

100 years of celebration of Hockey India

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Why in news?

Hockey India launched its centenary celebrations - marking 100 years of Indian hockey (1925-2025), on November 7 at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.

- **Organized** - In association with the Sports Authority of India.
- The **Indian Hockey Federation (IHF)** was founded as the country's first governing body for the sport.
- **Evolution of Hockey in India** - Hockey arrived in India in the 1850s under British rule and quickly grew popular, leading to the first Hockey club in Calcutta (1855).
- On **November 7, 1925**, IHF was formed and later transformed into Hockey India (HI).
- **Hockey India (HI)** - Formed in 2009 after merging the IHF (men's) and the Indian Women's Hockey Federation.
 - It acts as an **apex governing body** for hockey in India and was recognised as a National Sports Federation in 2014.
 - **Affiliated to** - Federation of International Hockey (FIH), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), & Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).
- **Achievements (1925-2025)** - India won 8 Olympic gold medals, 1 World Cup, and numerous Asian Games titles.
- **Features of 100 years celebration** -
 - **Nationwide Hockey Festival** - Conducted simultaneously in 500 districts, engaging more than 36,000 players.
 - Launch of the commemorative book - "**100 Years of Indian Hockey**".
 - Felicitated some of the most celebrated icons included Gurbux Singh, Harbinder Singh, Ajith Pal Singh, Ashok Kumar, B. P. Govinda, etc.
 - Unveiled the trophy for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup.

***National Sports Day** is observed annually on 29th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dhyan Chand** – a renowned Hockey player.*

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