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SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
खेल विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
(युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वायत्त निकाय)
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)

TEAMS DIVISION

File No.: SAI/TD/ACTC/2026-27/Bridge/2589

Date: 23.03.2026

To,

The President/Secretary General,
Bridge Federation of India.

Subject: Minutes of the ACTC for FY 2026-27 in the sports discipline of Bridge

Sir,

This is with reference to the meeting of ACTC for FY 2026-27 for the sports discipline of Bridge held on 27th February 2026, under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Sports), MYAS, Government of India.

2. In this regard, please find the enclosed herewith the Minutes of the ACTC meeting for information and further necessary action.

3. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

Arunlal V
Deputy Director(TEAMS)

अरुणलाल वी. / Arunlal V.
उप निदेशक / Deputy Director
भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण / Sports Authority of India
जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्टेडियम परिसर (पूर्वी द्वार)
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex (East Gate)
लोधी रोड, नई दिल्ली–110003 / Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Encl: As above

Copy to,

1. O/o Secretary (Sports), MYAS
2. JS, Sports Development, MYAS
3. JS, Khelo India, MYAS
4. DG, NADA, MYAS
5. CEO, TOPS Division, SAI
6. Director (Gov-1), MYAS
7. DD to DG, SAI

Date: 23.03.2026

Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) for BFI 2026-27

A meeting to finalize the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) for the discipline of Bridge for the year 2026-27 was held on 27th February, 2026 at 5.30pm under the Chairpersonship of Shri. Hari Ranjan Rao, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYA&S), at the Conference Hall, Sports Authority of India (SAI) Headquarters, New Delhi. The list of participants is placed at *Annexure-I.*

2. BFI India presented a plan towards financial assistance under the ANSFs scheme for holding of National Coaching Camps, Foreign Exposures, Holding of International Competitions in India, Salary for Coaches and Support Staff during 2026-27 for Rs 6.70 Cr (*Annexure-III*)

3. **KRA & Targets**

At the outset, President, BFI presented the Key Result Areas (KRAs) and projected performance targets for the upcoming international competitions for all four teams, as detailed below:

Competition	Year	Participation	Top 8	Medals	Medals Available
Senior-Targets					
5th Asia Cup, Goa	2026	Men/Mixed/ Women/ Seniors	All 4	2 Gold, 2 Silver	4
17th World Bridge Series, Katowice, Poland	2026	Men/Mixed/ Women/ Seniors	Men	1 medal	4
Junior-Target					
8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, China	2026	U26,U31, Girls	All	2 Silver/ Bronze	3

4. The calendar was considered and approved with modifications pursuant to deliberations. The budget under the ANSFs scheme for FY 2026-27 towards BFI India shall be up to Rs. 3.20 Crores as per the latest ANSFs norms of MYA&S dated 22nd May, 2025. The detailed head wise approval is placed at *Annexure-II.*

5. **Budget Summary** FY 2026-27 (BFI)

SN	Item	Senior	Junior	Total
1	National Coaching Camp	0.17	0.084	0.254
2	Foreign Exposure	0.83	0.35	1.18
3	International Competition in India	0.40	-	0.40
4	Salaries of Indian coaches/support staff	0.035	-	0.035
5	Equipment	0.105	-	0.105
6	National Championships	0.14	0.042	0.182
7	Coaches & Referee development	0.32		0.32
8	Grassroot development		0.64	0.64
9	Administrative Expenses	0.067		0.067
	Grand Total	1.31	1.32	3.20

6. Code of conduct for good governance

6.1 Strict adherence to the selection guidelines issued by MYAS vide letter no. 12-2/2025-SP-III, dated 5th March 2025

6.2 Utilisation certificates and Competition reports are to be submitted no later than 15 days following the conclusion of the event.

6.3 The proposal should be submitted on ACTC portal 45 days before the Commencement of the event.

7.Key Directives from Secretary (Sports)

The Chair emphasized the following strategic priorities:

7.1 Efforts to be undertaken by the NSF to ensure that, digital certificates issued to athletes by the BFI be uploaded on the SAI NSRS portal as well.

7.2 The federation should implement a structured Coach Development Plan aimed at increasing the number of male coaches and addressing the shortage of female coaches within the system.

7.3 Government sanctions and competition calendar along with previous completions results should be uploaded on the website.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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Annexure-I

List of Participants

MYAS

1. Sh. Bangararaju V.V.K.K. Thatavarthi, Director (Governance-2)

SAI

1. Col. NS Johal OLY, CEO TOPS
2. Col. Kabilan Sai Ashok , ED(KI)
3. Sh. Arunlal V, SDO TEAMS
4. Sh. Devesh Yadav, SDO (TOPS)

Members of BFI

1. Sh. Prasad Keni, President, BFI
2. Sh. Keshav Mathur, Senior Vice President, BFI
1. Sh. Srinivasan Iyengar, Communications Manager, BFI

Annexure-II

- **National Coaching Camp**

S. no	Category	Name of the Event	Period	Details of expected no. of contingent members	Amount (₹)
1	Senior	Men Coaching Camp for preparation of World Championships 2027	05.03.2027 to 12.03.2027	30	0.058Cr
2	Senior	Mixed Coaching Camp for preparation of World Championships 2027	13.03.2027 to 17.03.2027	30	0.049Cr
3	Senior	Women Coaching Camp for preparation of World Championships 2027	18.03.2027 to 20.03.2027	22	0.028Cr
4	Senior	Senior Coaching Camp for preparation of World Championships 2027	18.03.2027 to 20.03.2027	30	0.035Cr
5	Junior	Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Phase 1)	19.05.2026 to 24.05.2026	30	0.049Cr
6	Junior	Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Final Phase)	01.07.2026 to 04.07.2026	30	0.035Cr

- **Foreign exposures**

S. no	Category	Name of the Event	Period	Details of expected no. of contingent members	Amount (₹)
1	Senior	17th World Bridge Series, Katowice, Poland	20.08.2026 to 03.09.2026	30	0.53Cr
2	Senior	5th Asia Cup,Goa, India	21.06.2026 to 27.06.2026	55	0.30

3	Junior	8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, China	02.08.2026 To 08.08.2026	30	0.35

- **International Competition in India**

Priority	Name & Location of Competition	Total Participating Countries	Period	Total	Estimated Expenditure	Remarks	SAI Recommendation
1	5th Asia Cup, Goa, India	15 Countries	21.06.2026 to 27.06.2026	7	2 Cr	Asian Championship (once in 4 years)	0.40Cr

- **National Championship**

S.no	Category	Name of the Event	Period	Venue	Amount (₹)
1	Seniors	Senior National Championship	August 2026	Hyderabad	0.14Cr
2	Juniors & Sub Junior	Junior/Sub Junior National Championship	December 2026	Nashik	0.042Cr

- **Administrative Expenses**

Administrative Staff					
Discipline - Bridge					
S. No.	Designation	Department/State	Salary/Month (INR)	Total Salary	SAI Recommendation
1	Operations Incharge	-	80,000	9,60,000	Allocated Subject to Recruitment Procedure.
					0.067Cr

- **Remuneration – Indian Coach, Support staff & Admin Exp**

S. No.	Designation	Salary per month/pro-rata basis	Amount	SAI Recommendation
1	Women – Asst Coach	50,000	1,25,000	Amount restricted to 3.5 lakhs , Subject to empanelment procedure
2	Junior – Asst Coach	50,000	2,50,000	
3	Men – Coach	90,000	1,25,000	
4	Mixed – Coach	90,000	2,70,000	
5	Seniors – Coach	90,000	2,70,000	
6	Juniors – Coach	90,000	1,25,000	
7	Women- Coach	90,000	1,25,000	
				0.035Cr

- **Equipment**

S. No.	Items	Cost Per Item	Quantity	Amount	SAI Recommendation
1.	Cameras	25000	16	400000	Amount restricted to 10.5 lakhs
2.	Bridge Tablets (new Technology for security)	25000	60	1500000	
3.	Bridgemates	15000	40	600000	
4.	Bridge Server	35000	3	105000	
					0.105Cr

- **Coaches & Referee development**

S. no.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1	Technical Officials and Coaches Development Programme	0.32Cr

- **Grassroot Development**

S. no.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1	Grassroot Development	0.64Cr

Annexure-III

BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

ACTC 2026- 2027

Overview of Federation

Name of NSF: Bridge Federation of India

Year of establishment: 1975

Affiliated units: 26 Affiliated states of which 2 are Associates

Address of NSF: 18, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003

Details of Senior Office Bearers:

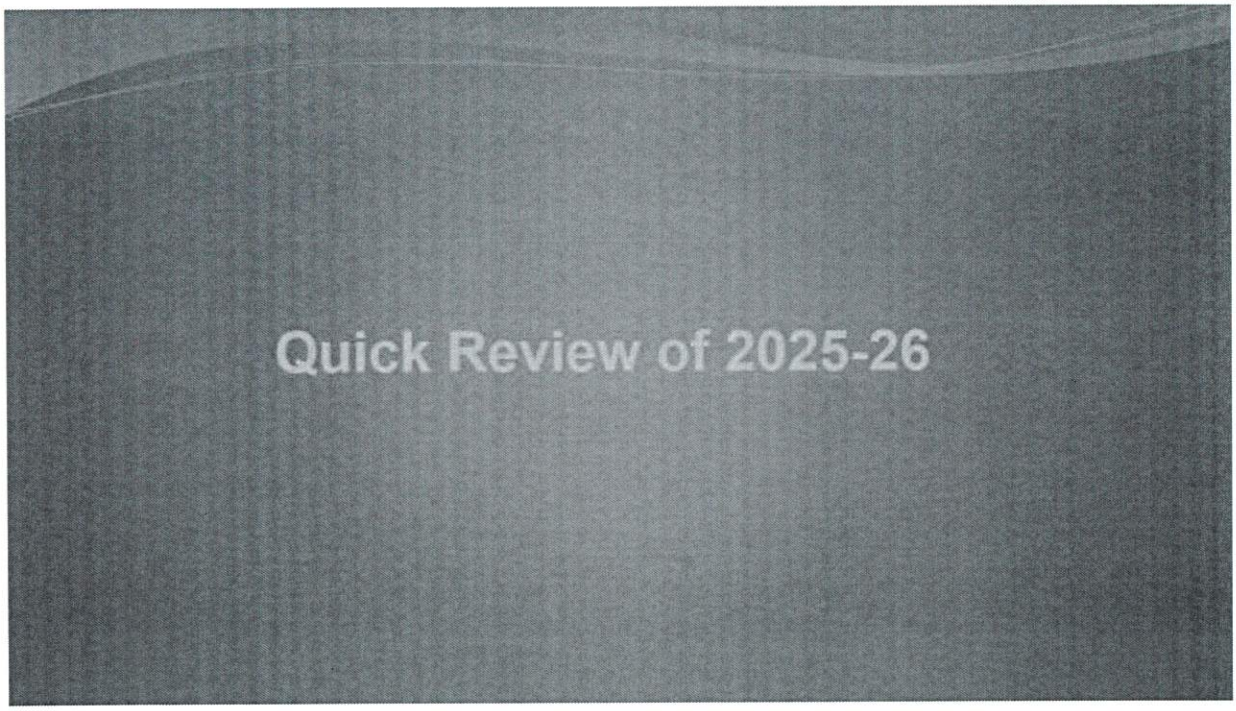
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Performance review for 2023-24

S. No.	List of major competitions attended	Results
1	Asian Games, Hangzhou – September	1 Silver Medal
2.	BFAME Championships, Lahore, Pakistan – April	4 Gold Medals
3	6th World Youth Teams Championship, Netherlands – July/Aug	1 Bronze Medal
4	46th World Teams Championships, Morocco – Aug/Sept	9th Rank
5	APBF Championships, Hongkong – June	Qualified in top 4

Performance review for 2024-25

S. No.	List of major competitions attended	Results
1	16th World Bridge Games, Buenos Aires, Argentina – 18Oct to 4Nov	, 1 Silver Medal
2.	8th World Bridge Youth Transnationals, Wroclaw, Poland – 12-18th August	Quarter Finalist



Major Tournaments

S. No.	List of major competitions attended	Results	
		Targeted	Achieved
1	Asia and Middle East Championships, Dubai – 10-20 April 2025	4 medals	3 Gold, 1 Silver
2	Asia and Pacific Championships, Hefei, China – May 17 to May 25, 2025	1 medal	4th Rank
3	19th World Youth Championships, Italy – 12-17th July, 2025	Top 8	U16 - 4th Rank U31 - Bronze Medal
4	47th World Bridge Teams Championships – Denmark 18-31st August, 2025	1 medal	9th Rank - Seniors Team

National Coaching Camp (2025-26)

S. No.	List of NCC held	Venue & Period
1	Coaching Camps for Seniors categories (Men/Mixed/Women) from 1-16th March 2026	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad
2	Coaching Camp for Junior/Sub Juniors at from 27-30th May - Phase 1 2025	Kensington Club, Nashik
3	Coaching Camp for Junior/Sub Juniors at from 1-5th June - Final Phase 2025	Mumbai/Nashik

Support in Equipment(2025-26)

S. No.	Items	Cost Per Item	Quantity	Amount
1.	Cameras	25000	16	400000
2.	Bridge Tablets (new Technology for security)	25000	60	1500000
3.	Bridgemates	15000	40	600000
4.	Bridge Server	35000	3	105000



KRA & Milestones (Senior) - Targets

Competition	Year	Participation	Top 8	Medals	Medals Available
5th Asia Cup, **Goa**	2026	Men/Mixed/ Women/ Seniors	All 4	2 Gold, 2 Silver	4
17th World Bridge Series, Katowice, **Poland**	2026	Men/Mixed/ Women/ Seniors	Men, Seniors	1 medal	4

KRA & Milestones (Junior) - Targets

Competition	Year	Participation	Top 8	Medals	Medals Available
8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, **China**	2026	U26,U31, Girls	All	2 Silver/ Bronze	3

KRA & Milestones (Sub Jr/youth) –Targets

Competition	Year	Participation	Top 8	Medals	Medals Available
8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, **China**	2026	U16,U21	All	1 medal	2

Coaches & Support Staffs

S. No.	List of empanelled Coaches & Support Staffs	Designation	Salary per month/pro-rata basis
1	Vinay Desai	National Coach (Mixed)	90000/month
2	Anal Shah	National Coach (Women)	90000/month
3	Girish Bijoor	National Coach (Seniors)	90000/month
4	S Sunderram	National Coach (Men)	90000/month
5	Srinivasan Iyengar	National Scorer	75000/month
6	Chetan Raval	National Dealer	75000/month
7	Sanjay Chakraborty	National Director	75000/month
8	Sudhir Aggarwal	National Director	75000/month
9	Bindiya Naidoo	Women Support Staff	75000/month
10	Koushik Mukherjee	National coach (Juniors)	90000/month
11	Priya Ranjan Sinha	National coach (Sub Juniors)	90000/month

Last 5 years Funding details

Time Period	Funds Approved/earmarked	Actual Expenditure
2021-2022	1.5Crores	1.36 Crores
2022-2023	2.7Crores	2.49 Crores
2023-2024	2.88Crores	2.64 Crores
2024-2025	2.75Crores	2.52 Crores
2025-2026	3 Crores	2.46* Crores

*** Expenditure till date and committed liability for FY2025-26 is 0.38Cr**

National Coaching Camp Junior (Men & Women)

Purpose of Coaching Camp	Composition of Participants				Period		Total Days	Venue	Estimated Expenditure (in INR)
	Players	HPD	Coaches	Support Staff	From	To			
Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Phase 1)	24	-	3	3	19th May 2026	24th May 2026	6	Solan/ Nashik	Rs. 9 Lakhs
Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Final Phase)	24	-	3	3	1st July, 2026	4th July, 2026	4	Nashik /Mumbai	Rs. 8 Lakhs

Foreign Competition Senior (Men & Women)

Name & Location of Competition	Composition of Participants				Period		Total Days	Level of Competition	Estimated Expenditure (in INR)
	Players	HPD	Coaches	Support Staff	From	To			
17th World Bridge Series, Katowice, **Poland**	24	-	4	2	20th August, 2026	3rd Sept, 2026	14	World Championship	Rs. 114 Lakhs
5th Asia Cup, Goa, India	48	-	4	3	21st June, 2026	27th June 2026	7	Asian Championship (once in 4 years)	Rs. 1 Cr

Foreign Competition Junior (Men & Women)

Name & Location of Competition	Composition of Participants				Period		Total Days	Level of Competition	Estimated Expenditure (in INR)
	Players	HPD	Coaches	Support Staff	From	To			
8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, **China**	24	-	4	2	2nd Aug, 2026	8th Aug 2026	7	World Championship	Rs. 61 Lakhs

International Competition Senior (Men & Women) in India

Priority	Name & Location of Competition	Total Participating Countries	Period		Total	Estimated Expenditure	Remarks
			From	To	Days	(in INR)	
1	5th Asia Cup, Goa, India	16 Countries	21st June, 2026 to 27th June 2026		7	2 Cr	Asian Championship (once in 4 years)
Total						2 Cr	

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Proposed Activities for FY 2026-27 under ACTC

National Coaching Camp (Seniors & Juniors)
Foreign Competitions (Seniors & Juniors)
Equipment (Consumables & Non-Consumables)
Remuneration to Coaches & Support Staff (Foreign & Indian)
International Competition in India
National Championship

National Coaching Camp Senior (Men & Women)

Purpose of Coaching Camp	Composition of Participants				Period		Total Days	Venue	Estimated Expenditure (in INR)
	Players	HPD	Coaches	Support Staff	From	To			
Men Coaching Camp for preparation of **World Championships 2027**	24	-	3	3	5th March, 2027	12th March, 2027	7	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad	Rs. 10.5 Lakhs
Mixed Coaching Camp for preparation of **World Championships 2027**	24	-	3	3	13th March, 2027	17th March, 2027	5	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad	Rs. 9 Lakhs
Women Coaching Camp for preparation of **World Championships 2027**	16	-	3	3	18th March, 2027	20th March, 2027	3	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad	Rs.5 Lakhs
Senior Coaching Camp for preparation of **World Championships 2027**	24	-	3	3	18th March, 2027	20th March, 2027	3	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad	Rs. 6 Lakhs

Budget Summary 2026-2027

Item	Estimated Expenditure for Seniors (In Cr.)	Estimated Expenditure for Juniors (In Cr.)	Total Estimated ACTC Expenditure (In Cr.)
National Coaching Camp	30.5 Lakhs	17 Lakhs	47.5 Lakhs
Foreign Training Camps/Competition	2.14 Crore	61 Lakhs	2.75 Crore
International Competition in India	2 Crore		2 Crore
National Championships(Senior and Junior/Sub Juniors)	25 Lakhs	50 Lakhs	75 Lakhs
Equipment (Consumables & Non-Consumables)	26 Lakhs		26 Lakhs
Remuneration - Coaches & Support Staff	9.75 Lakhs	6.83 Lakhs	16.58 Lakhs
Administrative Expenses	12.6 Lakhs		12.6 Lakhs
Coach/Referee/Technical Official Development	18 Lakhs		18 Lakhs
ACTC Estimated Budget Total			6.7 Crore

Coach Development Plan (Numbers)

Certification/Degree/Course	Present Numbers	Numbers Targeted		Expected Expenditure (In Cr.)
		2025	2027	
International Certification Level I	Nil	-	2	0.03
International Certification Level II	Nil	-	2	0.03
International Certification Level III	Nil	1	2	0.06
Total				Rs. 1200000

Referee & Technical Officials Development Plan (Numbers)

Certification/Degree/Course	Present Numbers	Numbers Targeted		Expected Expenditure (In Cr)
		2026	2027	
International Certification Level I	1	0	1	-
International Certification Level II	1	0	1	-
International Certification Level III	1	1	1	0.06
Total				Rs. 600000

National Championships

Name of Championship	Details			Period		Total Days	Venue	Estimated Expenditure (in Cr.)
	Category/ Age Group	Expected no. of States/UT	Proposed date of submission of proposal	From	To			
Senior National Championship	> 26 years	24	1st July 2026	1st Aug, 2026	6th Aug, 2026	5	Hyderabad	0.25
Junior/Sub Junior National Championship	U16,U21 U26,U31	24	1st May 2026	26-Dec, 2026	29th Dec, 2026	4	Nashik, Maharashtra	0.50

Equipment (Non-Consumables)

S. No.	Items	Cost Per Item	Quantity	Amount
1.	Cameras	25000	16	400000
2.	Bridge Tablets (new Technology for security)	25000	60	1500000
3.	Bridgemates	15000	40	600000
4.	Bridge Server	35000	3	105000
Total				26,05,000

Remuneration – Indian Coach, Support staff & Admin Exp

S. No.	List of empanelled Coaches & Support Staffs	Designation	Salary per month/pro-rata basis	Amount
1	Arvind Vaidya	Women	50,000	1,25,000
2	Sandeep Thakral	Junior	50,000	2,50,000
3	S Sunderram	Men	90,000	1,25,000
4	Vinay Desai	Mixed	90,000	2,70,000
5	Girish Bijoor	Seniors	90,000	2,70,000
6	Kaustubh Bendre	Juniors	90,000	1,25,000
7	Anal Shah	Women	90,000	1,25,000

Administrative Staff Discipline - Bridge					
S. No.	Name	Event	Department/State	Salary/Month (INR)	Total Salary
1	Srinivasan Iyengar	Operations Incharge	-	80,000	9,60,000
2	Chetan Raval	Equipment Manager	-	25,000	3,00,000

Annual Calendar for International Competition

S. No.	List of major competitions planned	Date	Venue
1	5th Asia CUP Goa, India	21 - 27 June	Taj Cicade - Horizon, Goa
2	17th World Bridge Series, Katowice, **Poland**	20-3rd September 2026	Katowice, Poland
3	8th World Youth Transnational Championships, Hefei, **China**	2-8 August, 2026	Hefei China

Annual Calendar for National Competition

S. No.	List of major competitions planned	Date	Venue
1.	Shree Cement National Championship, **Kolkata**	30th April - 3 May, 2026	Kolkata
2.	Mavericks Summer Nationals, **Karnataka**	2-10 June, 2026	Mangalore
3.	Seniors National Championship, **Telengana**	1-5th August, 2026	Hyderabad
4.	Ashok RUIA Memorial Winter Nationals, **Tamilnadu**	1-11 December, 2026	Combatore
5.	Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Championships, **Madhya Pradesh**	8-12 January 2026	Yeshwant Club
6.	EA Bridge International, **Chennai, Tamilnadu**	7-12 Sept, 2026	Express Mall
7	HCL International Bridge Championship, **Delhi**	2-12 October, 2026	Leela Convention Centre

Anti-Doping Awareness Activities by BFI

Mandatory Circulars & Communication

Circulation of WBF Anti-Doping Rules before all National Championships

Awareness Sessions at Camps

Anti-doping briefing sessions during National camps.

Digital Awareness

Sharing Know Your Medicine app links with all players.

Declaration & Compliance

Mandatory anti-doping declaration from players selected for international events.

Appointment of Certified Anti-Doping Medical Advisor

The Bridge Federation of India (BFI) has appointed Mr. Mukund Jagannathan as Certified Anti-Doping Medical Advisor. A qualified doctor and National-level Bridge player, he guides athletes on WBF and NADA/WADA compliance, reviews medications against the WADA Prohibited List, and advises caution on prescribed and over-the-counter medicines, especially for senior players on long-term treatment.

Coordination with Authorities

1.Cooperation with NADA for testing procedures.
2.Alignment with WBF anti-doping standards for international representation

THANK YOU