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The WSF World Junior Squash Championship conclude on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at Melbourne, Australia on the pinnacle victory of Pakistan as Mr. Hamza Khan, a junior Pakistani Squash player made history by clinching World Junior Squash Champion title after a long time span of 37 years.

2. Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari, Federal Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination, Mr. Ahmad Hanif Orakzai, Secretary, Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination and Mr. Shoaib Khoso, Director General, Pakistan Sports Board extended heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Hamza Khan on his extraordinary victory. They also commended the junior champion and wished him all the best for his future squash tournaments. The Minister for IPC further said that Mr. Hamza Khan is an inspiration for all the younger Squash players in specific and for all the sportspersons in general who are striving to reach the podium.

3. The Government is making all efforts for the promotion and development of sports in Pakistan and extending full support to the sportspersons, National Sports Federations, and other sports organization either technical or financial. Prime Minister's Initiative for Sports is one of the components behind the welfare of sportspersons in Pakistan and establishment of first ever Sports University of Pakistan would be stepping stone for the educational advancement of the sportspersons, coaches, officials, judges, referees etc.

4. The Minister for IPC emphasized youth to utilize their energies in healthier sports activities instead of spending time on the activities that make one lethargic.

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