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AITA will organise Record 21 International Professional events and 11 ITF Junior events until March.

The All India Tennis Association put in a record number of 21 men's and women's ITF and ATP Challenger events and 11 ITF Juniors international tournaments in November to March 2023 in their new Calendar announced today.

Hon Secretary General of AITA, Mr Anil Dhupar informed through a statement that the Association had worked extremely hard to put on professional tournaments worth over \$600000 (Approximately Rs 5 Crores) in the next 5 months. This will include 8 ITF Men's events and 4 ATP Challengers and 9 ITF Women's events. Apart from this AITA will be organising 11 ITF Junior events which include two Grade 2 ITF junior events, two Grade 3 ITF junior events, two Grade 4 ITF events and Five Grade 5 ITF juniors events, all these events will take place across 13 states across the country.

We are extremely thankful to the Sports Authority of India and our State Associations for helping us host these events in India, we are sure that Indian Players will be tremendously benefitted from these events and our players will make maximum use of the opportunities that AITA has created for players. The two years of Covid took its toll on the tournaments in India, but the record events will help our players bounce back, improve their international rankings, and prove their mettle, Mr Dhupar added.

With the initiative, Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association, Tamil Nadu Tennis Association and Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association will get Three ATP 100 Challengers, respectively in Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune. There will also be one ATP 50 Challenger in Nagpur in February 2023.

India will be hosting the first-ever ITF 40K Series across the world and there will be two women's events, which will be held in Pune and Indore in the weeks of 16th and 23rd January 2023, Mr Dhupar Said.

The international tournament calendar, starting 31st October this year, will see four ITF Men's events which include ITF 15K at Delhi, ITF 25K at Indore, ITF 25K at Mumbai, ITF 15K at Bhilai, this will be followed by two ITF 25K Women's events at Solapur and Navi-Mumbai in Maharashtra followed by an ITF 15K Women's event. Mr Dhupar further added,



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-apart from the two 40K ITF women's events in January, we have also put together Four 15K ITF women's events at Jhajjar, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru followed by Four 15K ITF Men's events at Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Lucknow.

We are also ensuring our Junior players get the right exposure, we are happy that by organising the Asian B1 Championships which was held in Pune, our Junior players Immensely benefited, we will have at least 6-8 Indian boys and girls making it to the qualifying and Main Draws of the Grand Slam events in 2023.

We have 11 ITF Junior events on the calendar till March 2023, The Grade 2 events at New Delhi and Kolkata, the Grade 3 events at Pune and Chandigarh Grade 4 events at Delhi and Guwahati and Grade 5 events at Indore, Gurugram, Dehradun, Bhilai and Madurai will surely help our players to improve their rankings and prepare to player higher grade events in the coming year, Mr Dhupar concluded.

Anil Dhupar
Hon. Secretary-General
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