

100 years of celebration of Hockey India

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance | Sports

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 PalSingh, 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 29^{th} August to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dhyan Chand** – a renowned Hockey player.

References

- 1. AIR | India Celebrates 100 Years of Hockey
- 2. Olympics.com | Indian hockey's centenary celebrations

