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## Archana reigns among junior girls

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**Bengaluru:** Archana Kamath of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board defeated Shrushti Haleangadi 4-2 to add yet another junior girls' singles title to her blossoming career at the IISports National Ranking Table Tennis Championships (North) in Greater Noida on Friday. This was Archana's second title of the season after she won her first in East Zone at Siliguri.

Archana, who is a sure shot for the World Juniors to be held in Italy three weeks later, seemed a little low on



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confidence and it was visible in the final against Shrushti. Archana was down 1-2 after easily winning the opening game as the Maharashtra girl attacked brilliantly to unsettle her. But the Bengaluru girl showed fine determination as she opened out with nice backhands to level score. Yet, it became a little tricky in the fifth game which went neck and neck before the PSPB girl won 12-10. This gave her the much-needed confidence and she ran into a good lead in the sixth to finish in style.

Earlier, Archana had registered a 4-1 win against Prapti Sen (WB) in the semi-

finals and beaten Manushree Patil of Maharashtra 4-1 in the quarterfinals.

Manav Thakkar of PSPB claimed the junior men's crown, defeating Snehit Suravajjula (AAT) 4-0 (11-6, 11-6, 11-4, 11-6) in the final.

**Results: Junior Girls: Final:** Archana Kamath (PSPB) bt Shrushti Haleangadi (Mah) 11-8, 8-11, 8-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-4. **Semis:** Archana bt Prapti Sen (WB) 11-9, 11-4, 3-11, 11-8, 11-8; Shrushti bt Poymantee Baisya (WB) 12-14, 11-7, 11-9, 11-8, 13-11. **Quarters:** Archana bt Manushree Patil (Mah) 14-12, 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8; Prapti bt Swastika Ghosh (Mah) 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-4, 6-11, 11-4; Poymantee bt Varuni Jaiswal (Tes) 11-9, 12-10, 3-11, 2-11, 11-8, 14-12; Shrushti Haleangadi (Mah) bt Yashini Sivasankar (TN) 3-11, 11-8, 11-2, 2-11, 11-6, 2-11, 11-7.