

FROM

Governing Council Member  
TiE Ahmedabad

Dear TiE Ahmedabad Members,

Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year!

2025 is a special year for quant enthusiasts as it is a perfect square year - a rare and fascinating mathematical milestone that makes 2025 truly remarkable. The sum of its first two digits and last two digits ( $20 + 25$ ), squared, equals 2025 - a perfect square of 45 ( $45^2 = 2025$ ). Moreover, 2025 is also the product of two squares ( $9^2 \times 5^2 = 2025$ ). Perfect squares are always positive because the product of two negative numbers results in a positive number. Notably, 2025 is the first perfect square year since 1936. This year is already shaping up to be a mathematical wonder, full of potential and excitement!

We concluded 2024 with incredible events and activities for our members. It was a year full of happy memories, fun, and camaraderie for the TiE Ahmedabad Chapter!

The highlight of our last month was the **TiE Global Summit (TGS)** held in December 2024 in Bengaluru. This event brought together 1,000 charter members from diverse geographical locations for an immersive experience in networking, knowledge sharing, and inspiration. The event saw participation from over 4,000 individuals, providing ample opportunities for our members to network and expand their business opportunities! The summit featured an outstanding lineup of speakers, including Andre Agassi, Vidya Balan, Dr. Velumani, Ananth Narayanan, Anand Deshpande, Ankur Warikoo, Deepak Chopra, and many more. Attendees also benefited from engaging knowledge sessions on family office investments, startup investments, and exhibitions showcasing hundreds of startups with a wide variety of innovative products and solutions.

As a “**Sherpa**” for this event, I can confidently say it was filled with joy and exhilarating experiences. Our chapter had a strong presence, with over 60 members participating. The bonding and friendships we developed were truly exceptional. We received significant recognition and compliments from other chapters and the TiE Global Board of Trustees, particularly for being the second-largest chapter in terms of registered charter members at the event. One memorable moment was our chapter’s initiative to wear stylish T-shirts for the event inauguration, which earned us admiration from members of other chapters. We also received a lot of invitations for cross-chapter collaborations and visits, to strengthen our relationships.

## Fun and Enrichment at TGS

TGS in Bengaluru was not just about knowledge sharing—it also offered numerous opportunities for fun and enjoyment. The **Onsurity** team, led by Mr. Kulin Shah and Mr. Samar Kagalwala, hosted the Ahmedabad Chapter members for a fun-filled evening, where everyone bonded and had a gala time.

After the Bengaluru sessions, the action moved to Mysore, where we were welcomed with a grand reception featuring elephants, trumpets, and Kuchipudi dancers. The sessions in Mysore blended knowledge sharing with personal enrichment. The event concluded with a gala dinner and vibrant music, where our chapter members celebrated with peers from around the globe. All in all, it was an unforgettable experience for our cohort. I strongly encourage each of you to participate in such events whenever possible!

## Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond

As we step into 2025, our commitment to creating sustainable and transformative experiences remains unwavering. We have a fantastic lineup of events planned for this year and look forward to increased engagement from all of you. Additionally, we will focus on organizing events that foster inter-chapter and inter-member engagement. As the TiE Ahmedabad Governing Council team, we assure you that your experiences with the TiE Ahmedabad Chapter will continue to grow more exciting, fulfilling, and outstanding!

## See you all soon at our next TiE event!

Best Regards,  
Aditya SharmaTGS (TiE Global Summit) 2024, Bangalore:  
9th to 12th Dec 2024

TiE Global Summit, held in Bengaluru on December 9th, 10th, and 11th, witnessed an exceptional turnout from TiE Ahmedabad, with 65+ members and 10+ innovative startups showcasing their energy and entrepreneurial spirit. The event proved to be a rich and memorable experience, offering unparalleled opportunities for networking, collaboration, and learning. TiE Ahmedabad members displayed extraordinary participation, demonstrating their zeal and enthusiasm while representing the vibrant and dynamic energy of our chapter on a global stage.



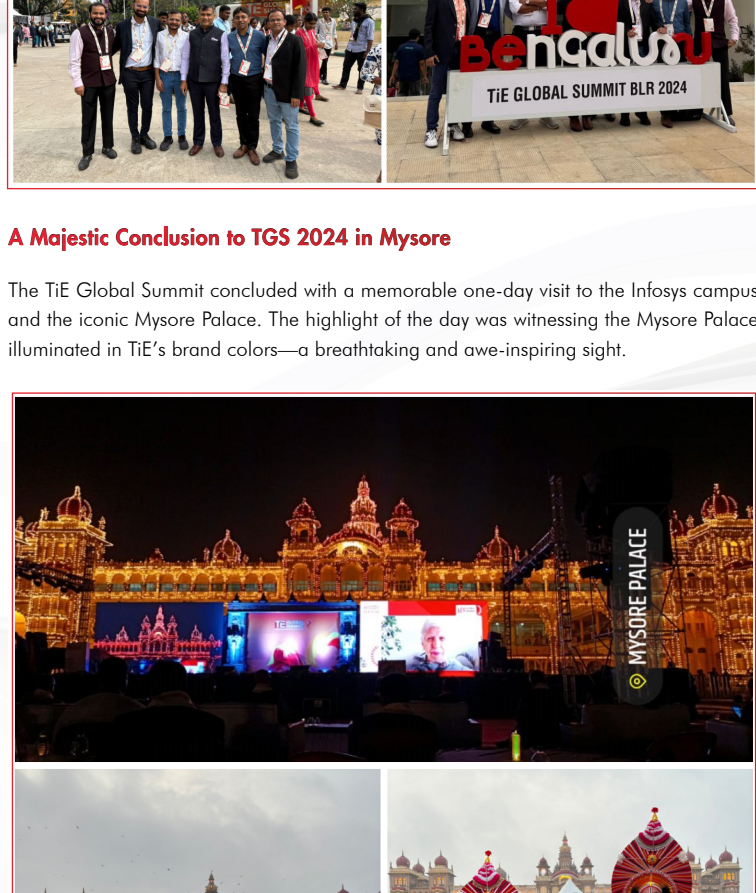
## Day 1 Gala Dinner at TGS Bengaluru: A Night to Remember

The Gala Dinner on Day 1, December 9th, was a delightful start to the TiE Global Summit in Bengaluru. The evening was filled with lively conversations, networking, and the charm of live music. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with familiar faces and cultivate new connections in a warm and vibrant atmosphere, setting the tone for the days ahead.



## Day 2: Insights, Innovation, and Inspiring Connections

December 10th was a momentous day at the TiE Global Summit, featuring an extraordinary lineup of renowned speakers and personalities, including tennis legend **Andre Agassi** and acclaimed actress **Vidya Balan**, who captivated the audience with their inspiring stories. The event was a treasure trove of business insights and life lessons. The startup exhibition highlighted groundbreaking ventures, while parallel sessions delved into key topics such as the emergence of family offices in India, the TiE Women’s Program Finals, and engaging TiE University discussions. A special highlight was the opportunity for TiE Members to meet **Mr. Ambrish (AJ) Patel**, the visionary Founder of TiE, making the day even more remarkable.



The day ended on a high note as our Charter Members, **Mr. Kulin Shah** and **Mr. Samar Kagalwala** from Onsurity, hosted an exclusive after-party for members of TiE Ahmedabad, TiE Baroda, and TiE Surat. The evening spiced up engaging conversations and fostered meaningful connections, leaving everyone energized for the summit’s final day.



## Day 3: A Fitting Finale to TGS 2024 in Bangalore

The final day of TGS 2024 continued with insightful conferences and engaging parallel sessions, wrapping up an incredible three days of learning, networking, and inspiration. The summit concluded in true Bengaluru style with a lively pub crawl, offering attendees a relaxed and vibrant setting to celebrate the event’s success and cement the connections made during the summit.



## A Majestic Conclusion to TGS 2024 in Mysore

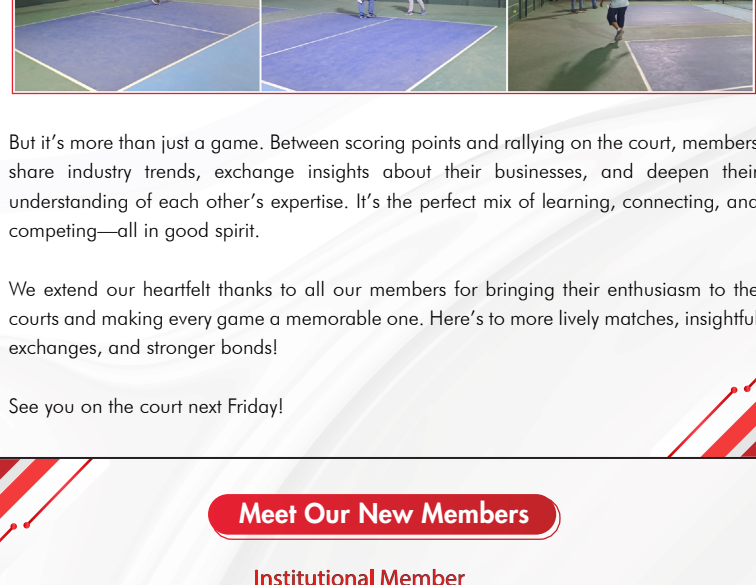
The TiE Global Summit concluded with a memorable one-day visit to the Infosys campus and the iconic Mysore Palace. The highlight of the day was witnessing the Mysore Palace illuminated in TiE’s brand colors—a breathtaking and awe-inspiring sight.



Overall, TGS 2024 offered our members the unique privilege of interacting with extraordinary personalities such as **Vidya Balan**, **Dr. Shriram Nene**, Former Tennis Champion and Philanthropist **Andre Agassi**, **Dr. Arokiaswamy Velumani**, and key leaders from the TiE ecosystem. The summit seamlessly combined grandeur, inspiration, and networking, leaving a lasting impression and setting a high bar for the years to come.

Coffee, Connections, & Conversations with  
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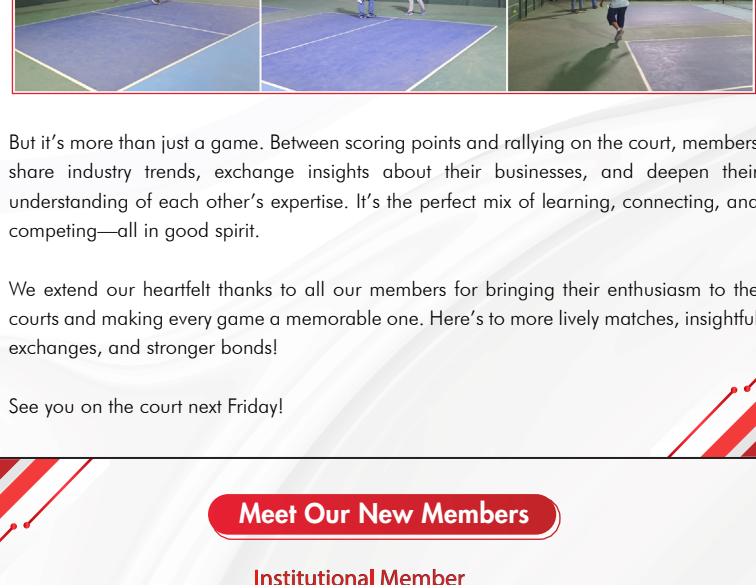
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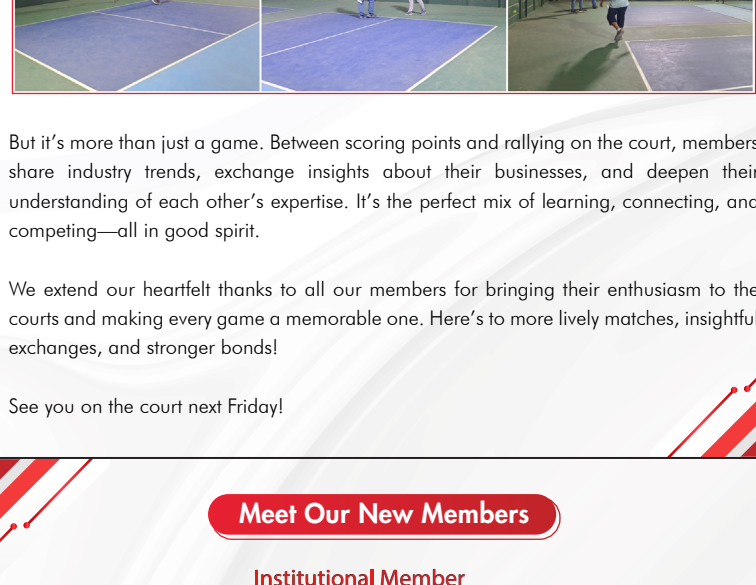
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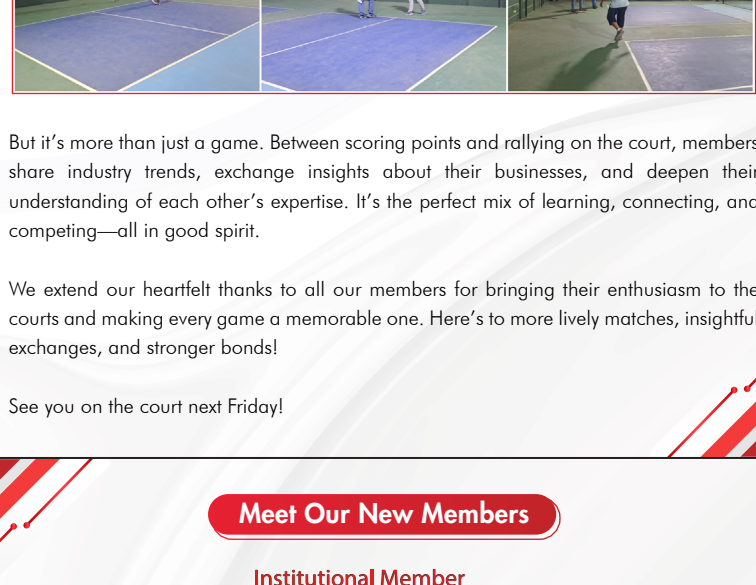
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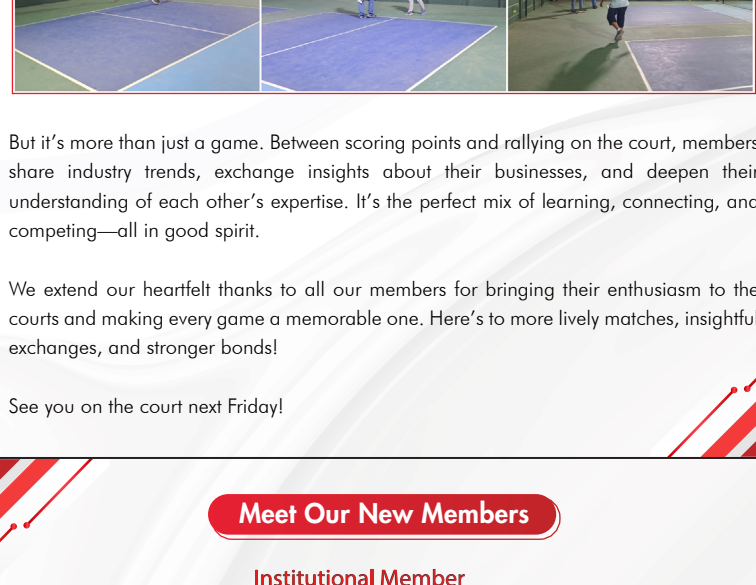
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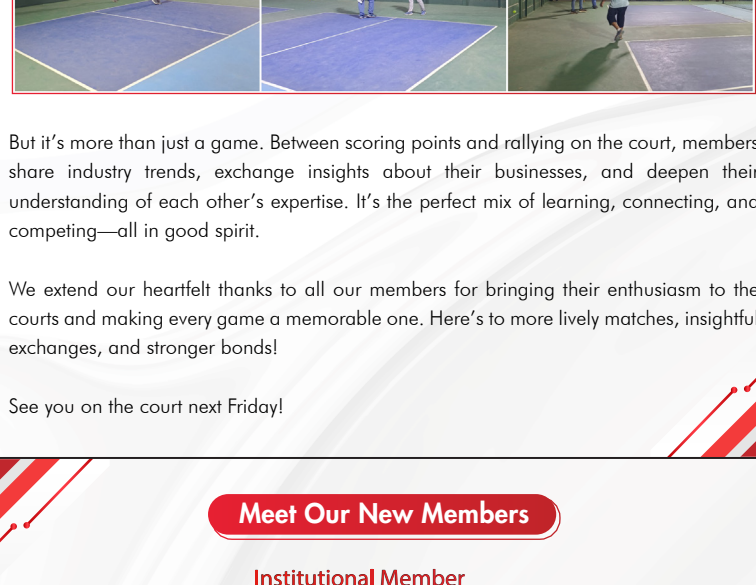
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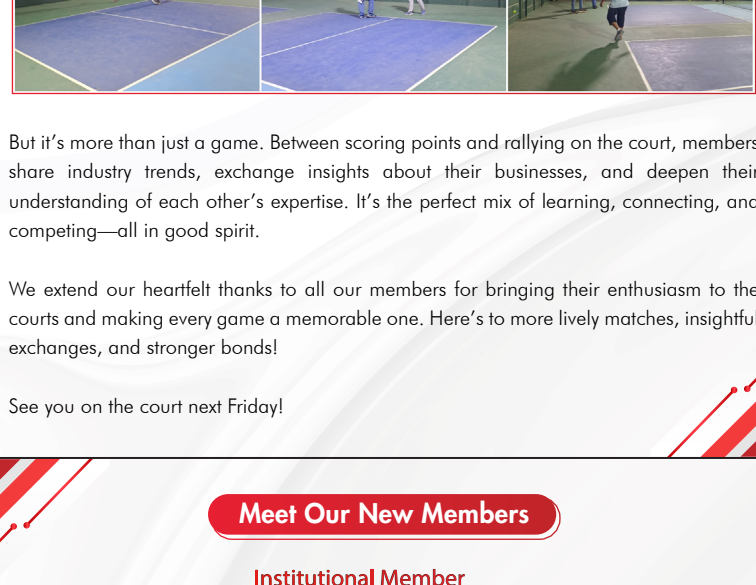
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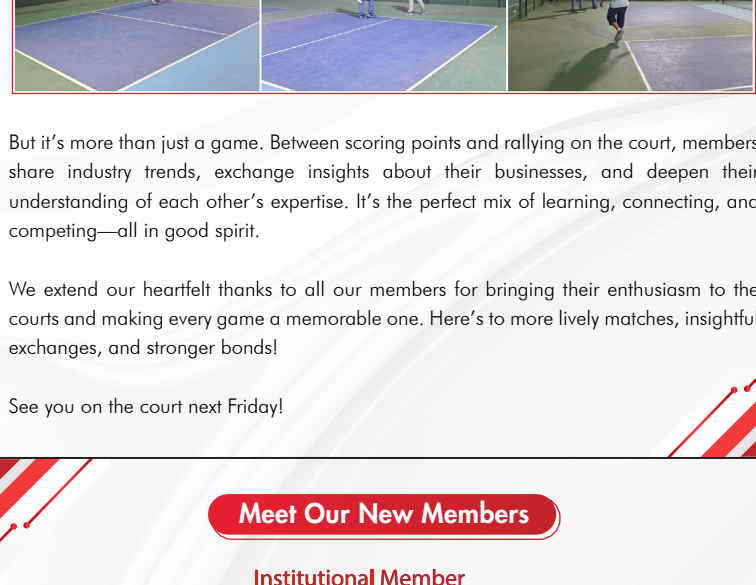
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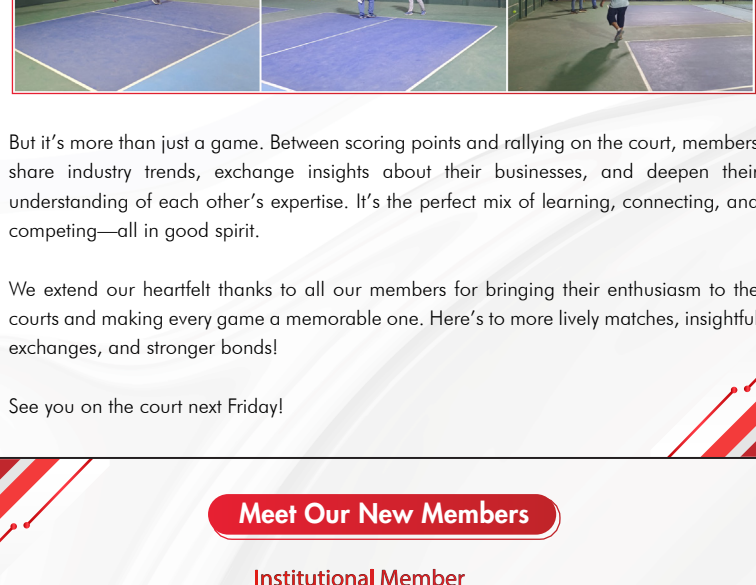
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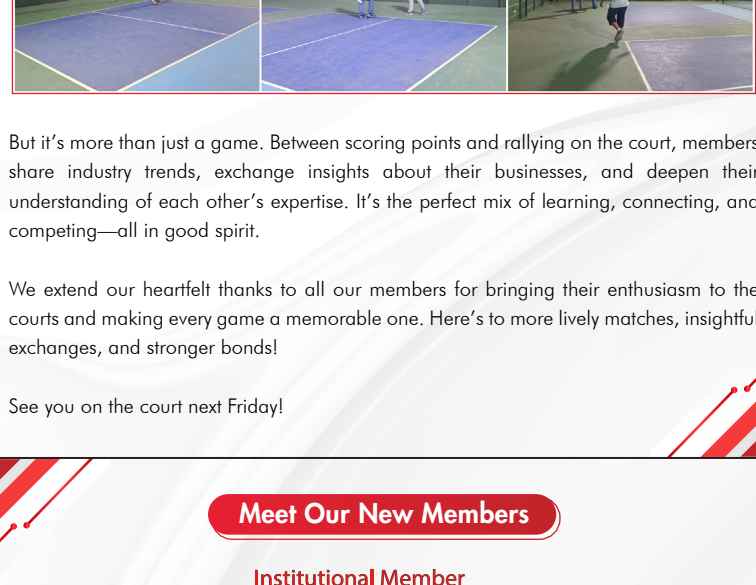
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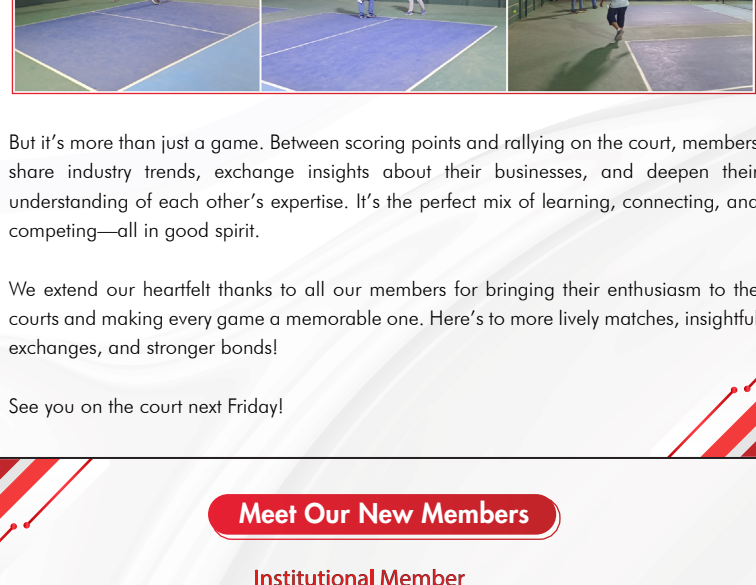
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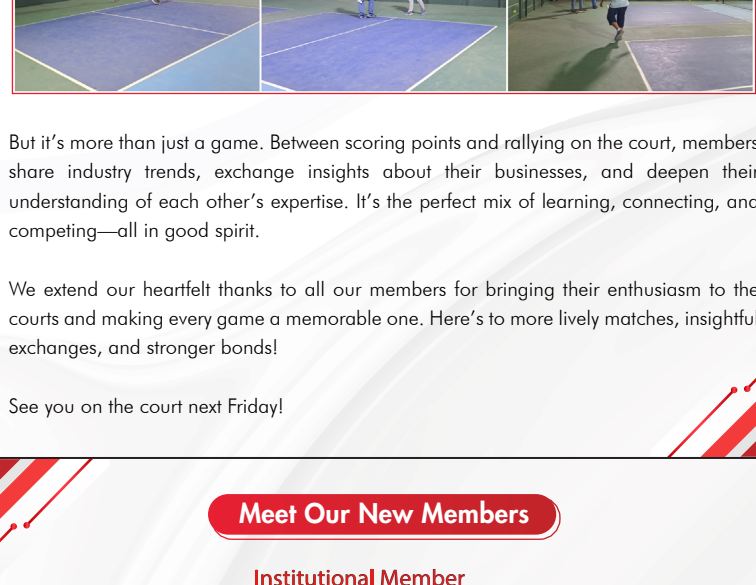
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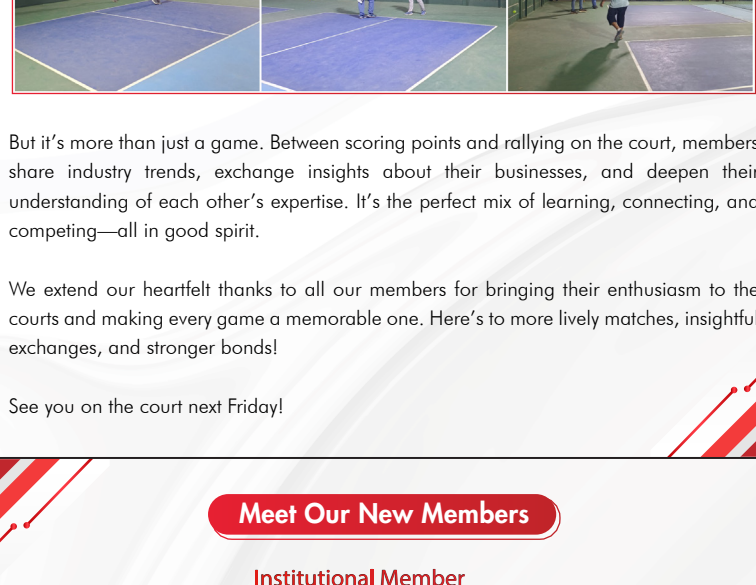
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