

All India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament, Dehradun gets record 1.4k Entries

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DEHRADUN: A record 1,400 entries have been received for the All India Junior Ranking Prize Money Badminton Tournament, scheduled to begin from Tuesday in Dehradun. The number of entries for the meet being played from August 4 to 10 has even surprised the State Badminton Association officials.

"If we compare with last Championship, the number of entries has increased by more than 500, reflecting the growing popularity of this Tournament among shuttlers across the Country," Sanjay Gunjyal, Inspector General of Police (IG) and Vice-President of Uttarakhand Badminton Association said.

According to the officials, out of the top 10 Ranking players in the under-17 category, as per the Badminton Association of India Rankings, eight will be seen in action in the Tournament. Lakshya Sen of Uttarakhand, who is ranked second in the Country in the under-17 age category, is the top seed in the Tournament.

While in the Girl's category, five players from the Country's top 10 in the under-17 category will be participating in the Tournament. Uttarakhand's Akshita Bhandari, Unnati, Bisht and Kuhu Garg would also be participating.

"In the under-17 age category, we have received 554 entries and about 751 in under-19 category. " said Gunjyal.

Notably, the matches would be played at Parade Ground and Maharana Pratap Sports College at Raipur. All the matches will be played on synthetic courts. After the completion of qualifying matches, main draw would be played after August 7.

The Tournament would be inaugurated by Sports Minister Dinesh Agarwal while Chief Minister Harish Rawat will be the Chief Guest during the closing ceremony on August 10.
