



## Press Release

### **Sanaullah, Ihtsham bag SJAL badminton titles**

#### **Journalists have greater role in the promotion of sports: DG SBP Zulfiqar Ghumman**

LAHORE (Aug 22, 2017): Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman acknowledged the fact that sports journalists have greater role in the promotion of sports in any country, he expressed these views at the Sports Journalists Association of Lahore (SJAL) Badminton Championship 2017 at Nishtar Park Sports Complex Gymnasium Hall on Tuesday. SJAL President Aqeel Ahmed, Secretary Ashraf Chaudhary and senior Executive Member Sayyed Ali Hashmi were also present on this occasion.

Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman congratulated SJAL on the successful holding of Badminton Championship. "Sports Board Punjab and SJAL have a common goal – promotion of sports. It's a fact that SJAL is also part of Sports Board Punjab. It's impossible to bring the youth towards sporting activities without the cooperation of sports journalists," he added.

Later, Director General Sports Punjab Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman distributed prizes among the successful players. Senior Executive Member SJAL Sayyed Ali Hashmi thanked DG SBP Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghumman upon extending cooperation for the holding of Badminton Championship.

Earlier, Sanaullah of Dunya TV and Ihtsham-ul-Haq of 92 News won the SJAL Badminton Championship 2017 U-50 and above-50 titles here at the Gymnasium Hall, Nishtar Park Sports Complex. As many as 34 players exhibited their prowess in the under-50 category while 18 participants showed their skills in the above-50 category of the event, which was organised by Sports Journalists Association of Lahore (SJAL) in collaboration with Sports Board Punjab and Pakistan Badminton Federation (PBF). Sanaullah emerged as under-50 champion after defeating Ibraheem Badees while Afzaal Chaudhry claimed the third position. Ihtsham finished first in the above-50 category by edging out Aqeel Ahmad in the final.