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## Young shuttlers set to test their mettle

BENGALURU: Bengaluru leg of the fourth season of Junior Badminton Championship went underway at the Karnataka Badminton Association (KBA) here on Sunday. The four-day tournament for identifying badminton talents across the nation, saw more than 900 young shuttlers engaging in epic clashes. This year, JBC, which is approved by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), is scheduled to cover 10 cities — Chandigarh, Bengaluru, Kochi, Lucknow, Pune, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Guwahati and New Delhi. The matches will be played in four age categories — U-9, 11, 13 and 15 for boys and girls. Top two kids from each category from every city tournament will proceed to the National Finale in New Delhi scheduled for Aug 9-10. The platform also supports training of underprivileged kids in the sport and so far, 140 children have benefitted from scholarships for training.



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