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INDIAN ATHELETES WIN 1 GOLD & 2 BRONZE MEDALS AT ASIAN GAMES, JAKARTA



Indian Bridge Medalists with Hon. Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** at the Sports Ministry Felicitation Ceremony



AND SIX MEDALS AT ASIA CUP

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Brief Summary of BFI Journey:

This year has been a memorable period in the regime of Bridge Federation of India as “Bridge” was officially introduced as a sport in the Asian Games and recognized by Indian Olympic Association which was being perceived for many years by BFI. Moreover, India in its maiden performance at Asian Games secured **3 Medals (1 Gold and 2 Bronze Medals)** which lead to a nationwide popularity of the mind game along with its recognition among several state governments and cities.

India also shined high in the 3rd Asia Cup held at Goa from 4th -10th June where they secured 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals with 12 countries participating in this event.

The Bi Annual Elections were held at Mysuru in September during the Interstate National Championships for the nomination of Executive Committee 2018-20 and **Mr. S Sundareshan** was unanimously appointed as the **President** along with **Mr. Keshav Samant** as the **Hon. Secretary**.

It was also an auspicious occasion to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year for the Winter Nationals Bridge Championships thereby completing 60 years of the most prestigious event held by the federation. The championship was inaugurated with an exclusive “Souvenir” with the encyclopedia of the federation with detailed description of all major events which have passed through in the course of the federation.

The federation has also actively planned the framework for its preparations to the next Asian Games with Sports Authority of India thereby designing its Annual Competition events to formulate a proper process to evaluate the athletes as per the SAI recommendations. It also included implementation of National Ranking Policy as the domestic and international performance to benchmark the current status of the players performance. The first camp was held in February 2019 for evaluation of the qualified candidates to be selected for the 44th World Bridge Teams Championships

The newly Executive Committee has also appointed various sub committees to concentrate on the development of Juniors and Women Categories along with the proposal to introduce the mind game in the schools and Colleges with the held of Bridge Education Program. We are pleased to announce that BFI is now officially affiliated with All India Universities and “Bridge” has been introduced as a sport in their curriculum. The federation is very positive about this program and has earmarked the programs to be implemented in various cities.

Coming to the domestic front, the federation has witnessed an increase in the participation levels across various nationals and zonal tournaments with due emphasis on the publicity at BFI website and timely announcements made for the convenience of the players. Along with it, the Asian Games performance has led to wide incentives which have lured the players to improve their competitiveness and perform to achieve highest level for recognition. The federation is proud to announce that it has added one more national tournament “**Shree Cement National Bridge Championships**” as a qualifying event to its existing list.

The Indian Juniors who had gone to China also displayed a positive performance with the U26 Team qualifying for the knockout stage as the best performance so far by any Indian Juniors team.

The federation has consistently working on improvement of the standards of bridge infrastructure at various national competitions with the efficient team of technical staff and to increase inventory wherever needed. This year, the federation has doubles its capacity of dealing machines (two) and bridgemates (sixty) to facilitate smooth functioning of the tournament. In addition, the federation recently sent Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal and Mr .MBV Subrahmanyam for an International Directors Training Program at Istanbul, Turkey for enhancing knowledge and to be updated with the recent Laws. Similarly, a Director Program has been scheduled to be conducted next year under the guidance of an experienced International Director. T

There is also a major work being done in restructuring of the master point database system and adoption of unique master point ID to all the registered players with BFI which will be implemented next year.

The journey for the current year has indeed been very productive for the federation to take the necessary next steps to move forward and expand globally and domestically

With Best regards,



Anand KS Samant

(Hon. Secretary)

ASIAN GAMES 2018

The Bridge Contingent for the Asian Games 2018 consisted of
24 Players, 4 Coaches, 1 Analyst and 1 Manager.

The Bridge contingent won 1 Gold and 2 Bronzes for a total of 3 medals at the Asian Games 2018. The medal winning athletes and coaches are as follows

	Event	Medal	Athletes	Coaches
1	Mens Pairs	Gold	Pranab Bardhan, Shibnath Dey Sarkar	Keshav Samant, Vinay Desai
2	Mens Team	Bronze	Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder, Jaggy Shivdasani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare	Keshav Samant, Debashis Roy
3	Mixed Team	Bronze	Kiran Nadar, Satyanarayana Bachiraju, Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Hema Deora, Gopinath Manna	Keshav Samant, SK Iyengar

Men's Team

Round Robin Stage

The Men's Team finished in 4th place overall after 13 rounds of matches. After a tightly fought set of games, India qualified in a thrilling finish to come out ahead in a three-way fight for the final Semi Final spot against Chinese Taipei and Indonesia.

The top 4 teams qualified for the Semi Final knockout stage. India played Singapore, who finished 1st at the end of the round robin stage.

Semi Finals

The Semi Finals were a tough match up and India lost to Singapore (the eventual Gold medalists). The team won a Bronze Medal in this event.

Team	Total	c/o	Seg. 1	Seg. 2	Seg. 3
Singapore	166		<u>64</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>41</u>
India	93.67	4.67	<u>21</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>27</u>



Debabrata Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee, Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Jaggy Shivdasani and Rajeshwar Tewari

Mixed Team Round Robin Stage

The Mixed Team finished on top at the end of the Round Robin stage with a score of 172.56 VPs

Semi Finals

In the Semi Finals India faced Thailand for the 32 board knockout match

Team	Total	c/o	Seg. 1	Seg. 2	Seg. 3
India	109.67	7.67	<u>62</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>
Thailand	113		<u>35</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>

In a very closely fought Semi Final, the Thailand team emerged victorious in a very tight finish. The Mixed Team won a Bronze medal.



Hema Deora, Gopinath Manna, Kiran Nadar, Satyanarayana Bachiraju, Rajeev Khandelwal and Himani Khandelwal

Pairs Event – Results

The Pairs event commenced after the conclusion of the Team event and had three categories – Men Pairs, Women Pairs and Mixed Pairs. India had 3 pairs competing in each of the categories. The format involved qualifying rounds with a further short-listing to Semi Finals and then Finals.

Men's Pairs

All 3 pairs made it through the Qualifying Round to the Semi Finals and subsequently on to the finals where one pair Pranab Bardhan & Shibhnath Sarkar clinched GOLD.

Pranab Bardhan and Shibhnath Dey Sarkar



Men Pairs Final 2018-08-31 - 09-01

6 tables, 12 pairs. Number of boards: 55. Average: 275.

Final result

Rank	Pair	Score	%	Name	Session	%	Rank
1	5	384	69.818	Pranab Bardhan - Shibhnath Dey Sarkar	109	43.600	11
2	1	378	68.727	Lixin Yang - Gang Chen	134	53.600	3-4
3	12	374	68.000	Henky Lasut - Freddy Eddy Manoppo	160	64.000	1
4	9	373	67.818	Kwok Fai Mak - Wai Kit Lai	136	54.400	2
5	7	369	67.091	Wai Lam Ho - Hoi Tung Ho	121	48.400	6-7
6	2	364	66.182	Chuancheng Ju - Zhengjun Shi	134	53.600	3-4
7	3	359	65.273	Zejun Zhuang - Haojun Shi	121	48.400	6-7
8	10	351	63.818	Shao-Yu Wang - Ming-Chien Liu	129	51.600	5
9	4	333	60.545	Sumit Mukherjee - Debabrata Majumdar	119	47.600	8-9
10	8	332	60.364	Chi Cheung Ng - Pik Kin Lau	119	47.600	8-9
11	11	330	60.000	Hua Poon - Choon Chou Loo	113	45.200	10
12	6	306	55.636	Subhash Gupta - Sapan Desai	105	42.000	12

3rd ASIA CUP, GOA

The format of the 3rd Asia Cup was decided to be in line with the upcoming Asian Games 2018 format which includes the Men, Women, Mixed and Super Mixed Teams. The Seniors segment was added as a regular fifth feature with each country having a quota to field 2 teams in any category. Moreover, a Pairs event was also proposed to be introduced for the players who get knocked out from the preliminary stage and Men, Women and Mixed Categories were finalized.

The Asia Cup Bridge Championships kicked off with a good turnout of 50 teams from 12 Countries among Zone IV and VI/VII for the Men, Women, Mixed, SuperMixed and Seniors segment. The inaugural day of the event began with a Captain's meeting of all the registered teams followed by Delegates meeting of various NBO's to decide the upcoming agendas in the forthcoming years as well to take strategic decisions. This was followed by the Opening ceremony.

It was a proud moment for India as World Bridge Federation President **Mr. Gionnarigo Rona** graced the occasion personally and visited India on a special request made by the organizers to unveil the Championships.



Participating Countries:

12 Countries had participated in the Asia Cup with unfortunately 3-4 countries Asian countries unable to make it due to non Govt. clearance as well Ramazan festival.

Total 50 teams are participating in the championship. There are 14 teams for Men, 12 for Seniors, 6 for Super Mixed and 9 each in Ladies & Mixed event. There were five segments in the Championships and the following countries participated in them as below:

Qualification Stages:

The format of the Championships consisted of Round Robin stage followed by Semifinals KO and Finals.

The Qualifying rounds were of 14 boards each with 3-4 matches played each day.

The last day of the Round Robin didn't disturb the overnight top four leaders too much. In both the Supermixed and Seniors Categories, the same four as night before last made it to the short list. The only change occurred in the Men's Teams, where India B, who were lying sixth, qualified gathering 52.89 V.Ps in three rounds yesterday. Australia, who, had an ordinary day at office, collecting 37.96 V.Ps in three rounds yesterday, slipped from 4th to 5th, missing the bus.

MEN			SENIORS		
	Team	VPs		Team	VPs
1	China	193.66	1	Ch.Taipei A	149.53
2	India B	177.95	2	India B	143.29
3	China Hongkong	173.28	3	China	142.38
4	China Training	172.61	4	China Hongkong	130.46
5	Australia	167.47	5	Japan	118.26
6	Thailand A	153.74	6	Ch.Taipei B	116.48
7	India A	150.00	7	Australia	109.11
8	Ch.Taipei	141.30	8	Invitational Seniors A	100.87
9	Singapore	109.04	9	Indonesia	91.08
10	Japan	91.92	10	India A	82.94
11	Thailand B	88.76	11	Invitational Seniors B	76.68
12	Invitational Men	68.78	12	Korea	47.06
13	Bangladesh	68.55			
14	Indonesia	53.94			

SUPER MIXED		
	Team	VPs
1	Japan	185.21
2	India A	182.32
3	India B	154.78
4	Thailand	146.57
5	Indonesia	133.53
6	Korea	96.59

Semi Finals KO:

The matches for the Semi Finals stage were set wherein the first ranked team faces the 2nd ranked while the 3rd ranked team faces the 4th ranked team In the Semi Finals, Chinese Taipei dominated all the three semifinals they played and got the right to feature in Three of the Five Finals. Hosts India and fancied China figure qualified in two finals as well.

MEN: China A steamrolled their countrymen China Training by close to a ton of Imps whereas hosts India bowed out of the Men's Event losing to China Hongkong by 20 Imps.

WOMEN: Chinese Taipei crushed hosts India - B by well over a century of Imps, to cruise into the finals against the strongest team in the competition, the world champs, China, who beat Australia by over 50 Imps.





MIXED: The women from Down Under, Australia will be pitted against Chinese Taipei, who put it across hosts India B by 10 imp. Going into the last set up by 5 Imps, India B conceded 15 in the last set to exit the semifinals.

SUPERMIXED: In the closest match of the day, the Japan edged out Thailand by a mere 8 Imps, their 12 Imp carry over seeing them through. The home affair of India A vs India B saw the latter get into the Finals by 16+ Imps.





SENIORS: Both the seniors semi finals were damp squibs, though the India B vs China was a tight match going into the last segment. India pulled out all stops to breeze into the finals where they will run into Chinese Taipei whose first set against China Hongkong was enough to set the tone for the rest of the match.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

SUPERMIXED





#	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
2	 JAPAN Q	12	26	4	28	70
5	 THAILAND		19	8	35	62
3	 INDIA A		6	39	25	70
6	 INDIA B Q	2.67	35	4	45	86.67

SENIORS





#	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
2	 CHINESE TAIPEI A Q	2	49	34	54	139
5	 CHINA HONG KONG		8	26	30	64
3	 CHINA	12	24	21	14	67.67
6	 INDIA B Q		27	33	62	122

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS





MEN

#	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
8	 CHINA A Q		27	39	75	141
2	 CHINA TRAINING	1.33	14	15	15	45.33
14	 INDIA B		22	8	24	54
5	 CHINA HONG KONG Q	2.33	22	33	17	74.33

WOMEN

#	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
3	 CHINESE TAIPEI Q	12	38	38	62	156
2	 INDIA B		18	18	7	39
4	 AUSTRALIA		37	37	13	71
9	 CHINA Q	6.33	23	23	46	121.33

MIXED

#	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
5	 AUSTRALIA Q	6	33	52	11	102
8	 THAILAND		24	13	36	73
6	 INDIA A	12	30	29	32	103
3	 CHINESE TAIPEI A Q		34	32	47	113

The Final Stage:

It was amazing to see that India qualified in each category with a good chance to win a medal for the country after all the efforts it had made from the coaching camps and selection process initiated by the federation. The stage was all set for these teams to perform to their real potential and with the mercy of God and their hard work, India indeed managed to get a medal in four categories.

In the Pairs event, Indian Women only managed to secure a Bronze Medal at the Ladies Pairs final led by Meenal Thakur and Lina Mayadas.

FINAL & PLAY-OFF RESULTS

MEN

	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
Final	CHINA A	10	25	22	28	85
	CHINA HONG KONG		29	41	14	84
Play Off	INDIA B		33	64	13	110
	CHINA TRAINING	6	29	17	32	84

WOMEN

	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
Final	CHINESE TAIPEI		56	37	32	125
	CHINA	.33	21	43	54	118.33
Play Off	AUSTRALIA		50	69	10	141
	INDIA B		40	9	53	102

MIXED

	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
Final	AUSTRALIA	12	48	40	28	128
	CHINESE TAIPEI A		38	28	13	79
Play Off	INDIA A	3.5	45	45	35	128.5
	THAILAND		18	43	33	94

SUPER MIXED

	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
Final	JAPAN	5	36	20	23	84
	INDIA B		34	60	25	119
Play Off	INDIA A	12	19	60	27	118
	THAILAND		34	27	22	83

SENIORS

	Team	C/O	SI	S2	S3	Total
Final	CHINESE TAIPEI A		31	58	26	115
	INDIA B	6	30	28	28	92
Play Off	CHINA		37	58	26	115
	CHINA HONG KONG	4.67	29	43	7	83.67

GOLD MEDAL: SUPER MIXED TEAM



BRONZE MEDAL: MEN TEAM



BRONZE MEDAL: SUPER MIXED TEAM



BRONZE MEDAL: MIXED TEAM



SILVER MEDAL: SENIORS TEAM



BRONZE MEDAL: WOMEN PAIRS



17th World Youth Teams Championships, 2018

The Hengtong Group 17th World Youth Bridge Team Championships began with the opening ceremony last night in the Wujiang Hotel. In Wujiang there were total participants consisting of 77 teams -- 22 both in Juniors and Youngsters, 15 in Girls and 18 in Kids, representing 32 countries across the world. The major composition of Juniors were from Europe along with China where the kids segments were mostly dominated by them.

Bridge Federation of India had also participated in this World Championship event in three categories – Juniors, Youngsters and Kids event. The total contingent consisted of 18 players who had undergone their coaching and training at the junior coaching camps and national events and 3 coaches to guide them for these championships. The Indian Contingent reached Wujiang on 7th August to get used to the acclimatization of the place as well for attending the opening ceremony.

The format was announced as six days of qualification round robin format for the juniors and Youngsters category with the Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final matches to be played successively. In the Kids Category, owing to the level of stamina, the duration of qualifying rounds were for four days with the remaining stages as above.



INDIAN PLAYER "KAMRYN MENEZES" wins JOAN GERARD AWARD

Fourteen year-old Goan resident "**Kamryn Menezes**" has won the prestigious Joan Gerard Youth Awards at the 17th World Youth Teams Championships by **WBF President Mr. G. Rona**.

The Joan Gerard Youth Awards aims at rewarding aptitude, fair play, good sportsmanship and a friendly international spirit, rejecting any discrimination. They will be presented every year at the Youth Championships and at the World Youth Open Bridge Championships.

Composition of Indian Teams:

Juniors Team:



The Indian team comprised of (1) **Sagnik Roy- Sayanatan Kushari** who make the best Indian Junior pair present-having already won a national senior team title, (2) **Babrubahan Bose- Sauvik Kar**, a reasonably accomplished pair in the junior section and (3) **Shubham Acharya- Aniruddha Prakash**, a rookie pair including a 16 year old player, the pair playing their first ever international event in under26 category. The team also had a reserve pair in **Soumyadeep Ghosh –**

Arya Chakravorty who did not play in the team event but later on played in the B-A-M.

Youngsters Team:



The Team comprised Kalpana BALIRAM GURJAR, Rekha BHIMANAİK, S GOKUL , Vidhya KAMAL PATEL, DINESH **BABU SELVARAJ**, **Reshwadithya VADUMANGUDI BALASUNDARAM**, **Manoj Kumar NAIR** (non-playing captain). Vidhya, Rekha and Kalpana were part of the Indian Girls Teams at the 5th World Youth Open Bridge Championships, Lyon.

Kids Category:



The kids under the age group of 15 comprised of **SHASHANK INDHU MANOJ**, **Shrinidhi JAISWAL**, **KAMRYN MENEZES**, **KUNAL PATEL**, **VINAY PATEL**, **JOHANN JOSE PINTO**, **Prakash EASWARAN** (non-playing captain).

Performance of Indian Juniors:

Indian Juniors: After the opening ceremony and captain's meeting, most of the pairs were busy in preparation of the bridge systems and partnership discussions in guidance with their respective coaches as well to draw the map of their day to day framework against the different teams to be faced each day. Indian Juniors went off a flying start marking their presence in the Juniors category after crucifying the favorites China Hongkong and USA teams. It continued its dominance on the next day and was ranked third after 7 rounds with eight teams to qualify. The third day proved fatal for the Indian team due to poor health of some of the juniors which lead to their successive defeats each round thereby sliming the ray of hope to qualify for the knock out phases. In the penultimate day, Indian team managed to crawl back marginally but could not overcome the deficit thereby finishing the league at 14th rank.

This championship was clinched by Sweden followed by the Singapore team.

In the Board A Match event for the Non Qualifiers, the event was contested by teams from Juniors, Youngsters and Girl sections who missed their place in the quarter final knock-outs of their groups. 34 teams took part in this competition, including India Juniors and India Youngsters. It was decided to take 18 top teams to finals in flight A and the rest in flight B competition.

The Indian Juniors performance was positive as they easily sailed to the Final league and finished 7th in the final tally of the top 16 qualifying teams

Juniors Category

Final Rankings		
Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA 1	309.91
2	SWEDEN	272.62
3	USA 2	269.53
4	ISRAEL	261.55
5	SINGAPORE	260.83
6	NETHERLANDS	257.39
7	POLAND	257.24
8	CHINA	249.28
9	FRANCE	243.80

10	AUSTRALIA	233.40
11	INDONESIA	211.16
12	ENGLAND	208.40
13	ITALY	205.61
14	INDIA	195.50
15	COLOMBIA	193.29
16	CHINESE TAIPEI	186.17
17	CHINA HONG KONG	185.76
18	CHILE	168.98
19	EGYPT	166.13
20	CANADA	125.14
21	NEW ZEALAND	112.54
22	BOTSWANA	44.77

Board A Match

Final Rankings		
Rank	Team	VPs
1	CAZBOK	70.82
2	CHINA YOUNGSTER	67.88
3	CINESE TAIPEI JUNIOS	63.41
4	STONKING	63.24
5	NETHERLANDS Y	59.94
6	INDONESIA 2	59.76
7	INDIA JUNIORS	59.18
8	DA PINK BOIZ	59.12

As the tournament came to an end it was a learning experience for the Indian Juniors to realize the efforts needed to be put for the next championships with the amount of talent they had in.

Youngsters Team:

Final Rankings		
Rank	Team	VPs
1	ISRAEL	314.53
2	BULGARIA	296.42
3	SWEDEN	288.00
4	POLAND	281.13
5	ITALY	276.07
6	GERMANY	269.39
7	NETHERLANDS	250.98
8	FRANCE	243.78
9	USA	234.90
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	229.11

9	BIGDAY4AUSSIEBRIDGE	57.29
10	ENGLAND U20 LIONS	56.76
11	INGERLAND	55.53
12	ITALY JUNIORS	54.40
13	CANADIAN YOUNGSTERS	52.65
14	CHILE 2	50.06
15	NORWAY GIRLS	47.89
16	CHINA JUNIORS	45.71
17	CT G	43.06
18	TH2	41.29

11	CANADA	225.69
12	CHINA	205.62
13	SINGAPORE	195.32
14	FINLAND	189.00
15	CHINA HONG KONG	188.61
16	ENGLAND	184.68
17	NORWAY	168.86
18	THAILAND	153.91
19	CHILE	141.35
20	INDIA	137.14
21	JAPAN	129.50
22	BOTSWANA	14.01

The Youngsters team was bit inexperienced and new to the international arena. With a lot of competitive teams with their fancied conventional gadgets, it was noteworthy for the coaches to realize the efforts needed to be input at the pre training camps based on confidence levels displayed by the other teams. Moreover, the juniors were prone to a

lot of unforced errors which lead them difficult to overcome in the long matches.

The detailed analyses would help the pairs for their future rounds assessments.

From the start of the tournament till the end, Indian youngsters were trailing to most of the teams lying at the bottom of their group. Of the 21 matches played by them, the youngsters could barely manage to win 5 matches with their averages falling way below

the par scores. The federation looks forward to give them intense training at the home camps with proper bridge education and more coaching camps in order to make them ready for the upcoming championships.

In this category too, Sweden again made an amazing comeback in the final segment to life the trophy against the strong Israel Team.

Kids Team:

Final Rankings		
Rank	Team	VPs
1	USA	219.44
2	CANADA	215.42
3	FRANCE	209.37
4	CHINA 3	207.65
5	NORWAY	207.17
6	ISRAEL	205.33
7	SWEDEN	203.24
8	CHINA 1	196.27
9	ENGLAND	185.76
10	DENMARK	184.62
11	CHINA 2	177.10
12	POLAND	175.51
13	GERMANY	174.82
14	GREECE	171.08
15	TURKEY	156.31
16	CHINESE TAIPEI	112.84
17	INDIA	52.99
18	BOTSWANA	5.08

The journey of the Kids Team was not much different from the youngsters' team. This category was purely dominated by the Europeans and the Chinese Teams who displayed to the bridge world about the progress of their youth programs with a lot of progress seen in the U15 age

category. As their governments have been supporting these programs continuously, it has led to significant progress to the youth right from their childhood to maneuver their skills for these international competitions.

Undoubtedly, after comfortably winning the round robin, China were the favorites to take the gold medals in the Kids division and they did not disappoint their supporters while kids from France were Runners up.

All the players and coaches had returned back safely to India on 19TH August after completion of the championship.

Photos from the Championships:



Federation and National Level Competitions:

The Indian Bridge Calendar consists of various categories of tournaments held every year across India through our member state associations and affiliates. The federation has classified these tournaments in the four major categories:

- 1) **Federation Tournaments:** These events will be organized by the federation on a national scale open for all players (except for national masters) as a qualifying event to earn a berth for the selection trials. These events hold the highest federation points to be awarded to all deserving candidates. Meritorious candidates are selected to represent at the Selection Trials for representing India in the world level competitions. These events have the maximum participation from all the affiliated states and bodies.

The following events are classified as FEDERATION events:

- a) Summer Nationals (June - July)
- b) Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships (August – September)
- c) National Masters (October – November)
- d) Winter Nationals (December)
- e) Selection Trials – based on the World event schedule

- 2) **National Tournaments:** These tournaments are classified as “NATIONAL” status having the entire technical and manpower infrastructure similar to the federation event but organized by external bodies such as corporate sponsors, clubs, state associations etc under the aegis of the federation. There is a capitation fee to be paid to attain the status of national event. These events also carry sizable federation points to be awarded to merit holders.

At present there are three national recognized events:

- a) Yeshwant Rao Holkar, Indore
- b) Mohanlal Bhartia memorial, New Delhi
- c) HCL International Bridge Championships, New Delhi
- d) Shree Cement National Bridge Championships, Kolkata (*implemented from 2018*)

- 3) **Recognized Events:** These events are organized by the local state associations following the general conditions of contest, rules and regulations as stipulated by the federation and are recognized by the federation. Federation points are also awarded to these events.

- 4) **Other events:** This included the club/state level tournaments which attract local points to encourage local participation among non tournament players.

FEDERATION EVENTS:

SUMMER NATIONALS:

The 8th edition of Tolani Open Summer Nationals Bridge Championships was hosted by Ahmedabad Bridge Association from 24-28th June 2018

The Championship has two categories of team events with the Gold Teams and Silver Teams (Non masters). The Championships also had several other major events like the IMP Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Patton Teams and Swiss teams during the entire championship. The Winner and Runner of the Gold Team Event had a direct berth in the Selection Trial event for the Indian Team for the World Championships 2019.

Total 62 teams had participated with 29 teams in Gold and 33 teams in Silver. Ahmedabad has been a favorite destination for most players on account of its inexplicable hospitality and infrastructure facilities.

TOLANI GOLD TEAMS:

Total prizes of Rs. 600 000

Gold Teams:

WINNER: Team Aristos: Sanjoy Bhattacharya, Iyengar Sk, Pritish Kushari, Badal Das, Shibnath Dey Sarkar, Pranab Bardhan



Runners Up: Team Formidables: Sunit Chokshi, Keyzad Anklesaria, Jaggy Shivdasani, Rajeshwar Tiwari, Bachiraju Satyanarayana



IMP Pair Winner: Binod Shaw & Joyrup Mullick **Runner Up:** TV Ramani & V Phaterpekhkar

Silver Teams:



WINNER: Team I Doctors: Dr. Rajul Dalal , Ashok Bhawnani , Gurmit Chadha , Shrikant Tembey

Runners Up: Team Manzova Casual: Sayantan Kushari, Sagnik Roy , Soumya Das, Pijus Kanti Baroi , Mrinal De, Gourav Biswas

A **Beginners Teams and Pairs Event** was introduced for the first time at the Nationals to encourage new participants to get the exposure of the tournament bridge level competitions and to encourage them to improve their bridge skills.

The results of this championship are available at www.bridgewebs.com/summnernationals

Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships

The 8th Interstate National Bridge Championships was held at from 5-9th September at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club, Mysuru organized by Karnataka Bridge Association and Mysuru District Bridge Association.

Total prizes of Rs. 250 000/- were paid to all merit holders along with glittering trophies.

There were 28 teams from different parts of the country to compete for the national title. 60 pairs participated in the prestigious Agrawala IMP Pairs event.

WINNER: Team Gujarat: Sunit Chokshi, Keyzad Anklesaria, Sapan Desai, Ariz Anklesaria, P Vahalia and Ayan Chatterjee



Runners Up: Team Maharashtra: Sunil Machhar, Arun Bapat, Raju Tolani, Anil Padhye, Kaustabh Bendre





IMP Pair Winner: KR Venkatraman – R Sreekrishnan

Runner Up: CS Majumdar & Sujit Bhattacharya

NATIONAL MASTERS:

Total Prizes: Rs. 300000/-

This year's National Masters event was supported by **Mr. Ashok Goel (President – BFAME)** who has been an avid bridge lover and has contributed towards many tournaments in the memory of his loved ones. The edition is named as KR Murli Manohar National Masters Bridge Championships and was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Lodhi Road from 25-28th October

The entry to this tournament is restricted only for the seeded ranked players of National Masters and above. In all 18 teams had participated which were bifurcated in two groups and a complete Round robin was played. The Winner of the Team event gets a berth in the Indian Selection Trial for World Championships 2019.

WINNER: TeamRampage: Maneesh Bahuguna, Arun Bapat, Uttam Gupta, Subhash Gupta, Srinivasan Iyengar, Animesh Raj



Team Rampage

Runners Up: Dhampur Sugar Mills: Ashok Goel, KR Venkartraman, Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder, P Sridhar, S Sunderram

Pair Winner: Rajeshwar Tewari – Keyzad Anklesaria

Runner Up: Deepak Santra – Anirudhh Bhattacharjee

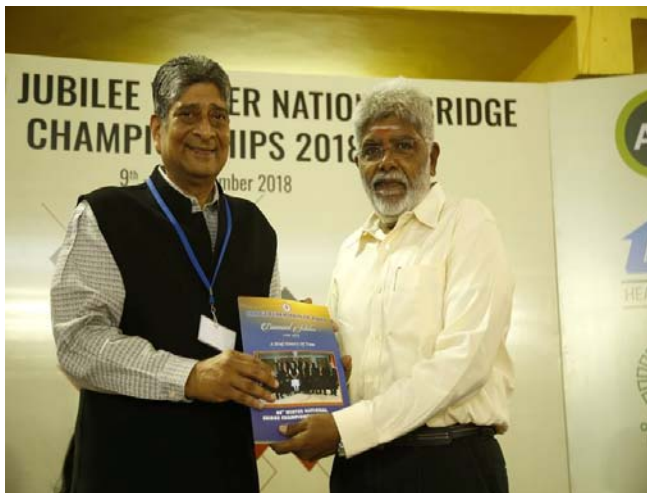


WINTER NATIONALS

This year marked the **DIAMOND JUBILEE edition** for the Winter National Bridge Championships and the 60th edition was held at **Jayalalitha Indoor Basketball Stadium** from 9 - 16th December organized by Tamilnadu Bridge Association. Being a special occasion, the federation had published an illustrative souvenir depicting the entire journey path of BFI starting from pre 2000 cycle and the various major activities held under the regime in this entire span. The weather was most suitable to the comfort of all players. This tournament was one of a kind to say the least.

TNBA along with Chennai Bridge Association had put enormous efforts to gather necessary sponsorships for the success of this auspicious event as this tournament was absolutely flawless and the hospitality provided was truly overwhelming. Being the Diamond Jubilee year, there were more bridge players across India to enjoy this major event. As a result, the turnout of the event resulted in a good turnout of more than 900 participants playing in 120 teams and more than 300 pairs altogether. There were also a lot of juniors invited from Salem and nearby cities for this championship

The Federation also felicitated the medalists and the support staff who have brought laurels for the country at the Asian Games at this occasion.





The Winner and Runner up of the Team event gets a berth in the Indian Selection Trial for World Championship. Also there are several other prestigious events like the Niranjana Imp Pairs, Categorized Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Ladies Pairs.

This is the biggest event of the federation which runs for seven days with many titles to be announced each year to the merit holders. The results for the main events are as under.

Results are available at www.bridgewebs.com/winternationals

Gold Teams:



WINNER: Team Poddar Housing: Dipak Poddar, Anal Shah, Milind Athavale, RA Agawal, Rajendra Gokhale, S Dhakras

Runners Up: Team NRK: Nrk Moorthy, Uttam Gupta, Bhabesh Saha, B Poddar, S Ghosh



IMP Pair Winner: Sandeep Thakral – Jaggy Shivdasani **Runner Up:** R Sreekrishnan - Mrinal

Matchpoint Pairs:



IMP Pair Winner: Kiran Nadar – B Satya



Runner Up: Keyzad Anklesaria – P Sridhar

Silver Teams:



Winner: Dr Sanghi: RL Sanghi, Asha Sharma, Binod Shaw, Joyrup Mullick, Moin Khan, Piyush

Runners Up: Team Cossipore: Priya Ranjan, Chinmay Goswami, Kalyan Roy, Achin, Partha Saha, Rajendra Ray

Team: Dr. Sanghi Team

Affiliation with Sports Authority of India

The Affiliation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been since past many years as Bridge had attained a **PRIORITY** status recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs. As a result, SAI had given due recognition to our national event “**Interstate Bridge Championships**” for **Seniors, Juniors and Sub Juniors Categories** as part of their program.

With the current achievement at the Asian Games, Bridge Federation of India has been actively working with SAI for preparing the athletes under their guidelines through the medium of coaching camps and national competitions. For exhibit the scope of work an Annual Competition and Training Calendar (ACTC) is prepared by the NBO and submitted for their appraisal and approval.

In the current year, the federation has meticulously identified the areas of our annual calendar and indentified the various international, national tournaments along with the coaching camps to be held for both the Seniors and Juniors category till 31st March 2019.

The ACTC meeting was duly held on **14th June, 2018** with the officials from SAI and our office bearers (**Mr. Prasad Keni, Mr. Anand Samant, Mr. Nirmal Rajagopalan**) who had clearly explained the module framed for the current year as well the steps taken for the training and improvement of athletes.

The lists of eligible probable were also submitted to them based on their performance at the qualifying events along with the coaches and support staff. The meeting resulted in a positive outcome with SAI granting support to Bridge Sport for its development.

The synopsis of the budget is as under:

Sr no.	Item	Amount (Rs. lacs)	Events conducted by BFI during 18-19
1	National Camps	55	Pune Coaching Camp, Juniors Coaching Camp
2	International Competitions	64	18 th Juniors World Championships, China & Asian Games, Jakarta
3	Conduct of International Competitions in India	30	Asia Cup
3	National Championships	22	National Championships at Mysuru
4	Sports Equipment	12	2 Dealing machines and 60 Bridgemates
Total		183	

Coaching cum Selection Trials Camps held for Seniors, Juniors, Women and Mixed Categories

The Pune Coaching Camp was held from **12-17th February, 2019** at **PYC Hindu Gymkhana** for Men/Mixed and Women Category based on the eligibility of players as per their performance in the qualifying events.

The Qualifying Events identified for the calendar year 2018-19 (March 2018- 19) by the selection committee of the federation were:

Qualifying Events:	Eligibility berth from:
a) Winter Nationals	Semi Finals Onwards
b) Summer Nationals	Semi Finals Onwards
c) Inter State Bridge Championships	Winner
d) National Masters	Winner & Runner Up
e) HCL International Bridge Championships	Indian Team in SF stage
f) Bharatia Memorial Grand Prix	Winner
g) Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Championships	Winner
h) Shree Cement National Bridge Championships	Winner

MEN/OPEN EVENT:

In the Men/Open category, there were 42 players /21 pairs participated based on their eligibility from the qualifying events. The format of camp included the play exercise of complete round robin of 3 boards each for the first elimination.

16 pairs were taken to next stage; format was kept consistent of 15 rounds of 4 boards each with 20% carryover. At the end of second stage, top 8 ranked pairs were selected for final league.

Based on the performance of the pairs at the Final league, the results for the Men/Open Category after carryover scores were as below:

Rank	Players	VP Score
1	<i>Rajeshwar Tewari & Keyzad Anklesaria</i>	<i>120.4</i>
2	<i>Dipak Santra & Aniruddh Bhattacharya</i>	<i>94.64</i>
3	<i>Nrk Moorthy & Uttam Gupta</i>	<i>82.73</i>
4	<i>Sumit Mukherjee & Debabrata Majumder*</i>	<i>80.48</i>
5	<i>Ayan Chatterjee & Sapan Desai</i>	<i>77.26</i>
6	<i>Bhabesh Saha & Shambhu Nath Ghosh</i>	<i>73.2</i>
7	<i>Ravi Goenka & Arun Bapat</i>	<i>69.48</i>
8	<i>Ajay Khare & Raju Tolani</i>	<i>49.93</i>

- *Sumit Mukherjee – Debabrata Majumder were granted permission to withdraw from the Men/Open Category as Sumit Mukherjee requested for his participation in the Mixed event.*

MIXED CATEGORY:

The mixed event of the Pune camp was conducted among 11 pairs from the eligible probables. The format included play exercise of round robin of 10 boards each for two days. At the end of the round robin, the results are as under:

Rank	Players	VP score
1	Sujit Basu & Bharati Dey	128.31
2	Priya Ranjan Sinha & Bindiya Naidoo	123.54
3	Rajeev Khandelwal & Himani Khandelwal	123.36
4	B Satyanarayana & Kiran Nadar	123.07
5	Arun Bapat & Nikita Kamal	115.73
6	Sumit Mukherjee & Monica Jajoo	112.26
7	Tv Ramani & Jesal Dabrial	107.2
8	Gopinath Manna & Hema Deora	106.34
9	Abhijit Chakraborty & Asha Sharma	106.14
10	Sandip Datta & Meenal Thakur	96.7
11	Arun Jain & Gopika Tandon	89.35

WOMEN CATEGORY:

In the Women Category, there were 7 players participating in the camp. The selectors undertook an evaluation camp of the players to determine the optimum combination of pairs for the BFAME (Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East) and APBF Championships (Asia Pacific Bridge Championships).

The format included 4 rounds of 8 boards with a knockout match comparison along with Butler analysis of individual performance of each competing player. Based on the results and evaluation at the camp, the panels of selectors have pronounced the format order of pairs for the above event.

BFAME (Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East)

1	Rupa Bakeri & Alka Kshirsagar
2	Puja Batra & Asha Sharma
3	Nikita Kamal & Meenal Thakur

On account of health grounds, the selection committee recommended that Vasanti Shah will be part of the team for APBF Championships (Asia Pacific Bridge Championships). The other members of the team will be selected by a separate qualifying event to be held on 31st March at Delhi.

Photos from the coaching Camp:





Juniors Coaching Camps:

In the current year, the Federation had conducted coaching camps at Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Chennai and at Raibidpura to identify and nurture the juniors in different locations in order to attract more youngsters and give them proper training and education about the bridge environment. From the above, the federation sent three teams to 17th World Youth Teams Championships, 2018 at China.

Juniors Development and National Championships

The Junior National Bridge Championships was held at from 5-9th September at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club, Mysuru organized by Karnataka Bridge Association and Mysuru District Bridge Association.

In Sub-Juniors (<15 years age) and Juniors (>15 years age) category, 34 sub juniors and 22 Juniors participated from different states viz., Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Mumbai, Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir

The Juniors & Sub Juniors Championships kicked off with the Teams and continued with the Pairs events. The results are as under:

Team of four event:

The teams as per their final rankings after a double round robin of 6 rounds of 8 boards each were as under:

West Bengal Rank 1 Score: 36.84 V.P s

1. Soham Sarkar
2. Soham Chakravorty.
3. Abhishek Sarkar
4. Anshul

Rajasthan – Uttarpradesh Rank 2 Score: 29.49 V.P s

1. Karan Singh Rathore
2. Prithvi Raj Singh RathoreBheema
3. Monu Kumar
4. Vipin Kumar

SUB JUNIORS CATEGORY: Under 15 years category:

There were 26 participants from Bengaluru, 3 from Salem, 6 from Raibidpura, which made up seven teams. The teams played a seven round all play all league including a bye round with the names of participants and their final ranking are as detailed hereunder:

Raibidpura Rank 1 Score: 116.96 V.P

Vinay Patel

1. Kunal Patel
2. Satyakosh Patel
3. Sagar Patel

Raibidpura+ Salem Mix team Rank 2 Score: 112.59 V.P s

1. V G Veghaa Kamali (Salem)
2. M Priyadarshini(Salem)
3. J A Yamini Jayapratha(Salem)
4. Utsav Verma(Raibidpura)
5. Soham Pirag (Raibidpura)

Pairs Event:

The final result after all plays all 5 rounds of 4 boards each was as hereunder:

Name (s)	From	Rank	Score	%
Vinay Patel + Kunal Patel	Raibidpura	1	59	73.8
Satyakosh + Sagar	Raibidpura	2	44	55.0



BFI Elections for Term 2018-20 and Executive Committee

OFFICE BEARERS:

The biennial Elections of the Bridge Federation of India were held on 8th September 2018 at Golf Club, Mysuru. Mr. Swarup Anand was the Returning Officer and the Elections were conducted in presence of two SAI officials.

Following is the new Executive Committee of the BFI elected for the years 2018-2020

President:	Mr. S. Sundareshan
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Arijit Guha Mr. Sarthak Behruia Mr. Kawaljit Singh Mr. Krishan Goyal Mr. Devendranath Mr. Maneesh Bahuguna
General Secretary*:	Mr. Anand (KS) Samant
Treasurer*:	Mr. Nirmal Rajagopalan
Jt. Secretaries:	Mr. T.C. Pant Mr. Hemant Pande
Chairman Law Commission:	Mr. MRG Apparao
Chairman Technical & Development:	Mr. Sunit Chokshi
Communications Manager	Mr. Srinivasan Iyengar

Affiliation with All India Universities

The Bridge Education Program Committee headed by Mr. Ravi Raman and assisted by Mr. Arun Bapat and Mr. Anil Padhye have worked hard since 2017 to gain recognition from the All India Universities Council in order to spread awareness of the game in the colleges and to attract the young mind to learn the mind game.

On November 21, 2017, the Secretary had written the first communication letter to **Dr. Gurdeep Singh**, Jt. Secretary AIU explaining the details of the sport as well to allow them to have a demonstration model being displayed before them for a clear understanding of the game.

Following the above as per letter S/Bridge/NUG/Inclusion/5415 dated December 8, 2017, the federation had successfully taken steps to provide all necessary information by which in May, 2018, a formal confirmation was given by AIU to officially recognize the sport subject to their annual meeting.

The Sports Committee of All India Universities, headed by Chairman on 15-6-2018 held at SRM, Chennai unanimously resolved to recognize Bridge as an official sport based on the request letter sent by the federation.

The Federation has initiated some members in the Junior Development Committee to take active steps with the sanction of the Universities and to approach local colleges for training and teaching requests to students. This program has been going on with major cities like Mumbai and Delhi wherein some colleges have welcomed this sport as part of the curriculum.

In addition, the federation has also planned to introduce 'All India Universities Championships' next year in March at Shiv Nadar University to invite teams from all universities across India for a bridge competition.

The efforts have been made to send the circulars to all the Universities for inviting application and registrations to be made at AIU for an official announcement of the championships. In addition the Bridge Education Program has also initiated a process to invite applications of coaches from various cities who will be able to provide teaching facilities to the students of the respective universities.

India on World Bridge Map

The performance of the Indian Players has shown improvement in their rankings at the World and National Level. With recent medals at Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and at the Asia Cup, India has been showing a consistent growth in the performance of the players. An overall summary of India at the World Ranking is as below

WORLD RANKING:

	Open Category	Current Total MPs	WBF Title
1	Sunit Chokshi	879	WIM
2	Keyzad Anklesaria	705	WIM
3	Balakrishnan Prabhakar	697	WIM
4	Kr Venkataraman	543	WIM
5	Rajeshwar Tewari	487	WIM
6	Buchiraja Satyanarayana	474	WIM
7	Ashok Kumar Goel	471	WIM
8	Sumit Mukherjee	457	WIM
9	Kiran Nadar	450	WIM
10	Debabrata Majumdar	422	WIM
11	Ramratnam Krishnan	415	WIM
12	Anil Padhye	387	WIM
13	Padmanabhan Sridharan	371	WIM
14	Badal Chandra Das	248	WIM
15	Jaggy Shivasani	216	WIM
16	Subhash Gupta	165	WIM
17	Rajesh Dalal	96	WIM
18	Debashish Roy	61	WIM
19	Kamal Mukherjee	60	WIM
20	Kamal Kumar Roy	25	WIM
21	Santanu Ghose	8	WIM
22	K.V.K. Murthy	6	WIM
23	Srinivasan Sunderram	321	WM
24	Subir Majumder	200	WM
25	Sandeep Thakral	187	WM
26	Hemant K Jalan	173	WM
27	Ashish Malhotra	173	WM
28	Pritish Kushari	172	WM
29	Sujit Kumar Bose	157	WM
30	Swapan Ghosh	157	WM
31	S D Sarkar	156	WM
32	Bhabesh Saha	136	WM
33	Sandip Datta	136	WM

34	Stayabrata Lahiri	136	WM
35	Chandrasekhar Majumder	136	WM
36	Jyotindra Shah	134	WM
37	Alok Sadhu	133	WM
38	Amar Nath Banerjee	128	WM
39	Gopinath Manna	128	WM
40	Manas Mukherjee	123	WM
41	Ajit Chakradeo	114	WM
42	Nitin Shah	114	WM
43	Anal Shah	113	WM
44	Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	98	WM
45	Sunil Machnar	94	WM
46	Naresh Kumar Gupta	90	WM

Seniors

1	Ramamurthy Sridharan	224	SM
2	Dipak Poddar	206	SM
3	Anand K S Samant	206	SM
4	Subhash Dhakras	206	SM
5	Ramavatar Agrawal	183	SM
6	Jeetu Solani	170	SM
7	Alok Sadhu	169	SM
8	Badal Chandra Das	151	SM
9	Ashok Kumar Goel	109	SM

Women

1	Marianne Karmarkar	109	WM
2	Rita Choksi	69	WM
3	Hema Deora	66	WM
4	Yvette Singapuri	54	WM
5	Geeta Lakhani	38	WM
6	Lina Mayadas	37	WM
7	Sheelu Thadani	28	WM
8	Pramila Shivasani	13	WM
9	Bimal Sicka	12	WM

STATEWISE RANKED PLAYERS:

	Grand Master	Senior Lifemaster	Advance Lifemaster	Life Master	National Master	Total
West Bengal	25	7	21	27	46	126
Maharashtra	16	15	12	18	40	101
Karnataka	1	5	2	7	9	24
Delhi	2	3	1	5	9	20
Tamilnadu	2	4	1	2	10	19
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	1	6	11	18
Telangana	0	0	1	6	10	17
UttarPradesh	0	0	0	5	10	15
Gujarat	0	2	0	2	5	9
Odisha	0	0	0	0	6	6
Bihar	0	0	0	1	2	3
Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	3	3
Goa	0	0	0	1	1	2
Assam	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rajasthan	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	46	36	39	81	163	365

STATEWISE PLAYERS DATA:

	States	Players Registered as on 1/4/2018
1	Andhra Pradesh	88
2	Assam	94
3	Bihar	87
4	Chandigarh	40
5	Chattisgarh	80
6	Delhi	202
7	Goa	50
8	Gujarat	106
9	Haryana	31
10	Himachal	47
11	Jammu and Kashmir	44
12	Jharkhand	58

13	Karnataka	230
14	Kerela	32
15	Madhya Pradesh	168
16	Maharashtra	525
17	Meghalaya	29
18	Odisha	98
19	Puducherry	50
20	Punjab	35
21	Rajasthan	93
22	Tamilnadu	350
23	Telangana	100
24	Uttarakhand	45
25	UttarPradesh	180
26	West Bengal	1012

BFI Infrastructure Program Policy:

The federation has expensed a deep outlay at the Asia Cup to purchase the machines and electronic devices along with the advanced softwares to facilitate instant processing of results on a real time basis. The main components of the technical improvement have been on account of use of:

- 1) Bridgemates Terminals with Servers – manufactured by Bridgemate Inc (www.bridgemate.com) The bridgemates terminals are a radio transmitting device which transfers the scores from the playing arena to the server instantly as it further gets processed to the scoring device for final processing of results.



- 2) Dealing Machines – Manufactured by Jannersten (www.duplimate.com)

The Dealing Machines are specially designed to prepare the copies of the playing cards into customized plastic boards on a uniform and simultaneous similar distribution of playing cards to each pocket within a matter of seconds. This saves a lot of human manpower to arrange the decks in same order as well to reduce human error completely.

- 3) National Scoring Software – Magic Contest – Developed by Tomas Brenning (www.brenning.se)

This software is used in all national/federation tournaments to take care of bigger scale tournaments with huge participation and more advanced functions to process results as well to have proper display outputs as needed.

During this year, the federation has purchased 2 Dealing Machines, 60 Bridgemates and other Bridge infrastructure to strengthen its inventory for any national tournament and has successfully accomplished this during the Asia Cup and with the support of SAI.

ANNUAL CALENDAR:

Month	Dates	Tournament Name
Jan	11 – 14 Jan:	Maharaja Yeshwant Rao National Bridge Championship (Kayani Teams & Holkar IMP Pairs), Yeshwant Club, Indore
	26 – 28 Jan:	Willingdon Sports Club, Annual Swiss Pairs Tournament, Mumbai
	26 – 28 Jan:	State level Tournament at Tenali - conducted by A.P. Bridge Association
Feb	03 - 04 Feb:	Indian Men Team Selection Trials (Semi-Final) for Asian Games 2018 at Gasper Dias Tennis Club,
	05 - 07 Feb:	Indian Men Team Selection Trials (Final) for Asian Games 2018 at Gasper Dias Tennis Club, Goa
	08 - 09 Feb:	Indian Mixed Team Selection Trials for Asian Games 2018 at Gasper Dias Tennis Club, Goa
	10 - 11 Feb:	Indian Ladies Team Selection Trials for Asian Games 2018 at Gasper Dias Tennis Club, Goa
	14 - 18 Feb:	Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships, Broadbeach, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
	16 - 18 Feb:	32nd Seth Shrinivas Lohia Memorial All India Bridge Tournament, Ganges Club, Kanpur
	23 – 25 Feb:	Singhania Invitational Pairs, Kamla Club, Kanpur
Mar	10 - 12 Mar:	8th FNCC All India Open Bridge Championships at Film Nagar Cultural Center, Filmnagar, Hyderabad.
	16 – 18 Mar:	Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament, New Delhi
	24 – 25 Mar:	36th N.RAMARATINAM CENTENARY MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT-2018, Mylapore Club, Chennai (TNBA State Level)
	31 Mar - 3 Apr:	Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Bridge Championship, Darbar Hall, Country Inn & Suites, Sahibabad
Apr	07 - 08 Apr:	Alexander Club Tournament at Merrut (UP State Level)
	07 - 08 Apr:	K.J.Seetharaman Memorial Annual Bridge Tournament-2018 at Anna university Alumni Club (TNBA State Level)
	13-15 Apr	All India Steel Strips Group Tournament at Chandigarh, organized by Punjab Bridge Association
	19 - 22 Apr:	All India Shree Cement Bridge Tournament at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra, Eden Gardens, Kolkata
	28 Apr - 01 May:	Senior Selection Trials for Asia Cup, Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Mumbai
May	11 - 20 May:	United States Bridge Championship, Houston, TX
Jun	04 - 10 Jun	3rd Asia Cup Bridge Championships, Hote Marriott Resorts & Spa, Miramar, Panaji, GOA
	15 - 17 Jun:	Himachal Open National Bridge Championship 2018, Solan, H.P.
	24 - 28 Jun:	8th Tolani Open Summer National Championships, at Golden Glory Hall, Karnavati Club,
Jul	01- 05 Jul:	Yeh Bros. Cup, Beijing, China
	07- 09 Jul:	Jubilee Hills International Centre Bridge Tournament, Hyderabad
	12 - 15 Jul:	Corbett Park Tournament, Garjia
	20 - 22 Jul:	Goa Bridge Festival
	28 - 29 Jul:	TVS Ratnam Memorial Tournament in Madurai (State Level)
Aug	04 Aug:	7th Shree Cement Annual Corporate Bridge Championship, Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai
	08 - 18 Aug:	17th World Youth Team Championship, Suzhou, China
	09 - 14 Aug:	16th HCL International Bridge Tournament, Hotel Marriott, New Delhi
	18 Aug - 2 Sep:	Asian Games Jakarta, Indonesia (Bridge starts from 21st Aug)
Sep/Oct	05 - 09 Sep:	Inter State Bridge Championship, Mysore, Karnataka
	14 - 16 Sep:	Tollygunj Club Tournament, Kolkata (State Level)
	22 Sep - 6 Oct:	11th World Bridge Series, Orlando, Florida
Dec	25 - 28 Oct:	Kr. Murli Manohar National Masters Bridge Tournament, New Delhi
	09- 16 Dec	60th Winter National Bridge Championship, Chennai organised by TNBA
	28 - 30 Dec:	6th Central India open Bridge Championship, Jabalpur