

HCL Sub-Junior and Junior National Squash Tournament Concludes in Chennai

- *The seven-day tournament witnessed participation from 780 junior players*
- *U-19 Trophy won by Yash Fadte from Goa in the boys' category and Sanya Vats from Delhi in the girls' category*

October 22, 2019, Chennai: HCL, a leading global conglomerate, today announced the successful completion of the **HCL Indian Sub Junior and Junior National Championship**. The seven-day tournament began on 16th October and was hosted at the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai. The winners were felicitated by Arjuna Awardee and noted Table Tennis champion Mr Sathiyan Gnanasekaran. Also present at the event were Mr. Rajat Chandolia, Head of Brand Strategy and Sports Initiatives, HCL Corporation; Mr. Debendranath Sarangi, President, Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) and Mr. Cyrus Poncha, Secretary General, SRFI.

Congratulating the winners, **Rajat Chandolia, Head of Brand Strategy and Sports Initiatives, HCL Corporation** said, “*HCL is invested in promoting Squash in the country and launched the HCL Squash Podium Program in partnership with SRFI, earlier this year, to drive 360-degree development for the sport. We intend to provide the right support at every level in order to significantly improve the performance of players, coaches and referees. I am heartened by the enthusiasm with which these young players have committed themselves to the sport because the future of Indian Squash depends on them. HCL and SRFI's joint efforts coupled with the passion and dedication of our players will ensure that India registers its name among the greatest Squash playing nations in the world.*”

Cyrus Poncha, Secretary General, Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) said, “*I would like to congratulate the participants and the winners for their excellent performance. Squash is a very demanding sport – both physically and mentally -- and these young players need a lot of guidance in order to improve their game and overall fitness as well as avoid critical injuries. With the support of HCL, we have launched a program that will address these needs of young players and help shape them as the stars of tomorrow. SRFI is committed to see Indian players finish at the podium.*”

The HCL Sub-Junior and Junior National Squash Tournament was a seven-star tournament organized under aegis of SRFI and the Tamil Nadu Squash Rackets Association. This PSA satellite event witnessed participation from 780 young players from all parts of the country. The top players of the Championship in the under-17 and Under-19 categories received PSA ranking points.

The Championship was played in a knock-out format across all categories. Here are the details of the winners and runners up.

Category	U-19	U-17	U-15	U-13	U-11
Winner – Boys	Yash Fadte	Neel Joshi	Yuvraj Wadhwani	Arihant Ks	Darshil Parasrampuria
Runner up – Boys	Sankalp Anand	Arnaav Sareen	Shaurya Bawa	Ekambir Singh	Aryaveer Dewan
Winner – Girls	Sanya Vats	Aishwarya Khubchandani	Tiana Parasrampuria	Anahat Singh	Akansha Gupta
Runner up – Girls	Amira Singh	Ananya Dabke	Pooja Arthi	Diya Yadav	Sehar Nayar



Note to Editor:

About HCL

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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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