

'We've had enough!' residents gatvol over poor hospital service



Despite years of complaints, residents continue to endure poor service at this hospital

Unhappy Lenasia South residents have reached their breaking point following years of poor treatment and alleged negligence at the local hospital. Following a post on **GLOBE POST's** WhatsApp group earlier this month, this newsroom took up these escalating complaints with Sandile Gwai, **Communications and Stakeholder Management, Johannesburg Health District.** Other residents also voiced their frustrations, saying their complaints have been ignored for years. The one post alleges that a male staffer - Zakhele, chased patients away without giving reasons and that nurses take extended tea breaks, leaving waiting patients unattended for long periods. Resident Hassin Ramzan, told **GLOBE POST** that staffers often treat patients harshly and show little compassion. He said: "We just want empathy - we go there for help, not to be treated like a burden. Patients are turned away from the hospital and told to visit clinics first, only to face long waits and rude treatment when they return." Ramzan added: "Why do nurses and doctors act like they own the facilities? A nurse once shouted at me to hurry up because her transport was waiting. If works ends at 4pm, why is the transport there at 3pm? We just need

someone running the hospital with empathy - we are humans not animals." **Johannesburg Health District Acting CEO, Libby Pholofolo, provided the following responses to GLOBE POST's email:**
GP: Residents allege a staff member named Zakhele turns patients away without assessing their condition.
LP: The hospital does not have an employee named Zakhele among front-line staff, which includes nurses, clerks, porters, and queue marshals.
GP: Patients claim nurses take long tea breaks, leaving them unattended for up to two hours.
LP: Nurses work on a relief system, taking turns for tea and lunch breaks to ensure someone is always available to assist patients.
GP: Does the hospital meet with community representatives to address service concerns?
LP: Management has met with the ward councillor but not with the health ward committee. These meetings have not addressed service delivery issues.
GP: Are the dental chairs functioning?
LP: The dental chair is fully functional and dental services are offered as expected.



Packets of Mandrax tablets and a crystal-like substance believed to be Crystal Meth discovered during the operation

JMPD K9 and TRU Units arrest suspects for drugs worth R17 000 in Lenasia South

The Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) successfully apprehended a wanted suspect and seized illegal drugs worth about R17 000 during a tactical operation in Lenasia South on 19 October.

The operation began after the Tactical Response Unit (TRU) requested assistance from the JMPD K9 Unit regarding a wanted individual. Officers proceeded to a residence on Liverpool Street, where the suspect attempted to flee by jumping over a wall. The area was quickly cordoned off and the suspect was arrested. After being informed of his rights, the suspect consented to a search of his room. Officers found a green cooler bag hidden under the bed containing three plastic packets of suspected Mandrax tablets valued at R7 000, a crystal-like substance believed to be Crystal Meth valued at R10 000, and a small digital scale. The suspect was charged with possession of drugs. JMPD praised the swift, coordinated effort between the K9 and TRU Units, emphasising the department's continued commitment to fighting drug-related crime and keeping Johannesburg communities safe.

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Tswa Daar Comes to Ennerdale
Join the Tswa Daar anti-drug programme on 27 October, 9am to 2pm, at the open field opposite Ennerdale Community Hall. Services include medical assessments, admissions and skills registration. Contact 0800 22 88 27 for more info.

Women Only Event
Join Healing Hands RSA on 18 Nov, 9am, at Taste of Asia, Lenasia Ext 3 for a morning of inspiration, relaxation and connection. Guest: Apa Rehanna Sha Bulbulia. Tickets R350. RSVP by 13 Nov: Shana 076 951 0846.

Good Luck to the Class of 2025 You've Got This!



The final exams are here, and matriculants stand at a major milestone. Years of hard work have led to this moment-now it's time to showcase knowledge, perseverance, and determination. Remember, it's not just about the exams but the growth and resilience gained along the way.

- Tips for Matriculants:**
- Plan your study time wisely with a realistic timetable.
 - Take regular breaks to prevent burnout.
 - Maintain healthy routines with sleep, nutrition, and hydration.
 - Believe in yourself and focus on progress, not perfection.
 - Stay active and positive to reduce stress.

Support from Families:
Create a calm study space, encourage routines, offer emotional support, and assist with planning.

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Honouring Babita Deokaran: A leader who spoke truth to power



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Babita Deokaran, will always be remembered for her courage and bravery in exposing corruption

Babita Deokaran, a dedicated public servant, uncovered a significant corruption network involving inflated COVID-19 PPE tenders at Tembisa Hospital. In August 2021, she was tragically assassinated outside her home. Her death highlighted the perils faced by whistleblowers in South Africa. While six individuals were convicted for her murder, the masterminds remain unidentified. Her legacy endures as a symbol of integrity and the ongoing fight against corruption. In a significant development, the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) recently seized assets worth over R146 million from businessman Hangwani Maumela, a central figure in the R2 billion Tembisa Hospital corruption case.



HCC Diwali Festival lights up Lenasia in honour of Lenz70

The Lenasia community once again united for this vibrant celebration, this year commemorating Lenz70. Recognised as one of the area's premier cultural events, the festival highlighted the rich heritage, unity and festive spirit of Lenasia and its surroundings.
HCC chairperson, Kishore Badal, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all involved: "It is with the greatest joy and appreciation that we thank our partners, sponsors, performers, volunteers and the community for making this festival a resounding success. This event truly reflects the dreams and energies of our forebears over the past three decades." Key contributors included Savage Protection Services, K9 Protocol, Alpha Security, Crime Shield, Lenasia CPF, Santech Fireworks, SAPS, Lenmed Health, local schools, media houses,

and numerous businesses. Their support, alongside the dedication of performers, comperes, singers, dancers and volunteers, ensured a seamless and memorable festival. The HCC also acknowledged the Ext 5 and 7 communities for their warm support and Dr Ismail Vadi, for his address and leadership on the Lenz70 recognition project. Attendees enjoyed cultural performances, music, dance and a grand fireworks display. Reflecting on the festival's success, Badal added: "Because of all of you - named and unnamed - we have been able to stage a festival of this calibre. Your love, commitment and belief in us make all the difference." HCC wishes students well for upcoming exams and reaffirming its dedication to learning, culture and community cohesion in Lenasia.

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Lenasia South Senior Citizens host successful raffle draw



Executive members: Sheila Noodles, Suritha Bhajinath, Nalili Singh, Krishnee Padayachee and Mogie Naidoo. Winners: Vanita Naidoo, Nyakallo Mofokeng with Joy Govender and Theresa Govender

Lenasia South Senior Citizens organisation, recently hosted a lively raffle draw to raise funds for its ongoing programmes.

The group, which meets every Wednesday from 9am to 1pm at the Lenasia South Civic Centre, relies on community sponsorships and fundraising efforts to continue supporting and engaging elderly residents. The event saw several happy winners walk away with fantastic prizes. Deva Naidoo won an electric kettle sponsored by Thandori Flame, another winner (name to be confirmed) received a toaster sponsored by Craig Moodley from Spears, and the youngest participant, Grade 5 learner

Nyakallo Mofokeng from GPLA, proudly took home an iron sponsored by Gas Up. Organisation founder, Joy Govender, expressed her heartfelt appreciation to contributors. She told **GLOBE POST**: "Congratulations to all the winners. We are truly grateful to our sponsors and community members who supported this initiative. Their generosity allows us to continue creating joyful, meaningful experiences for our seniors." Govender added that the winners were over the moon. The organisation continues to be a beacon of care and companionship for Lenasia South's elderly community, offering friendship, fun and purpose through regular gatherings and activities.



Nishtara's chairperson, Piyush Nagar and Ashique Naidoo celebrate with awardees at Park Primary

Nishtara celebrates a decade of healing

The organisation hosted its inspiring Recovery Awards 2025 on 11 October at Park Primary Hall in Lenasia, marking ten years of hope, healing and transformation.

The afternoon honoured courageous individuals who overcame adversity, embraced recovery and inspired others through their resilience. Guests, families

and community members came together to celebrate stories of strength and the ongoing mission of Nishtara to support recovery and renew lives across communities.

Reach out to Nishtara today on 011 854 5988/ 011 852 2176/ 065 558 5439 email: info@sancanishtara.co.za 8283 Capella Street, Lenasia, Ext 9.



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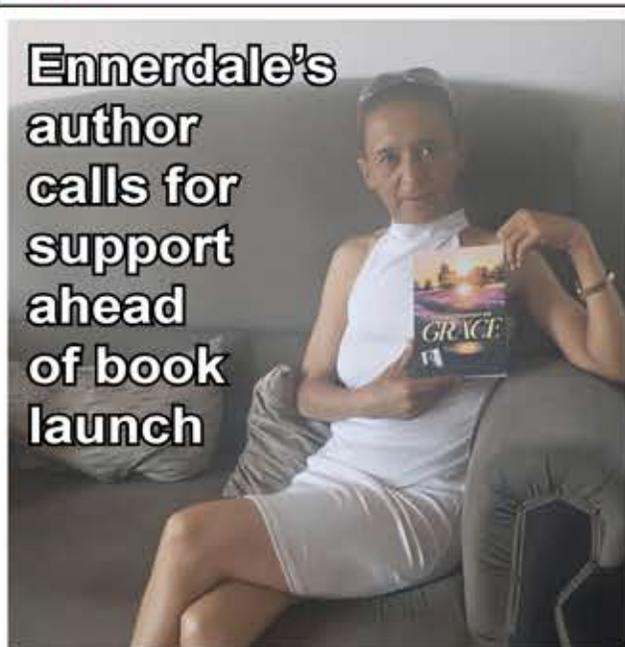


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SHOWCASING ELEGANCE: Hloni Evelinah Mnguni - Public Choice, Aluncedo Thandokuhle Ganyaza - Queen, Bonifa Chobo - 2nd runner-up and Endinako Ngxabazi - 1st runner-up

This beautiful and confident queen was crowned at Finetown's Multipurpose Hall, earlier this month.
 Hosted by Shantel Sibanda and supported by DS Trophies and Mepho Media, the Miss Finetown pageant made a dazzling comeback after a year break. It showcased elegance, confidence and community pride as contestants aged 16-28 competed through fashion, interviews and talent displays.
 Endinako Ngxabazi was named 1st Princess, 2nd Princess was Bofina Chobo, while Hloni Evelinah Mnguni earned the Public Choice Award.
 Sibanda told **GLOBE POST**: "It wasn't easy bringing it back, but seeing these young women shine made it all worth it. The ladies look stunning and walked with confidence. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event a success."
 Miss Finetown 2025 highlighted the empowerment and ambition of young women in the community.

Ennerdale's author calls for support ahead of book launch



Chantel Bloy, is calling on the community to support her upcoming book launch for 'From Disgrace to Grace', taking place on 25 October at the corner of Katz & Smith Walk in Ennerdale, Ext 3.
 The book tells Bloy's powerful story of overcoming homelessness, abuse, humiliation, rejection and finding healing and purpose. Written in English, Afrikaans, isiZulu and Sesotho, the book aims to inspire others facing life's challenges. Bloy told **GLOBE POST**: "The book costs R200. I wrote it in different languages to give others hope, if I survived what was meant to destroy me, they can survive too. Remember nothing is permanent and things have a way of working themselves out. The book can be ordered directly from me."
 The launch will feature live entertainment, poetry and light snacks, with opportunities for photos and autographs. Bloy encourages residents and local businesses to buy tickets or sponsor the event to help bring her dream to life. "Life doesn't define who you are - it's what you make of it. This book is my healing and my gift to others. To purchase tickets: Capitec Bank, Acc: 1053808658, Branch: 470010, Ref: Your Name. I'll really appreciate your support," she added.
For support or info, please call Bloy on 063 457 1623.

Call for support: Empower Her Toiletry Drive



Model, Kylie Summer, is asking residents to make a difference

As a finalist in the 2025 Miss Ennerdale Pageant, Kylie is leading an inspiring community initiative titled "Empower Her: The Self-Love Toiletry Drive."
 Kylie Summer (11), a bright Grade 5 learner at Mid-Ennerdale Primary School, is showing that leadership and kindness know no age. Her mission is to collect and distribute 100 toiletry and pamper bags to 100 young girls in need by 1 November.
 Supported by Ladies of Hope NPO and Bloom, Kylie's campaign will culminate in a special Empower Her Day, dedicated to uplifting and inspiring young girls through acts of kindness and confidence-building.
 Each bag will include sanitary pads, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and small pamper treats - items that help young girls feel valued and confident.
 Kylie told **GLOBE POST**: "My goal is to remind every girl that she is loved, she matters, and that self-care is part of self-love."
 Her proud mother, Sinead Alves-Esterhuizen, shared: "It fills my heart with joy to see Kylie using her platform to uplift others. She's learning that true beauty shines through compassion and giving back."
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Stakeholders unite to champion learning at Louisa Prince Library

Friends of the Library Committee launched to strengthen community outreach in Ennerdale

A new chapter in community development has begun in Ext 9 with the launch of the Friends of the Library Committee for the Louisa Prince Library.

Chaired by Melvyn Petersen, the inaugural meeting was held at the Ennerdale Chambers and attended by Priscilla Colledge (deputy chairperson), Yunus Chamda from the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, facilitator - Nkosi Maliti, the JCA Youth Team, Youth Ward 7 and 121 representatives. Petersen outlined the committee's mission to strengthen the library through advocacy, fundraising, volunteerism and community outreach.

Petersen told **GLOBE POST**: "Friends of the Library Committee exists not just to support the Louisa Prince Library, but to elevate it as a cornerstone of learning and connection in our community." The committee's key focus areas include promoting literacy awareness, hosting cultural and educational programmes, mobilising volunteers and supporting library staff development. Petersen urged residents to get involved: "This committee can only thrive through community participation. Everyone has a role to play." Residents are encouraged to volunteer or collaborate to help shape the future of the Louisa Prince Library.

Murdered Bolt driver's family seeks justice!



Image: Supplied

Bonga Wilisile loved life, full of dreams and taken too soon in a senseless killing while trying to earn a living

Bonga Wilisile Wilson (26) went missing on 3 October, after accepting a ride request from Palm Springs. His body was found on 9 October near Bhekani in Orange Farm.

Bonga previously lived on Borah Peak and Mount McKinley Streets in Lenasia South. According to his uncle Henry Wilson, the day he went missing he received a ride request and went to pick up the client. Wilson told **GLOBE POST**: "That day, Bonga and some other drivers were hanging out near Metsing, waiting for ride requests. Then he got a call - someone needed a pickup in Palm Springs. He picked the passenger, but instead of going where the passenger was supposed to go, the car headed straight to Golden Highway and turned at Machineng junction toward Eyethu Mall. It then stopped in an empty field near the river. The car's tracker later showed unusual movements - instead of heading to a passenger's destination, it veered off toward Golden Highway, turned

at Machineng junction and stopped in an open field near the river close to the old Bhekani wholesale area." That was the last trace of him alive. After losing contact with him, the family launched an intensive search, visiting police stations, hospitals and mortuaries across Soweto, the East Rand, Heidelberg, Vereeniging and Sebokeng - hoping to find Bonga. Days later, on 9 October, their worst fears were confirmed when police contacted them. Bonga's body had been found near Bhekani with a gunshot wound to the chest.

"The tracker showed they stayed there for about five minutes. That's where he was shot - the bullet went through his left shoulder straight into his heart. My nephew died right there in that field. We reported everything and filed a missing person report and stolen vehicle cases. We were praying to find him alive. As a family, we are completely shattered," he shared. Wilson added: "We had so many hopes

for Bonga. He was only 26, ambitious, full of dreams. He didn't even have children yet, wasn't married and had his whole life ahead of him. Accepting that he's really gone has been the hardest thing to accept."

In a statement on behalf of concerned e-hailing drivers, Lerato Sirengqe, said: "Our hearts are bleeding. Bonga was trying to make a living when his life was taken. Every day, drivers face the terrifying reality that providing a service could cost them their lives. Bonga, you were an innocent soul transporting our community with love. May your soul rest in peace, our brother. Your death will not be in vain."

This tragedy has reignited calls for stronger safety measures and urgent protection for e-hailing drivers operating in high-risk areas.

GLOBE POST is awaiting SAPS response. **Bonga was laid to rest on Saturday, 18 October, in the Eastern Cape. May his killers be brought to justice.**



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BREAKING CYCLES IN YOUR LIFE



By Ps Radha Moodley
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Different cycles in people's lives can go unnoticed sometimes.

You can become very accustomed to that cycle and may not realise that it's recurring in your life. You may talk about it to your best friend and conclude by saying, "I don't know why this is always happening to me." Think about pain! You may go through pain and a few months later its pain again and a further six months, it's back to pain. You quickly chat with your best friend and drop all your cycles on them or social media attracts your pain and you download it on that platform.

Eventually, your mind becomes numb to the pain and you just deal with the effects of those cycles. If the effects are irregular menstrual cycle, loss of sleep or migraines, you probably would just visit your doctor and mention the effects and forget all about the cause. What would you do if the effects are anger

bursts, bad performance at work or that your relationship is affected. The joy and laughter are not there anymore. But the strain of those cycles is wearing heavily on you. The blame could be another person, but the solution lies within you. You failed to detect the cycle early. Therefore, it began to rule and control you. Here's the good news! Cycles have an expiry date. Now, it depends on you to land there. How you going to do this? Adjust and adapt to some changes in your life. Respond the way Jesus expects you to respond. If you are spoken to angrily and harshly, a gentle response will defuse that anger and bring peace and understanding in your home (Proverbs 15:1). If you want to break the cycle of pain and sicknesses, keep confessing, "Jesus bore my pain and sicknesses; By His stripes I am healed" (Matthew 8:17). If you want to break the cycle

of failure and loss of jobs, keep confessing "I have the mind of Christ; I have God's wisdom, knowledge and understanding; I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me" (Philippians 4:13). If you want to break the cycle of debt, confess, "I owe no one anything; I hate borrowing and not paying back (Romans 13:8). If you want to break the cycle of family feuds, confess to yourself, "I will be quick to listen and slow to speak; I will mind my own business; I hate to gossip; I will not give my ears to gossip" (James 1:19). If you want to break the cycle of hatred in your life and your family, confess, "I love my neighbour as myself" (Matthew 22:39). Confession is not magic. It comes through a lifestyle of worshipping Jesus meditating and doing His Word. His Word is profitable for teaching and reproof so that we can be equipped for holy living. Each one of us have the ability to live peaceably with everyone.

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Dr Govender earns prestigious Doctorate, a remarkable achievement!



Dr Govender is overjoyed with her huge achievement

This phenomenal leader celebrated earning her doctorate in Education Leadership, marking the pinnacle of a 40-year career in teaching and school leadership earlier this month.

Dr Sureshnee Devi Govender spent ten years teaching at Gitanjali Primary School in Silverglen before moving to Johannesburg. She taught at Madiba Primary School in Lenasia South and was promoted to Head of Department at Nomini Primary in Orange Farm, becoming the first Indian woman appointed to a historically black school. Her leadership experience propelled her to deputy principal and eventually principal. Her journey has not been without hardship. She told GLOBE POST: "I faced deep personal loss, the death of my spouse and nine months later, my daughter and son-in-law in a tragic accident. Yet I persevered. Raised in Bayview, Chatsworth, KwaZulu-Natal, she recalls: "My father, though unqualified, was an enthusiastic educator who gave me and my siblings the foundation to succeed. He taught me that learning is a lifelong pursuit and I never stopped studying." Govender mentors young leaders and supports education initiatives at the University of Johannesburg (UJ), continuing to inspire through resilience, determination and a commitment to empowering women in leadership.

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Seniors celebrate Diwali in style!



This annual Diwali lunch hosted by Lenasia South Senior Citizens on 22 October, was filled with joy, laughter and community spirit at Lenasia South Civic Centre. Everyone came together to share a delicious meal, enjoy great company and dance along to some lively music.

Emmanuel's Christian Fellowship celebrates World Sight Day!



A resident getting their vision tested

Under the leadership of Pastor Jairus and Carol Silas, this Lenasia South church teamed up with the University of Johannesburg (UJ) to deliver an incredible community event on October 9. Over 500 smiling faces gathered as 169 dedicated students turned the church into a hub of care and connection. With 89 optometry stations in full swing, 190 attendees received free eye tests and spectacles - restoring clear sight and sparking joy. The day also featured Chiropractic, Podiatry,

Biokinetics and Emergency Medical services, plus nourishing meals that filled both stomachs and hearts. Reflecting on the day's impact, Pastor Jairus, told **GLOBE POST**: "Seeing someone's face light up when they try on glasses for the first time - priceless." He added: "Everyone deserves a good meal, Emmanuel's Christian Fellowship serves free meals every Wednesday at 10am, because we see, value and love everyone. Volunteers are welcome."

Johannesburg Water expands underground pilot to Phumla Mqashi and Narens Farm



Stakeholders and community members at the launch of this project

Johannesburg Water, in partnership with Wits Enterprise, has launched a pioneering underground water pilot to tackle long-standing supply challenges in Region G's informal settlements. The initiative explores the use of underground aquifers as an additional source of safe, reliable water to supplement the city's strained infrastructure. The project is already underway in Water Works, Marikana and Kokotela informal settlements, with Phumla Mqashi and Narens Farm next in line. "This innovative project marks a significant step in addressing water supply challenges in underserved communities. By tapping

into aquifers, we can ensure consistent access to clean water for all residents," said Johannesburg Water Managing Director, Ntshavheni Mukwevho. Communities in the Deep South, including Lenasia South, Lawley, Ennerdale and Orange Farm, have long faced erratic water supply due to population growth, illegal connections and vandalism. The pilot aims to provide sustainable relief by bringing water directly where it's needed most. Local residents have welcomed the move, pledging to protect the boreholes and water points. "Water is life, and we are grateful for this project. We'll protect it - it's our lifeline," said a community representative.

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SPORTS

Mighty Brands FC crowned Khomanani Youth Cup champions



Photo Credit: Thabo Nthoheng

DOUBLE CHAMPIONS: Lehae's U17 and U15 teams reign supreme in this tourney

Hosted by SS Fast Movers FC, the event featured teams in the U11, U13, U15 and U17 divisions across Madala Park, Qalabotjha, Soccer City and Madala Grounds on 12 October.

This Khomanani Health Group's 2nd Annual Youth Cup Tournament ended on a high note after a week of exciting football action in Vlaktefontein. Mighty Brands FC dominated the competition, claiming

both the U15 and U17 titles with convincing 3-0 victories. Esthupheni FC won the U11 trophy after a thrilling 5-4 penalty shootout, while Guptas FC took the U13 title with a 3-0 win. Organisers applauded the players for their sportsmanship and teamwork, calling the event a great success. The Khomanani Youth Cup continues to shine as a platform for developing young football talent and uniting Vlaktefontein community.

LTTA shines at SA Open Championships



LTTA's JUNIOR, SENIOR & VETERAN WINNERS

Top left: Veteran players - Himal Devchand and Anwar Suban, junior player - Bimal Jivraj with seniors - Sameera Maal, Danisha Patel and Chetan Nathoo with medals and trophy

The Lenasia Table Tennis Association (LTTA) proudly celebrates its players' outstanding achievements at the SA Open Championships 2025, held from 4-12 October at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Competing under the Johannesburg Table Tennis Association (JTTA), LTTA athletes impressed across junior, senior and veteran divisions. Bimal Jivraj, delivered a strong performance, earning silver in the Junior Doubles and reaching the quarter-finals in singles. Veterans Himal Devchand and Anwar Suban, contributed to JTJA's success with bronze and silver medals in their respective team events. LTTA's senior women continued their dominance, as Sameera Maal and Danisha Patel, helped the JTJA Ladies A-team to successfully defend their national team title. Maal secured multiple golds in the over-35 singles, doubles, team, and mixed doubles, while Patel claimed gold in mixed doubles and silver in women's doubles. LTTA's chairperson Vikash Kasan, congratulated the players: "Our athletes continue to raise the standard of excellence. Their passion, discipline and teamwork are an inspiration to the entire LTTA community."



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