

Inauguration of Ice Hockey HCL Arena
Göta Traneberg Ice Hockey Club
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Stockholm

Remarks
Ambassador Tanmaya Lal

- I thank HCL for inviting me.
- Exciting to be here today in this beautiful arena with all of you as life finally returning to normal
- Wonderful to see this partnership between this great Sporting Club and HCL
- While this was a difficult year across countries, it has also been an Olympic year. Women athletes from India and Sweden met in wrestling and table tennis in Tokyo.
- The Indian Women Football team now has a Swedish coach Thomas Dannerby
- Ice Hockey has a long tradition in Sweden and your club has a formidable reputation
- Not many people associate Winter Sports with India but there have been some Indian Winter Olympians for instance, Shiva Keshavan is a 6-time Winter Olympian and the youngest ever Luge athlete in Winter Olympics.
- A very interesting story in recent years has been about the coming together of an Indian Women Ice Hockey team in Ladakh near Kashmir
- There are some stunning images of Ice Hockey being played world's highest open-air arena in the Himalaya mountains
- May be one day we can hope for India and Sweden Women Ice Hockey teams facing each other
- Many congratulations for today's event and this partnerships
- Best wishes