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AITA Launches ACE 2032 – A National High Performance Pathway for Indian Tennis

AITA Champions Excellence (ACE): Building India's Next Generation of Champions

New Delhi, August 4, 2026: The All India Tennis Association (AITA) today unveiled ACE 2032 (AITA Champions Excellence), a landmark high-performance initiative that will provide a structured, transparent and athlete-centred pathway for developing India's next generation of tennis champions.

The ACE 2032 program initiative is being rolled out in partnership with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the ACTC 2026-27 under the ANSF (Assistance to NSF) scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, implemented by the TOPS Division of SAI

The programme will focus on identifying, nurturing and supporting talented players between the ages of 12 and 18 years through world-class coaching, national training camps, sports science, athlete welfare and international exposure.

Initiated by the AITA Junior Selection Committee, and seconded by the AITA Executive Committee, the programme represents a significant step towards creating a sustainable pipeline of players capable of competing successfully at Grand Slams, the Davis Cup, the Billie Jean King Cup, the Asian Games and the Olympic Games.

President of AITA Mr Chintan Parikh said that "India has tremendous tennis talent. ACE 2032 provides a clear and structured pathway to identify, develop and prepare our best young players for success at the highest level of international tennis. This is an investment in the future of Indian tennis."

AITA Hon. Secretary General Shri Sunder Iyer said, "the programme reflects the Association's commitment to creating a modern and transparent player development system. ACE 2032 is more than a development programme - it is a long-term commitment to Indian tennis. Our objective is to create an ecosystem where talent is identified early, developed scientifically and supported through transparent, merit-based opportunities. We will be trying to build a pathway that gives every deserving young Indian player the opportunity to realise their full potential while strengthening India's presence on the world stage."

The Junior selection and development team has been formed under the Chairmanship of former international player and noted coach Shri S. Narendranath.

As part of ACE 2032, AITA will organise regular National High Performance Camps, appoint travelling national coaches for continuous player evaluation and mentoring, integrate sports science and athlete welfare into player development, and also create objective, transparent and legally vetted selection policies for national camps and international representation.

The Association will also leverage its new digital platform, scheduled for launch on 15 August 2026, to enhance player services, automate tournament management, integrate the World Tennis Number (WTN) system and publish development policies and selection criteria to ensure greater transparency.



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Key Highlights of ACE 2032

- ₹2 crore Government-supported junior development initiative.
- Structured development pathway for players aged 12–18 years.
- National High Performance Camps.
- Travelling national coaches for player monitoring and mentoring.
- Transparent, merit-based and legally vetted selection policies.
- Integration of sports science and athlete welfare.
- International training and competition opportunities.
- Scholarships and support for deserving athletes.
- Digital athlete development and performance monitoring.

AITA will announce the implementation of individual ACE 2032 initiatives, including coaching appointments, national camps, athlete scholarships and international exposure programmes, in phases over the coming months as the Association continues to strengthen the foundation of Indian tennis.

ACE 2032 – AITA Champions Excellence

Building India's Next Generation of Champions

One Vision. One Pathway. One Future.

About the All India Tennis Association (AITA)

The All India Tennis Association is the national governing body for tennis in India, responsible for the promotion, development and administration of the sport across the country. Through innovative initiatives and strategic partnerships, AITA is committed to creating world-class opportunities for players at every level and strengthening India's position in global tennis.