

Press Release

Jyoti leads Haryana into last four; semi-finalists spotted in Girls U-17 and Girls U-21 hockey in Khelo India Youth Games

Pune, January 16: Riding on striker Jyoti's hat-trick, Haryana overran Chandigarh 8-0 for their third straight victory to storm into the semi-finals of the Under-21 women's hockey competition of the Khelo India Youth Games here on Wednesday.

Haryana toyed with Chandigarh and dominated proceedings throughout. The victory margin would have been much greater but for missed chances by the Haryana forwards. Besides Jyoti, other goal-scorers for the winning side were Amandeep Kaur (2), Amrinder Kaur, Navneet Kaur and Manisha.

In the other Pool B match, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh played out a 2-2 draw, but Punjab progressed to the semi-finals on better goal difference. For Punjab, goals came from Gurleen Gerwal (5th minute) and Gurkamal Kaur (26th), while skipper Mumtaz Khan (35th) and Sonal Tiwari (58th) were the goal-getters for Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier late on Tuesday, Jharkhand and Odisha secured the top two places in Pool A respectively to progress to the semi-finals. Jharkhand finished with a tally of five points from three matches while Odisha had three points.

In the semis, Jharkhand take on Odisha, while Haryana face Punjab.

In the Under-17 category, it will be Jharkhand against Odisha in the first semi-final and Punjab versus Haryana in the second of Thursday's semis.

Results:

Women's Under-17: Semifinal line-up:

January 17: Jharkhand v Odisha (9 am); Haryana v Punjab (11 am).

Women's Under-21 League matches:

Haryana 8 (Jyoti 30th, 33rd, 50th, Amandeep Kaur 6th, 12th, Amrinder Kaur 13th, Navneet Kaur 23rd, Manisha 29th) bt **Chandigarh** 0;

Punjab 2 (Gurleen Gerwal 5th, Gurkamal Kaur 26th) drew with **Uttar Pradesh** 2 (Mumtaz Khan 35th, Sonal Tiwari 58th).

Semi-final line-up: January 18: Jharkhand v Odisha (2 pm); Haryana v Punjab (4 pm).