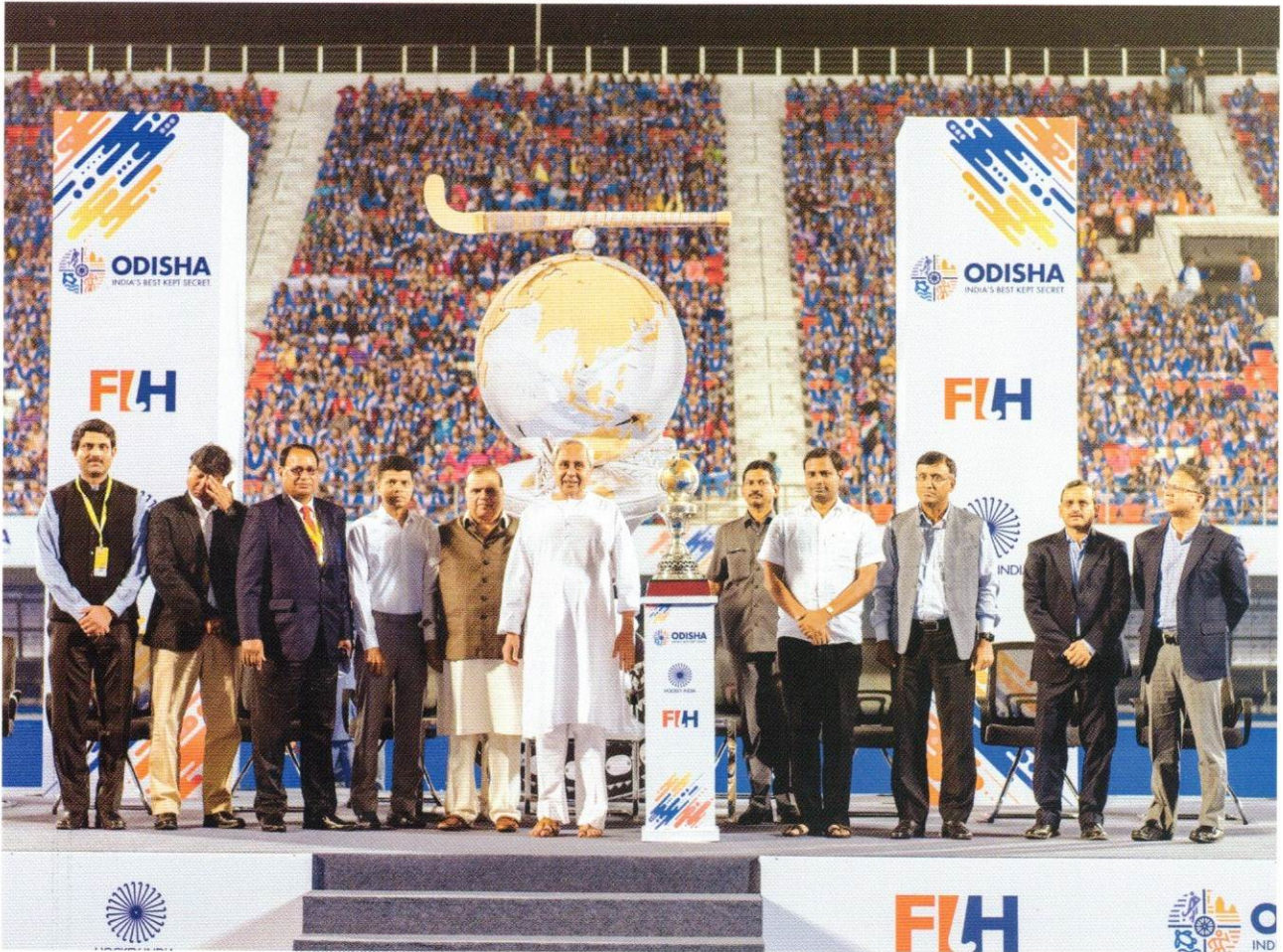


Birendra Lakra, born on 3rd February 1990, is a vital cog in the Indian Hockey team's defence and has tasted significant victories, appearing more than one and a half century times since his debut in the series against South Africa in 2012. With flames of aggression within him, he is one of India's most versatile hockey players today, having earned numerous accolades for the nation in his career so far.

As a young boy from Odisha who started playing at the SAIL Hockey Academy in Rourkela, Birendra Lakra grew up idolising former India and Odisha fullback Dilip Tirkey. It's hardly a surprise that like his idol, Birendra too has become a nightmare for every forward in the sport.

Being a part of the team that won the FIH Junior World Cup at Singapore in 2009, Lakra was first included in the junior team for the Singapore tour in 2007. He has also represented the Indian senior team in the SAAF Games at Dhaka in 2010, in the Youth Olympics at Sydney in 2009 and once again during the 2012 London Olympics. A gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games, silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and a bronze medal finish for India in the World League Final of 2015 are few of the noteworthy achievements of Lakra.

Odisha to Host 2023 Hockey World Cup

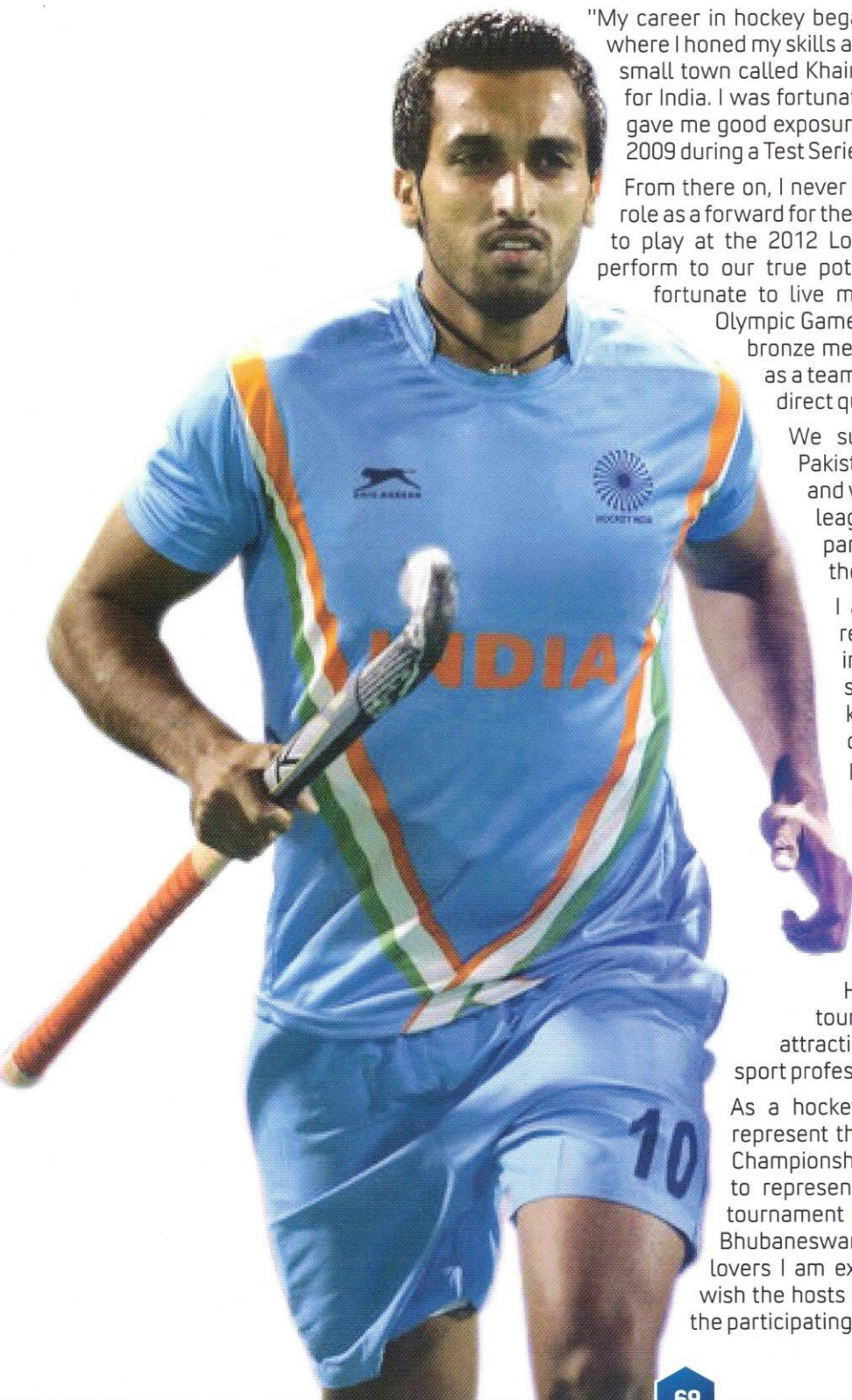


On 27th November 2019 in a glittering ceremony, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha announced in the presence of FIH officials that Odisha will host the 2023 Hockey World Cup. Matches will be held in Bhubaneswar & Rourkela. Coming closely after the successful conduct of World Cup Hockey in 2018, the decision of FIH to award the hockey world cup a second time to Odisha establishes beyond doubt the emergence of Odisha in the sporting universe. Truly India's best kept secret.



Dharamvir Singh

Former International Hockey Player and DSP with Punjab Police



"My career in hockey began at the Chandigarh Hockey Academy where I honed my skills as a hockey player. As a young boy from a small town called Khairabad, Ropar in Punjab I aspired to play for India. I was fortunate to make the junior India squad which gave me good exposure before I could make my India debut in 2009 during a Test Series against Canada.

From there on, I never looked back. I remained focused on my role as a forward for the Senior India Team and got opportunities to play at the 2012 London Olympics. Though we could not perform to our true potential at the London Olympics, I was fortunate to live my dream of representing India at the Olympic Games. I was part of the team that had won a bronze medal at the Asian Games in 2010 and we as a team collective aimed to win a Gold and earn direct qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

We succeeded in our mission by beating Pakistan in the final of the 2014 Asian Games and we also won a bronze medal in the world league Final the following year. I was also part of the team that won silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

I am truly thankful to Punjab Police for recognising my efforts and achievements in hockey and giving me the honour of serving the department as DSP. It is the kind of support we receive from the department that encourages us to pursue sports professionally and achieve greater victories for India.

The All India Police Hockey Tournaments over the years have provided a great platform for hockey players from across the country to showcase their talent. We have seen intense matches at the All India Police Hockey Championships and these tournaments have promoted hockey by attracting many aspiring players to take up the sport professionally.

As a hockey player, I always looked forward to represent the Punjab Police in the All India Hockey Championships as it is a matter of great pride for me to represent my department. This year, with the tournament happening in the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar which draws thousands of hockey lovers I am expecting the event to be outstanding. I wish the hosts Odisha Police the very best and also all the participating teams good luck for the matches."



Sardar Singh

Former Captain and International Player -
Indian Men's Hockey Team and DSP, Haryana Police

"The All India Police Hockey Championship organised by the Odisha Police is an important fixture in the domestic calendar and it is an event which players take immense pride in taking part.

Over the decades, the Police Sports Promotion Board has recognised talented hockey players and have provided them with employment which enables the players to pursue their goals with ample support provided by the respective departments. With the support provided by the Haryana Police, I have been able to represent my country at major international events and pursue my passion for the sport.

As a player of the Indian National Team I was very fortunate to have represented the country in some of the top international events and bring laurels to the country. Some of my most memorable victories have been winning the 2007 and 2017 Asia Cup, Gold at the 2014 Asian Games and Bronze at the 2010 and 2018 Asian Games. Winning silver at the FIH Champions Trophy in 2018 and winning a gold at the 2016 Asian Champions Trophy. Winning Silver at the 2010 and 2014 Commonwealth Games were also some important victories. I was fortunate to have played in two back-to-back Olympic Games in London and in Rio and despite taking retirement from international hockey, I continue to stay fit and play hockey in my home town Chandigarh.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed playing at the Police Sports Promotion Board tournaments which draws fierce competition from other teams.

I am very delighted to note that the All India Police Sports Promotion Board is hosting the prestigious National tournament this year in Bhubaneswar which has grown to become the hockey capital of the country. I have very fond memories of playing at the Kalinga Stadium and I believe with the support extended by the Odisha State Government, the 68th All India Police Hockey Championships this year will witness a memorable event. I wish all the players taking part the very best and I eagerly look forward to some exciting matches and healthy rivalry on the field."





Manpreet Singh

Captain,
Indian Men's Hockey Team and DSP, Punjab Police



"With the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship being held in Bhubaneswar this year, there is a lot of excitement among the competing teams to showcase their talent at the Kalinga Stadium, a venue which has gained the repute of being an international destination for hockey.

I took up hockey because I idolised Pargat Singh, former India Captain, who was from my hometown Mithapur and I always aspired to become as popular as he is in my home town. Thanks to the exploits of players from Punjab who contributed to the golden era of hockey at the Olympics, we had a rich hockey culture in Mithapur.

Although my parents were not willing to allow me to take up hockey and my mother would lock me in a room so that I don't go and play hockey, my brother who was also a hockey player recognised my passion for the sport and helped me convince my parents. I remember winning my first prize money of Rs500 as a ten-year-old which was a big amount in those days.

My journey in professional hockey began in 2005 when I enrolled at the famous Surjit Hockey Academy in Jalandhar. It was in 2011 when I first got to wear the India jersey when I debuted for the Junior India squad. I was also fortunate to lead the India colts' team at the Junior World Cup in 2013 and I was only 19-years-old when I was the youngest member of the Indian Team that played in London Olympics.

I was fortunate to play alongside stalwarts like Sardar Singh, also from the Police department. Personally, for me winning the Gold Medal at the Asian Games in 2014 was the most memorable feat. I first got to Captain the Indian team in 2017 for a three Nations Invitational tournament in Germany and then the World League Semi Final in London. Leading the Indian Team to 2017 Asia Cup win in Dhaka, Bangladesh was yet another memorable feat for me. Winning Gold in Asian Champions Trophy 2018 and a Silver Medal at the FIH Champions Trophy in 2016 and 2018 are some of the important milestone for Indian team that has helped us attain the World Ranking of No.5.

I feel very fortunate that the Punjab Police Department recognised my achievements in hockey over these years and provided me with a posting in Punjab Police. The support Police Department provides athletes is one of the main reasons that motivates us to achieve greater results.

It is great that this year's All India Police Hockey Tournament is being hosted in Bhubaneswar, Odisha which has become the home for Indian hockey. I am sure the Odisha Police will leave no stone unturned in making this event a mega success. The Odisha Police have always been extremely encouraging and always ensured the Indian team has a memorable stay in Bhubaneswar whenever we have come here for tournaments. They have played an integral role during all the International hockey events that have been held in Bhubaneswar be it the FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, the Hockey World League Final in 2017 and the 2018 Men's World Cup.

They have always shown tremendous support towards Indian Hockey and I am sure all the 30 teams taking part in the 68th All India Police Hockey Championship this year will have a memorable tournament.

I wish all the participants taking part in the Championship the very best."

HOCKEY LEGENDS OF ODISHA

Dilip Tirkey

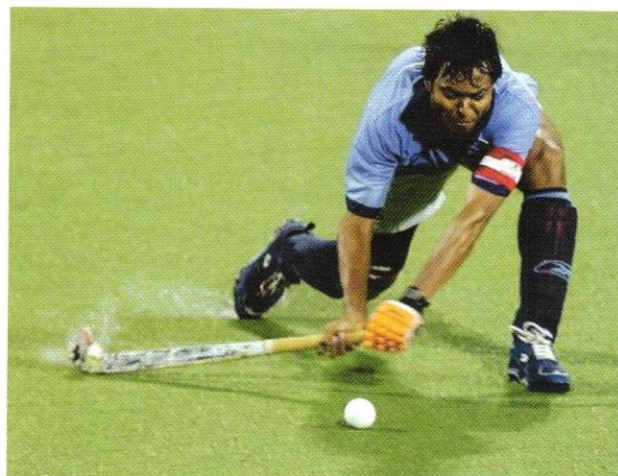
Dilip Tirkey, the legend of Odisha's hockey, was born on 25th November 1977. He hails from one of the most remote pockets of Odisha's Sundargarh. He was best known for his penalty corner hit. Dilip was one of the most difficult defenders to beat in the world because of his tight marking skill near goal post.

Awards and Honours

- Padma Shree, 2004[6]
- Arjun Award, 2002
- Ekalavya Award, 1996
- ONGC-Hockey Year Book Award, 1998
- Biju Patnaik Sportsperson of the Year Award, 2004
- Ricoh Hockey Star of the Year, 2009

Achievements

- First-ever tribal to get Padma Shree Award
- India's highest capped (412 matches) hockey international and second highest in the world
- Only Adivasi to represent India in 3 Olympic Games.



- 1995: 7th SAF Games at Chennai (Champions)
- 1996: Olympic Games at Atlanta, USA (8th place)
- 1997: Under-21 Test Series against Germany (Winners)
- 1997: Under-21 Challengers Cup Tournament at Poznan, Poland (Winners)
- 1997: Junior World Cup at Milton Keynes, England (Runners-up)
- 1998: Asian Games at Bangkok (Gold medal)
- 1999: Asia Cup at Kuala Lumpur (Bronze medal)
- 2000: Olympic Games at Sydney (7th place)
- 2000: 10th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Tournament at Kuala Lumpur (Bronze medal)
- 2002: Champions Trophy at Cologne, Germany (4th place), as Captain
- 2002: Asian Games at Busan, South Korea (Silver medal), as Captain
- 2003: Asia Cup at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Champions)
- 2003: Afro-Asian Games at Hyderabad (Gold medal), as Captain
- 2004: Olympic Games at Athens, Greece (7th place), as Captain





Jyoti Sunita Kullu



Jyoti Sunita Kullu (born 9 September 1978 in Sundargarh, Odisha) is a female field hockey player from India, who made her international debut for her native country in 1996 in Delhi at the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup. In 2002, she became the top scorer of the Champions Challenge tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa, with five goals in six matches. In the same year Kullu won the golden medal with India at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England.

INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

International Debut

1996 - Delhi - Indira Gandhi Gold Cup

Total Matches

179, at the end of the 2006 Asian Games

World Cup

May 1998 - Utrecht (LAST), 1 GOAL

Asian Games

Dec 2006 - Doha (Bronze), Captain, 5 GOALS

Flag bearer of the Indian contingent for the Opening Ceremony

Oct 2002 - Busan (4th), 1 GOAL

Member, All-Star Asian Games Team

Dec 1998 - Bangkok (2nd), 3 GOALS

Asia Cup

Feb 2004 - Delhi (1st), 1 GOAL

Dec 1999 - Delhi (2nd), 3 GOALS

Commonwealth Games

Mar 2006 - Melbourne (2nd), 2 GOALS

Jul/Aug 2002 - Manchester (1st), 4 GOALS

Highest scorer for India in 2002 Commonwealth Games

Sep 1998 - Kuala Lumpur (4th)

Afro-Asian Games

Oct 2003 - Hyderabad (1st), 5 GOALS

Indira Gandhi Gold Cup

1996 - New Delhi

Olympic Qualifier

Mar 2000 - Milton Keynes - 10th (Last), 1 GOAL

World Cup Qualifier

Sep 2001 - France (7th)

Aug 1997 - Harare, Zimbabwe (4th)

1996 - Port of Spain

Champions Challenge

Feb 2002 - Johannesburg (3rd), 5 GOALS

Highest scorer of the tournament

African Tour

Feb 2002 - Kenya

Feb 1998 - South Africa - 3-Nation Tournament (Last)

Jul 1997 - Kenya

American Tour

Apr 1998 - Springfield, Massachusetts (USA) - 4-Nation Tourney (LAST)

Asian Tour

Aug 2005 - Singapore - 4-Nation Tournament (1st)

Jun 2005 - Seoul - 6-Nation KT Cup (5th)

1996 - China

Australian Tour

May 1999 - Perth - 4-Nation Telstra Challenge (3rd)

Apr/May 1999 - Canberra - 4-Nation Telstra Challenge (3rd)

European Tour

Jul 2003 - Russia - 3-Nation Tournament (1st), 1 GOAL, VICE-CAPTAIN

Jun 2002 - Manchester - 4-Nation Tournament (2nd), 2 GOALS

April 1998 - Test Series vs. Germany (Lost 0-2)

New Zealand Tour

Jun 2001 - 4-Test Series (Tied 2-2), 1 GOAL

Aug 1999 - 3-Test Series (Lost 1-2)

Lazarus Barla



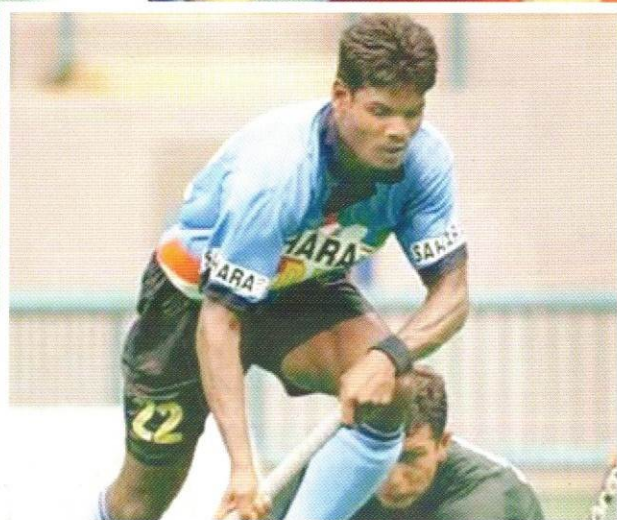
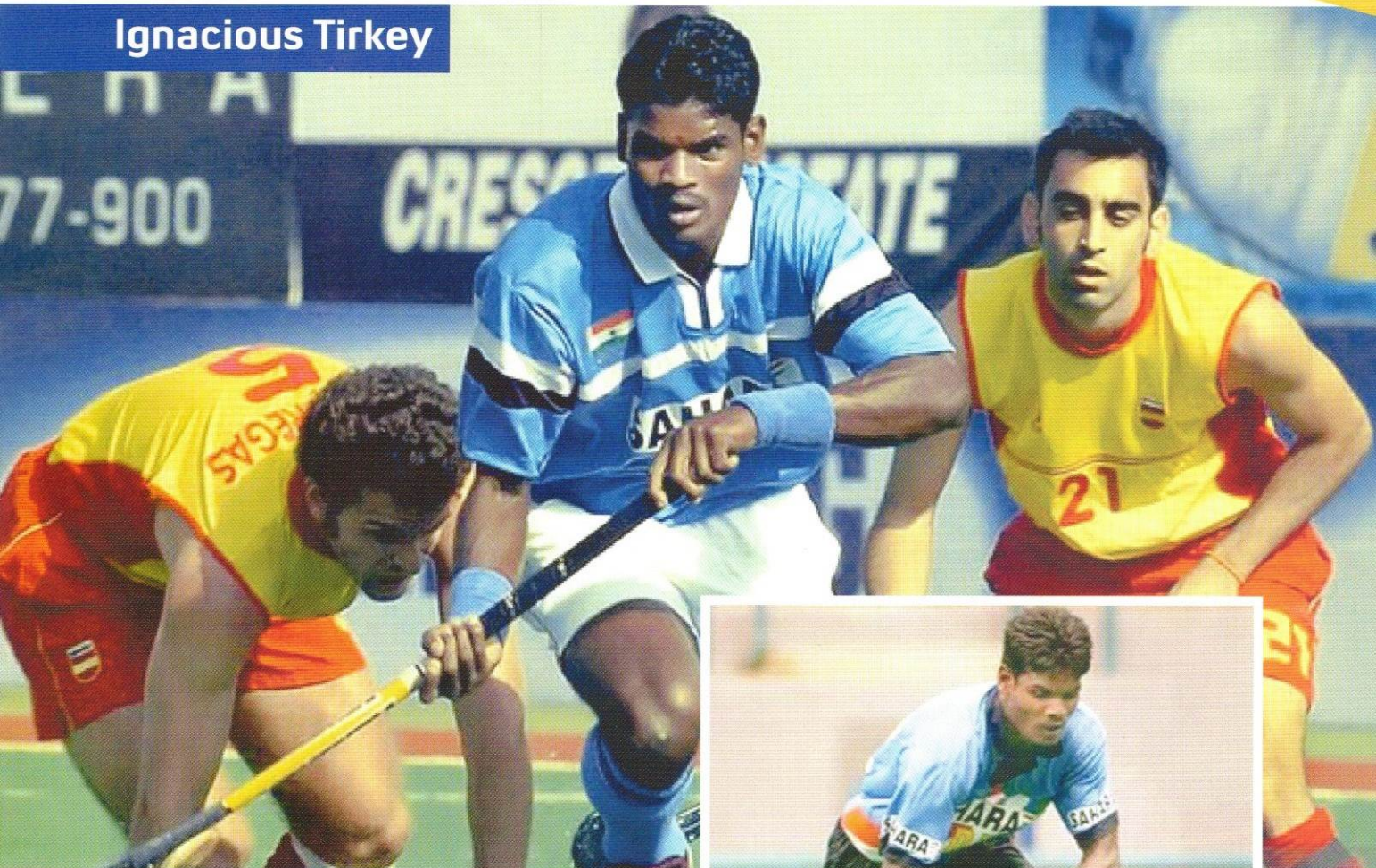
Lazarus Barla made his international debut in 1997 at the Junior World Cup tournament & Captaining the team at Junior Asia Cup. Post that he has played over 170 matches at the Olympics, World Cups & the Champions Trophy. He honed his skills at the Panposh Sports hostel in Rourkela during his early days.

This star player was born on 4th November 1979 in Sounamura, near Sundargarh (Odisha). He is a field hockey defender who belongs to the Oraon tribe of Chota Nagpur. He made his international senior debut for the Men's National Team in January 1998 during the test series against Germany. He represented Indian at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, where he was adjudged the best defender for his stellar performance alongside Dilip Turkey.





Ignacious Tirkey



Ignacious ("Ignace") Tirkey is a midfielder for India's hockey team who has also captained the Indian team previously. Tirkey made his debut for the national side in February 2001 at the Akbar el Yom Tournament in Cairo against Belgium. He was also a member of the Indian team that came seventh in the Athens Olympic in 2004. He is famously remembered for his incredible goal which he hit between Pakistan's ace striker Sohail Abbas's legs in the final minutes of 2003 Asia Cup to give India the winning lead after both teams were locked at 2-2. He is considered as a skillful and lethal striker. In 2001, he scored what is known as a golden goal to help India win the finals in the Muruguppa Gold Cup and once more thereafter during the National Games in 2002.

Awards

- Padma Shree, 2010
- Arjuna Award, 2009
- Ekalavya Puraskar, 2003

- Services Sportsman of the Year, 2004
- Asian Games medalists in field hockey
- World Series Hockey players
- Field hockey players at the 2004 Summer Olympics
- Field hockey players at the 2012 Summer Olympics
- 2002 Men's Hockey World Cup players
- 2006 Men's Hockey World Cup players
- People from Sundergarh district
- Field hockey players at the 2002 Asian Games
- Field hockey players at the 2006 Asian Games
- Asian Games silver medalists for India
- Medalists at the 2002 Asian Games

Prabodh Tirkey

Prabodh Tirkey (born 6 October 1984) is an Indian hockey midfielder. He is a former captain of the Indian hockey team. He belongs to Sundargarh, the cradle of Odisha's hockey.

- World Series Hockey players
- Field hockey players at the 2010 Asian Games
- Asian Games bronze medalists for India
- Commonwealth Games silver medallists for India
- Commonwealth Games medallists in field hockey
- Medalists at the 2010 Asian Games



William Xalxo



William Xalxo born on June 14 1984 from Sundergarh and member of the Indian Hockey Team Athens Olympic Games in august 2004

Subhadra Pradhan

Subhadra Pradhan was born on 5 June 1986 in Saunamara, a small town in Orissa to an Adivasi family. She did her schooling in Birsa Munda school and pre-university education in Khalsa College, Patiala. She tutored at the Panposh Hockey Hostel at Rourkela during her initial days and started her career in hockey in 1997.

- Commonwealth Games silver medallists for India
- Field hockey players at the 2006 Asian Games
- Field hockey players at the 2010 Asian Games
- Medalists at the 2006 Asian Games
- Field hockey players at the 2006 Commonwealth Games





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6. C.R.P.F
7. GUJURAT
8. HARYANA
9. I.T.B.P
10. KARNATAKA
11. JAMMU & KASHMIR
12. MADHYA PRADESH
13. MAHARASTRA
14. MANIPUR
15. PUNJAB
16. RAJASTHAN
17. R.P.F.
18. S.S.B.
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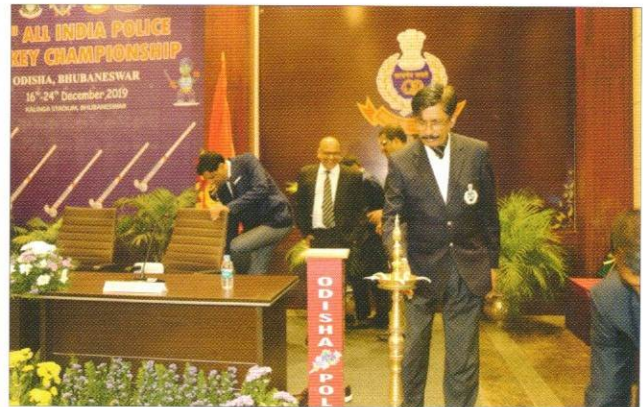
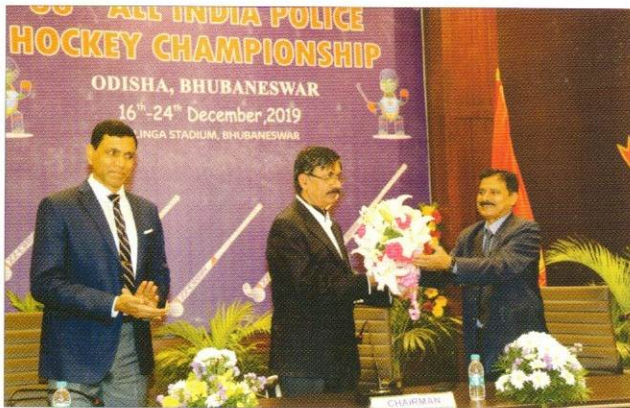


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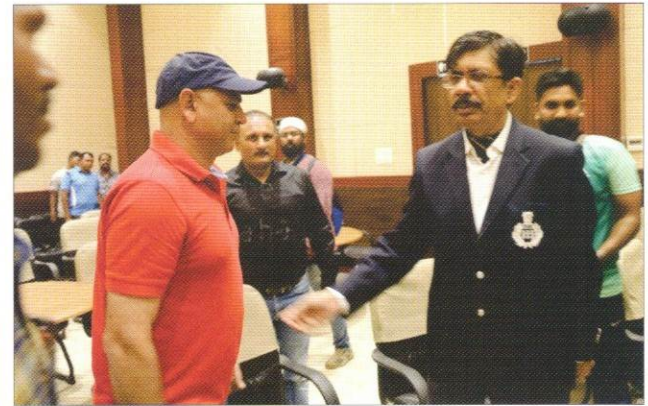
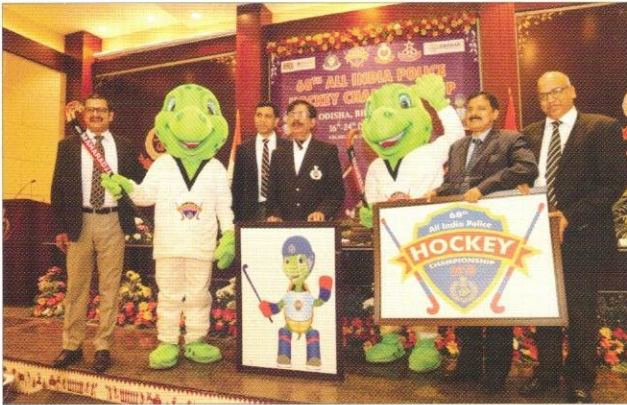
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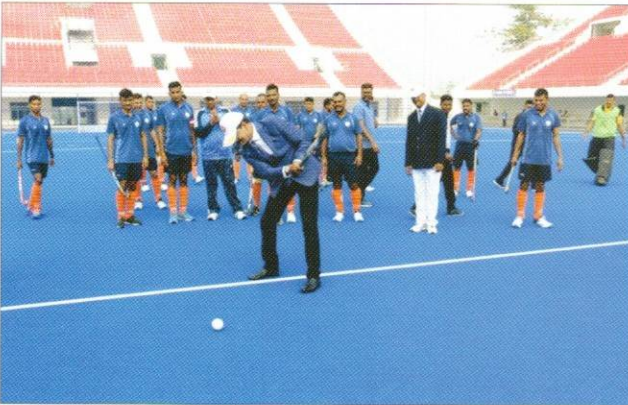


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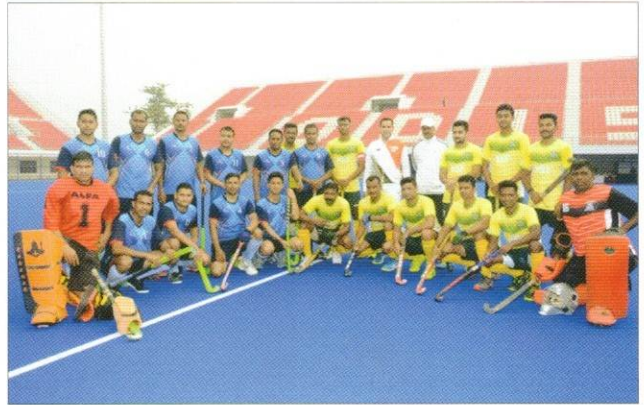




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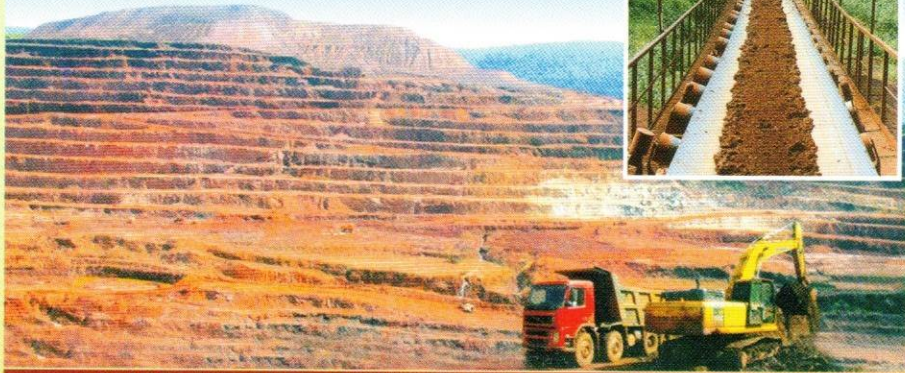


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