



Press Release

HCL-SRFI India Tour Successfully Concludes its Chennai Chapter

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Rachel Arnold from Malaysia wins the women's event in the \$12k category*

The PSA Squash tournament spanning five days saw players from 14 countries battle for the title

October 17, 2019, New Delhi, India: HCL, a leading global conglomerate, today announced the successful completion of the second leg of the **HCL-SRFI India Tour**, held at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai from October 13 to 17. Ivan Yuen from Malaysia won the Championship in the men's category of \$20k; while Rachel Arnold from Malaysia won the women's event of \$12K. The winners were felicitated by Arjuna and Padma Shri Awardee - Mr Vasudevan Baskaran, Indian Hockey Player who was the captain of the Indian team, which won gold medal at the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. Also present at the event were Mr. Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL; Mr. Debendranath Sarangi, President, Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) and Mr. Cyrus Poncha, Secretary General, SRFI.

Congratulating the winners of the HCL-SRFI India Tour, **Sundar Mahalingam, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation** said, *"I am delighted to witness the enthusiastic participation of Squash players from across the world in the HCL-SRFI India Tour and their spectacular performance. As we conclude the second leg of HCL-SRFI India Tour here in Chennai, I am happy to share that this tournament along with the previous tournament organized in Greater NOIDA have helped significantly improve the international rankings of Indian players. These tournaments will go a long way towards realizing our goal of nurturing the next-generation of squash stars from India. The next tournament under the HCL-SRFI India Tour will be held in Mumbai and I hope to see similar participation there."*

Cyrus Poncha, Secretary General, Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) said, *"I would like to congratulate the winners and all the other participants. I am delighted that the Indian players have performed exceptionally well in this event. Aditya Jagta reached the semi finals for the first time and Harinder Pal Singh Siddhu made an excellent comeback after nine months, going down in the semi finals. I truly believe that Indian Squash has a bright future and the stars of tomorrow will emerge from these events. Our association with HCL has been beneficial for the sport and this is the 12th event that we have successfully concluded under our partnership. I am confident that through our combined efforts we will be able to transform the squash ecosystem in India and raise the overall level of the sport in the country."*

The finale match in the men's category was fought between Ivan Yuen from Malaysia and Mahesh Mangaonkar from India where Ivan Yuen won the title with score 3-2. In the women's category Rachel Arnold from Malaysia beat Li Lai from Malaysia with score 3-1.

Note to Editor:

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[About SRFI](#)

The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) was formed to oversee the promotion and development of the sport in India. The SRFI has more than 20 state associations and affiliated units with its headquarters in Chennai. The federation is affiliated to World Squash Federation / Asian Squash Federation & recognized by Government of India. SRFI has been forging ahead with dynamic plans ensuring promotion, development and performance of the sport at all levels.

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