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**SAI Shakti Team crowned Champions of the 2nd Khelo India Sub Junior Women's Hockey League - Finals**

*~SAI Shakti Team defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3-2 to win the Championship~*

*~SAI Bal Team defeated Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy 5-1 to finish third~*

*~Khelo India State Excellence Centre, Bilaspur defeated HAR Hockey Academy 2-1 to finish fifth~*

*~Jai Bharat Hockey Academy defeated Raja Karan Hockey Academy 5-0 to finish seventh*~

**Lucknow, 6th April:** SAI Shakti Team beat Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3-2 in a thrilling Final to win the 2nd Khelo India Sub Junior Women's Hockey League – Finals at the Padma Shri Mohammad Shahid Synthetic Hockey Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, SAI Bal Team defeated Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy 5-1 to finish in third place.

**SAI Shakti Team clinches Gold:**

In the Final of the tournament, the SAI Shakti Team defeated Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 3-2. Khushi (13’, 20’) netted a brace for SAI Shakti Team in the first half before Neharika Toppo (39’) reduced the goal deficit for Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre to one with a penalty stroke in the third quarter. Karuna (45’) then converted a penalty corner for SAI Shakti Team at the end of the same quarter to take the score to 3-1. Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre Captain Sweety Kujur (57’) scored with just a few minutes left on the clock to give her team a chance at making a comeback, but SAI Shakti Team held onto their lead to win the Finals 3-2.

**SAI Bal Team wins Bronze medal:**

In the 3rd/4th classification match, SAI Bal Team defeated Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy 5-1. Sukarmani Mundu (4’, 8’) scored a brace while Lalpeksangi (20’), Shanti Horo (53’) and Laltlanchhungi (56’) scored a goal each for SAI Bal Team. The solitary goal for Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy came from Diya (57’).

**Khelo India State Excellence Centre, Bilaspur overcomes HAR Hockey Academy:**

In the 5th/6th classification match, Khelo India State Excellence Centre, Bilaspur defeated HAR Hockey Academy 2-1. Diksha (4’) opened the scoring for HAR Hockey Academy in the first quarter but a brace from Madhu Sidar (20’, 27’) ensured a fifth-place finish for Khelo India State Excellence Centre, Bilaspur.

**Jai Bharat Hockey Academy finishes in seventh place:**

In the 7th/8th classification match, Jai Bharat Hockey Academy defeated Raja Karan Hockey Academy 5-0. Tamanna (18’, 54’) and Nisha Saini (19’, 47’) scored braces while Captain Annu (44’) scored a goal for Jai Bharat Hockey Academy.

Please find attached pictures and the schedule.

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Headquartered in New Delhi, Hockey India was established on 20th May, 2009 and is affiliated to the International Hockey Federation (FIH), the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

Committed to the development of Hockey in the country, Hockey India with the assistance of Sports Authority of India and Department of Sports, Government of India, trains players at sub-junior, junior and senior level. The governing body engages in Coaching the coaches with International Standard certification programs, educates and equips technical officials and umpires to find a foothold in international arena, provides world-class infrastructure and International exposure for the players besides regular international competition. Hockey India has also pioneered in bringing top International hockey events to India such as the FIH Men's World Cup in 2010 and 2018, FIH Champions Trophy in 2014, FIH Junior Men's World Cup in 2016 and 2021, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2017. With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India brought the Indian Men's Hockey Team into the top three in the world. Hockey India is also dedicated to getting the Indian Women's Hockey Team into the top three in the world.

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Kalinga Lancers, the team owned by the State, were the winners in the Hockey India League 2017. Taking a step further towards realising the dream of restoring the glory of Indian Hockey at the global level, the State is sponsoring the Indian Hockey Teams till 2033.

Odisha also hosted the FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023 and the Rourkela and Bhubaneswar legs of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 and 2023/24.

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