



LE PUDUCHERRY HOCKEY

“Hockey is a dynamic game played by both gender requiring high level of skills, excellent conditioning and well coordinated team effort. Modern Hockey demands that all the players should be adapted to all the situations either defending or attacking”.

Union Territory of Puducherry

History of Union Territory of Puducherry

In 1674 the *French East India Company* set up a trading centre at Pondicherry. This outpost eventually became the chief French settlement in India.

Dutch and British trading companies also wanted trade with India. Wars raged among these European countries and spilled over into the Indian subcontinent. The Dutch captured Puducherry in 1693 but returned it to France by the Treaty of Ryswick in 1699.

The French acquired Mahe in the 1720s, Yanam in 1731, and Karaikal in 1738. During the Anglo-French wars (1742–1763), Puducherry changed hands frequently. On 16 January 1761, the British captured Puducherry from the French, but the Treaty of Paris (1763) at the conclusion of the Seven Years' War returned it.

The British took control of the area again in 1793 at the Siege of Pondicherry amid the Wars of the French Revolution, and returned it to France in 1814. When the British gained control of the whole of India in the late 1850s, they allowed the French to retain their settlement in the country. Pondicherry, Mahe, Yanam, Karaikal and Chandernagar remained a part of French India until 1954.

The independence of India in 1947 gave impetus to the union of France's Indian possessions with former British India. An agreement between France and India in 1948 stipulated that the inhabitants of France's Indian possessions would choose their political future. The *de jure* union of French India with the Indian Union did not take place until 1962. On a *de facto* basis, the bureaucracy had been united with India's on 1 November 1954. It was organized as a Union Territory in 1963. Puducherry is now a part of India.

Union Territory of Puducherry is a spiritual land which is very well known for its multi culture straight roads, French architecture and top educational institutions like JIPMER medical college and International City Auroville.

TOURIST PLACE IN PUDUCHERRY

Paradise Beach, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville, Serenity Beach, Arikamedu, Auroville Beach, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rock Beach, Ousteri Lake,

VaradarajaPerumal Temple, Ousteri Wetland and National Park, Meeran Mosque, Ananda Ranga Pillai Mansion, etc.

These places in Pondicherry are known for preserving the remnants of French heritage with Indian culture and offering a jolly good time to tourists. From its beaches to historical monuments and from its temples to churches, Pondicherry is an interesting tourist destination in India. The laid-back charm of Pondicherry is clearly visible when you visit the quaint French part of the town while tourists will also cherish the authentic Indian feel that the city brings through its culture and people.

Tourists in Pondicherry can also indulge in various water activities like surfing, scuba diving etc. if they are seeking an adrenaline rush. For seekers of spirituality, Pondicherry is known for Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville attracting thousands of tourists to explore this beautiful city.

For nature lovers too, Pondicherry is a serene retreat replete with various beaches and lakes that takes the breath away of the tourists on the first glimpse. Along with that, Pondicherry is a great place for shopping lovers and foodies alike. With so many unique and exciting list of places to see in Pondicherry, it is probably a dilemma for all the tourists where to go and not to do in such a short time.

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Puducherry is an Union territory consisting of four regions namely Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.

Karikal

Karaikal region is a part of U.T. of Puducherry situated near Tamilnadu and 136 kms away from Puducherry region. The total space of Karaikal is 160 km² and the population is 2.21 lakhs. The Main Language of the region is Tamil, English and French.

Mahe

Mahe region is a part of U.T. of Puducherry situated near Kerala and 608.7 kms away from Puducherry region. The total space of Mahe is 9 km² and the population is 45.18 thousand. The Main Language of the region is Malayalam, English and French.

Yanam

Yanam region is a part of U.T. of Puducherry situated near Andrapradesh and 813.2 kms away from Puducherry region. The total space of Yanam is 30 km² and the population is 81.13 thousands. The Main Language of the region is Telugu, English and French.

History of Hockey in Puducherry

Though there is no definite origin of the game in Puducherry but the beginning of the game starts 40 years ago by some of the Anglo Indian peoples who worked in ashram and nearby companies were started playing Hockey. Later on the game was slowly developed after the arrival of state and SAI institutions in Puducherry. As such the very first debut of Puducherry Hockey Team was happened when the team participated in the Junior South Zone Hockey Championship held at Thirupathi, Andrapradesh in the year 1990-91. Further the standard of the game was raised in Puducherry due to the hard effort taken by the Coaches, Players as well as Parents.

As such now so many quality players were produced by coaches, physical education professionals and also by the senior players in the U.T of Puducherry. Further Mr. G. Senthil kumar represented for India in the India v/s Malaysia test series which was held on 1998 at Hydrabad, Mr. N. Suresh represented for India in the India v/s France test series. Further he also represented 1st premier Hockey League for Sultan Warriors (Hydrabad) and own the first place and some of our players also attended the Indian Camps.

Further many of our players were got sports recruitments in various departments all over India ex. Southern Railways, Income Tax, Indian Bank, Central exercise, Police departments, AGS departments, Postal departments, Education departments, Coaches and Physical Education professionals in government of Puducherry.

Le Puducherry Hockey

Le Puducherry Hockey was registered in the year 2018. As per the guidelines of Hockey India Le Puducherry Hockey was modified on 15th may 2019. Le Puducherry Hockey is an unique Hockey society in Puducherry registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 Registration No. 197/2018 affiliated by the supreme soul body Hockey India. Further Le Puducherry Hockey is functioning as per the guidelines of Hockey India and developing the National Game in an appreciable way in Puducherry. Further the members and the officials in the society were all senior player who sweat out themselves for the development of Hockey in Puducherry.

Further to keep the momentum so many coaching / training programmes were organized by Le Puducherry Hockey with the help of coaches, senior players and physical education professionals in terms of conducting summer camps, short term special camps for producing budding players and also for the development of trained players.

Further as per the guidelines of Hockey India especially in this pandemic situation so many programmes were organized to enhance the enthusiasm among the coaches, players, officials, parents and also in the public like Olympic day, National sports day, Fit

India freedom run, online quiz programmes for covid-19 awareness, coaches clinic, modern rules and regulations and nutritional awareness.

Further to wide spread the awareness of the game in the U.T. of puducherry various programmes were organized for school and college students like drawing & painting competition, elocution and essay competition.

In addition with the above to create and attract the public free fitness camps Hockey awareness rallies were also organized in Puducherry.

For the effective administration of the society various committees were formed like discipline committee, legal cell, organizing committee, academic guidance committee, carrier guidance committee, talent identification committee, medical guidance committee, registration committee, digital assistance committee, clinics and orientation courses organizing committee, national camps preparation and organizing committee, celebration committee, technical committee, selection committee, miscellaneous committee.