REPORT OF THE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT HELD DURING THE YEAR 2019-20

Title of the Hockey Tournament: XXI Chotanagpur Tribal Men Hockey Tournament 2019-2020

Organised by Hockey Association of Chota Nagpur Tribals, Delhi (Regd.)

Chief Guest: Shri Pradeep Balmuchu, former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha and Working President of Handball Federation of India

Guests of Honour: Shri Ranjit Ekka, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Retd), Delhi Police

The **XXI Chotanagpur Tribal Men Hockey Tournament 2019-20** held in two parts i.e. (i) the week ends between 19th January 2020 to 8th March 2020 and (ii) 20th March 2022 and 26th March 2022 in Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. Due to Covid – 19 the remaining two matches were played in March 2022. The matches were played as per the following:

League Matches held on – 19^{rd} January 2020, 2^{nd} , 9^{th} , 16^{th} & 23^{rd} February 2020 and 1^{st} March 2020.

Knock-out matches held on – 8^{th} March 2020, 20^{th} March 2022 & 26^{th} March 2022.

Final Match held on 26th March 2022

2. As many as **16 tribal men hockey teams** of Delhi & NCR had participated in this tournament. Teams were divided into 4 Groups of 4 teams each as per the following:

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Delhi NCR	Tribal Sports Kurdeg	M M Masihgarh	Tribal Warriors
Srinivaspuri	Ekta Club	JCO	NOIDA
Chirag Delhi	Masihgarh B	Dwarka	Mayur Club
M B Club	Senior Club	Defence Kotla	C N Blues

3. The initial round of matches was played on round – robin / league basis in each group and all top two teams of each group i.e. 8 teams joined in the Knock-out matches i.e. Quarter Final matches. The results of Quarter Final (QF) matches were given as under:

- a) **1st Quarter Final**: Delhi NCR Hockey Team defeated Hockey Dwarka by 2-0 goals
- b) 2nd Quarter Final: Ekta Hockey Team defeated NOIDA Hockey Team by 3-0 goals
- c) **3rd Quarter Final**: JCO Hockey Team defeated M B Club Hockey Team by 4-2 goals (1-1 regulation time) goals via tie-breaker
- d) 4th Quarter Final: C N Blues Hockey team defeated Tribal Sports Kurdeg Team by 1-0.

Thus, four teams qualified for Semi-Finals (SF) were Ekta Hockey Team, C N Blues Hockey Team, Delhi NCR Hockey Team and JCO Club Hockey. The result of Semi Final matches played was as under:

- a) 1st Semi Final: Delhi NCR Hockey Team defeated Ekta Hockey Team by 4-3 goals.
- b) 2nd Semi Final: JCO Club Hockey defeated C N Blues by 2-1 goals

4. The **Final Match** of the XXI Chotanagpur Tribal Men Hockey Tournament 2019-20 was held on 26th March 2022 at Shivaji Hockey Stadium, Synthetic Turf Ground, New Delhi between Delhi NCR Hockey Team and JCO Club Hockey Team. The Chief Guest of the Final Match was **Shri Pradeep Balmuchu, former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha and Working President of Handball Federation of India**. Guests of Honour Shri Ranjit Ekka, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Retd), Delhi Police. A sizable match viewers and supporters were present to cheer the players and the teams.

5. Before the match, Chief Guest and Guest of Honour were welcomed by the Shri Nicholas Xalxo, Secretary Hockey Association of Chota Nagpur Tribals and other Office Bearers. The final match was inaugurated by **Chief Guest** & Guest of honour with the introduction of players of both the teams. NCR Hockey Team mostly with experienced players did the first goal by Eric Dungdung in the 6th minute of the game. JCO Hockey Team equalised the goal in the 33rd minute of the game by Banmali. JCO Hockey Team increased the lead by 2 goals through penalty corners by Banmali and Mathias in 50th & 54th minutes. Delhi NCR Hockey Team reduced the margin through Praveen Munda making score line 3-2. However JCO Team managed to hold the score line and won the XXI Chotanagpur Tribal Men Hockey Tournament.

6. Before the Final Match, a match was played between Ekta Club Hockey Team and C N Blues Club Hockey to decide third position. Ekta Club Hockey defeated C N Blues Hockey Team by 4-1 goals.

7. After the match, the prize distribution ceremony took place and cash awards announced to winner i.e. JCO Hockey Team, runners up team i.e. Delhi NCR Hockey Team and 3rd placed team i.e. Ekta Club Hockey of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs.25,000/- and Rs.15,000/- respectively. The Championship Trophy and Prize money were handed over to JCO Hockey Team, Delhi NCR and Ekta Club by the Chief Guest Shri Pradeep Balmuchu Ji. In his address

Chief Guest appreciated Hockey Association of Chota Nagpur Tribals for their great efforts for organizing of hockey tournaments for tribal people since 1997.