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REPORT ON VISIT OF SHRI INJETI SRINIVAS, IAS, UNION SPORTS SECRETARY-CUM-DG, SAI TO CHENNAI

I visited Chennai on 30.04.2017 on the invitation extended by The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) to witness the 19th Asian Individual Championship-2017.

2. The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) hosted the 19th Asian Individual Championships in Chennai from 26-30 April 2017. This biennial event was held under the auspices of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF).

3. Players from 11 countries including India took part in this event viz. Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore and India. A total of 69 players – 41 men & 28 women took part in both the men's and women's categories.

4. The Indian Squash Academy and the Central Atrium at the Express Avenue Shopping Mall were the venues for this event. The finals were held at Express Avenue Atrium, Club House Road, Royapettah, Chennai.

5. On the day of the finals, the atrium was fully packed with spectators. People stood in the balconies of the floors 1-3 to get a bird's eye view of this event to cheer the Indians who had made it to the finals in both categories.

6. It was the first time ever that an Indian in Men's category was in the finals of the Asian Individual championships followed by an all Indian Women's final. Ms. Joshana Chinappa won the championships in the Women's category, the first time ever by any Indian in the history of Indian squash.


7. Results of the final day are as below:-

Winners:

Men: Max Lee – Hong Kong – Champion – Gold Medalist
Saurav Ghosal – India – Runner up – Silver Medalist

Women: Ms Joshana Chinappa – India - Champion – Gold Medalist
Ms Dipika Pallikal Karthik – India - Runner up – Silver Medalist

8. Overall, the event was well organized and full credit should go to the Organising Committee. I returned to Delhi on the same day (30.04.2017).


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