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Nikshep B R

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BANGALORE, DHNS: Nikshep BR claimed the boys' singles and doubles titles in the Asian Junior under-14 tennis tournament at the Jain International Residency School courts on Friday.

Nikshep lived up to his top billing by scoring a resounding 6-4, 6-2 win over fourth-seeded Bijay Mohanty in the singles' final, and then paired up with Alex Solanki later in the day to down Sanil Jagtiani and Parikshit Somani 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 10-5 in the doubles' summit contest.

In the girls' section, sixth-seeded Karman Kaur scored an upset 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) win over third seed Abhinika R for the crown.

Karman, like Nikshep, completed a grand double by pairing up with Sruta K Gunaganti to oust Saranya Nagpal and Abhinika 6-2, 6-2 in the final.

Results (all finals, prefix denotes seeding): Boys, singles: 1- Nikshep BR bt 4-Bijay Mohanty 6-4, 6-2. **Doubles:** Nikshep/ Alex Solanki bt Sanil Jagtiani/ Parikshit Somani 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 10-5.

Girls, singles: 6-Karman Kaur bt 3-Abhinika R 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). **Doubles:** Karman Kaur/ Sruta K Gunaganti bt Saranya Nagpal/ Abhinika 6-2, 6-2.