

Dear All,

The 67<sup>th</sup> 'STAG' U.P. State Table Tennis Championships was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, at Eklavya Sports Stadium, Agra, in association with Agra District Table Tennis Association and Sports Directorate, U.P. I proudly inform that we are the first association to have organized the State Championship. I was very much worried for this Championship, owing to the current pandemic, but due to the support of every Player/Coach/Parents/UPTTA Technical Officials/ UPTTA Officials, the State Championship was a grand success. As per the instruction, everyone carried their Covid Test Report and no one was allowed to enter in the Stadium without a negative Test Report. Everyone followed the SOP laid by the Govt. Of U.P. I had also carried my RT-PCR report with me.

I am thankful to Sri Sunil Joshi, RSO, Agra, without whose support it was not possible to conduct the tournament. It was also very difficult to find technical officials in this situation. Amit Singh, Chief Referee, Atin Rastogi, Asstt. Referee and Umpires namely Arif Niaz, Pramod Kumar Singh, Suryansh Mishra, Pritam Singh, Aniket Singh (All International Umpires) and Shivam Vishwakarma (National Umpire) have come forward and conducted the Championships smoothly. My Special thanks to the entire Technical Team.

Without the support of 'STAG' family, nothing could be done, not only in UP but in India. I am grateful for their contribution in promoting the sport of Table Tennis in our state. Our advisor Sri Vivek Kohli sponsored 20000/ Cash award. UPTTA awarded Cash 25000/ and Sultanpur Association sponsored 8000/- . The total Cash award was 53000/-.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Alka Sharma, Secretary, Agra District Table Tennis Association, Sri Rishi Raj Tyagi, Sri Vishal Tiwari, Sri Saurabh Poddar, Nikita Kumar (Credo Academy – Ghaziabad) and UPTTA caretaker Dilip Kumar.

Thanks to Sri N. K. Lahiry, Technical Committee Chairman for extending his valuable guidance and continuous support to our Technical Team in carrying out the Championships. Thanks to Sri Kamal Chawla and Sri Sarvesh Kumar (Joint Secretaries UPTTA) for their presence in the Championships.

Last but not the least, presence of our Vice President Sri Kumar Vineet, PCS, Additional Director, Mandi Parishad, Govt. Of UP was most encouraging for the Championship on the closing day. He gave away the prizes and blessed the players.

Heartiest Congratulations to all Prize Winning Players.

I firmly believe 'Teamwork is the road to continuous success and wish to solicit such cooperation in times to come. UPTTA has many more bridges to build, and miles to go before it can attain newer heights'.



**(ARUN KUMAR BANERJEE)**  
**HONY. SECRETARY**