

HCL Inter-School Tennis Challenge ends on a high note

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- Pathways World School, Gurgaon and Delhi Public School, R K Puram wins the U-15 Team Championship for Girls and Boys respectively



Roshni Nadar Malhotra giving the trophy to Smriti Singh, the U-17 Girl's Champion



Mahesh Bhupathi presenting the winner's trophy to Suyash Gupta, the U-17 boy's Champion

New Delhi, August 2nd, 2015: HCL Inter School Tennis Challenge, an initiative of HCL in association with the Mahesh Bhupathi Tennis Academies that kicked off on 27th July, ended today on a high note. This large-scale school-level tennis tournament, which is a first of its kind in India, was being held at the DLTA Tennis Courts, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.

Over 70 leading schools from across Delhi NCR participated in this tournament, including leading names like DPS, GD Goenka, Amity International, Spring Dales, Ryan International, The Air Force School, Pathways, The Shri Ram and Scottish High among others. The tournament was aimed at inspiring aspiring young tennis players from across Delhi NCR schools and helping them in developing their game. The tournament was divided into two categories - Team Championship (for U-15 boys and girls) and Individual Championship (for U-17 boys and girls).

In the grand finale today, Pathways World School, Gurgaon and Mt. Carmel School battled it out for the U-15 Team Championship for girls with Pathways World School, Gurgaon emerging victorious by 2-1. Delhi Public

School, R K Puram defeated MM Public School, Pitampura in the U-15 Boys Team Championship by 2-0. In the Individual Championships, great tennis was on display as Smriti Singh from Pathways World School, Gurgaon beat Anu Verma from Sankriti school to claim the Girls Championship title by 9-6 while Suyash Gupta from Mata Kasturi Devi Sr. Sec. Public School, Najafgarh put up a stellar performance to defeat Yugal Bansal from M M Public School, Pitampura to claim the Boys Championship title by 2-6, 6-1, 10-8.

Roshni Nadar Malhotra, CEO and Executive Director, HCL Corporation and Grand Slam Champion Mahesh Bhupathi were both present to witness the final matches and give away awards to the winners and participants of the HCL Inter-School Tennis Challenge.

Speaking on the occasion, **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** said “It has been absolutely wonderful to see such high quality young talent in this tournament. The winners of the boys’ single and girls’ singles events will attend a one-week training camp at the Schuttler Waske Tennis University in Germany while the runners up will attend a one week training camp at the Mahesh Bhupathi Tennis Academies center in Kochi. The success of this tournament only adds to our conviction that India needs more platforms like this to be able to identify and hone young talent and create future sports champions. We at HCL are extremely pleased to have created the Inter-school Tennis Tournament in association with MBTA. Platforms like this will also help create an ecosystem that will support and promote tennis and supports the create talent pool for the future.”

Mahesh Bhupathi, Managing Director, MBTA said, “Seeing the talent on display at the maiden edition of HCL Inter-School Tennis Challenge is truly exciting for us. In partnership with HCL, we hope to identify and help nurture young talent who genuinely love Tennis across the length and breadth of India. Our country is now making its mark at the international level and we want to create many more sporting icons, who will make our country proud in the years to come.”

About HCL

Founded in 1976 as one of India's original IT garage start-ups, today the HCL Group has expanded to four companies in India - HCL Infosystems, HCL Technologies, HCL Healthcare and HCL TalentCare. The group generates annual revenues of over US\$ 6.5 billion with more than 105,000 employees from 100 nationalities operating across 31 countries, including over 500 points of presence in India. A pioneer of modern computing, HCL has many firsts to its credit including the introduction of the 8-bit microprocessor-based computer in 1978 well before its global peers.

HCL's technology solutions cover the entire gamut of services that include infrastructure management, application development, BPO and technology distribution. A new entrant in healthcare, HCL Healthcare in affiliation with Johns Hopkins Medicine International aims to provide innovative medical services, products and training to meet the growing demand for quality healthcare in India. HCL TalentCare is envisioned as an integrated talent solutions company addressing the entire spectrum of employability needs in India. For further information, visit www.hcl.com.

About MBTA

It was in 2006 that Mahesh Bhupathi's vision became a reality. MBTA was founded by the 12-time Grand Slam winner with the objective of imparting professional, world-class training (both practical and theoretical) and highly specialized coaching to youngsters of all age-groups. Another objective of the MBTA was to increase the accessibility of tennis by ensuring that people across all socio-economic groups have the opportunity to experience the joy of tennis. Mr. Gaurav Natekar, former India No. 1, Arjuna Awardee and double Asian Games gold medalist is the CEO and the driving force behind MBTA.

MBTA is a pioneering effort to promote the game of tennis across different levels. By launching our 'School Tennis Program' in various schools across India, MBTA has established itself as a force that adopts a systematic and well-planned approach at every stage in the process of tennis coaching. It is customized to the capabilities and needs of each participant and leads to a comprehensive and highly effective graduation process.

The academy also provides consultancy services to various schools, colleges and corporate companies to structure, develop and implement a variety of tennis coaching programs based on their needs. For more information, log on to: <http://www.mbtaworld.com/>