

# BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

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# Corona Virus halts live bridge events!

Indian bridge started on a routine note in the initial three months of the year 2020 where there was worldwide news spread of corona virus that was first detected in Wuhan, China, in late 2019 and has then set off a global pandemic. Since then, India witnessed the worst scenario in terms of rapid rise of cases across India and the desperate attempts taken by central and state govts to curb public gatherings through lockdowns and social distancing measures.

BFI feels blessed to have its players successfully return from the 44<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Teams Championships, Wuhan, China during October, 2020 just before the virus outbreak had taken place.

The three recognized events which were successfully concluded live under the aegis of federation were:

- Holkar Yeshwant Rao National Bridge Championships
- FNCC Zonal Event
- Delhi Gymkhana Zonal Event.

The other major event which was held live was the Indian Selection Trials for the Open, Mixed and Women Categories at Ahmedabad from 11-22<sup>nd</sup> February towards the World Championships, 2020. Unfortunately, the senior trials which were proposed to be from 19-22<sup>nd</sup> March which had to be called off due to pandemic.

Just about the preparations were on for the **Mohanlal Bhartia Championships, March 2020** the federation had officially announced to standstill all live events due to the rapid spread of Corona Virus and state wise lockdowns imposed. As a result, the federation looked upon for online events as a temporary offset to keep the bridge momentum alive among the Indian bridge fraternity.

Till the year end, India was under partial/complete lockdown time to time with travel several restrictions and hence the sports activities had virtually come to a standstill. However, thanks to the online portals like **BBO** and **Realbridge**, Indian bridge survived to a far extent with online tournaments.

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# Brief Summary of BFI Journey:

#### Dear All Members and Players,

We have witnessed a catastrophic stroke by a wide spread virus which had resulted in a pandemic situation worldwide locking down all the activities a human can look for. In this era, we have lost many friends and relatives and the daily count of mortality was just a depressing syndrome to look after as we woke up to find positivity.

While the pandemic was going on, the federation felt the severity of the damage the virus will cause to the revival of live activities and hence it was imminent to plan a suitable alternative plan of action for conducting online bridge tournament in tandem with the live formats so far feasible with the technological and manpower constraints. BFI has always been a frontrunner to undertake several bridge ventures which have been unfeasible for other organizers on account of its dedicated workforce and technical expertise.

The process to conduct online tournaments started with official agreement with BBO which successfully led to India being part of the BBO Virtual clubs and Indian TDs were officially invited to undertake small to medium sized weekly events for their regional players.

The federation on its forefront, had conducted three major national level events successfully which had attracted a larger interest of players on par with the live events. The three events were:

- a) Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix
- b) Kr. Murli Manohar National Masters Bridge Championships
- c) 63<sup>rd</sup> Online Winter Nationals
- d) HCL Year End Tournament

In addition, the federation had conducted two online director workshops for training the directors with the current bridge laws as well inviting new aspirants to take training in this lockdown period. BFI has successfully introduced the **Masterpoint Scheme (revised 2020)** which has resulted in more systematic process of recording masterpoints and easy new player's registration process directly through the BFI website.

BFI is also proud to announce that lockdown has resulted in the growth of its player's size and the online registrations of new players had witnessed a record peak from several areas. Also the federation through the efforts of the its technical team has successfully cleansed the player's database with more accurate data of active bridge players registered under the BFI Masterpoint scheme. The current database stands at 4300 odd players which is the highest in our zone as well among the top 10 members of WBF. We look forward to expand this family as well appreciate the efforts taken by our technical members.

BFI is thankful to all its generous sponsors who have given their support for the online events, by which our Indian players could surpass the trauma of this pandemic with ease.

Along with joy comes sorrow as I deeply express my condolences to the bereaved families of our Indian bridge fraternity who were victims of this deadly virus. **One of legendary players, Mr. Jyotindra Shah** 

(fondly called as J.M. Shah) left us during the start of pandemic (9<sup>th</sup> May, 2020), Mr. Ashim Ghosh from Kolkata and several others who have been part of our family.

BFI has continuously endeavored to provide a significant improvement in terms of the activities conducted domestically and internationally for the promotion of the players and sport. Under the dignified guidance of our esteemed President, our federation is now strongly working towards the preparation of the teams towards the Asian Games 2022 where we look to exceed our performance level of the last edition.

It has been a success for our Indian Teams to secure medals at various international events and I am sure that the pandemic will give them the necessary practice to sharpen their skills and excel further in the future events. We are quite positive towards the juniors who are not far away from brining laurels to the country in the near future with the aid of our Junior Development and Training program

On the domestic front, the momentum of the online recognized tournaments has been quite spectacular and has increased considerably with the affiliation of BBO. In addition, there emerged an online group of our Indian Players as an event organizer called "Bridge from Home" who have been quite instrumental in handling the federation events. The mechanisms of the online events have been smooth enough since its inception and the support the BFI technical teams. In the near end of the year, the world witnessed a new platform called "Realbridge" which resembled similar features to live bridge with enhanced security as a result the outlook for the federation to undertake regular events improved significantly.

The ranking policy of the federation was proposed to be implemented from the 63<sup>rd</sup> Winter Nationals onwards with a suitable point allocation scheme as proposed by the BFI Ranking Committee. Also the carryover percentage of the points accumulated till the pandemic towards the remaining cycle of the four year ranking policy were determined by the Ranking Committee.

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. In the current year, as the live events look bleak, the federation had no proposals for live coaching camps. However, in order to prepare the infrastructure for the upcoming Asian Games, a proposal was submitted for purchase of sports equipment which was sanctioned under the ACTC. The federation proposes to make the suitable purchases in the next year on account of the lockdowns worldwide.

#### **Bridge Learning and Education Centre:**

The federation has also initiated a process to develop an infrastructure in form of a bridge education center officially at **Mumbai** at **Lokmanya Seva Sangh** premises. The Memorandum of Understanding has been officially signed for a period of minimum five years. This center is expected to fully operational by Sept-Oct 2020 and will be funded by CSR sponsorships received during the year. A subcommittee has been empowered to look after proceedings and for the operational purposes.

The renovation of the Bridge Pathshala Premises was completed in September, 2020 with all needed infrastructure to begin its operations from 2021. Bridge Pathshala (LSS Centre for Bridge Excellence) was formally inaugurated on December 17, 2020.

**Mr. Sundaresan, President of BFI**, spoke on the occasion and emphasized that setting up a bridge school with premises of 200 square feet in the heart of Mumbai was a dream come true. He thanked LSS for their commitment to Bridge Education and wished everyone the best of luck".

Ravi Raman, principal of Bridge Pathshala, concluded the function with a vote of thanks to all who have helped in translating a vision into a reality. He committed that every effort will be made to take this organization to Himalayan heights.

The Centre will focus of faculty training primarily and will enable online registrations soon thereafter.

The **45**th **World Bridge Teams Championships** were postponed to be held in the year 2022.

Regarding the office matters, the **annual bi elections** were held online through zoom meeting followed by Annual General Meeting in December, 2020.

The new term for the office bearers will be from 2021-22 subject to the National Sports Code, 2011. In addition, we have been persuading all state associations to update their masterpoint player database and submit their AGM copies regularly as part of mandatory compliance of the National Sports Code, 2011.

This year, COVID-19 has whitewashed all the planned activities and hence the federation will move in tandem with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and the safety norms for our players. Online bridge has been a life saver for most of us but we look forward towards meeting our bridge family members in the various tournaments that been a lifeline to our sport. Let's pray for the best health and safety to all our bellowed players and members.

With Best regards,

C.M. Kulkarni (Hon. Secretary)



#### Indian Performance at International Level:

Due to the spread of Corona Virus in early 2020, BFI had to cancel all international travel for the safety of the players and restrictions put worldwide. The **45**<sup>th</sup> **World Bridge Teams Championships** which was scheduled in Sept/Oct 2020 at Salsomaggorie had been postponed to be held in the year 2022.

#### 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
- f) National Mixed Championships (Nov)
- 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 four 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
- 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:**

On account of pandemic, the federation were unable to forecast any possibility of resumption of live events. However, online tournaments were planned phase wise with the Bhartia Memorial Online Championships followed by National Masters and Winter Nationals.

The following events were postponed to the next year:

#### **SUMMER NATIONALS:**

The 10<sup>h</sup> edition of Tolani Open Summer Nationals Bridge Championships which was proposed to be held in Bengaluru was postponed to the year 2021 in live/online format as the conditions exist.

#### Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships

The 10<sup>th</sup> Interstate National Bridge Championships which was proposed to be held in Assam was postponed to the year 2021 in live/online format as the conditions exist.

#### **NATIONAL MASTERS:**

The Kr Murli Manohar National Masters event was supported by **Mr. Ashok Goel (Ex. President – BFAME)** who has been an avid bridge lover and has contributed towards many tournaments in the memory of his loved ones. This event was held online on Realbridge platform from 5-11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

The entry to this tournament is restricted only for the seeded ranked players of National Masters and above. In all 20 teams had participated which were bifurcated in two groups and a complete Round robin was played.

**WINNER: Team Dhampur Sugar Mills:** Ashok Goel, Bhabesh Saha, Subhash Gupta, Rajesh Dalal, KR Venkatraman, Sambhunath Ghosh, Arun Bapat

Runners Up: Team Hemant Jalan: Hemant Jalan, Pritish Kushari, Sayantan Kushari, Kaustabh Nandi, Kautubh Bendre, Sagnik Roy, Saumya Das, Badal Das

#### WINTER NATIONALS

The **62<sup>nd</sup> edition** for the **Winter National Bridge Championships** was held online from 16-26<sup>th</sup> January. This event was scheduled in January as hope of live events diminished with a second wave

corona effect possibility.

BFI had put enormous efforts for the success of this auspicious event as this tournament was absolutely flawless and the hospitality provided was truly overwhelming. The event was organized both on BBO and Realbridge by the BFH Team and panel of technical persons.

Being the most prestigious federation event, this was the biggest online event conducted with active participation from the 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 in110 teams and more than 300 pairs altogether. There were also a lot of juniors invited from across India for this championship

Continuing the legacy of the championship, this event main team events were held in memory of our beloved **Late Shri. Ashok Ruia** who has been the pioneer support pillar towards this championship for decades towards. The federation also expresses deep gratitude to **Ruia family and Shree Cement group** for is generous support towards this championship as well to the other sponsors.

Ranking Points are awarded for the top 8 positions of Gold Teams and Shree Cement Matchpoint Pairs were proposed to be reactivated since the last ranking live event. Also there are several other prestigious events like the Niranjan 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 <a href="https://www.bridgewebs.com/winternationals">www.bridgewebs.com/winternationals</a>

#### **Gold Teams:**

Winner: Team Formidables: Kiran Nadar, Keyzad Anklesaria, Rajeshwar Tiwari, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral

Runners Up: Team Indian Railways (A): Sumit MUKHERJEE, D MAJUMDER, RANA Roy, SAYANTAN Kushari, G Manna. SANDIP Datta.

#### Silver Teams:

Winner: Team Abol Tabol: Raj Kumar Chowdhury, Saurav Sil, Asit Kumar Ghosh, Prabir Das Runners Up: Team Subhasis Roy IV: Subhasis Roy (Capt), Sailen Das, Tapan Kumar Roy, Sagar Bhuiya, Tanmay Mazumder, Santanu Chakraborty

#### Affiliation with Sports Authority of India

The Affiliation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been very supportive in lieu of the success of the Asian Games 2018 and the plans of the federation to provide more international exposure to our Indian Players.

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.

In the current year, due to pandemic, the federation had postponed all coaching camps till normalcy resumes and travel restrictions are removed. However, looking at the growth of national tournaments and the coaching camps, it was intended to procure sports equipment's for catering to the COVID safety measures when live bridge commences.

As a result, the following proposals were sanctioned by SAI for the financial year 2020-21

The synopsis of the budget is as under:

Sr no.	Item	Amount (Rs. lacs)	Events conducted by BFI during 20-21
1	National Camps/competitions	Nil	
2	International Competitions:	Nil	
3	Conduct of International Competitions in India	Nil	
4	Sports Equipment	33	60 Screen Tables with Plexi and wooden screens, 50 Bridgemates with 2 servers and 1 Dealing machine.
	Total	33	

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

The Ahmedabad Coaching/Selection Camp was held from **10-23**<sup>rd</sup> **February, 2020 at Orient Club** 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 2019-20 (Jan 2019- 20) by the selection committee of the federation were:

Qualifying Events:	Ranking Points from:
a) Winter Nationals	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
b) Summer Nationals	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
c) Inter State Bridge Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
d) National Masters	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
e) HCL International Bridge Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
f) Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
g) Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
h) Shree Cement National Bridge Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
i) President Cup, FNCC, Delhi Gymkhana	Top 8 in Teams
j) Ladies & Mixed Qualifying Events	Based on participation

#### MEN/OPEN EVENT:

In the Men/Open category, there were 22 players /11 pairs participated based on their eligibility from the qualifying events. The format of camp included the play exercise of complete double round robin of 6 boards each for the first elimination.

6 pairs were taken to next stage after adjustments of the ranking points carryover and a final double round robin was played among them.

# **Qualifying League Results:**

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Rank	Vps	Pairs					
1	142.22	SUMIT Mukherjee DEBABRATA Majumdar					
2	134.57	KIRAN Nadar BACHIRAJU Satyanarayan					
3	128.63	RAJESHWAR Tewari KEYZAD Anklesaria					
4	119.25	SRIDHARAN R SUBHASH Dhakras					
5	109.94	SUKAMAL Das SUBRATA Saha					
6	107.78	DIPAK Santra ANIRUDDHA Bhattacharya					
7	107.12	SATYABRATA Mukherjee ABHIJIT Chakraborty					
8	104.08	SHIBNATH Dey Sarkar PRANAB Bardhan					
9	103.74	SANDEEP Thakral JAGGY Shivdasani					
10	100.17	BADAL Das PARTHA Sarathi Mukherjee					
11	73.79	DIPAK Poddar JITU Solani					

# **Final League Results:**

Top 3 pairs had qualified to represent India at the BFAME Championships when held subject to qualification to  $45^{th}$  World Bridge Teams Championships, 2022

PERF	PERFORMANCE POINTS EVALUATION SHEET FOR OPEN CATEGORY							
Sr. No.	Pair	EVENT SCORE POINTS	WIN/LOSS RATIO POINTS	ANNUAL RANKING POINTS	CONV CARD	PEN	TOTAL (MAX 100)	RANK
MAX	ALLOCATED POINTS	55	5	35	5		100	
1	Sandeep Thakral-Jaggy Shivdasani	55	5	30.54	5		95.54	1
2	Rajeshwar Tewari-K Anklesaria	50.611	5	35.00	4.25		94.86	2
3	Sumit Mukherjee-D Majumder	45.634	5	30.52	5		86.15	3
4	Sukamal Das-Subrata Saha	48.361	5	18.91	4		76.27	4
5	Kiran Nadar-B Satyanarayana	35.341	3.3333	22.48	4.5		65.65	5
6	Subhash Dhakras - R Sridharan	40.511	1.6667	15.59	4		61.76	6



#### MIXED CATEGORY:

The mixed event was conducted among 12 pairs from the eligible probable. The format included play exercise of round robin of 10 boards each for two days, top 8 pairs qualified for the final league for a complete double round robin.

# The final standings are as under:

Top 3 pairs had qualified to represent India at the 45<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Teams Championships, 2019

Sr. No.	Pair	EVENT SCORE POINTS	WIN/LOSS RATIO POINTS	ANNUAL RANKING POINTS	CONV CARD / NOTES POINTS	PEN	TOTAL (MAX 100)	RANK
MAX	ALLOCATED POINTS	55	5	35	5		100	
1	Kiran Nadar-B Satyanarayana	49.86	5.00	35.00	4.50		94.36	1
2	Rajeev Khandelwal - Himani Khandelwal	48.82	4.76	17.11	4.25		74.95	2
3	Marianne - Sandeep Karmarkar	55.00	4.52	7.44	4.25		71.21	3
4	Bindiya Naidoo - Priya Ranjan Sinha	48.86	3.33	12.36	4.25		68.80	4
5	Abhijit Chakroborty - Asha Sharma	44.59	2.38	3.54	4.50		55.01	5
6	Gopinath Manna - Geeta Lakhani	42.10	2.86	3.19	1.75		49.89	6
7	Arun Jain - Gopika Tandon	33.27	2.14	8.50	4.25		48.16	7
8	Subhash Gupta - Puja Batra	31.75	1.67	3.19	4.75		41.35	8



### **WOMEN CATEGORY:**

In the Women Category, there were 8 pairs participating in the selection camp. The format was a complete double round robin to be played over two days.

The final rankings are as under:

Top 3 pairs had qualified to represent India at the 45<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Teams Championships, 2019

Sr. No.	Pair	EVENT SCORE POINTS	WIN/LOSS RATIO POINTS	ANNUAL RANKING POINTS	CONV CARD / NOTES POINTS	TOTAL (MAX 100)	RANK
	MAX ALLOCATED POINTS	55	5	35	5	100	
1	Puja Batra - Asha Sharma	47.10	4.17	35.00	4.75	91.01	1
2	Bharati Dey & Vasanti Shah	55.00	5.00	20.66	4.25	84.91	2
3	Feroza Chothia - Aparna Sain	40.85	3.33	22.95	4	71.14	3
4	Dr.Nikita Kamal & Rita Choksi	44.82	4.17	17.21	4.25	70.45	4
5	Rupa Bakeri - Alka Kshirsagar	32.81	1.67	20.66	4	59.14	5
6	Alka Jain & Madhu Malti Jain	28.01	1.67	16.64	4	50.32	6
7	Rita Bhagwati & Tara Laroia	29.76	2.50	9.18	4.25	45.69	7
8	Rachel W Joseph - Sujata Puranik	26.08	0.83	10.33	4.25	41.49	8





#### Senior Coaching Camps:

No Senior Camp was held in the year 2020 on account of pandemic. However, the players were given exposure to play federation online competitions through several national level events.

#### Juniors Development

The federation conducted online coaching sessions under the Juniors Training Program led by **Mr. Vinay Desai** and **Mr. Anil Padhye**. These sessions were open for the categories (U25/U21/U16). As the lockdown period was a vacation to the juniors, the junior training program towards some established pairs were undertaken.

Similarly, Bridge Pathshala which commenced its operations from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2021 has planned a detailed roadmap to approach various schools across schools in collaboration with an agency called "Adhayan" and to prepare a tutorial program for teaching kids.

#### Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships

On account of the pandemic, the Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships was postponed to next year.

#### BFI Elections for Term 2020-22 and Executive Committee

The biennial Elections of the Bridge Federation of India were online held on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 via Zoom Meeting.

Mr. Tapas Banerjee (IAS Retd.) was the Returning Officer and the Elections were conducted online.

#### **Extract of Report of Returning Officer:**

"Bridge Federation of India (BFI) has officially announced the AGM and for the election of office bearers at the AGM on 26th. December, 2020. at 11 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

As per the prescribed time-table, nominations were to close on 20th. December, 2020. There were eleven vacancies in all: One President, Six Vice Presidents, One Secretary, One Treasurer, and Two Joint Secretaries.

There were eleven nominations – exactly one for each of these offices – received up to midnight of 20th. December 2020.

These were found to have been duly nominated, seconded, and consented to by the candidates. The list of the nominees, together with the names of their proposers and seconders, were also scrutinized by the Secretariat of the BFI to ensure that they had complied with the rules, and had fulfilled all the eligibility criteria.

Having been found to be in order, the list was circulated by the BFI to all the Member Bridge Associations, for their perusal and consideration, on 22nd. December, 2020.

None of the candidates has since withdrawn his/her consent to serve on the offices to which they have been duly nominated. As the number of candidates corresponds exactly with the number of offices to

be filled, it follows that no balloting is necessary, and all candidates are to be declared to have been elected unopposed.

Thus the following are hereby declared elected unopposed to the posts indicated against each name:"

#### **OFFICE BEARERS:**

Following is the new Executive Committee of the BFI elected for the years 2020-2022

President:	Mr. S. Sundareshan
	Mr. Arijit Guha
	Mr. Sarthak Behruia
	Mr. Anand KS Samant
	Mr. Krishan Goyal
	Mr. DB Choudhary
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Maneesh Bahuguna
General Secretary:	Mr. C.M. Kulkarni
Treasurer:	Mr. Hemant Pande
	Mr. T.C. Pant
Jt. Secretaries:	Mrs. Monica Jajoo
Chairman Law Commission:	Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal
Chairman Technical & Development:	Mr. Anand KS Samant
Communications Manager	Mr. Srinivasan Iyengar

#### **Director Workshops:**

BFI organized an online Tournament Director's Training seminar by **Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal (WBF TD and Zonal IV TD Commissioner)**. The seminar was conducted over two days on 21st and 22nd Nov 2020 from 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM. – two hours each session and is open to all the Directors of WBF Zone 4 (BFAME).

The seminar was conducted on Google meet.

#### BFI Infrastructure Program Policy:

BFI has procured the sanction for purchase of sports equipment towards building its infrastructure for the preparations of Asian Games 2022 and other national competitions.

On the infrastructure part, the federation has completed the renovation and capital work for the development of the Bridge Learning Centre at Mumbai as per the work schedule provided by the appointed architect. The work finished by September- October 2020 and it ready for execution for its activities.

#### **CSR Sponsorships:**

BFI immensely expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors who have generously contributed towards the bridge education and training programs – one of them being "**Bridge Pathshala**" center at Mumbai. Bridge being a national priority sport game recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs has been eligible for CSR contributions which has been used for promotion of juniors and education teaching programs.

#### Players Masterpoint Grievance Window

BFI Masterpoint Secretariat has created a "Player Masterpoint Grievance Cell" in order to enable the current players to check their masterpoint tally as on date as well the previous records and report for any discrepancies or omissions for any of their non-recorded performances in the recognized tournaments played under the auspices of BFI.

## ANNUAL CALENDAR:

	IN	DIAN BRIDGE CALENDAR FOR 2020
Month	Dates	Tournament Name
	3 Jan:	Ladies Ranking Point event, Phase-1, Yeshwant Club, Indore
Jan'20	4 – 7 Jan:	Maharaja Yeshwant Rao National Bridge Championship (Kayani Teams & Holkar IMP Pairs), Yeshwant Club, Indore
Jan 20	16 - 19 Jan:	Madras Gymkhana Club Annual Open Tournament, Island Grounds, Chennai - 600001
	24 – 26 Jan:	Willingdon Sports Club, Annual Swiss Pairs Tournament, Mumbai
	01 - 03 Feb	10th FNCC All India Open Bridge Championships at Film Nagar Cultural Center, Filmnagar, Hyderabad.
	07 - 09 Feb:	34th Seth Shriniwas Lohia Memorial All India Bridge Tournament, Ganges Club, Kanpur
	11 - 15 Feb	Indian Selection Trials for OPEN event at Orient Club, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad
Feb	16 - 19 Feb	Indian Selection Trials for MIXED event at Orient Club, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad
	20 - 22 Feb	Indian Selection Trials for WOMEN event at Orient Club, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad
	21 – 23 Feb:	Singhania Invitational Pairs, Kamla Club, Kanpur
	27-29 Feb, 1 Mar	Delhi Gymkhana Club Tournament, New Delhi
June 10-15th June Mohanlal Bhartia Memoria		Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Online Bridge Championships
Nov	5-11th Nov	Kr Murli Manohar Online National Bridge Championships
Nov	19-22nd Nov	VS Gangal Teams & Kaushalya Gangal Pairs Memorial
Dec	16-26th Jan	62nd Online Winter Nationals