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SPORTS: A CASE STUDY OF TRIBAL HOCKEY PLAYERS OF
CHHOTANAGPUR REGION".**

ABSTRACT

Chhotanagpur region have produced a big number of tribal hockey players, who contributed a lot in the golden past and present of Indian hockey. Besides utmost hard ship in day to day life their interest in this sport has been gradually gaining popularity. The game of hockey has been developed much as a part of their cultural heritage and second religion to the tribal players of Chhotanagpur region.

The researcher investigated the following areas pre-determined by well defined objectives:

1. To identify the socio-cultural and educational influence on sports by studying the development of tribal hockey players of chhotanagpur region.
2. To study the achievements of outstanding hockey players of the chhotanagpur region at International level.
3. To prepare a comparative study of progress of game of hockey in chhotanagpur region as well as in India.
4. To draw the opinion of outstanding International tribal hockey players of Chhotanagpur about the causes of falling the standard of hockey in India.
5. To draw the opinion of the outstanding International tribal hockey players from chhotanagpur region about the corrective measures to be adopted for the development of hockey in chhotanagpur region.

It is worth mentioning here that the first Olympic captain of India was a tribal player – Jaipal Singh Munda (1928 Amsterdam, Gold Medal) and during last participation in 2004 Athens Olympics, captain was again a tribal player- Dilip Tirkey from Chhotanagpur region.

In all there are 9 representations of tribal players of Chhotanagpur region in Olympics, 27 players (8 men & 19 women) in Asian Games, 17 tribal players (5 men & 12 women) in Commonwealth Games, 19 tribal players(10 men & 9 women) in World Cup, 27 tribal players (8 men & 19 women) from Chhotanagpur region in Asia Cup, 28 tribal players(14 men & 14 women) in Junior World cup, and 42 tribal players of Chhotanagpur region (10 men & 32 women) in other International tournaments so far.

The interesting part of the tribal hockey is that there are only 3 women hockey players, who belongs to Hindu religion rest all the tribal players belongs to ST Christian religion. The most important part of the tribal hockey is that most of the tribal players belong to Oraon sub-caste, followed by Munda sub- Caste, and than kharia sub-caste.

There are 10 tribal hockey players (5 men & 5 women) who acted as captain of the various National teams in International competitions including Olympics, World Cup, Asian Games, Asia Cup, Commonwealth Games and so many other International Competitions over the years.

Dilip Tirkey, the most successful tribal hockey player of the Chhotanagpur region also created a world record by playing 412 international matches, which is unbeatable till date. He is the only player in India who not only played all the top International tournaments 3 times or more but also leads the National team as captain in all the top International tournaments of the world.

It is clearly established that the one of the main reason for the production of the big number of top International and National level hockey players is the combination of the game with education.

Another big contribution for the development of hockey in Chhotanagpur region was of Missionary Schools of the region.

The results also show that the number of International tribal women hockey players is much more than the International tribal men hockey players in the Chhotanagpur region.