



Organising Committee review the preparation for the upcoming Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

Bhubaneswar, 4 November 2022: On the side lines of the ongoing FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023, the Organising Committee of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, convened a meeting along with senior officials of Hockey India to discuss the progress on the preparations for the upcoming world cup.

Chaired by Chief Secretary, Govt of Odisha, Suresh Ch Mahapatra and President Hockey India, Dilip Tirkey, the meeting brought together heads of all departments to review the progress of various activities related to the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

Chief Secretary appreciated the commitment of the different departments to make the world cup a success and encouraged Department heads to complete the projects aligned with the marquee event.

Thrust is being laid on connectivity and hospitality and showcasing Odisha as the land of heritage and culture besides being a hockey hub. Commercial flights are expected to commence from December 2022, in Rourkela. Provisions are being made for charter flights between the two venues for the team. Special buses will also ply during the World Cup phase to make it easy for players, officials and spectators to have a smooth experience. Special attractions are being curated by the Tourism Department to make a lasting impression on the visitors and fans.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote hockey amongst children so Sports carnivals and sports events will be conducted by district administration in association with schools. Other aspects like Technology, Security, Safety, Pollution, Beautification, promotion, City fests etc are also been treated with importance.

Under the leadership of visionary Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik, Odisha has set a benchmark with the Hockey Men's World Cup 2018 and the state is committed and working towards hosting this at a spectacular scale. City festivals are being planned in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela for the mega event. Similarly the district level festivals are being planned in major towns across the state to celebrate the Hockey World Cup.

Sports Secretary, Odisha, R Vineel Krishna presented a report on the various functional areas of the event for the two venues, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. He shared that major collective efforts between departments will ensure venues and infrastructure for the tournament are completed on schedule. Focus is also being laid on sustainability and adopting green practices at the two venues.

The 2023 edition of the Hockey World Cup has stirred the emotions and enthusiasm of fans and players and people are eagerly looking forward to January when Odisha will once again welcome the top teams from across the world and demonstrate why it has evolved to become a global hub of hockey.