

PRESS RELEASE

The 2nd HCL International Junior Squash concludes

- *Aryan Parekh won the U-19 category for Boys*
- *Sanya Vats and Sankalp Anand won the U-17 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Aishwarya Khubchandani and Aryan Khandelwal won the U-15 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Aasya Patel and Yuvraj Wadhvani won the U-13 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Anahat Singh and Ekambir Singh won the U-11 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*

15 December 2017, Great Noida, India: HCL, a leading global conglomerate, today announced the successful conclusion of the 2nd HCL International Junior Squash championship – a Silver event under the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) calendar, rated five star by the Squash Racket Federation of India (SRFI). Hosted at the Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, this 5-day championship is one of the highest-level tournaments in the country. The winners were felicitated by Arjuna award winner Bombayla Devi Laishram, a celebrated Indian archer with a total prize purse of INR 5,49,000 across all categories.

The top players will receive ranking points for the matches played during this tournament, which will add up to determine their Asian ranking in the relevant age group. The Championship, which saw a participation from 261 players, was organised under the aegis of The Squash Racket Federation of India and the Uttar Pradesh Squash Rackets Association to promote the sport at a competitive level.

***Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation said,** “ I would like to congratulate all the players for their outstanding performance and hope that they will keep practicing so that next year the quality of their game is raised further. This is the second time HCL has organized the Junior Squash Championship in order to promote the sport in our country. HCL’s brand philosophy is to touch people’s lives in ways that can have a transformative effect on their journey. We aim to continue supporting Squash as a sport in India in collaboration with SRFI.”*

***Harish Prasad, National Squash Development Officer at Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) said,** “It is always wonderful to see such young players walk into the court with the determination to show their best game. It was a great experience seeing these young talents battle each other for the title. Like always, HCL supported us with excellent facilities and helped us throughout to conduct the Championship in an efficient and time bound manner.”*

The Championship was played in a knockout format followed by play-offs of the top 8 positions in all categories. The details of the winners and runners up are as follows:

Category	BU19	BU17	GU17	BU15	GU15	BU13	GU13	BU11	GU11
Winner	<i>Aryan Parekh</i>	<i>Sankalp Anand</i>	<i>Sanya Vats</i>	<i>Aryan Khandelwal</i>	<i>Aishwarya Khubchandani</i>	<i>Yuvraj Wadhvani</i>	<i>Aasya Patel</i>	<i>Ekambir Singh</i>	<i>Anahat Singh</i>
Runner-up	<i>Rahul Baitha</i>	<i>Prithvi Singh</i>	<i>Amira Singh</i>	<i>Jay Vaknalli</i>	<i>Diksha Aurobindo</i>	<i>Rutva Samant</i>	<i>Kaavya Bansal</i>	<i>Gurveer Singh</i>	<i>Unnati Tripathi</i>



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