(i) Title of Hockey Tournament- XVIII CHOTA NAGPUR TRIBAL MEN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2015-16 held between 20<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in MDC National Stadium and Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi

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The XVIII CHOTA NAGPUR TRIBAL MEN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2015-16 held between 20<sup>th</sup> February to 20th March 2016 in MDC National Stadium and Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. The matches were played on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at MDC National Stadium and on 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

2. As many as 20 tribal men hockey teams of Delhi & NCR had participated in this tournament. Teams were divided in four Groups of 5 teams. The initial round of matches was played on round- robin/league basis in each group and first and second ranking of the Groups joined in the Quarter Final matches which were played on 12.3.2016. The results of Quarter Final (QF) Matches were as under:

1st QF: Jharkhand Sports defeated BARLA XI by 2-1

2<sup>nd</sup> QF: Tribal Warriors defeated Defence Kotla by 2-0

3<sup>rd</sup> QF: DLF Phase III defeated JCO United by 6-3

4<sup>th</sup> QF: NOIDA defeated Srinivaspuri by 3-0

Thus four teams qualified for Semi-Finals (SF) were Jharkhand Sports, Tribal Warriors, DLF Phase-III, and NOIDA. The result of Semi Final matches layed on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 was as under:

1<sup>st</sup> SF: Jharkhand Sports defeated DLF Phase III by 7-6 (after 2 goals scored by each team in the regulation time)

2<sup>nd</sup> SF: Tribal Warriors defeated NOIDA by 3-0

3. The final match of the XVIII CHOTA NAGPUR TRIBAL MEN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 2015-16 was played on 20th March 2016 at Shivaji Hockey Stadium, Synthetic Turf Ground, New Delhi between Tribal Warriors and

Jharkhand Sports Hockey team. The Chief Guest of the final match was Shri Fuggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble MP. Due to emergency meeting with Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Kulaste was held up and could not make it. Shri Shanti Priye Beck, Joint Secretary, Central Information Commission, Fr. Ranjit Toppo,s.j. Head of the Tribal Department of Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, Fr. Vincent Ekka, s.j. an scholar of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Fr. Norbert D Xalxo sdb of Bosco Club were the Guests of Honour at the dais. People of NGOs relating to development of tribal people were also present. A sizable match viewer and supporters were present to cheer the players and the teams on the final match.

- 4. Before the match, Distinguished Guests were welcomed by traditional cultural group dance by Salomi Cultural Group of Friends Colony led by Shri Kulranjan Toppo. The final match was inaugurated by Shri Shanti Priye Beck, Joint Secretary, Central Information Commission & Distinguished Guests with the introduction of both the teams. The match started at very fast note with the attacks and counter attacks by both the teams. Jharkhand Sports Club mostly with experienced players expected to dominate the game but it is Tribal Warriors which forged ahead with the swift counter attack goal by its captain Suman at 17th minute of the match. The equalizer came in the 28th minute by Sachin of Jharkhand Sports. After the lemon break Jharkhand added three goals in 40<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> minute by Sachin and experienced player Jolen Topno (2 goals). Tribal warriors responded two goals through Anuj Tirkey and Manoj Xalxo in 49th and 54th minute respectively. Last goal scored by Prakash Jojo of Jharkhand Sports I 55th minute. Thus Jharkhand Sports won the Trophy defeating Tribal Warriors by 5 goals to 3 goals. Before the Final Match, a match was played between NOIDA and DLF Phase III to decide third position. As opponent was off-colour on this day, NOIDA easily defeated DLF Phase III by 3-0.
- 5. After the match, the prize distribution ceremony took place and cash awards announced to winner i.e. Jharkhand Sports Hockey Club, runners

up team i.e. Tribal Warriors and 3rd placed team i.e. NOIDA of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs.25,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively. A consolation prize of Rs. 7,500/- has been announced to DLF Phase III. The championship trophy was handed over to Jharkhand Sports Hockey Club. Display cheques were handed over to above teams by Ranjit Tiggaji, Vincent Ekkaji and Norbert Xalxoji. The Best Player of the Tournament prize consisting of memento and cash prize of Rs.5,000/- awarded to Jolen Topno of Jharkhand Sports for his all-round performance, intelligent scheme and scoring of 2 field goals for his team. Chirag Delhi Hockey team declared as Most Disciplined team in the tournament and given memento and cash prize of Rs.5,000/-. Salomi Cultural Group was also given the memento for their beautiful presentation. In the end, Ranjit Tiggaji appreciated the organiser to conduct such events for the benefit of tribal people.

## **New Initiative**

- 6. The Association has started new initiative to promote the tribal upcoming umpires to supervise the matches as per the standards laid down by Hockey India. To start with two prospective umpires Shri Nirmal Ekka and Shri Suman Tirkey both from Surguja Hockey Ambikapur were invited by the Association for the following purposes:
  - 1. To learn the basics of umpiring in consultation with the umpires and Tournament Director appointed by Hockey India during the matches played.
  - 2. To watch the matches, learn umpiring signals and basic rules of the game of hockey both theoretically & practically
  - 3. To clear the doubts on rules and situation under which penalty corner & penalty stroke are awarded
  - 4. To know how to fill the match sheet & other forms as per Hockey India directives
  - 5. To learn how to handle irritating players on the ground during the game

7. Shri Nirmal Ekka and Shri Suman Tirkey came to Delhi and remained present on the ground and carefully saw all the matches and discussed at length with the umpires & Tournament Director appointed by Hockey India on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016. According to them it was their great learning experience and they stated that they will give more focus and wanted to become the team of umpires in the next tournament organized by the Hockey Association of Chota Nagpur Tribals in July & August 2016.

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