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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Press Release

Please find attached the press release titled '**Infosys Foundation India International Challenge 2019 to host 250 players from 13 countries',** for your information and records.

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Yours Sincerely,
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Infosys Foundation India International Challenge 2019 to host 250 players from 13 countries

International Badminton Tournament slated from November 20 - 24, in CCI, Mumbai

Mumbai, November 19, 2019: Badminton fans will be witness to a keen contest as 250 shuttlers from India and 12 other countries battle it out for one of the most coveted and fiercely contested events in the sport, the **12th annual edition of India International Challenge tournament.** This prestigious event, which has been conducted every year since 2008, is being re-christened as the **Infosys Foundation India International Challenge 2019** from this year. The tournament will take place at the Cricket Club of India (CCI), Mumbai, from November 20-24. It will be supported by the **Infosys Foundation**, the philanthropic and CSR arm of **Infosys,** and conducted by the **Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA)**. The tournament will award a total prize money of **USD 25,000**. **Ms. Fariba Madadi** from Iran will be the referee for the 2019 edition.

Apart from Indian players, this year will see participation from star players from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and upcoming players from countries like Russia, USA, Bhutan, among others.

The **qualifying rounds** of the tournament will commence on November 20, and the **main draw** from November 21- 23. The **finals** will take place on November 24, 2019.

In line with its commitment to support and encourage excellence across sports in India, Infosys Foundation has chosen to sponsor the Infosys Foundation India International Challenge. Since 2008, the tournament has been hosted by the Cricket Club of India is organised under the auspices of the Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA) and the Badminton Association of India. It is also sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the Badminton Asia Confederations (BAC). The Infosys Foundation India International Challenge is part of the international circuit of badminton tournaments that earns ranking points for players.

The tournament will see ace shuttlers compete in all formats of the game, including Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The top seeds include players from India, Hong Kong, Russia, U.S.A., and Malaysia.

In the **Men's Singles event**, the No.1 and No.2 seed players include Valdimir Malkov (Russia) and Ajay Jayaram (India). The category will see young international players from India, Malaysia and Thailand challenge one another.

In the **Women Singles**, World Ranked 38 Porntip Buranaprasertsuk of Thailand and Mugda Agrey of India are expected to give a tough competition to other players.

Under the **Men's Doubles category**, the tournament will witness the Indian duo of Sumeet Reddy and Manu Atri, seeded No.1, along with the American pair of Phillip Chew and Ryan Chew, who are seeded at No.2, give their best for the title.

The **Women's Doubles category** will see the dynamic and top-seed Russian duo Ekaterina Bolotova and Alina Davletova challenge the Indian pair Meghana and Poorvisha, who are seeded second.

In the **Mixed Doubles group,** the Russian pair and World No.27 Rodion Alimov and Alina Davletova are the ones to watch out for.

Mr. Prakash Padukone, Founder and Director, Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA), said, "Indian shuttlers are making their mark on international courts and this has led to a surge of interest in the sport, taking it from just a game played during holidays to a serious sport at a competitive level. PPBA is proud to contribute to the growth of badminton as a competitive sport in the country, and is delighted to be a part of this event for the 12th year in succession. The Infosys Foundation India International Challenge offers a unique opportunity to young badminton talent who are keen to prove their mettle against both promising and established players on an international platform. The ranking points from this event are taken into consideration during the Olympic Qualification of players next year and hence, the competition is bound to be tough and exciting."

Mrs. Sudha Murty, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation, said, "Real education to me is one that is holistic. Physically, mentally a young academic should continuously seek to learn, and sports, I feel, is an integral part of that education. PPBA is one of the most well-known sports academies in India, which encourages and promotes talent in Badminton, especially focusing on those who have seen economic hardships and yet, are determined to pursue this sport. That is the reason Infosys Foundation decided to join hands with PPBA to help hone these brilliant, talented youngsters, so that they shine in Badminton, globally. The Infosys Foundation India International Challenge is a unique platform where badminton sportspersons from across the world will meet, exchange ideas and endeavor to learn from each other. We wish the tournament success."

The Infosys Foundation India International Challenge will be held at the state-of-the-art air-conditioned courts at CCI Mumbai, and the equipment will be supported/sponsored by leading manufacturer Yonex.

About Infosys Foundation: Established in 1996, the Infosys Foundation supports programs in the areas of education, rural development, healthcare, arts and culture, and destitute care. Its mission is to work in remote regions of several states in India. The Infosys Foundation takes pride in working with all sections of society, selecting projects with infinite care, and working in areas that are traditionally overlooked by society at large. For more details, please log on: https://www.infosys.com/infosys-foundation

About Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy: Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy was launched on October 1, 1994. Located in Bengaluru, the Academy is the brainchild of Mr. Prakash Padukone, Mr. Vimal Kumar and Mr. Vivek Kumar all stalwarts of Indian Badminton. Having won many International Badminton laurels for India, they knew well what was required to hone the future Indian Badminton Stars. They have created an Indian Badminton Academy, which imparts World-class Badminton coaching to trainees who are selected solely on merit and to whom training and facilities are provided on a scholarship basis.

About the Cricket Club of India (CCI): The Cricket Club of India, since its inception in 1937, has been recognized as the 'Gateway' of Indian Sports. The club's indoor badminton facility named after the legendary Sir Nowroji Saklatwala consists of four state of the art courts with temperature and humidity control. The double rafter wooden flooring and the high flux lighting puts these courts amongst the best tournament venues in the country.

Though this is the tenth year that the India International Challenge is being held at the CCI, international badminton is not new to this vintage club. From as early as 1949 the courts have hosted several eras of badminton greats, from Wong Peng Soon (the first to exhibit a perfect back hand stroke), to several All England champions such as Eddie Choong, Erland Kops, Rudy Hartono (8-time champion), Morten Frost and Prakash Padukone.

"We are privileged to partner with PPBA and host the Infosys Foundation India International Challenge," said Mr.Premal Udani, President of CCI.