

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION
HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 20TH OCTOBER 2022 AT HOTEL THE GRAND, NEW DELHI**

Present: -



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| Dr Anil Jain | - President |
| Sh. Anil Khanna | - Vice President (Chair) |
| Sh. Hironmoy Chatterjee | - Vice President (Sports) |
| Sh. Bharat Oza | - Vice President |
| Sh. Anil Dhupar | - Hon. Secretary General |
| Sh. Suman Kapur | - Hon. Joint Secretary |
| Sh. Raktim Saikia | - Hon. Joint Secretary |
| Sh. Prem Kumar Karra | - Hon. Joint Secretary |
| Sh. Sunder Iyer | - Hon. Joint Secretary |
| Sh. Rohit Rajpal | - Hon. Treasurer |
| Sh. Aneil Mahajan | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Ankush Dutta | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Ashok Kumar | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Gurucharan Singh Hora | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Maheshwar Rao | - Member, EC |
| Capt Murti Gupta | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Thomas Paul | - Member, EC |
| Dr Sujit Roy | - Member, EC |
| Sh. Ankush Dutta | - All Assam Tennis Association |
| Sh. Sudarshan Ghosh | - Bengal Tennis Association |
| Sh. Akhouri Bishwadeep | - Bihar Lawn Tennis Association |
| Sh. Vishwajeet Khanna | - Chandigarh Lawn Tennis Association |
| Sh. Gurucharan Singh Hora | - Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association |
| Sh. Rohit Rajpal | - Delhi Lawn Tennis Association |
| Sh. Shrimal Bhat | - Gujarat State Tennis Association |
| Sh. Chetan Kapur | - Haryana Tennis Association |
| Sh. Ashok Vij | - Himachal Pradesh Lawn Tennis Association |
| Capt Murti Gupta | - Jammu & Kashmir Tennis Association |
| Sh. Maheshwar Rao | - Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association |
| Sh. Thomas Paul | - Kerala Tennis Association |
| Shri Anil Dhupar | - Madhya Pradesh Tennis Association |
| Shri Sunder Iyer | - Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association |
| Sh S S Shashanka & | - Manipur Tennis Association |
| Sh H Ibotombi Singh | - Meghalaya Tennis Association |
| Sh. Stadhi Nongrum | - Nagaland Tennis Association |
| Sh Visasolie Angami & | - Tamilnadu Tennis Association |
| Sh David Kire | - Telangana State Tennis Association |
| Sh. Prem Kumar Karra | |
| Sh. Ashok Kumar | |

Dr Sujit Roy	-	Tripura Tennis Association
Sh. Punit Agarwal	-	Uttar Pradesh Tennis Association
Sh. Vijendra Singh Chauhan	-	Uttarakhand Tennis Association
Sh Ram Prajapati	-	Railway Sports Promotion Board

The Hon. Secretary General extended a very warm welcome to all the members present.

The Hon. Secretary General called the meeting to order and requested the members to observe one minute silence in respect of the departed souls - Shri C P Kacker and Shri Naresh Kumar.

Opening address by the President

The President, on behalf of All India Tennis Association, extended a very warm welcome to all the delegates present Dr Jain wished the delegates a very happy Diwali and wished AITA family to prosper and shine, and help Indian tennis towards a very bright future.

Dr Jain said congratulated the Affiliates who worked hard during the last one year and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He said in spite of many challenges all have to work together to keep India prominently on the Tennis Map of the world.

He emphasized on the importance of Training, Tournaments and Infrastructure, and of creating a large pool of juniors of all age groups who can be groomed for the future.

He expressed happiness that the AITA tournaments structure is more robust now. He added, the support from the Government in the last 2 years through ACTC budget allocations towards tournaments, helped affiliates a lot in conduct of tournaments.

He also mentioned about the Davis Cup tie against Denmark in Delhi and with the efforts of the entire team of the Davis Cup Organising Committee, AITA and DLTA, we were also able to raise some very handsome surplus which should help AITA in the future in its tennis development efforts.

On Training, Dr Jain said that the National Tennis Centre in Delhi will help in training the talented players. Besides with the setting up of Regional Tennis Centres, the training facilities will also improve. He requested cooperation from all States to ensure that the NTC concept is run efficiently and achieves its objectives.

He emphasized the importance of having a National Training Centre (NTC) to train the top players and impart vigorous training. He suggested 2 centers in each zone and the best players from these zones be brought to the NTC.

Thereafter, the items on the agenda were taken up:-



Item 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT RAIPUR

The Secretary General observed that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th Nov 2021 at Raipur had been circulated and invited comments, if any, from the members.

On the proposal of Shri Suman Kapur and seconded by Shri Raktim Saikia, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 2: RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY GENERAL

Hon. Secretary General Shri Anil Dhupar stated that his report was circulated along with the Agenda papers be taken as read. However, he invited comments from the members, if any.

Shri Anil Dhupar said that the report carries almost all activities done by AITA. The basic objective of AITA is development. AITA is giving emphasis on tournaments and holds more and more tournaments. From April to March, AITA held 751 tournaments.

AITA Registration from players U/12 to Senior Players and Wheelchair Tennis is being one online.

On International affairs Mr Anil Dhupar and Mr Sunder Iyer are Members of the ITF Juniors Committee and ITF Coaches Commission respectively.

On the proposal of Shri Hironmoy Chatterjee seconded by Shri Ashok Kumar, the report was approved unanimously.

Item 3: TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE BALANCE SHEET OF THE ASSOCIATION AS ON 31ST MARCH 2022 AND THE RELEVANT REVENUE ACCOUNTS TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF HON. TREASURER

The Hon Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and the relevant revenue accounts together with his report.

Secretary General mentioned that we are financially in a healthy position. All because of the Davis Cup in Delhi. Even if the Davis Cup amount is got considered there is a profit. The house appreciated the efforts of president Dr. Anil Jain.

On the proposal of Shri Sunder Iyer seconded by Shri Gurucharan Singh Hora the accounts were approved and adopted unanimously.

Item 4: AFFILIATION OF PUNJAB STATE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The members were informed that the two factions of PSLTA have been merged into one and Mr Dinesh Arora has been elected as Hon. Secretary of PSLTA. The Executive Committee has recommended re-affiliation of PSLTA, after following up the procedures. This was approved unanimously.



Item 5: **TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 2023**

Members decided to retain the retiring auditors M/s Vang & Company, Chartered Accountants as the Auditors for the year 2022-2023.

Item 6: **ANY OTHER MATTER**

Shri Rohit Rajpal gave a brief report of the National Tennis Centre in Delhi. The trainees in the Academy are performing well. However, due to paucity of funds there couldn't be a concrete roadmap for the Centre. But will do it now & will be forwarded to all affiliates.

On a query from the mode of admission to the centre, he said that for sustenance of the Centre, it was necessary to have paid trainees and presently there were mixed trainees, some paid, some fully on scholarship and some partially.

The NTC has a pipeline of talents. They all are very good skill wise. However, they are physically lagging. We will add more players of 13/14 years.

Since the resources will now be available a proper programme will be chalked out and also seek the support of Govt as well in grooming the players to professionals.

Shri Anil Khanna added that the gap between the lower ranked and better ranked players are always there. The present team lacks motivation. The patriotic fervor needs to be induced in the younger players.

Shri Suman Kapur enquired about the roadmap of NTC. The criteria for selection of players. Is anybody allowed to come and join the Centre?

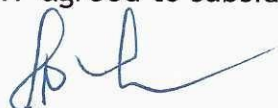
On a suggestion from Shri Suman Kapur for some code of conduct. Shri Rohit Rajpal said that the Code of Conduct will be present in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Shri Prem Kumar said that Regional Academies is a best option. Parents would not like to send the children for camps to a far off place. Regional academies are the best option and the best performing players can thereafter be recommended for the NTC. Perhaps there could be compulsory for players to participating in the Nationals to be selected for the Team.

Shri Dhupar requested the members to put all their thoughts on email so that we can look ahead.

On ACTC, Shri Anil Dhupar said that most of the ACTC budget is utilized for tournaments. He said out of the 12.5 lacs for a US\$ 15K event, AITA will retain 2.5 lacs as sanction fee payable to ITF and 1 lac as AITA royalty. There is a delay in release of funds by SAI.

He added that ITF introduced US\$ 40K events from 2023 and India is holding two tournaments and ITF agreed to subsidize 50% of the prize money.



Shri Dhupar said that Shri Anil Khanna was appointed as the Acting President of IOA, and by virtue of his appointment he could attend the Commonwealth Games as Dy Chef De Mission of the Indian Team. Shri Khanna also initiated the process of Conduct of National Games as well.

Shri Khanna opined that politically all State Sports Federations are connected to IOA. There were two factions in IOA one is President's faction and the other one is Secretary General's faction. Then the Court interfered and appointed Justice Nageshwar Rao to redraft the Constitution and conduct the elections of IOA as per the redrafted Constitution. The elections are finally going to be held in December this year. The Constitution of IOA is going to be amended. High Court ordered amendment on 13 issues. Mr Nageshwar Rao called a meeting on 14th Oct and he also made a presentation. He added many changes are likely to be in the Constitution including the amendment proposed by AITA. AITA moved a resolution to abolish the restrictive clause which restricts the posts of President & Secretary General only to a few persons. Shri Khanna continued that the most important amendment recommended by IOA is that the post of Secretary General be abolished. Instead, a CEO should be appointed who should be acting as Secretary as well.

Shri Gurucharan Singh Hora enquired whether SOA can participate in the IOA AGM to which Shri Khanna said yes, but without voting rights. The legal cases were also bought to the notice of house.

Shri Anil Dhupar brought to the attention of the members the request from SSCB and RSPB to allow their players to participate in tournaments under their umbrella. Members were informed that IOA /MYAS is examining the situation and will come up with a direction. Till the direction is received, the players will be allowed to participate in tournaments as SSCB/RSPB players.

On UTR Shri Dhupar said that UTR will do only Senior Tournaments in India. We have two experimental tournaments in 2022 - one for Men in Delhi and the other one for Women in Chennai to understand the process. Further steps will be done after discussing in the EC after assessing these tournaments.

The house was informed that Mr. Anil Dhupar resigned from the AITA Pvt. Co. (NTC) as director.

Shri Sunder Iyer congratulated the entire teams for putting 42 international tournaments in Indian calendar. He added that the 17 men and 31 women are ranked in international rankings in singles and 35 men and 34 women in doubles rankings. Out of the 35 men, six of them are in top 100 in men's doubles.

Shri Anil Dhupar informed that ITF has renamed Seniors Tennis as ITF Masters. India is doing a good number of Masters Event and is second in the world after Spain in conduct of Masters Events.

Shri Dhupar informed that AITA send for the first time, its team to participate in wheelchair event abroad. He requested the Affiliates to come forward to do Wheelchair Tournaments. TNTA gave a grant of Rs. 2 lacs which was appreciated.



Shri Suman Kapur requested for some kind of assurance from AITA regarding financial assistance. He was replied that the delay was due to the National Games since all the funds were diverted there.

The members were informed that till March the AITA calendar is full and the total ACTC grant will totally be exhausted.

Special mention was made to Haryana Tennis Association for holding tournaments both domestic and international.

Capt Murti Gupta suggested that physical training is necessary for the players. As AITA should appoint a few trainers.

Shri Dhupar said Mr Zeeshan Ali should visit different states and do a 7/10 days' camp, in between the NTC. We should include physical trainers as well in the camp. This will give a picture of players in different states.

Shri Sunder Iyer opined to revive the scholarship scheme, and give monetary benefit to the deserving players. He suggested to give every state a funding for coaching and training of their best Players.

Shri Bharat Oza said that a grant/assistance from AITA is like a recognition to players for their efforts. States are always doing their part.

Shri Chatterjee said that BTA is sponsoring 12 players from its own resources. However, players who are doing well should be recognized by AITA by giving them some incentives.

Shri Vijendra Chauhan opined that even a small amount from AITA will connect with the national body.

Dr Jain opined that each state is autonomous and they should develop their own resources to fund the talents. He assured that he will help them in all possible ways to find sponsors, if required.

Regarding Inter-state tournament, Shri Anil Dhupar said that Chhattisgarh organised the Event for Men & Women 3 to 4 times in the past. It is a very important event which will benefit the players in getting employment. Shri Hora of Chhattisgarh State Tennis agreed to host the event for Men & Women.

Shri Hironmoy Chatterjee sought AITA's assistance in getting the 4 courts of SAI in their complex in Kolkata, which is lying idle. If AITA can put some influence, and enter into a 10-years contract, they will spend the money for renovation of courts and put those courts into usage.

Dr Jain advised to send the proposal to him for talking further with SAI.



Dr Sujit Roy opined that North-East States were exempted from payment of tournament fee and he requested to continue the same.

Dr Jain opined with the development of regional centres, other matters will be solved. NTC is already in Centre. If the regional centres and states work properly AITA will have a pool of youngsters in its bowl.

Shri Aneil Mahajan President MPTA said that MPTA has acquired 5 acre land in Indore and have started the process of putting up a training centre. He requested that the Regional Tennis Centre for Western Part may be allotted to Indore. They are ready to collaborate with AITA and put up a Regional Centre. It was duly approved.

There being no other matter, the meeting come to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(ANIL DHUPAR)
Hon. Secretary General



(DR ANIL JAIN)
President