



Four Players from Jharkhand Selected in Indian Women's Hockey Team

Why In News?

According to media information received on November 23, 2022, four players from Jharkhand Nikki Pradhan, Salima Tete, Sangita Kumari and Beauty Dungdung have been included in the Indian women's hockey team. She will represent the country in the FIH Women's Hockey Cup to be held in Spain from November 27.

Key Points

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also praised the game of Salima Tete of Barki Chapar village under Sadar block of Simdega district many times. Even today in his village, people have to take support of rocks or trees for mobile towers. In such a situation, Salima started hockey by walking long distances or sitting on her father Sulshan Tete's bicycle with school and village team in Khasi Cup, Murga Cup hockey competitions.
- Salima Tete is Simdega's first female Olympian. In the last three-four years, he represented the Indian team in many big tournaments like Olympic Games, World Cup, Asia Cup, Commonwealth Games and attracted the whole world with his game.
- Nikki Pradhan is a resident of Hesal village under Moro block of Khunti district, where there is not even a playground till date. Nikki started hockey here by taking inspiration from her elder sisters.
- Nikki is the first hockey player from Jharkhand to have played two Olympics each. She has also made many records representing the Indian women's hockey team in all major events including Olympic Games, World Cup, Commonwealth Games, Asia Cup.
- Sangita Kumari is a resident of Karangaguri Nawatoli village under Kersai block of Simdega district, a hockey nursery. Sangita Kumari has represented the Indian team in many competitions like Commonwealth Games, FIH Hockey League and Junior Asia Cup in the past.
- The family members of Beauty Dungdung, a resident of Karangaguri-Bajutoli a village of players under Kersai block of Simdega district, have been good hockey players from generation to generation. His entire family grandfather, dad, uncle, three elder brothers, sister-in-law have all been national hockey players. Beauty has been playing for the country for the junior Indian team since 2018 and has been selected for the senior Indian women's hockey team for the first time this year.