

The 3rd HCL International Junior Squash Concludes

- *Rutvik Rau won the U-19 category for Boys*
- *Ananya Dabke and Tejas Chawla won the U-17 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Aasya patel and Paarth Ambani won the U-15 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Chitragada Goel and Ansh Tripathi won the U-13 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*
- *Anahat Singh and Gurveer Singh won the U-11 category for Girls and Boys, respectively*

7 October 2018 Great Noida, India: HCL, a leading global conglomerate, today announced that successful conclusion of the 3rd 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), this International Junior Squash Championship is HCL's annual flagship Squash tournament. Hosted at the Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, the 5-day championship is one of the highest-level tournaments in India. The winners of the Championship were felicitated by Asian Games silver medallist, Mr. Deepak Kumar with a total prize purse of approximately Rs. 6 lacs across all categories.

The top players will receive ranking points for the matches played during this tournament, which will add up to their Asian rankings in the relevant age group. The Championship, which saw a participation from 372 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 congratulate all the winners and participants for the great performance they have displayed over the last five days. This was HCL's third initiative in a row to promote junior squash in the country and the growing participation every year is very encouraging. We will continue to build on this initiative to provide a serious platform to young upcoming players in the country."

Harish Prasad, National Squash Development Officer at Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) said, "It was a great experience to see these young players battle each other for the title. We saw tremendous enthusiasm amongst the young players and foresee a bright future for Indian Squash. The support that HCL is extending towards the sport will prove instrumental in shaping the next generation of Squash players."

Deepak Kumar, Asian Games Silver Medallist and the Guest of Honour of the ceremony said, "Its heartening to see the performance of these young players. Initiatives and tournaments like this are important to ensure that India players are trained better to compete at international platforms. I congratulate all the winners and also encourage the other participants to keep up the sporting spirit."

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 |
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| Winner | Rutvik Rau | Tejas Chawla | Ananya Dabke | Paarth Ambani | Aasya patel | Ansh Tripathi | Chitragada Goel | Gurveer Singh | Anahat Singh |
| Runner-up | Sankalp Anand | karata Dasmahapatre | Amira Singh | Jeh Pandole | Uditi Mishra | Rohan Arya Gondi | Khushboo | Pryan Thakker | Unnati Tripathi |



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