



BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

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Sanjit Dey -Binod Shaw

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Brief Summary of BFI Journey:

Dear All Members and Players,

I am fortunate to get the chance to welcome you all to this Golden Jubilee Year of the annual general meeting of BFI here in this beautiful city of Mysore. In continuation of our journey from my last report, which was for three months only – the undermentioned report is for the full year from April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

I would like to deeply congratulate the Indian Seniors Team who have brought laurels for our country by securing SILVER medal at 16th World Bridge Games, 2024. This feat has indeed given a strong footing to all our aspiring players to work hard and reach the top podium of the prestigious event and I strongly believe that India has the potential to compete among all other nations on an equal footing as we have all the needed resources and support needed for training the athletes with the support of SAI and Sports Ministry.

As per the guidelines of SAI, - BFI is trying to increase its memberships in every year and the last year was no exception as the total membership is increased from 4620 to 5100 though we were forced to raise the registration fees due to cost escalation in everything. This year the state of Haryana is the only new entrant in the BFI list, I expect this state will bring some fresh blood in our fraternity.

The sign of new interested people in bridge means that your BFI is becoming able to popularize this game among other mind sports, even nice to see that few new tournaments are coming up in the different parts of the country. We are trying to promote the game of bridge amongst the Women and especially the Juniors, who are the Future of the country. BFI is fortunate enough to get the blessings of EA Group of Companies Chennai and their Dynamic MD **Ms. Kavita Singhania**, who are almost single handedly sponsoring regular bridge events for Ladies and juniors with huge popularity.

As part of our annual Indian Bridge Calendar, the major national level events were successfully held which had a dynamic turnout to start with as expectedly starting with Mohanlal Bhartia Event in last week of March, 2024. The other major events held were:

- a) **2nd Mavericks Summer Nationals, Mangalore**
- b) **Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix, New Delhi**
- c) **Shree Cement National Bridge Championships, Kolkata**
- d) **Tolani Open National Masters Bridge Championships, Chennai**
- e) **65rd Online Winter Nationals, Pune**
- f) **21st HCL International Bridge Championships, New Delhi**
- g) **EA Bridge National Women Championships, Chennai**
- h) **Smt. Vljya Jajoo Memorial National Mixed Championships, Chennai**
- i) **Prime National Mixed and Women Pairs, Mumbai**

BFI is also proud to announce that 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 as our zone as well among the top 5 members of WBF in terms on players participation. We look forward to expand this family as well appreciate the efforts taken by our state members to officially recognize the players.

BFI is pleased to announce to welcome a new patron Ms. Kavita Singhania and thankful to all her generous sponsorship in conducting BFI activities for online and live events. In addition, under the flagship of EA Bridge, the following major events are held each year

- a) EA Bridge International Bridge Championship 2025
- b) EA Bridge National Women Pairs Championship
- c) EA Bridge Online Women Monthly Pairs
- d) EA Bridge Online Juniors Monthly Pairs
- e) EA Bridge Monthly Pairs at Chennai

With the recent conduction of Tolani Open Masters at the Centrium area of the EA Mall, it witnessed a huge participation of local visitors which helps in the promotion of the game.

The monthly Women and Juniors events have attracted regular participation for the development of the competitive pairs which also provides cash prizes and BFI masterpoints.

In addition, a special thanks for Mr. Atul RUIA who has whole heartedly agreed to undertake the full sponsorship of Winter Nationals event from this edition. In addition, BFI is obliged to our evergreen patrons, Mr. Subodh Maskara, Ms. Sujata Tolani, Mr. HM Bangur, Mr. Jayakumar, Mr. Uma Shankar Bhartia for their continuous support towards the development of the game.

The performance of the Juniors at the 8th World Youth Transnational Championship has been a good exposure to the 2 Juniors teams which am sure will give them more competitive power to perform well in future. It has been a success for our Indian Juniors Teams to secure medals at various international events in the past and I am sure that the current exposure will give them the necessary practice to sharpen their skills and excel further in the future events. We are quite positive towards the aspiring 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 and have been actively playing in various competitions.

We have had one Junior Camp at Nashik for the training of athletes towards the 8th World Youth Transnational Event and one Senior camp for Men/Mixed/Women categories at Ahmedabad in the month of May towards the preparations of 16th World Bridge Games, Argentina

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 Asia Cup 2026 which is proposed to be held in INIDA in the month of June

Along with joy comes sorrow as I deeply express my condolences to the bereaved families of our Indian bridge fraternity who have left us to the heavenly abode. **One of our legendary players, Mr. NRK Moorthy's son Gnananand Giri Moorthy had a sudden demise which has shocked us as he was quite instrumental to support the 44th World Bridge Championship at Chennai. In addition, my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Makarand Kelkar, Mr. Nitin Vaidya, Mr. Dinesh Jain, Mr. Sastry, Mr. Avinash Chitale, Dr. Dhananjay Gore, Mr. Sven Saldanha, Mr. Eric Kokish** and several others who have been part of our family.

On the domestic front, the momentum of the live tournaments has been extremely busy with most of the weekends booked for tournament held across India for our players to participate. The mechanisms of the online events had also been regularly seen through private organizers which keeps the bridge momentum alive.

In addition, the educational programs are currently used by our teaching arm "Bridge Pathshala". I urge all the players to spread this awareness of bridge education through our official established channels and renowned panel of teachers who have vast experience in this field.

We express our deep gratitude to the overgrowing size of players from Maharashtra and West Bengal who have been the strongest pillar for supporting all BFI events held during the years.

BFI has successfully introduced the BFI Disciplinary Code which has resulted in more systematic process of dealing with cases where the code of conduct of players and officials have been violated as well BFI has mandated to have one observer at each national level event so far feasible.

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 are underway, the federation has implemented three coaching camps for the Men, Mixed and Women categories and for live coaching camps

Junior Camps:

- a) Junior Camp – 29th May to 31st May at Nashik
- b) Junior Camp – 22nd to 26th June at Nashik

Senior Camps:

- a) Women Camp – 18 to 20th March
- b) Men/Mixed/Women – 5 to 11th March, 2025
- c) Men/Mixed/Women – 12 to 17th March, 2025

CSR Sponsorships:

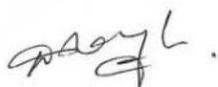
BFI immensely expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors who have generously contributed towards the bridge education and training programs. Bridge being a national priority sport game recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs has been eligible for CSR contributions which has been used for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

Ranking Policy 2024-25:

The ranking policy of the federation has been continuously improvised and followed as advised by the BFI technical committee and the selection/coaching camps are held with the policy recommendations. The cut off of eligible probable is also announced as per the policy

Finally, I would express my deep gratitude to our President especially led by **Mr. Prasad Keni** aided by our esteemed advisors **Mr. K.S. Samant, Mr. C Sathish Kumar, Mr. Keshav Mathur** and our committee members who have been instrumental to lead and support the federation and have helped tremendously towards the development of the game.

With Best regards,



Debasish Ray
(Hon. Secretary)
31st March, 2025



Indian Performance at International Level:

16th World Bridge Games, Buenos Aires, Argentina:

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8th World Youth Transnationals Championship, Wroclaw, Poland

The World Youth Transnational Championships were held in Wroclaw, Poland from 13th – 18th July 2024, immediately following the European Youth Teams Championships.



Girish Bijoor

INDIA A

- Babhrubahan Bose
- Pradip Dey
- Soumadeep Ghosh
- Sagnik Roy
- Surajit Bar
- Souvik Kar

BFI Juniors team

- Soham Sarkar
- Subhashree Basu
- Arya Chakraborty
- Rounak Ghosh
- Taral Rodrigues
- Tilakraj Chowdhury

Coaches: Vinay Desai and

In the Teams events, at the end of the Swiss league of 10 Rounds, India A finished 5th and BFI Juniors team finished 14th.

In the Pairs Event, 6 pairs had participated and the results were are under:

- In the Elimination stage, Sagnik Roy -Soumadeep Ghosh qualified 7th rank for Final A category while others played the Final B Strata event:
- Final A: In the final league of 6 segments, Sagnik Roy -Soumadeep Ghosh finished 9th overall.

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) (Juniors May-June)
 - c) National Masters (February)
 - d) Winter Nationals (December)
 - e) Selection Trials – based on the World event schedule
 - f) National Mixed Championships
 - g) National Women Championships
- 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
 - e) Prime Mixed and Women Pairs
 - f) EA Bridge International Bridge Event
- 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:

2nd MAVERICKS SUMMER NATIONALS:



The 2nd Mavericks Summer National Bridge Championship 2024 was organized by Karnataka State Bridge Association (KSBA) under the aegis of Bridge Federation of India (BFI) from 5th June to 14th June 2024 at Hotel Moti Mahal, Mangalore, Karnataka.

Gold Teams:

Winner: Team Mavericks: Subodh Maskara, Subhash Gupta, Keyzad Anklesaria, Anal B Shah, Sandeep Thakral, Jaggy B Shivdasani

Runner Up: Team Monica Jajoo Binod Kumar Shaw, Sanjit Dey, Monica Jajoo, Somesh Bhattacharya, Vikrant Mehta, Sukamal Das

Subhash Gupta Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Rajeshwar Tewari - Sumit Mukherjee

Runner Up: Shambhu Nath Ghosh - Biswajit Poddar

All Detailed results on: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/summernationals/>

Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships:

Seniors Category:



The Shree Cement Inter State National Bridge Championships - 2024 being organized by Bridge Federation of India (BFI) at Gaspar Dias Club, Panjim, Goa from 28th to 31st August 2024.

Teams:

Winner: Team Indian Railways: Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumdar, Sayantan Kushari, Gopinath Manna, Sandip Datta

Runner Up: West Bengal A: Kavita Ajmera, Baneet Malhotra, Amarnath Banerjee, Ayan Chatterjee, Mithun Mukherjee, Rajesh Jain

Late Subhas Agarwala IMP Pairs:

Winner: TC Pant - Daleep Mutreja

Runner Up: Raju Tolani – Ajay Khare

All Detailed results on: <https://www.bridgewebs.com/interstate/>

TOLANI OPEN NATIONAL MASTERS:

The Tolani Open National Masters event was held for two categories (open national masters and non-masters). The Non-Masters event was held on hybrid format with an online qualifying event held in December 2024. The All-India Tolani Open National Masters Bridge Championship was held in Nagpur from February 17-20, 2024. The event was a ranking

point event, featuring both National Masters and Open Matchpoint Pairs categories, with separate prizes for each. It was organized by the Maharashtra Bridge Association and Vidarbha Bridge Association, under the Bridge Federation of India's (BFI) aegis.

Teams:

Winner: Team Mavericks: Subodh Maskara, Subhash Gupta, Keyzad Anklesaria, Aniruddh Bhattacharya, Asaf Yekutieli, Bar Tarnovski, Harad Eidi

Runner Up: Sarlar Fibers: Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Thakral, Vikrant Mehta

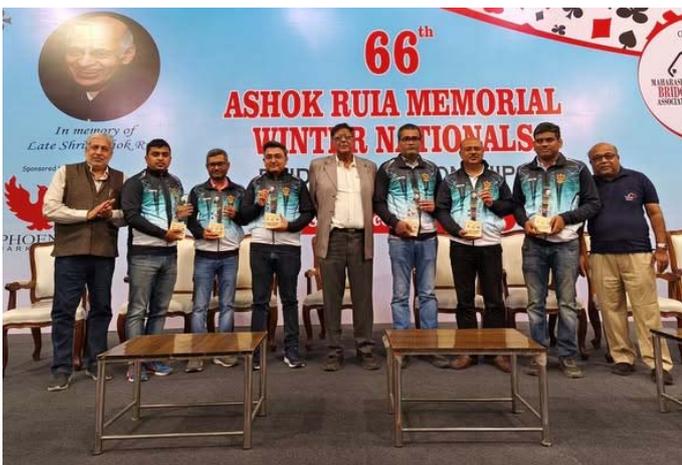
Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Arvind Vaidya - Shubham Acharya

Runner Up: Shambhu Nath Ghosh - Biswajit Poddar

66th ASHOK RUIA WINTER NATIONALS, PUNE

The 66th Ashok RUIA Memorial Winter National Bridge Championship took place in Pune at the Balewadi Sports Complex from December 8th to 18th, 2024. The event included various competitions such as the RUIA Gold and Silver Teams and the Mall of Millennium Matchpoint Pairs along with Mixed, Senior and Women events



Gold Teams:

Winner: Team Indian Railways: Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumdar, Sayantan Kushari, Gopinath Manna, Sandip Datta

Runner Up: Team Fenesta: Richa Sriram, Ranjan Bhattacharya, Joyjit Sen Sarma, Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Vijay Devdas

Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Sumit Mukherjee & Sayantan Kushari

Runner Up: Puneet Gangal & Aniruddha Bhattacharjee

Continuing the legacy, this championship is 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 **Shri. Atul Ruia** and **Smt. Amla Ruia** for their generous support towards this championship as well to the other sponsors.

Also, there are several other prestigious events like the Phoenix Market City Imp Pairs, Amla Ruia Women Pairs, PHOENIX Mixed Cup, Ashok Ruia Senior 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

Sports Authority of India National Camps and Competitions:

The Affiliation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been very supportive in lieu of the success of the Asian Games 2018 and Asian Games 2024 and the medals received at World Championships. The plans of the federation is to provide more international exposure to our Indian Players.

With the exclusion of bridge in the Asian Games 2026, it has been a setback for our players to aim for the highest honor. However, the preparations for the World Championships and Asia Cup are in line with the long-term development plans and BFI aims to train its athletes for the Asian Games 2030.

Building on the achievements at the BFAME, World Championships, and Asian Games, the Bridge Federation of India has been actively collaborating with SAI to prepare athletes according to their guidelines through coaching camps and national competitions. This year, the federation conducted six coaching camps for various categories, including Seniors (Men, Mixed, Women) and Juniors (U31, U26, U21, U16). 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 as well participation of its officials at various international workshops like Directors Training course.

In the current year, the federation had conducted two Coaching camps for the Seniors (Men, Mixed, Women) and Juniors (U31, U26, U21, U16) categories.

Junior Camps:

- a) Junior Camp – 29th May to 31st May at Nashik
- b) Junior Camp – 22nd to 26th June at Nashik

Senior Camps:

- a) Women Camp – 18 to 20th March
- b) Men/Mixed/Women – 5 to 11th March, 2025
- c) Men/Mixed/Women – 12 to 17th March, 2025

National Championships:

- a) Interstate National Championships, Panjim, Goa – 27-31st August
- b) Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships, Nashik – 24-6 May
As per the directives by SAI, the above championships are not sanctioned due to Delhi High Court judgement to prohibit grants to any national sports federation.

As a result, the following proposals were sanctioned by SAI for the financial year 2024-25

The synopsis of the budget is as under:

Sr no.	Item	Amount (Rs. lacs)	Events conducted by BFI during 24-25
1	National Camps/competitions	55	2 Senior Camps + 1 Junior Camp
2	International Competitions:	160	16 th World Bridge Games, 2024 8 th World Youth Bridge Championships
3	Conduct of International Competitions in India	Nil	
4	Sports Equipment	18.25	2 Dealing Machines + 60 Bridgemates+ 16 Cameras
	Total	233.25	

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

The Coaching/Selection Camp was held for the preparations of Indian teams participating at the **16th World Bridge Games, Argentina from 22nd October – 3rd November** for the following categories:

- a) Men Event – 1 to 7th May
- b) Mixed Event – 8 to 12th May
- c) Women Event – 13 to 16th May

Venue: Ellisbridge Gymkhana Club, Netaji Rd, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380006

The Open Team's Selection Trial was held from May 1st to 7th, 2024, at the Ellisbridge Gymkhana in Ahmedabad. In the qualifying stage, the top 10 pairs competed, playing 10 boards in a double Round Robin, all-play-all format. Based on the results, the top 8 pairs advanced to the finals. In the final stage, the pairs played 14 boards in a double round-robin, all-play-all format, and the top four pairs were shortlisted. The chosen pairs from all categories will participate in the upcoming World Bridge Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Qualifying Events identified for the calendar year 2024-25 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, 2023	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
h) Smt. Vijya Jajoo National Mixed Championship	Top 8 positions in Pairs
i) EA Bridge National Women Championship	Top 8 positions in Pairs
j) Prime National Mixed Event	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
k) Category B Ranking Events	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs

After the conclusion of the above camps, the Indian representative team was announced for the at the 16th World Bridge Games, Argentina based on the performance of the coaching camp and coach reports. The selection committee had selected the top 3 ranked pairs as the representative teams and the fourth pair as reserve.

The Seniors Selection Trial for the upcoming World Bridge Games in Argentina got organized from June 26 to 28 in the scenic venue of Bengal Rowing Club. Two teams competed in this prestigious event: Shree Cement: Ravi Goenka (Captain), Arun Bapat, Kamal Mukherjee, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Vibhas Todi. Hemant Jalan:

Hemant Jalan (Captain), Subhash Gupta, P Sridhar, Rajesh Dalal, Sukamal Das, Samir Basak. A thrilling competition consisting of 16 boards across 9 segments over three days, Shree Cement emerged victorious with a score of 315-302 IMP. With this win, Shree Cement will proudly represent India at the 16th World Bridge Games.



Men Team:

1. Raju Tolani Ajay Khare
2. Binod Kumar Shaw Sanjit Dey
3. Sandeep Thakral Jaggy B Shivdasani
4. Rajeshwar Tewari Sumit Mukherjee

Coach: S Sunderram



Mixed Team:

1. Kiran Nadar B. Satyanarayana
2. Rajeev Khandelwal Himani Khandelwal
3. T V Ramani Bindiya Kohli
4. Bindiya Naidoo Priya Ranjan Sinha

Coach: Vinay Desai



Ladies Team:

1. Puja Batra - Asha Sharma
2. Alka M Kshirsagar - Bharti Dey
3. Alka Jain - Devi Muthu Bhatnagar
4. Bindiya Naidoo Aparna Sain

Coach: Anal Shah

For the preparations for 47th World Bridge Championships, Denmark, the Coaching Camp was held for the preparations of Indian teams participating at the **23rd BFAME Championships, Dubai as the Zonal event**

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Senior Team:

Ravi Goenka, Arun Bapat,
Kamal Mukherjee, Badal
Das, Pranab Bardhan,
Vibhas Todi

Coach: Girish Bijoor

Coaching Camp for 23rd BFAME Championships and 47th World Bridge Championships

The Coaching camp was conducted by Bridge Federation of India towards the preparations of the Indian teams participating at the 23rd BFAME Championships, Dubai (WBF Zonal Qualifying) from 10-18th April, 2025 & 47th World Bridge Teams Championships, Denmark (20-31st Aug, 2025).

- 1. Men Event – 5-12th March, 2025**
- 2. Mixed Event – 13-17th March**
- 3. Women Event – 18-20th March**

Venue: Ellisbridge Gymkhana Club, Near Law Garden Ellisbridge Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380006

The camp consisted of qualifying rounds and final session based on the schedule given above. After the conclusion of the above camps, the Indian representative team was announced for the at the 23rd BFAME Championships and 47th World Bridge Teams Championships, Denmark based on the performance of the coaching camp and coach reports. The selection committee had selected the top 3 ranked pairs as the representative teams and the fourth pair as reserve.



Men Event:

Sumit Mukherjee – Rajeshwar Tewari
Sagnik Roy – Kaustabh Nandi
Kaustubh Milind Bendre – Sayantan
Kushari
Coach and NPC: S Sunderram



Mixed Team:

- Rajeev Khandelwal -Himani Khandelwal
- Rana Roy – Sheetal Bansal
- Priya Ranjan Sinha – Bindiya Naidoo
- Coach and NPC: Vinay Desai



- Puja Batra – Asha Sharma
- Bindiya Kohli – Priya Balasubramanian
- Bharati Dey – Alka M Kshirsagar
- Coach and NPC: Arvind Vaidya



- Ramaratnam Krishnan – B Prabhakar
- Bachiraju Satyanarayana – Jaggy B Shivdasani
- Subhash Gupta – Ravi Goenka
- Coach and NPC: Girish Bijoor

The BFAME Championships will be held at Dubai from 10-18th April 2025.

Juniors National Championship and Camps



The federation conducted various online coaching sessions under the Juniors Training Program led by Mr. Vinay Desai, Mr. Anil Padhye, Mr. Keshav Samant and Mr. Girish Bijoor. These sessions were open for the categories (U31/U21/U16).

The Tolani Junior and Sub Junior Nationals commenced from 24-26 May at Gupta Gardens, Nashik under the auspices of Bridge Federation of

India organized by Maharashtra Bridge Association along with Nashik District Bridge Association. Registrations for this event were taken online through BFI website wherein 90 kids had enrolled for the national championship

All the Juniors were provided free accommodation, breakfast, lunch, hi tea and dinner. All the Juniors had reported at Gupta Gardens on 23rd May where they were provided the accommodation facilities.

After the close of registrations, the actual list of entries consisted of:

- 42 Participants - Under 16 years
- 12 Participants - Under 21 years
- 16 Participants - Under 26 years
- 18 Participants - in Under 31 years categories totaling to 84 kids from 15 states across the country

This championship schedule consisted teams and pairs events:

24th May – IMP Pairs Events (U16/U21&26/U31)

25th May – Team Event (U16/U21&26/U31)

26th May – Matchpoint Event (U16/U21&26/U31)

GOLD FINAL				SILVER FINAL			
Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score
1	Swarnashish Ch	Mathew Chandy U31	65.6	1	Prithvi Raj Singh	Adhiraj Singh Rathore	83
2	Taral Rodrigues	Tilakraj Chowdhury	52.5	2	Vijay Kumar	Monu Singh U31	48

3	Pradip Dey	Babrubahan Bose U31	45	3	Jyothssana	Shaun Joseph U26	31
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The results of the team event were:

U16 Category:

WINNER - Rashi Jahagirdar, Tirthraj Chowdhury, Saikritick Satish, Adhiyaman Zodypache

RUNNER UP - Krishanth, Roshan, Anushree R, Harrita S

U21&26 Category:

WINNER - Vineet Nandu, Kunj Chheda, Saswata Ballaw, Monu Kumar

RUNNER UP - Kalpana Gurjar, Vidya Patel, Dinesh Babu, Sai Manju

U31 Category:

WINNER - Soumadeep Ghosh, Arya Chakraborty, Subhashree Basu, Soham Sarkar

RUNNER UP - Swarnashish Chatterjee, Mathew Chandy, Pradip Dey, Babrubahan Bose

THIRD PLACE - Vijay Kumar, Monu Singh, Pabitra Majumdar, Debajyoti Samanta

FOURTH PLACE: Rounak Ghosh, Sagnik Roy, Souvik Kar, Surajit Bar.

U21/26/31 Matchpoint Pairs Results:

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Player 1</i>	<i>Player 2</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Score %</i>
1	Taral Rodrigues	Tilakraj Chowdhury U26	169.50	62.32
2	Subhashree Basu	Soham Sarkar U31	161.50	59.38

U16 Swiss Pairs Results:

<i>Pos</i>	<i>Pair</i>	<i>Player 1</i>	<i>Player 2</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	1	Saikritick Satish	Adhiyaman Zodypache	80.72
2	17	Bhuvneshwaran	Mukilkumar	80.52
3	22	Prithvi Raj Singh	Adhiraj Singh Rathore U26	67.55

JUNIOR NATIONAL CAMPS:

The Junior National camp was organized at Kensington club, Nashik from 27-30 May. 2024. Both the championship and the subsequent camp were conducted by the Mr. Keshav Samant and Hemant Pandey, under the expert supervision of Chief Coach Mr. Vinay Desai, with valuable assistance from Mr. Vinay Desai, Mr. Girish Bijoor, Mr. Keshav Samant, Ms. Bindiya Naidoo, and Mr. Rahul Khambete. The events not only highlighted the competitive spirit of young bridge players but also underscored the Bridge Federation of India's dedication to nurturing and promoting the sport at the grassroots level.



Second camp was organized from 26th to 28th June and considering the overall performance of the players, the BFI Junior Selection Committee, announced two teams to represent India at the 8th World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships in Wroclaw, Poland, from July 13-18, 2024.

Mr. Srinivasan was the official scorer while Mr. Chetan Raval was the dealing operator



Director Workshops:

The 2024 Director Workshop for bridge (specifically, Tournament Director training) will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria from November 21-24. The workshop is organized by the European Bridge League (EBL) and the World Bridge Federation (WBF) and is aimed at Assistant Directors or Directors.

BFI had nominated Mr. C Sathish Kumar and Mr. KS Swaminathan towards participation in this program.

BFI organized an online Tournament Director's Training seminar by **Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal (WBF TD and Zonal IV TD Commissioner)**

BFI Infrastructure Program Policy:

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

On the infrastructure part, the federation has completed the purchase 2 Dealing machines, 16 Cameras and 60 Bridgemates towards the expansion of more materials for national competitions/camps.

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:

Jan	03-Jan	09-Jan	65th WINTER NATIONALS, Jabalpur	Ranking
	26-Jan	28-Jan	Willingdon Annual Swiss Pairs, Mumbai	Category B
	01-Feb	04-Feb	Madras Gymkhana Club, Chennai	Category B
Feb	15-Feb	18-Feb	Tolani Centenary Masters & Non-Masters, Nagpur	Ranking
	23-Feb	25-Feb	Padampat Singhanian Inv Pairs, Khanpur	Category B
	29-Feb	2nd Mar	Qualifying Event for Mixed and Women	Ranking
Mar	09-Mar	11-Mar	FNCC, Hyderabad	Category B
	14-Mar	24-Mar	NABC Spring	
	26-Mar	27-Mar	Vijya Jajoo Memorial Mixed National Championship	Ranking
	28-Mar	31-Mar	Bhartia Memorial, ITC Dwarka, Delhi	Ranking
	07-Apr	10-Apr	Juniors Coaching Camp, Kolkata	
Apr	11-Apr	14-Apr	Shree Cement National Championships, Kolkata	Ranking
	1st May	7th May	Selection Trials for Men Event	Ranking
May	8th May	12th May	Selection Trials for Mixed Event	Ranking
	13th May	16th May	Selection Trials for Mixed Event	Ranking
	23-May	27-May	Juniors National Championships	Ranking
	28-May	31st-May	Juniors Coaching Camp	Ranking
	05-Jun	6th Jun	Women Pairs	Ranking
Jun	07-Jun	8th Jun	Mixed Pairs	Ranking
	09-Jun	14-Jun	Mavericks Summer Nationals	Ranking
Jul	04-Jul	07-Jul	Corbett National Park	Category B
	18-Jul	28-Jul	NABC Summer	
	26-Jul	28-Jul	Goa Bridge Festival	Category B
	13-Jul	18-Jul	World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships	
	15-Aug	18-Aug	Mavericks Premier League	
Sept	27-Aug	31st Aug	Shree Cement Interstate National Championships	Ranking
	14-Sep	21st Sep	21St Hcl International	National
	16-Oct	3rd Nov	World Bridge Games, South America	
Oct	03-Oct	06-Oct	Kr Ajay Goel Memorial Tournament, Nainital	Category B
	11-Nov	12-Nov	Prime Women Event	Ranking Cat B
Nov	13-Nov	16-Nov	Prime Mixed National Event	National R
	08-Nov	10-Nov	East Zone Championships, Kolkata	Zonal Ranking
Dec	08-Dec	18-Dec	66Th Winter Nationals, Pune	National
	16-Jan	20-Jan	Madras Gymkhana Club, Chennai	Category B
Jan	26-Jan	28-Jan	Willingdon Annual Swiss Pairs, Mumbai	Category B
	29-Jan	30th-Jan	ALBA Ladies Event, Mumbai	Ranking Cat B
	07-Jan	12-Jan	Yeshwant Holkar National Championship Indore	National
Feb	09-Feb	10-Feb	EA Bridge Women National Championship, Chennai	National
	11-Feb	12-Feb	Vijya Jajoo Memorial Mixed National Championship	National
	13-Feb	16-Feb	Tolani Masters & Non-Masters National Champ , Chennai	National
	21-Feb	23-Feb	Padampat Singhanian Inv Pairs, Khanpur	Category B
	27-Feb	02-Mar	Kr. Murli Manohar Memorial Bridge Championship, Bareilly	Category B
Mar	5th Mar	20th Mar	Selection Trials For 2025 World Championship	National
	29-Mar	1st April	Bhartia Memorial, ITC Dwarka, Delhi	National