



Archana stars as India claim team gold

BENGALURU, DHNS: Archana Kamath spearheaded India to the team gold in the Junior girls (U-18) category of the ITTF Junior Circuit Belgium Open table tennis tournament at Spa on Saturday.

The Indian team, comprising Archana, Moumita Datta and Priyank Pareekh, posted a 3-2 win over a team comprising players from USA, Croatia and England.

In the group stages, India had defeated France 3-1 (with Archana winning two matches) and the mixed team of Argentina, Sweden and Thailand 3-0. In the semifinals, they defeated Norway 3-0 with Archana winning 3-1 against Rebekka Carlsen, the player against whom she had lost in the singles semifinals.

The Indian Cadet girls (U-15) team also won the gold, defeating Hungary 'A' 3-1 in the final.

The Indian boys cadet and junior teams won bronze medals after losing in the semifinals.