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## **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India announced as Official Partner for the Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021**

- *Tournament will see 16 leading teams from across the world, including defending Champions India, compete for the prestigious title*

**New Delhi, 17 November 2021:** ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) – a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, and a leading steelmaker – was today announced as the Official Partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021. The tournament will be held from 24 November to 5 December 2021 at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

AM/NS India has signed an agreement in this regard with Hockey India, the country's National Sports Hockey Federation, which leads the promotion of the sport across the country.

The marquee tournament in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) calendar marks the return of major international sports events in India after nearly two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic and sees India, which also hosted the last Men's Junior Hockey World Cup in 2016, defend its title.

**MR. DILIP OOMMEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ARCELORMITTAL NIPPON STEEL INDIA,** said: "As Odisha gears up to host the rising stars in the world of hockey, we are delighted to partner with Hockey India and support its efforts to bring fans and players across the globe closer to this important national sport. Odisha has become synonymous with the success of Indian hockey and it is one of the key states for AM/NS India, given our extensive operations' presence here. We are proud to have this opportunity to support the development of hockey, which is also known for strength and agility. We wish Odisha and all the teams taking part in this global event the very best."

**MR. GYANENDRO NINGOMBAM, PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY INDIA,** said, "We are pleased to have ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India as the Official Partner for the much-awaited FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021. We are excited that India is once again the host to international sporting events. The biggest gainers from AM/NS India's support are the sport of hockey itself, and more importantly the talented players who will be taking part in the tournament. I would like to thank the AM/NS India team for coming forward to support the sport of hockey in the best way possible."



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BHUBANESWAR 2021

### **About the event**

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 will be the 12th edition of the biggest tournament in U-21 Men's Hockey. This is the third time that India is hosting the prestigious tournament, which took place in New Delhi in 2013 and in Lucknow in 2016. A total of sixteen nations will take part. Host and defending Champions India are grouped in pool B along with Canada, France and Poland. The other teams in the fray include Belgium, Malaysia, South Africa and Chile in pool A; Netherlands, Spain, Korea and the United States grouped in pool C while Germany, Argentina, Pakistan and Egypt in pool D.

Each team is set to play three matches during the league stage over a period of five days. This will be followed by a series of cross-over matches, due to take place on 30 November, followed by knockout matches from 1 December, with the Final to decide the Champions scheduled for 5 December 2021.

### **About AM/NS India**

AM/NS India is a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, two of the world's leading steel manufacturing organisations. A leading integrated flat carbon steel producer in India, the company has an achievable crude steel capacity of around 9 million tonnes per annum. It produces a full diversified range of flat steel products, including value-added steel, and has a pellet capacity of 20 million tonnes.

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### **About HOCKEY INDIA**

HOCKEY INDIA (HI) is the governing body with exclusive mandate to direct and conduct all activities for both men and women's hockey in India. It is recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India as the sole body responsible towards promoting Hockey in India.

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

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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, FIH Hockey World League Final in 2017. With its vision to popularize the game and constantly promote it, Hockey India has 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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### **About ODISHA**

Odisha - the Eastern State of India - is known for its love for Hockey. The State successfully hosted the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018 and hosted the FIH Men's Series Finals Bhubaneswar Odisha 2019 in June. Odisha has previously hosted the Champions Trophy 2014 and the Odisha Men's Hockey World League Final Bhubaneswar 2017. Kalinga Lancers, the team owned by the State, is 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 2023

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