**Name of Event:** BELGIUM OPEN  
**Venue and Date:** Spa (Belgium); April 19-23, 2017  
**Name of Players:**  
**Junior Boys:** Manav Thakkar, Parth Virmani, Manush Shah, Jeet Chandra;  
**Junior Girls:** Archana Kamath, Priyanka Pareek, Moumita Datta, Selena Deepthi;  
**Sub-Junior Boys:** H. Jeho, Cinmaya Somaiya, Payas Jain;  
**Sub-Junior Girls:** Anusha Kutumbale, Diya Chitale, Vanshika Bhargava  
**Coaches:** Massimo Costantini and Mrs Suman Pareek  
**Results:** Please refer to our site (for important stories) and ittf.com for elaborate results  

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**Object:** ITTF Belgium Junior & Cadet Open 2017, held in Spa on April 19-23

India Team composition:  
4+4 junior, 3+3 cadet, 2 coaches.

First group of 9 members left Delhi on Tuesday 18 at 6:15 am reaching Spa on the same day at 9 pm; Second group of 6 members left Delhi on morning of 19 at 2:35 am  
A third group consisting of one player (Diya Chitale) joined the team on time.

India did a great tournament by winning the following medals:  
2 gold  
1 silver  
7 bronze

The 2 gold was in Junior (**Archana-Priyanka-Moumita**) and Cadet (**Chitale-Kutumble**) Girls’ Team, our girls were very impressive, we have received a lot of compliment for displaying a modern table tennis and the way they fought and the will to win. Junior girls beat in final a mix team composed by an **USA-CRO-ENG** players, the cadet succeeded over **Hungary A**  
The silver was in Cadet Girls’ Singles from **Chitale**, she lost against USA **Amy Wang** 1-3 by playing really well.  
2 Bronze in Junior Boys’ Team and Cadet Boys’ Team  
2 half bronze made by Vanshika in a mix team with an England player in cadet Girls’ Team and in Girls’ Doubles.  
Archana also made bornze in Junior Girls’ Singles  
**Jeho** upset top seed from Belgium and reached the bronze in Cadet Boys’ Singles  
Thakkar/Manush made bronze in Junior Boys’ Doubles and also bronze for Moumita/Selena in Junior Girls’ Doubles

Overall junior boys did well, lost in semis with a very good performance by **Manav**. We have to work a lot to improve all the members in order to prepare for the Asian Junior and Cadet Championships to be held in Korea at the end of June.
Archana played well in singles even she lost 3-4 against Carlsen (NOR), later next day Archana beat the same player in Girls’ Team. She needs to strengthen mentally by having hard footwork and fitness.
Another two players did quite well were **Payas Jain** born 2004, he is really good and **Vanshika Bhargava**, despite her style of play she is very intelligent and making the most while she play competitions.
For her first experience coach Suman Pareek did quite well, I believe for her it was a very learning experience on the field.

**Foreign Coach**
**Massimo Costantini**

Archana Kamath, Moumita Datta and Priyanka Pareek win Junior Girls team gold.
Manav Thakkar, Manush Shah and Jeet Chandra collected bronze in team event.

H. Jeho and Chinmaya Somaiya, who bagged a bronze in Cadet Boys’ section, on the podium.
Diya Chitale and Anusha Kutumbale beat Hungary to win Sub-Junior Girls gold. Suthirtha Mukherjee claimed bronze in mixed team.

The victorious team members proudly display tricolor at Spa (Belgium).