



# Bridge Federation of India

## Monthly Newsletter - August



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### Indian Railways Dominates 1<sup>st</sup> Shree Cement Interstate National Championship

1<sup>st</sup> Shree Cement Interstate National Championship, a flagship event by the BFI, was successfully held in Goa, featuring a strong participation of 35 teams. The championship was marked by a well-organized event and an exceptional ambiance. Shree Cement Co. Ltd. has committed to sponsoring this prestigious event for at least the next five years. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of Dinesh Mongia, the former Indian cricketer, as the chief guest, adding a touch of star power to the occasion. All participants enjoyed and appreciated the warm hospitality extended by Mr. Prasad Keni in his hometown.

Indian Railways emerged as the champions, securing the prestigious Team of Four title. West Bengal A and C teams finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. In the Subhas Agarwala IMP Pairs, T C Pant and Daleep Mutreja claimed victory, with Ajay Khare and Raju Tolani finishing as runners-up. The tournament highlighted outstanding bridge performances of the players participated from all over India.



### BFI Secretaries Meeting Precedes Annual General Meeting in Goa

On August 28, 2024, the Secretaries meeting of the BFI took place at the Gaspar Dias Tennis Club, with nearly all State Bridge Associations in attendance. The following day, the Annual General Meeting was held, with the Annual Report for the past two years made available to all members. Key agendas were discussed in the secretary's meeting and finally passed in the AGM.

### Inaugural E-Bridge Online Juniors Tournament

BFI successfully hosted the first E-Bridge Online Juniors Tournament on 25th August, conducted on the Real Bridge platform. Sponsored by Express Avenue Mall, this landmark event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 28 pairs, competing across three distinct age categories: Under 16, Under 21, and Under 26. The tournament, meticulously organized and supervised by experienced coaches, showcased the promising talent of India's youth bridge players.

These tournaments hold particular significance as the performances of the participants will be considered for evaluation in the National Ranking of Juniors. These rankings will play a crucial role in determining the Indian contingent for the upcoming World Juniors Championship in 2025. With the success of this inaugural event, the BFI set a strong precedent for future online tournaments, reinforcing its commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting bridge across the nation.

## India Invited to Compete in Pacific-Asia Secondary School Bridge Championship

The Asia Pacific Bridge Federation (APBF) has extended an invitation to the BFI to participate in the Pacific-Asia Inter-Secondary School Bridge Championship 2025, set to be held in Shanghai from December 27, 2024, to January 1, 2025. This prestigious event, the first of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, will be hosted by the China School Sports Federation and co-organized by the Shanghai School Sports Federation. BFI has been invited to send one Open team and one Girls' team, with team names representing their respective cities. APBF will provide a subsidy covering at least 50% of the accommodation expenses for players and coaches. Interested teams should submit their proposals to Hon. Secretary Mr. Debasish Ray (bfisecretary2020@gmail.com). BFI will soon announce the selection process for the Indian representative teams.



## Upcoming Events -

### September - October 2024

#### Secunderabad Club Annual Championship : 31<sup>st</sup> Aug - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Ongoing

Under the aegis of **Telengana Bridge Association**

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#### 21<sup>st</sup> HCL International Bridge Championship

14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Website Link

Under the aegis of **Bridge Federation of India**

Prize Money : **2 Crore 70 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **The Leela Ambience Convention Centre, New Delhi**

Mixed IMP Pairs : 14 - 15 September

Gold Team of Four : World Bridge Tour (WBT) Event - 16 - 21 September

Silver Team of Four : 16 - 21 September | Match Point Pairs : 18 - 21 September

IMP Pairs : 20 - 21 September | Pro-Am IMP Pairs : 22 September

#### All India Shri Ajay Kumar Goel Memorial Bridge Tournament

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October

Website Link

Organized by **Nainital Bridge Association**

Prize Money : **6 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **The Boat House Club Ltd. Nainital**

#### HCL South Zone Bridge Championships

25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October

Website Link

Organized by **Kairilli Bridge Association and**

**Trivandrum District Bridge Association**

Prize Money : **4 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Trivandrum, Kerala**



## Tournament Results -

August 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Shree Cement Interstate National Championship : 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

#### Team of Four

##### Winner : Railways

Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumdar  
Sandip Dutta, Gopinath Manna,  
Sagnik Roy, Sayantan Kushari,

##### Runners up : West Bengal A

Amarnath Banerjee, Ayan Chatterjee,  
Mithun Mukherjee, Rajesh Jain,  
Kavita Ajmera, Baneet Mahotra

Results Link

#### IMP Pairs :

1. T C Pant & Daleep Mutreja
2. Raju Tolani & Ajay Khare
3. Nina Shah & Kaustabh Deodhar

Results Link

### 8th All India Himachal Open Bridge Championship

9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> August

##### Winner : Monica Jajoo

Monica Jajoo, Sumit Mukherjee,  
Samir Basak, Somesh Bhattacharya,

##### Runners up : Vedic

Abhijit Chakraborty, Prasun Mukhopadhyay,  
Bhabesh Saha, Debabrata Majumder

Results Link

### Mavericks Invitational Premier League : 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August

##### Winner : Formidables

Kiran Nadar, B Satyanarayana,  
Kaustabh Nandi, Sagnik Roy,  
Sayantan Kushari, Kaustubh Bendre

##### Runners up : Arun Jain

Arun jain, Gopika Tandan,  
Rajesh Dalal, Jitendra Solani,  
Biswajit Poddar, Shambhunath Ghosh

Results Link

### E-Bridge Online Junior Pairs : 25<sup>th</sup> August

#### Under 16

1. Adhiyaman Zodypache & Agilan Zodypache
2. Ananya Kunal Mehta & Jashith Narang

Results Link

#### Under 21

1. Madhav Prakash & Tirtharaj Chowdhury
2. Kunj Chheda & Vineet Nandu

#### Under 26

1. Sohan Gurjar & Shyam Choudhary
2. Saswata Ballav & Dattatreya Banerjee