

Indian women's hockey team wins Asia Cup 2017



The Indian women's hockey team defeated China 5-4 in a nerve wracking penalty shootout to win the 2017 Asia Cup in Japan on 5th of November 2017. They won this tournament after 13 years and qualified for next year's World Cup.

Player Navjot Kaur scored to give India the lead in the 25th minute while China found a late equaliser through Tiantian Luo in the 47th minute. After scores were level at 1-1 after full time, the game went into a penalty shootout.

In the penalty shoot out, scores were once again tied at 4-4 after the best-of-five round and the game went into sudden death. *The sudden death is a form of competition where play ends as soon as one competitor is ahead of the other.*

In a tense shoot out finale, Indian captain Rani Rampal scored for India and seasoned goalkeeper Savita made a stunning save to defeat the Chinese. The women's hockey team joined the men's hockey team to become the Asian Champs in 2017!

In 2018, India will participate in hockey's three biggest events - CWG, Asian Games and lastly the World Cup. We hope that Captain Rani Rampal and her team will continue their winning run into next year!