



**Hockey India congratulates Biswaranjan Sarangi for his Promotion to Advancement Panel Technical Officer for Hockey**

*~ Odisha's Sarangi was first promoted to FIH International Technical Official in August 2018 ~*

**New Delhi, 06 July 2020:** Hockey India on Monday congratulated Biswaranjan Sarangi of Cuttack, Odisha on being promoted to Technical Officer - Advancement Panel by the FIH Officials Committee. The World Governing Body for Hockey, announced its decision on Friday. Having worked his way from the domestic circuit to the international level, Sarangi has been an exceptional Technical Official for the past few years, which has seen him being appointed for various tournaments around the globe. His first international appointment by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) was in August 2018 when he was promoted to FIH International Technical Official.

Sarangi had then become the first Official from Odisha to have been promoted as an FIH International Technical Official, which was a result of him delivering excellent results as Judge at the Men's Youth Olympic Games Qualifiers 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand, and as Technical Official at the 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2018 in Ipoh Malaysia. His exposure at the international level has also seen him being involved as an Assistant Technical Delegate at the 30th Southeast Asian Games 2019 in Philippines, and as Judge during the 2020 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

Excited at the news of his promotion to Technical Officer - Advancement Panel, Sarangi said, "I am delighted to have been granted the promotion to Technical Officer - Advancement Panel by the FIH Officials Committee. It is a huge honour for me to be representing our nation at such a huge level, and it comes down to the exposure I have been provided by Hockey India during my career as a Technical Official. I first gained exposure at the Hockey India League in

2015 as a Technical Official, and have ever since been officiating at various domestic and International events. My growth as a Technical Official could not have been possible without the support of my family and of the Hockey India Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee, which has trusted my abilities and given me opportunities to serve in this profession.”

Congratulating Biswaranjan Sarangi on his promotion accorded by the FIH, Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad, President, Hockey India said, “I would like to wish highly qualified Technical Official, Biswaranjan Sarangi, the very best for his new and exciting role under the International Hockey Federation (FIH). It has been Hockey India Umpiring, Technical and Competitions Committee’s endeavour to engage and promote the younger generation of Technical Officials in different capacities. With our federation working tirelessly towards achieving best results in hockey at the international arena, I am happy to note that Sarangi's promotion to the Advancement Panel further strengthens India's representation through Technical Officials and Umpires at the International stage.”

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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 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 is dedicated to getting our national team(both men and women) into the top three in the world.

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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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