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PRESS RELEASE - AITA

AITA ushers into a new era of Reforms

In an Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 26/07/26 in New Delhi, The General Body of all the state affiliates amended AITA constitution to make it 100% compliant to the National Sports Governance Act 2025. Thus, becoming one of the first National Sports Federation to comply with the new act introduced in 2025, in a marathon meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting started with opening remarks from Justice Ms. Gita Mittal (Retd.), the Administrator of AITA.

The entire meeting was chaired and conducted by AITA President Mr. Chintan Parikh. As per the order of the Hon'ble Division Bench of Delhi High Court, all the amendments suggested by the Administrator and AITA Executive Committee were discussed and deliberated with reasoning, and then resolved and voted by the General Body members, attending the meeting from different parts of the country. The entire meeting witnessed an amicable and disciplined atmosphere, in presence of the observers.

Amendments Highlights:

General Body:

- (1) Affiliated state association will have 2 representatives having 2 votes (each representative having one vote each)
- (2) 4 Sports Persons of outstanding Merit (SOM) elected by the members of the populated SOM roster (2 Men + 2 Women) as per the tiers specified by the act. Each SOM to have one vote. The roster will consist of 40 SOM former tennis players (20 SOM Men members and 20 SOM Women members.)
- (3) 2 Para-tennis players to be nominated from wheel-chair tennis in the General Body with one vote each.
- (4) The elections to be conducted as per the process notified in the act.

Executive Committee:

- (1) Total strength of 15 persons.
- (2) President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary General, Treasurer and 2 Joint Secretaries (1 post reserved for Woman).



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- (3) 2 SOM representatives.
- (4) 2 Members from Athletes Committee, who will be elected by Athletes Committee members.
- (5) 5 Executive Members elected by the electoral college of General Body.
- (6) Minimum 25% (4 women) to be part of the Executive Committee.
- (7) Tenure in office, to be applicable for President, Hon. Secretary General and Treasurer as per the act.

All the provisions of giving unlimited authority to a single designation in the Executive Committee, removed and more emphasis given on the collective decision making through democratic processes.

Election Rules and Procedure approved as per the Sports Governance Act.

State affiliates will have to modify their constitutions latest by December 31, 2026 to remain affiliated with AITA.

Conflict of Interest clause included as per International Tennis Federation's charter.

As directed under the Sports Governance Act, 3 committees (1) Independent Dispute Resolution Committee and (2) Ethics Committee are included along with (3) Internal Complaints Committee specifically under POSH act.

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