



Bridge Federation of India

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Indian Seniors Clinch Silver at 16th World Bridge Games

The Indian Seniors Team secured a remarkable silver medal at the 16th World Bridge Games in Argentina, after an intense final against the formidable USA Seniors Team. The squad, comprising Badal Das, Arun Bapat, Ravi Goenka, Vibhas Todi, Kamal Mukherjee, Pranab Bardhan and coach cum non-playing captain Girish Bijoor delivered a strong performance throughout the six-segment championship clash. India started off well but could not sustain the momentum through the last segments, ultimately finishing as runners-up. Mr. Vinay Desai, coach of the Indian Open and Mixed Teams, noted that while the Open event featured strong competition, the overall field of women and mixed category was relatively weak, with only 2-3 formidable teams in the Seniors category.

This year, the WBF introduced new consolation events, including Board-A-Match (BAM) and additional pairs tournaments. Binod Shaw and Sanjit Dey, secured 2nd place in the Flight B Matchpoint Pairs and won the last day's nine table Aldofo D. Madala Pairs. Congratulations to all the medal winners for their stellar achievements and outstanding representation of India on the global stage!

66th Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter National Bridge Championship 8th - 18th December

Organized by **Bridge Federation of India**

[Website Link](#)

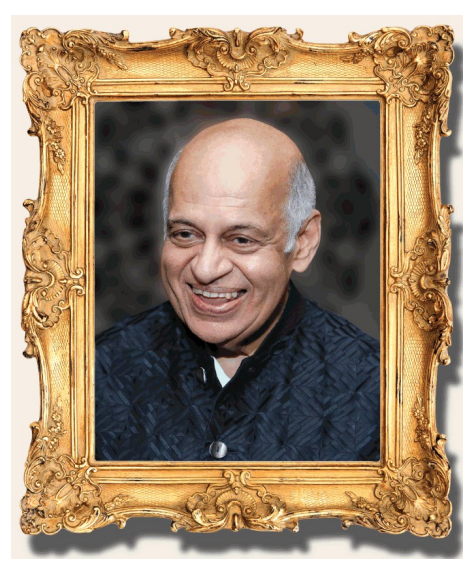
Category I Ranking Point event

Prize Money : **10.35 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex (Balewadi Stadium), Pune**

The Bridge Federation of India is pleased to announce that this year's Winter Nationals will now officially be named the Ashok Ruia Memorial Winter Nationals, thanks to the generous sponsorship from Ashok Ruia Family.

- RUIA Gold and Silver Teams Trophy
- Match Point Pairs (Mall of the Millennium Cup)
- IMP Pairs (Phoenix Market City Cup)
- Mixed Pairs (Phoenix Mixed Pairs Cup)
- Women Pairs (Amla Ruia Women's Cup)
- Ashok Ruia Senior Teams and Pairs Cup



The sponsorship package will also recognize outstanding performances with the following awards:

- Ashok Ruia Lifetime Achievement Award (Rs. 40,000 + memento)
- Ashok Ruia Best Player/Pair Award (Open Category, 26+ years) (Rs. 25,000)
- Ashok Ruia Best Player/Pair Award (Juniors Category) (Rs. 25,000)

BFI Mourns the Loss of Shri Manas Mukherjee, Indian Bridge Stalwart

The Bridge Federation of India deeply mourns the passing of Shri Manas Mukherjee, who breathed his last on October 20, 2024, in Kolkata after a prolonged coma following a stroke. A trailblazer for Indian Railways Bridge, he dominated the national circuit with numerous titles and represented India internationally.

Partnering with the late Prithvi Kushari, he formed a formidable duo, leaving an indelible mark on the sport. Even after retiring from Indian Railways, his passion for Bridge never waned. We salute this legendary player who fought countless battles at the table and inspired generations.

WBF Announces 2nd Online Women's Teams Tournament

Following the success of its inaugural event earlier this year, the World Bridge Federation (WBF) is thrilled to announce the 2nd WBF Online Women's Teams competition. This transnational tournament invites women bridge players from around the globe to compete without the need for travel.

- Dates: Friday, January 3rd to Sunday, January 5th, 2025
- Platform: RealBridge
- Format: Transnational (teams can include players from multiple countries)

This event offers a fantastic opportunity for women to showcase their skills on an international stage, fostering global camaraderie and competition—all from the comfort of home.

For more information, visit: [WBF Online Women's Teams](#).



Tournament Results -

November 2024

3rd East Zone Open Championship - 8th - 10th November

Team of Four

Winner : Formidables

Sumit Mukherjee, Rajeshwar Tewari,
Kaustabh Nandi, Sagnik Roy,
Kaustubh Bendre, Sayantan Kushari

Runners up : Indian Chain

N. K. Chitlangia, Subir Majumdar,
Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, Aniruddha
Bhattacharya, Sapan Desai

[Results Link](#)

Match Point Pairs

1. Pinaki Khan & Animesh Majumder
2. Ramprosad Das & Subrata Chakraborty
3. Ritabrata Datta & Sanjib Basak

IMP Pairs

1. S. P. Ghatak & S. Naskar
2. Anup Mahajan & Rabi Shankar
3. Moloy Mondal & Kingshuk Bhattacharya

Prime Ladies Pairs - 11th - 12th November

IMP Pairs

1. Puja Batra & Asha Sharma
2. Usha Kabra & Bharati Dey
3. Devi Muthu Bhatnagar & Alka Jain

[Results Link](#)

Prime National Mixed Teams & Pairs - 13th - 16th November

Team of Four

Winner : Harmony

Satyabrata Mukherjee, Vasanti Shah,
Subir Majumder, Sadhana Gupta,
Rajul R Dalal, Aparna Sain

Runners up : Sarla Fibers

Sandeep N Karmarkar, Marianne Karmarkar,
Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal,
Vrinda Jhunjunwala

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Match Point Pairs

1. Sandeep N Karmarkar & Marianne Karmarkar
2. Rajeev Khandelwal & Himani Khandelwal
3. Kaustabh S Deodhar & Nina Rajiv Shah

HCL Karnataka State Bridge Championship : 22th - 24th November

Team of Four

Winner : Nature Ville

C. M. Kulkarni, Swarup Anand,
K Durgadas, Girish Bijoor,
Uttam Gupta & Gopinath Manna

Runners up : FNCC

S. L. Sharma, Dinkar Sirsi,
J. S. Sekhar, J, V, Ramanamurthy,
S. Vasantha & V. Sathyavathy

Results Link

Board A Match

Winner : Alpha Zero

Babu Sudhakar, Dinesh Babu,
Kumar V, Ramesh R

Runners up : Rajmohan

D. Vijay, Kannan R,
Rajamohan N, Srinivas K

Match Point Pairs

1. Sambudha Deb & B. Mukherjee
2. Polavaram & Vijaya Y. Ramachan
3. R. Baliga & Patrica Prabhu

IMP Pairs

1. Priyaranjan Sinha & Mini Naidu
2. D. Vijay & R. Kannan
3. Wrik Chakraborty & K. D. Chakraborty



Upcoming Events -

January 2025

Gimmatex Swiss Pairs : 4th - 5th January

Organized by **Wardha Bridge Association**

Website Link

Prize Money : **1.89 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Mohota Bhavan, Hinganghat**



Upcoming Events -

January 2025

V. K. Agarwal Mixed Pairs

7th - 8th January

Organized by **Indore Contract Bridge Association**

[Website](#)

Prize Money : **1.65 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Yeshwant Club, Indore**

20th Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Holkar National

Bridge Championship : 9th - 12th January

Organized by **Indore Contract Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

Prize Money : **22 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Yeshwant Club, Indore**

Madras Gymkhana Annual Bridge Championship

16th - 20th January

Organized by **Tamil Nadu Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

Prize Money : **5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Madras Gymkhana Club, Anna Salai, Park Town, Chennai**

Willingdon Club Annual Swiss Pairs

26th - 28th January

Organized by **Maharashtra Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

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Prize Money : **5.5 Lakh Rupees**

Venue : **Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai**

ALBA Women Ranking Event

29th - 30th January

Organized by **All India Ladies Bridge Association**

[Website Link](#)

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

Venue : **Bombay Gymkhana, Mumbai**