Kia Tennis Premier League Season 8 Grand Auction brings tennis legends and bollywood stars together in Mumbai

The Kia Tennis Premier League (TPL) conducted its Season 8 Player Auction at the Four Seasons Hotel in Mumbai, with Leander Paes, Sania Mirza, Rohan Bopanna, Rakul Preet Singh and Sonali Bendre in attendance. Amruta Fadnavis graced the occasion as the chief guest. The auction witnessed intense bidding as eight franchises competed to assemble their squads ahead of a brand-new season, which will be played at the LB Tennis Stadium in Hyderabad from December 8 to 13, 2026, with matches live-streamed on JioHotstar from 4:30 PM onwards.

Belgium's Sofia Costoulas, Russia's Sofya Lansere, Iryna Shymanovich and India's Dhakshineswar Suresh emerged as the joint-highest acquisitions of the auction, fetching 13 lakh each.

Mr. Atul Sood, Senior Vice President, Marketing & Sales, Kia India, commented, "The Season 8 auction marks an exciting moment as the eight franchises build their squads for the competition ahead. With our long-standing global association with tennis, including more than two decades of partnership with the Australian Open, we have seen how the sport can engage audiences and inspire the next generation. Our association with TPL is a natural extension of that legacy, giving us an opportunity to engage with India's evolving tennis culture and be part of a platform that brings established playersand emerging talent into the spotlight. We look forward to an exciting Season 8 in Hyderabad."



Mrs. Amruta Fadnavis with Leander Paes, Sania Mirza, Rakul Preet Singh, Sonali Bendre, Rohan Bopanna and Atul Sood - SVP, Sales and Marketing, Kia India

Sharing his excitement, Kunal Thakkur, Co-Founder, Tennis Premier League, said, "Season 8 marks another step forward for the league. Watching eight franchises compete so strongly for Indian and international talent, with four players fetching the top bids of 13 lakh each, shows how competitive TPL has become. The interest in players such as Dhakshineswar Suresh, alongside established international names, reflects the growing opportunities for Indian talent on this platform. Our aim has always been to give Indian tennis players a bigger stage to compete and showcase their abilities, and we look forward to an exciting week of tennis in Hyderabad."

Mrunal Jain, Co-Founder, Tennis Premier League, added, "The energy in the room today reflected the excitement around our eighth season. Every franchise has built its squad around a strong marquee player, and the additions made today give each teama balanced mix of experience and exciting talent. Together with Kia India's continued support, we expect this to be our most closely contested edition yet."



Tennis Icons, Bollywood Celebrities and Atul Sood - SVP, Sales and Marketing, Kia India with TPL Co-founders - Kunal Thakkur and Mrunal Jain



Mumbai Royals Owner Mr. Prasuk Jain with Ambassador Mr. Leander Paes



Gurgaon Grand Slammers Team Owner Mr. Gaurav Agarwal and Marquee Player Rohan Bopanna



HVR Kolkata Thunder Blades Team Owners Mr. Ketan Jain and Mr. Rajat Kumar



Hyderabad Strikers Owner Mr. Rajdeep Dalmia and Mrs. Rakul Preet Singh



Lucknow Blazers Owners Mr. Dharmender Goel and Mrs. Sonali Bendre Behl



GS Delhi Aces owners Mr. Vijay Pusdekar and Shri Guruji



Rajasthan Rangers Owner Mr. Salim Diwan with Ambassador Ms. Sania Mirza



Gujarat Panthers Team Owners Mr. Ramku Patgir and Ms. Meher Patgir