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5th India-Bhutan Friendship Tennis Tournament, Changlimethang National Tennis Centre Thimphu. 2nd- 7th July 2019.

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The 5th India-Bhutan Friendship Tennis Tournament, 2019 was held at the National Tennis Center, Changlimithang, Thimphu from 2nd -7th July 2019. The Tournament was organized by Bhutan Tennis Federation to celebrate the strong bond of friendship between the two countries. This year we have invited players from 2 neighboring South Asian countries Nepal and Bangladesh.

Opening Ceremony

Her Excellency Shrimati Ruchira Kamboj Indian Ambassador to Bhutan inaugurated the event on 2nd July 2019. 80 players from Bhutan, Nepal and the neighboring Indian State of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Darjeeling and West Bengal participated in a week long Tournament.



Dance performance by the senior and junior tennis player of Bhutan Tennis Federation during the inaugural day of the tournament.



Beginning of the Tournament

The matches in the following categories were played:

1. Men's Open singles
2. Mixed Lucky Doubles
3. Women's singles
4. Veterans Men's singles (45 years)



Media coverage

The tournament received widespread media coverage in the national newspapers Kuensel, Bhutan Broadcasting Service live telecast of the finals on 7 July 2019, and other social medias.



The closing ceremony on 7th July 2019 was graced by His Excellency Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Chief Justice of Bhutan and other high dignitaries from various organizations.



Acknowledging the Winners of the Tournament of 2019

Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Secretary IBF Ms. Nidhi Dhiman, former Deputy Prime Minister of Government of Nepal Mr. Kamal Thapa and Hon'ble President of Bhutan Tennis Federation Dasho Palden J. Dorji, jointly awarded the prizes to the winners and runners up of the tournament.

In the finals of the Men's Singles Mr. Vilasier Khate of Nagaland beat Mr. Ivanhoe Lissanevitch of Nepal. In the Women's Singles match Ms. Shivika Burman from Kolkata defeated Ms. Shushila Rai of Bhutan in straight sets. Men senior singles was won by Mr. Thongbam Tuleswor Singh of Manipur beating his compatriot Mr., Roshan Kant Ghishing of Darjeeling in straight sets. In the mixed Lucky doubles event Mr. Vilasier Khate & Mr. Tshering Tobgay defeated Mr. Tandin Wangchuk & Mr. Loday Jamtsho.



Ending of the 5th Series India-Bhutan Friendship Tennis Tournament, 2019

The tournament provided a good opportunity for the young Bhutanese, Indian and Nepalese players to celebrate and further strengthen the unique relationship which the two countries share in the spirit of true sportsmanship. India Bhutan Foundation's support for the tournament was praised by one and all. The Foundation received immense positive publicity.

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