



BASELINE BUZZ

NEW TEAM TAKES OVER

The Executive Committee of 2026-27 has formally taken over and had its first meeting on 4th of June following the traditional garlanding of the bust of Thirumeni Col G.V.Raja. From left to right in the picture: Prem K. Mathew, Jose Abraham, Krishnakumar M.S., Praveen S. Kumar (Treasurer), Sriram S. (Hon Sec), Neelakantan Nair K (Pres), S. Ramakrishnan (VP), John Rodricks, Mahesh Kumar S, Abraham Thomas, Jayprakash R.



WHO'S IN CHARGE OF WHAT

Hon Sec. Sriram delegated responsibility for key functions to members of the Exe. Comm. during the EC meet.

PORTFOLIO	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)
Tennis Coaching & Development Matters	Sriram, Ramakrishnan, Praveen, MS Krishna Kumar, Jayprakash, Prem Mathew
Tennis Tournaments & Infrastructure : (ITF 400/700, AITA & State Tournaments)	M S Krishna Kumar Jayprakash
Rooms & Halls, HR and General infrastructure	Abraham Thomas & Sriram
Billiards, Cards & Bridge	Sriram S
Canteen & Restaurant	Sriram S, John Rodricks
Environment, Green Protocol Initiative	Mahesh Kumar
Estate Management, Pickle Ball, Table Tennis & Gym	Jose Abraham
Sponsorship & CSR Funds	Jayprakash, Praveen, Prem Mathew
News Letter, Website, Media & PR	Prem Mathew, Praveen, Jayprakash
Entertainment and Get Togethers	Sriram S, Praveen, Prem Mathew

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR



DATE / TIMELINE-2026	TOURNAMENT / EVENT	CATEGORY / REMARKS
June 19,20,21	Member Tennis-	Club Members Event
June 26,27,28-	All Kerala Mini Tennis	Kids Development
July 18-24 -	G.V. Raja Open State Ranking Tournament	All Categories-U-12 to Mens & Members 95+
August 08-14	AITA Championship Series-7 Days	Under-14 & Under-16
August 28,29,30	AITA Championship Series-3 Days	Under 12.
September 14 - 19	Asian Junior Tour -	16 years & Under. Subject to AITA /ITF Approval
October 2,3,4	All Kerala Mini Tennis	Kids Development
October 9,10,11	Member Tennis	Club Members Event
October	Sri Chitra State Championships 2026	All Categories -Subject to KTA Approval
November	Deca Challenge -3 rd Edition	Members Friendly
November 14-20	ITF - Juniors or AITA Championship Series-7 Days	Under-18 Under-16 & Under-18 Subject to KTA /AITA /ITF Approval
December- TBD	TOTC -All Kerala Prize Money Event	All Categories+ Members Doubles.
2027 January-2-8	Chidambaram Iyer- AITA	MENS
January-17-24	Trivandrum Premier Tennis League.	All Kerala Club Members Event
February 4-10	ITF - Masters MT 400/700	Seniors ITF Event
February 20-26	Nalakanta Pillay AITA Championship Series-7 Days	Under-12 & Under-14
March 12-19	KG Menon-All Kerala Open	All Categories+ Members Doubles.

Important Note: This is a proposed calendar of tournaments planned in TTC and most of the tournaments are subject to the approval from the higher authorities.

MEMBERS' DOUBLES TOURNAMENT



The Members' Doubles Tournament was conducted from 19 to 21 June, with enthusiastic participation across categories. Dr. Aqib Shaick and Suresh C.H. emerged as winners while Anand Kumar K. and Dr. Rajesh Pillai were the runners-up. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, with trophies sponsored by P. Madhavan Thampy Home Center through member Vivek Gopan. A karaoke program by member Lekshmy Narayan and Mrs. Anuradha added to the celebrations, bringing the tournament to a memorable close.



TENNIS CLINIC BY GAYATRI RAMESH



A special tennis clinic for TTC trainees aged 5 to 16 was conducted on 21 June by former TTC player, State Champion and former Top 10 National Junior player Gayatri Ramesh. An accomplished tennis coach based in the USA and daughter of TTC Life Member Shri M. R. Ramesh, Gayatri led a series of drills and interactive sessions focusing on technique, movement, match awareness and the mental aspects of competitive tennis. The clinic provided participants with practical training inputs while reinforcing TTC's commitment to nurturing the next generation of tennis players.



NURTURING TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
Red Ball (Mixed)	Chirag (6 years) - TTC	Badrinath (6 years) Baseline, Enchakkal
Orange Ball (Boys)	Vihan D.S. (7 years) - TTC	Aedan Paul Jacob (7 years) TTC
Orange Ball (Girls)	Keziah Eugene John (8 years) Kumarapuram	Tanayia Rahul (8 years) TTC
Green Ball (Boys)	Adam Kurian Jacob (10 years) TTC	Vivekanandan Deepak (10 years) Kumarapuram
Green Ball (Girls)	Diya Eugene John (10 years) Kumarapuram	Keziah Eugene John (8 years) Kumarapuram

The courts of TTC came alive with energy and excitement as the TTC Mini Tennis Open Singles Tournament was held from 26th to 28th June 2026. Young players competed with determination and enthusiasm across five categories.

The tournament showcased exceptional talent, commendable sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all participants, winners and runners-up for their outstanding performances!



PROUD ACHIEVEMENT FOR TTC

Hearty congratulations to our student member, Sreenath, for his outstanding performance in reaching the Singles Semifinals of the Boys' Under-18 category at the prestigious AITA CS-7 Tournament held in Thanjavur. His achievement reflects the dedication, hard work and competitive spirit that continue to define TTC's growing pool of young talent. The entire TTC family wishes Sreenath continued success in his future tournaments and endeavours.



TTC TRAINEES EXCEL AT KV TOURNAMENT

TTC trainees recorded commendable performances at the 15th Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan - Regional Sports Meet 2026, reflecting the Club's strong junior development programme. Pavithra secured first place in her category, while several other TTC trainees also registered notable performances. Their achievements are a testament to their dedication, consistent training and the quality coaching provided at the Club, reaffirming TTC's commitment to developing young tennis talent.



Pavithra M
Girls U19 Champion



Ananya Binoy
Girls U19 Finalist



Kritika Prince
Girls U17 Finalist



Nivin S Vinod
Boys U17 Champion



Parthan Kumbalath
Boys U17 Finalist



They have been selected to represent Kochi/Kerala region in the National Kendriya Vidyalaya Championship.

VENUGOPAL MANGHAT TO REPRESENT INDIA AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



TTC member M. Venugopal Manghat has been selected to represent India in the Men's 55+ category at the ITF World Tennis Masters Tour World Championships to be held in Rome, Italy, from 5 to 10 July 2026. His selection recognises his consistent performances on the national and international seniors' circuit. TTC extends its best wishes for his participation in the championship.

WOMEN'S FORUM UPDATE

The newly elected Women's Forum core committee comprising Indu Ramakrishnan, Pearl Rodricks, Suja Thomas, Somi Jesudas, Prema Jayachandran, Vasuki Devadas and Latha Ravindran formally assumed office.

The occasion also recognised the contributions of the outgoing committee led by Indira Sudeep for its dedicated efforts in strengthening the Forum's activities and enhancing member engagement.



ROLAND GARROS FEVER AT TTC

TTC screened the French Open Men's Doubles Final, Women's Singles Final and Men's Singles Final at the Club Lounge. The screenings witnessed enthusiastic participation from members, bringing the excitement of Grand Slam tennis to the Club.

CLUB DELEGATION CALLS ON THE

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER

On 21st May, the office bearers of the Club paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri V. D. Satheesan, to extend their heartfelt congratulations on his assumption of office. During the meeting, the delegation also briefed the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Club's activities, highlighting its ongoing initiatives and contributions to the community. The interaction provided an opportunity to reaffirm the Club's commitment to public service and to strengthen its relationship with the State Government.



T. NILAKANTA PILLAY MEMORIAL TTC-AITA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2026

The prestigious T. Nilakanta Pillay Memorial TTC-AITA Championship Series was successfully hosted at Trivandrum Tennis Club from 11th to 16th May 2026, attracting some of the finest young talents from across South India. Over six days of intense and high-quality tennis, participants showcased exceptional skill, determination and sportsmanship, making the championship a memorable celebration of junior tennis.

Heartiest congratulations to all winners, runners-up and participants for their commendable performances.

Tournament Results

Category	Event	Winner(s)	Runner-up(s)
U-14 Boys	Singles	DHAIWIK ARUNKUMAR	EBINESH S
U-14 Boys	Doubles	JOEL JOHNSON / MIKHYEL SHIYAD	ASHWATH ARUNKUMAR / S EBINESH
U-14 Girls	Singles	KANISHIKA GOVIND	ANANYA VISWESHWARAN
U-14 Girls	Doubles	AISHWARYA SAJEEV / CAROLYN DAURAV	MAHILINI VARUN / JEYA DHARSHAN
U-16 Boys	Singles	SALIMSHA AMEERSHA	EBINESH S
U-16 Boys	Doubles	NIVIN S VINOD / SALIMSHA AMEERSHA	ABHINAV S D / ANTONIO JOSEPH
U-16 Girls	Singles	KANISHKA GOVIND	SHRUSHTIKA KAARTHIKEYAN
U-14 Girls	Doubles	MAHITA KARTHIK / SHRUSHTIKA	KANISHKA GOVIND / HITA M P

The club extends its sincere appreciation to the players, parents, officials, coaches and volunteers whose support contributed to the successful conduct of the championship.



Congrats, Salim Shah, on winning both the Singles and Doubles with Nivin S Vinod in the Boys 16 category at the Championship Series at TTC! That's an awesome Double Crown win in an AITA CS tournament. Way to go!



Congratulations Abhinav & Antonio for being the Doubles Runner Up in the Under-16 category.

Congrats also to Mikhael Shiyad for winning the Boys Under 14 Doubles in this CS event

OBITUARY



K.G.K. Panicker

Our Life Member, Sri K.G.K. Panicker passed away on 25 May 26 at the age of 99 years. He was the Hon. Secy of TTC during 1980-81. He is the father of our member, Sri Nanda Kumar.

ECHOES OF THE PAST



The grandson of Maharaja Sree Mulam Thirunal (1885-1924), Capt.V.P. Thampy was Honorary ADC to Maharaja Sree Chitra Thirunal. Belhaven Palace (now with RBI) which then had 16 acres of grounds with a riding track on its periphery was his residence. In 1938 when Col.G.V.Raja and his associates were

searching for a location to establish the Club, Captain

V.P.Thampy gladly offered one of his properties at Redhapurakunnu in Sasthamangalam for the same. TTC functioned there for 14 years till it shifted to Kowdiar in 1952.

Because of this noble gesture on the part of Captain V.P.Thampy, TTC had a smooth take off, without any starting troubles.

Unfortunately he died in 1948 at the young age of 29 years.

His wife Smt.Leela Thampy and daughter Jaya Menon were made Life Patrons of TTC to honour his memory.



APPOINTMENT OF TTC MANAGER



Mr. A. Benedict assumed charge as Manager of Trivandrum Tennis Club on 10 June 2026.

A retired Honorary Flying Officer of the Indian Air Force, he brings extensive experience in finance, administration and personnel management, with service across various IAF formations, the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Congo, and the IAF Sports Complex, New Delhi.