

REPORT

First India- Bhutan Friendship Tennis Championship

Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu

25th – 31st May, 2015

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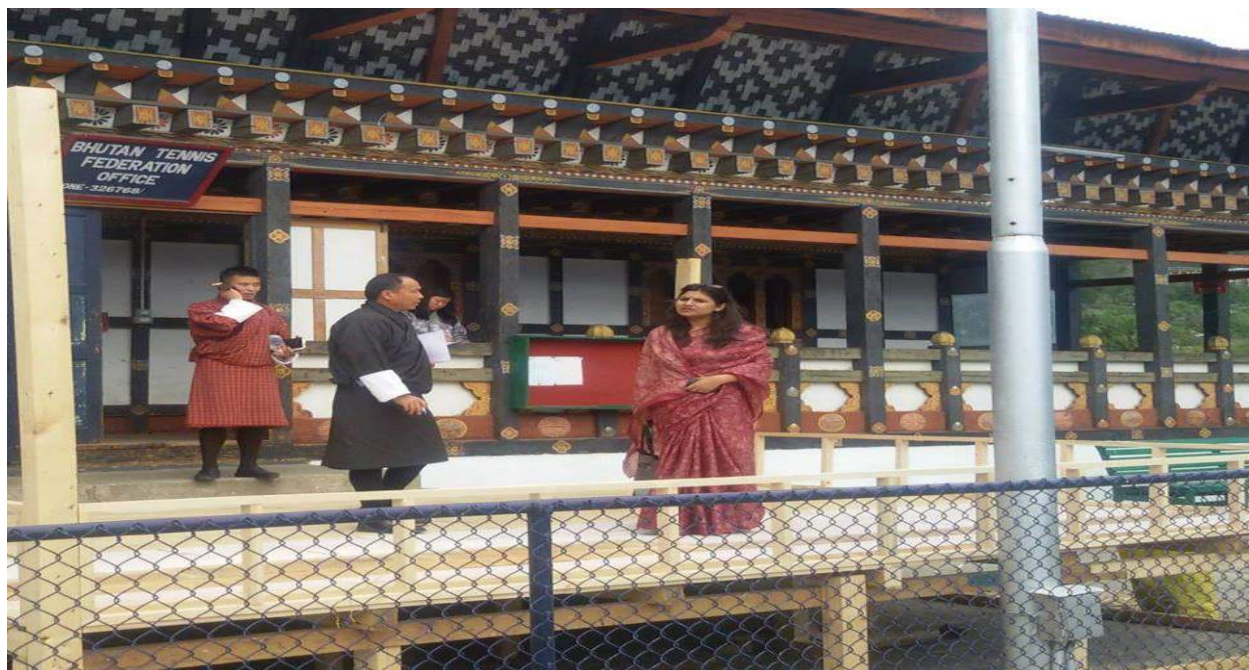


The First India-Bhutan Friendship Tennis Championships 2015 was held at National Tennis Center, Changlimithang, Thimphu, from 25th - 31st May 2015. The Championship was organized by Bhutan Tennis Federation to commemorate the 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo and to celebrate the strong bond of friendship between India and Bhutan.

Preparing for the Event







Welcome Dinner for the Participants



**Bhutan Tennis Federation hosted an official dinner for the visiting players
on 24th May, 2015.**



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All Set for the Big Day

Opening Ceremony

H.E.Ambassador Gautam Bambawale inaugurated the event on 25th May, 2015. Around 60 players from Bhutan and the contiguous Indian states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland and West Bengal participated in the week long tournament.



H.E Ambassador Gautam Bambawale meeting the Participants

Inaugural speech by H.E Ambassador Bambawale



Dance performance by the Bhutanese artists during the inaugural day



And the Tournament begins..

The matches in the following categories were played: 1) Mens Singles, 2) Women Singles, 3) Mens Doubles, and 4) Senior Singles.





Witnessing the Event..



Media Coverage

The Championship received widespread media coverage in the local newspapers Kuensel and BBS. The finals were telecasted live by BBS.





At the Finals, 31st May, 2015

The closing ceremony on 31st May, 2015 was graced by H.E. the Chief Justice of Bhutan Thrimchi Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk and Ambassador Gautam Bambawale.



From Left to Right : Chief Guest H.E Chief Justice of Supreme Court, H.E. Ambassador Gautam Bambawale, Mrs. Bambawale, Mrs. Neetu Bhagotia, Secretary India Bhutan Foundation

Acknowledging the Winners

In the finals of the Men Singles, Mr. Vilasier Khate of Nagaland defeated Mr. A. Borthakur of Kolkata in straight sets 7-5, 6-4. In the Women Singles match Ms. Tulana Nag from Kolkata defeated Ms. Pema Chenzom of Bhutan in straight sets. Mens Senior Singles was won by Mr. Lama of Darjeeling against Mr. Basnet of Bhutan in straight sets. In the Mens Doubles, A.Borthakur & Neeraj Choudhary from Kolkata defeated Kinley Wangchuk and Thinley Norbu in straight sets 6-1,6-2.

H.E. Chief Justice of Bhutan Thrimchi Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk and Ambassador Gautam Bambawale awarded the winners with cash prizes.





The End with a New Beginning...



The Tournament provided a good opportunity for the young Bhutanese and Indian 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 Championship was praised by one and all. The Foundation received immense positive publicity.
