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# ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Dear Players and Friends,

We hope and pray that all of you and your loved ones are safe and in good health. These have been very challenging and difficult times, totally unprecedented in our lives. This on-going and unending global pandemic - COVID-19 has completely upset the normal lives of one and all, and we can only pray to the Almighty, to end this virus and this disease, and give the much needed relief to all of mankind.

The second wave of COVID-19 pandemic on a nation-wide scale has once again brought many aspects of our daily lives to a grinding halt and sports and its related activities have not been spared either. Sadly, even the World Junior Tennis Championship, for which AITA had already selected the Indian team, had to be cancelled by ITF, thereby robbing our top juniors the rare opportunity of representing the Nation. Also, the Indian wheelchair team for the ITF BNP Paribas Wheelchair Qualification Event 2021 in Portugal had been selected by AITA and all arrangements for the team's departure had been made when the news of the event's cancellation by ITF reached us.

It is indeed disappointing for all the stakeholders of Tennis in India that after much effort which led to the resumption of both the Domestic circuit and International Tennis tournaments in November 2020, we were once again forced to cancel our domestic circuit in April, until the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

Despite our best intentions, it is now certain that there is going to be a further delay in resumption of the circuit and we can only hope that the situation improves enough for the central and state governments to start lifting the ongoing lockdowns and permitting normal activities. The silver lining is that the intensity and extent of the COVID 19 second wave is coming down across the country.

The **All India Tennis Association (AITA)**, through this message, would like to assure you that it is closely monitoring the pandemic situation across the country and at our end, we are keeping ourselves ready to restart full-fledged tennis activities as soon as the situation becomes conducive. We want our entire tennis playing fraternity to know that we will make our most dedicated and sincere efforts to resume Tennis in India, in all forms, at the earliest.

Finally, we would also like to take a moment to appreciate your contributions in following the guidelines directed by the Govt of India. We urge you to continue doing the same and help the authorities to stop the spread and also be compassionate and helpful to those in need, in these testing times.

Thanking you and praying once again for your safety,

**For All India Tennis Association**

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