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As we welcome 2024, let's reflect on the exhilarating journey that the last year gave us. A year that saw many remarkable events and sporting triumphs for HCL. Throughout the year, we witnessed a myriad of exceptional events that left an indelible mark on the sporting landscape. Join us as we look back at 2023, and all our unforgettable sports experiences.

Jan – Mar 2023

>> Conquering Noida with the Cycling Storm



Successfully concluded the first edition of HCL Cyclothon with 1300+ cyclists

The city of Noida was vibrant in hues of blue, as we proudly kicked off the inaugural edition of HCL Cyclothon. The mission was to foster a culture of health and wellness, as well as promote the sport of Cycling. The event resonated with the cheers of over 1300 spirited riders, from every corner of the nation. Our foray into cycling was a transformative moment in our sports journey. Together, we celebrated the joy of movement, the spirit of competition, and the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle.



Abhay Singh (IND) and Amina Orfi (EGY) showcased their exceptional skills and emerged victorious in the men's and women's categories, respectively, at the HCL SRFI Indian tour (International PSA Tournament) in Delhi.

The Indian Junior Squash team displayed exceptional skills and team spirit at the HCL Asian Junior Team Championship. Finished 2nd and 3rd in Boys and Girls categories, respectively while Pakistan and Malaysia emerged as winners in Boys and Girls category respectively.



Apr – Jun 2023

>> Proud host of WSF Squash World Cup



India emerged as the epicenter for squash's elite athletes during the WSF Squash World Cup powered by HCL

Transforming Express Avenue Mall in Chennai into a vibrant Squash arena, loud cheers from Squash enthusiasts filled the air as the Indian Squad showcased their skillful rallies. Simultaneously, a wave of excitement surged through television screens, marking a historic moment as the Squash Tournament made its debut on the OTT platform Jio Cinema, captivating audiences far and wide.



HCL organized a High-Performance Camp for the Asian Junior and World Junior Championship. The junior players trained with the England National Junior Coach Chris Ryder.

Jul– Sep 2023



A High-Performance Camp was organized by HCL at the Indian Squash Academy, Chennai for the Asian Games Squash contingent to train and spar with the world's top squash players and coaches. Players like – Gregory Gaultier (former world #1), James Willstrop (former world #1), and Rory Stewart joined the HCL High-Performance Camp for the Asian Games 2023.

And the magic ensued.....

>> 5 Squash Medals at the Asian Games 2023!



The Indian men's team made a dramatic win against Pakistan to secure the gold, while players Dipika Pallikar and Harinder pal Singh Sandhu clinched another gold at the mixed doubles. Saurav Ghosal continued his winning streak with a silver medal in the men's single category.



The Indian women's team secured the bronze medal followed by another bronze by Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh at the mixed doubles. However, all the excitement was not confined to Squash. The Indian Bridge Team emerged like a dark horse and emerged victorious to clinch the silver medal at the Asian Games 2023.

Oct – Dec 2023

>> 20th HCL International Bridge Championship



20 years of skills, strategy, partnership, and fun! We successfully concluded the 20th HCL International Bridge Championship. Under the guidance of Mrs. Kiran Nadar and the support of the Bridge Federation of India, the best bridge players from across 14 countries came together to make this anniversary edition of the tournament an event like never before. This was hosted at The Leela Palace, New Delhi and the prize money this year was the highest in the world.

»» The HCL Cyclothon fever reached Chennai



In the same quarter, the HCL Cyclothon pedaled its way to the streets of Chennai. Capturing the attention of thousands of people from all walks of life led to participation in huge numbers. The second edition of this flagship event garnered much praise from the local community, as well as the Govt of Tamil Nadu. The event happened in partnership with the Sport Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and the race day was graced by Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin.

»» Exploring New Sporting Horizons



The last quarter has been the most eventful for us. HCL entered into a new sporting frontier by partnering with the Delhi Soccer Association and Sudeva Academy. HCL Delhi Future Stars league kicked off on 10th January, it is a one-of-its-kind football league that has players from the grassroots level upto the U19 category. To support young football talent from across the country, HCL is also sponsoring 10 kids from Sudeva Academy to fly and train in Spain.



HCL hosted the 79th National Squash Championship in Chennai. Vellavan Senthilkumar defeated former National Champion Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh emerged as the youngest National Champion in the last 23 years.

>> Commitment with Olympic Gold Quest



HCL has been contributing toward the athletes and para-athletes supported by OGQ for years. The last year's performance by the OGQ-supported players has been tremendous.

OGQ athletes have won 33 medals out of a total of 38 medals won by India at the Asian Games 2022 in OGQ-focused sports. At the Asian Para Games, 54 medals won by OGQ para athletes out of the 94 won by India in OGQ-focused sports. The support by OGQ is not only limited to training but also focusses on sports science and providing athletes with right equipment.



"2023 has been a thrilling and exciting year for us. We ventured into some new sports and strengthened our community of sports enthusiasts with some major partnerships. We are envisioning 2024 as even more exhilarating and full of opportunities for HCL Sports."

-Sundar Mahalingam
President – Strategy
HCL Corporation

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