



## A STUDY ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF KARNATAKA HOCKEY PLAYER HARI PRASAD TO INDIAN HOCKEY



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### ABSTRACT :

**H**ockey is one of the many sports derived from pre historic man's delight in stick and ball games. It is a game played between two teams on a field with curved sticks and a small hard ball. In India among various sports, hockey occupies a significant place. It is the national game of India. It is a game of skill, deception, anticipation, concentration and character. Like all other games, hockey too has its fundamental skills. To be on the top in any game, it is necessary to have mastery over its fundamental skills. The fundamental skills of a game are based on the motor moments of human being.

**KEYWORDS :** Hockey , stick and ball games , hockey occupies.

### INTRODUCTION:

The contribution of any hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National and International level plays a vital role in the promotion of hockey game. The contribution of Karnataka State Hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National/International level plays a very important role in the promotion of hockey game in Karnataka and India in general.

To find out what kind of contribution and achievements by Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian hockey, the present study is taken into consideration.

### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The problem formulated for the present study is "A study on the Contributions and Achievements of Karnataka Hockey player Mr. Hari Prasad to Indian Hockey".

### PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

The purpose of the study is to assess the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State Hockey player Mr. Hari Prasad who represented India at International level by making his complete profile.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

- To find out the contribution of Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey in the form of performance and achievements at International level.
- To make a profile of Mr. Hari Prasad who represented India at International level.

### HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY:

- Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State Hockey player would have contributed to Indian Hockey in the form of

performance and achievements at National and International level.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:**

- This study assumes great significance given to its comprehensive study to delineate the contribution of Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State Hockey player to Indian Hockey.
- It reveals his contributions to Indian Hockey at International Hockey matches in the form of performance.
- The study further contributes and explores the role of Karnataka state hockey player to Indian hockey and also making the profile of hockey player is the record of information for further research studies as well as very helpful to coaches, trainers and state hockey federations of India.
- The profile of hockey player contributes as motivational factor for the upcoming young hockey players of Karnataka and India in general.

### **METHODOLOGY**

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State hockey player towards the promotion of Hockey game in the Karnataka State and India in general and also to study their philosophy with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a player and their contribution to the game of hockey at national and international level. Data/Information for this investigation was derived from the Primary sources i.e. Direct observation, Questionnaires, Personal records, Archival records, Documents, Pictorial records and Secondary sources. Based on the objectives laid down in the present the following methods were used to obtain the data,

### **DESIGN OF THE STUDY**

#### **Sources of Data and Information:**

The different sources and methods used by the researcher to gather data and information about the contribution of Karnataka State hockey player to Indian Hockey. There are four major sources and methods that have been identified by researcher to obtain the information and data are Direct observation, Documents, Archival records and Participation. It is further divided as the collection of data and information for this investigation as both primary and secondary resources.

#### **Primary Resources:**

The original data, material and information is collected from the following primary resources,

#### **(a)Direct Observation:**

The researcher himself is a university level hockey player and he knows some of the history and profile of hockey players. His direct involvement in the hockey enables him to observe the official records of player in hockey federation being a direct observer and that will lead the researcher to get first hand information.

#### **(b)Documents:**

Researcher visited various sports institutions such as Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), New Delhi and Karnataka Hockey Association, Bangalore to get the related data information of the study in the form of Photo's, News Papers, Articles, Books and Administrative records etc. Pictorial records from a large repertoire of photographs available with different sources such as personal albums, official photographs that were found relevant to different occasions have been chosen as documents for the study. The published materials in the News Papers, Sports Magazines and Books etc. These are studied and information retained as documents for the investigation.

#### **(c)Archival Records:**

The official records in the sports websites of Sports federation's survey records, Life time achievements and name lists, etc. were searched and studied and information and data are retained for the study.

**Secondary Resources:**

To get deeper insight into the study the survey method is used for the further study.

**(a) Survey:**

The survey of state and national hockey federations or associations is done to get the data and information about the contributions of Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State hockey player who represented India at international level.

**ANALYSIS OF DATA AND INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey towards the promotion and development of hockey game in Karnataka and country in general and also to study sports motivation with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a players, their professional leadership qualities, and their contribution to the game of hockey at National and International level. The present study is conducted on Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State hockey player who represented Indian hockey team at International level. Based on the findings the analysis of data and interpretation of results are presented in the following way.

**Mr. HARI PRASAD****Early Life:**

Mr. Hari Prasad was born on 16th November 1982 at Hunsur, Mysore. At the age of 13 years he was started playing hockey game seriously. The hockey game, his parents and friends are inspiration to him to take up this sport and they also supported and co-operated him to hockey game.

His parents wanted me to be a sportsman because he was interested in sports from his childhood days and feels that it was easy to get jobs. He spent the most of his childhood days in Hunsur and adulthood days in the Bangalore city that allowed him to get better facilities to play and practice hockey game in his early days.

**Family:**

Hari Prasad's father Mr. G.K Mallapa was a former and mother Mrs. B. B. Shashikala she was a clerical staff (coffee caring works) and he had one younger brother.

**Education:**

Mr. Hari Prasad was completed his school days at St. Joseph Indian high school, Bangalore in the year 1998 and 12th class (PUC) studied at Al Ameen College, Bangalore and subsequently completed the same in the year 2000. Further he joined for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree course at Al Ameen Degree College, Bangalore and graduated in the year 2003. Further he studied P.G. Diploma in Human Resource Management (HRM) at Jain College, Bangalore and completed the same in the year 2006.

**Hockey Career and Achievements:**

He got the hockey basics training at the age of 13 and advance training at the age of 16 at Bangalore. He

used to practice hockey game daily morning 2 hours and evening 2 hours and he used to do physical fitness, steep work, skills drills and gym training before the main tournaments. He was in the school sports hostel from 1996 to 1999 and he was mainly the product of SAI Sports Hostel, Bangalore and there he was got training from the year 2002 to 2007. Further he was elevated from SAI, Bangalore to Centre of Excellence and there he got advanced training from 2001 to 2005. He got to see lot of video sessions, got special diet, did gym sessions, utilizing latest equipments like shoes, hockey sticks, technical training to acclimatize to different weather conditions etc. before the international competitions.

Hari Prasad was another star to emerge from the stable of South's Sansarpur, Coorg, Gowdalli Mallappa Hari Prasad had a chequered career since made his first outing in 2003 (Akber El Yom Cup, Cairo).

Though he made his senior debut in the Azlan Shah Cup next year, missed Olympics but bounced back soon for all senior engagements post Athens. With 21 senior caps, was one of experienced colts at India's 2005 Junior World Cup campaign. But he was not considered for any senior assignment in 2005, made a name for himself by scoring peach of goal in the third final of the second PHL at Chandigarh. Posted the winning goal against the Kiwis in 2006 Azlan Shah Cup bronze medal play off.

After a brief stint at Customs, joined India Airlines in 2005 and now plays for Bangalore Lions in PHL and scored the winning goal in his team winning the 2006 PHL title. Unfortunately, could not find a place in the national team after Doha Asian Games.

He was had a very bad experience during Junior World Cup 2006 semi-final match held at Holland, Asian Games 2006 (lost) held at Doha, China and Asia Cup 2009 held at Malaysia respectively where he narrowly lost of getting the medals. As he was dropped from the Indian hockey team from World Cup, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games in the year 2010 his performance was really went down.

His last International appearance was at 2010 France Test Series. He was represented in the 75 national/international matches and scored 40 goals to his credit.

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

### International

1. Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th National Junior Hockey Tournament 2003 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1st Place).
2. Represented Indian hockey team in the 7th Nation Akbar- Al-Yom International Hockey tournament 2003 held at Cairo, Egypt (3rd place).
3. Represented Indian hockey team in the 6th Nation Junior Champions Challenge 2003 held at Gnezino, Poland (1st place).
4. Represented Indian hockey team in the in the 13th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament 2004 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
5. Represented Indian hockey team in the Indo-Malaysia Junior test series 2004 held at New Delhi, India.
6. Represented Indian hockey team in the 5th Men's Jr. Asia Cup 2004 held at Karachi, Pakistan (1st place).
7. 4th Nation Takamondomiya Invitational Tournament 2004 held at Gifu, Japan (2nd Place).
8. Participated in the Pre-Olympic Training Camp 2004 held at Arizona, U.S.A.
9. Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th Nation Rabobank Trophy 2004 held at Amsterdam, Holland.
10. Represented Indian hockey team in the Indo-Pak Test Series 2004 held at India/Pakistan.
11. Represented Indian hockey team in the Champions Trophy 2004 held at Lahore, Pakistan (4th Place).
12. Represented Indian hockey team in the Indo-Spain Test Series 2004 held at Chandigarh.
13. Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th Nation Junior Hockey Tournament 2005 held at Lahore, Pakistan (2nd place).
14. Represented Indian hockey team in the 6th Nation Junior Hockey tournament 2005 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (3rd Place).
15. Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th Nation Pre-tournament 2005 held at Bilbao, Spain (1st Place).
16. Participated in the Pre-Junior World Cup Camp 2005 held at Germany.
17. Represented Indian hockey team in the Junior World Cup 2005 held at Rotterdam, Holland (4th Place).

18. Represented Indian hockey team in the India-Pak Test Series 2006 held at India/Pakistan.
19. Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th Nation Hockey Tournament 2006 held at Germany (3rd Place).
20. Represented Indian hockey team in the 15th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament 2006 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2nd place).
21. Represented Indian hockey team in the BDO World Cup 2006 held at Germany.
22. Represented Indian hockey team in the 15th Asian Games 2006 held at Doha, China.
23. Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Matches 2009 held at Mardelplata, Argentina.
24. Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Matches 2009 held at Australia & New Zealand.
25. Represented Indian hockey team in the Asia Cup 2009 held at Kauntan, Malaysia.
26. Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Matches 2009 held at Europe.

### National Level

1. Represented Karnataka State Junior hockey team in the Junior National Hockey Championship (U-21) 2001 held at Chennai, Tamilnadu.
2. Represented Karnataka State Junior hockey team in the Junior National Hockey Championship (U-21) 2001 held at Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Participated in the All India Grade 1 U & I Hockey Tournament 2002 held at Bangalore.
4. Participated in the All India Grade I Bombay Hockey Tournament 2003 held at Mumbai.
5. Represented Karnataka State Senior hockey team in the Senior South Zone Hockey Championship 2002 held at Thiruvananthapuram.
6. Participated in the All India Field Marshall K.M Cariappa Memorial Hockey Tournament 2002 held at Madikeri.
7. Participated in the All India Grade I MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2003 held at Chennai, Tamilnadu.

### Awards:

- Ekalayaya award 2007 by the Govt. of Karnataka.
- Karnataka Olympic Association award 2008.

### CONCLUSION:

Mr. Hari Prasad was represented Indian hockey in the Junior and senior Asian Games, junior world cup, Sultan Azlan-Shah tournament, champion trophy, Test series, tours and won many medals for India. It is clearly advocated that Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka State hockey player who is immensely contributed to the cause of upliftment of national game hockey and thus played a pivotal role in reviving the glorious past of hockey in the country once again. Being the role model, Karnataka State hockey player was being religiously emulated by the younger generation for sports. He was a product of SAI

Recognizing the everlasting efforts and valuable contributions and achievements rendered to sports by him, the Government of Karnataka has awarded him Ekalayaya Award 2007 and Karnataka Olympic Association Award in 2008.

Finally it is concluded that Mr. Hari Prasad, Karnataka state Hockey player made a very significant and tremendous contribution to India Hockey in the form of achievements in the field of Hockey game at national and international level.



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