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Events

INDIAN OIL GOLDEN JUBILEE ITF JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2009 (In Honour of Bharat Ratna C Subramaniam)



TTT will be conducting the Indian Oil Golden Jubilee ITF Junior Tennis Tournament 2009 from Saturday, 5th Sept 2009 to Saturday, 12th Sept 2009. This tournament is a Grade 5 event allotted by International Tennis Federation and All India Tennis Association and conducted along with the Tamilnadu Tennis Association. It is an event for boys and girls under the age of 18 years.

The top Indian talent is expected to participate as are players from other countries. In the past years, we have had participation from countries such as Japan, Korea, Pakistan, UK and New Zealand. This is the sixth consecutive year that TTT is hosting an ITF event.

The event is part of the Centenary Year celebrations of Bharat Ratna C Subramaniam.



TTT is thankful to Indian Oil Corporation for lead sponsoring this prestigious tournament. Babolat, with whom TTT has a tie up, is the co-sponsor. TTT is extremely grateful to the family of Mr C Subramaniam for this opportunity to conduct the event in memory of the great leader. We fondly recall Mr Subramaniam's association with the game. The accompanying photograph was taken on the occasion of his visit to TTT on 9th Dec 1984. There, he is seen (at right) with Dr N C Krishnan, Founder Chairman of TTT.



IN HONOUR OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS SON OF INDIA

The year 2009-10 is being observed as the Centennial Year of Mr C Subramaniam. It is almost impossible to recall in entirety the contribution of Mr C Subramaniam. Born in 1910, he gave up a lucrative law practice early in his career and plunged into the freedom struggle. He served as a member in the Constituent Assembly and contributed in shaping the Constitution of India. This was followed by a ten-year tenure as the Minister of Finance, Education and Law under two stalwart Chief Ministers of the then Madras State, Rajaji and Kamaraj. He then served as Union Minister in varied fields such as Finance, Food and Agriculture, Planning, Defence, Steel and Heavy Industries, and Science and Technology under Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Indira Gandhi. He was also Chairman of Agriculture Commission and Aeronautics Commission, was the Governor of Maharashtra and the President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan world wide.

Some of Mr C Subramaniam's major contribution to Tamilnadu, India, deserve recall: Solid foundation for the expansion of education; introduction of Noon Meal Scheme in the schools; development of Tamil as language of administration and instruction; facilitating several major irrigation projects; catalyzing the establishment of IIT Madras, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Institute of Mathematical Sciences and the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS);

All this was achieved with a spirit of graciousness and a dignity in dealing with political opponents.

Mr C Subramaniam is perhaps best remembered at an all-India level as the Architect of India's Green Revolution, which transformed the country from a precarious "ship-to-mouth" existence to food surplus.

As a major political administrator, he set up the Food Corporation of India (the backbone of the country's food security machinery) and initiated an integrated rural development strategy. He also gave a fillip to dairy development leading to a successful White Revolution.

Mr C Subramaniam was elected to the Board of Governors of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Manila, Philippines and the International Maize and Wheat Research Institute (CIMMYT), Mexico which positions he held for a period of six years. At the age of eighty, he was requested to assume the Governorship of Maharashtra State. When he turned ninety, Mr. Subramaniam established National Agro Foundation (NAF) to achieve a multi-pronged rural development. He headed NAF till his passing away in the year 2000.

Mr. Subramaniam took keen interest in both cricket and tennis. He was the President of the All India Lawn Tennis Association for two terms. The U Thant Peace Award, Borlaug Award and Y.B. Chavan Award for National Integration were some of the awards that came his way. In recognition of his tremendous services to the nation, Mr C Subramaniam was awarded the highest civilian honour of Bharat Ratna in the year 1998.

TTT is indeed proud to host the Chennai ITF Tournament in honour of this illustrious Son of India.



People Talk

RECOGNITION FOR RIAZ

TTT congratulates M Riaz, Fitness Trainer, for receiving the Chief Minister's Award for Best Athletic Coach 2007-08 from the Tamil Nadu Government for his contribution in training some of the top Indian sportspersons. Riaz received this Award in July '09 from the Deputy Chief Minister, Mr M K Stalin.

Riaz started his career in 1990 and became a popular fitness trainer by 2000. Rushmi Chakravarthy, Somdev Devvarman, V M Ranjeet (all tennis), heptathlete Noosheen Rajendran, high jumper M Sangeetha and sprinter S Sathya are some of the prominent sportspersons who have been trained by him. Riaz commences his day at TTT training upcoming players. In the evening, he works with athletes at Anna University. His ambition is to produce Asian champions in athletics.

Riaz dedicated the award to his wife Rehmathunniza, who passed away last year. He paid tribute to her as a huge source of inspiration in his success.

TTT wishes Riaz many more laurels in his career.



Riaz (extreme left) receiving the Award from Dy CM, Mr M K Stalin, and Sports and Environment Minister, Mr T P M Mohideen Khan

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