



All the medallists: Indian players pose with team and individual medals.

COACH'S REPORT

The ITTF Jordan Cadet & Junior Open Championships was a total success. The win by Indians will also help them to better world rankings.

India won 23 medals as below:

7 Gold

7 Silver

9 Bronze

It was one super busy week for all—the players and the coaches. There were 12 events and, except in one, Indian team members reached the podium, including in Junior Girls singles where the Indians swept all medals on offer—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Thirteen countries participated with several higher ranked players than Indians.

In Junior Boys Singles, 15th seed Snehit Suravajjula won the title and Yashini won her Junior Singles without any World Ranking.

Gold medals: 1) Yashini Sivasankar in Junior Girls Singles, 2) Snehit in Suravajjula Junior Boys Singles, 3) Manush Sha & Parth Virmani in Junior Boys Doubles, 4) Junior Boys Team (Manush-Parth-Jeet Chandra), 5) Junior Girls Team (Priyanka Pareek, Yashini), 6) Payas Jain in Mini Cadet Boys Singles and 7) Anargiya Manjunath in Mini Cadet Girls Singles.

Silver medals: 1) Prapti Sen in Junior Girls Singles, 2) Jeet in Junior Boys Singles, 3) Snehit & Anukram Jain in Junior Boys Doubles, 4) Junior Boys Team (Snehit-Anukram-Shivaji-Mudit), 5)

Junior Girls Team (Manushree Patil- Prapti), 6) Cadet Boys Team (Payas-Chinmaya Somaiya-Yashansh Malik), 7) Cadet Boys Singles (Payas).

Bronze medals: 1) Kushi Viswanath 2) Vanshika Bhargava in Junior Girls Singles, 3) Parth in Junior Boys Singles, 4) Swastika Ghosh in Cadet Girls Singles, 5) Manushree & Prapti 6) Priyanka & Yashini in Junior Girls Doubles, 7) Diya Chitale & Vanshika in Cadet Girls Doubles, 8) Junior Girls Team (Kushi-Jiya Jain), 9) Cadet Girls Team (Diya-Vanshika-Swastika).

Team India prepared for this competition with a training camp (July 9-22) where they attended an attitudinal and fitness tests. During the camp other players—Naina Jaiswal and Shailu Noorbasha—helped with the philosophy to include more players as National Team Members. To make this great result I have had the support of 2 coaches (Deepak Malik and Arul Selvi) and Physio Kishore Dey. Selvi accompanied the team to Jordan.

By competing well and winning medals, the Indian have shown that their perception to play at higher levels is growing up like their game. We definitely need to pursue this path for growth and medals. ITTF Cadet & Junior Circuit consists of 29 competitions but India is participating only in four of these events.

Massimo Costantini
Chief coach



Junior Boys finish on the podium



Snehit Surravajjula in action at the Jordan Open



Yashini Sivasankar concentrates on one of those service winners during her singles final.