

SHAH MAAT CHESS COMMUNITY
PRESENTS

IITMBS CHESS CHRONICLES

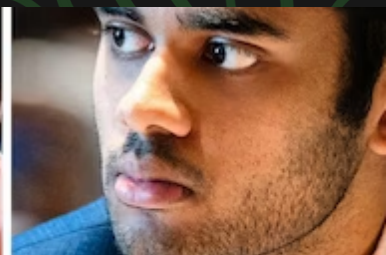
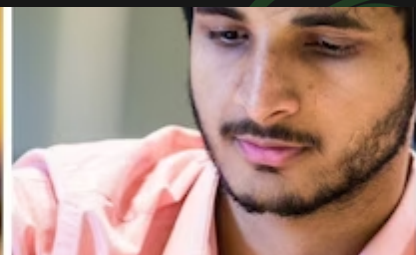


EDITION #8
AUGUST 2024



SPECIAL EDITION

EDITORIAL WRITER
HARSH VARDHAN
EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATOR
SIDHAARTH SHREE



Events in August in India and World



WORLD BLITZ TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

WR chess defeated MGD 1 to win the World Blitz team championship 2024 thus becoming the inaugural winner of both World Rapid (2023) and World Blitz team championship. WR chess were being represented by GM Magnus Carlsen, GM R. Praggnanandha and few other top players.



SINQUEFIELD CUP 2024

The final event of Grand chess tour, Sinquefield Cup, was held from 19th August till 29th August 2024. Top players such as defending champion Fabiano Caruana, world champion Ding Liren, R. Praggnanandha, Challenger Gukesh D., etc. Participated in the tournament. The event was won by GM Firouzja.



WORLD RAPID TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Al-Ain ACMG UAE scored an unbeaten 21/24 to win World Rapid Team Championship 2024. Decade China Team scored sole 20/24 to secure second place. They also remained undefeated. The defending champion, WR Chess won all four matches on the final day to finish third scoring 19/24.



FIDE WOMEN'S GP

The first leg of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2024-25 started on 15 August 2024 in Tbilisi, Georgia. GM Vaishali R was the sole Indian participant in the fray. The 10-player round-robin tournament featured GM Anna Muzychuk (UKR), GM Mariya Muzychuk (UKR), GM Nana Dzagnidze, IM Sarasadat Khademalsharieh, GM Alexandra Kosteniuk, IM Alina Kashlinskaya, IM Bibisara Assaubayeva, IM Lela Javakhishvili and IM Stavroula Tsolakidou along with the previously mentioned Vaishali.

TRENDING

IITMBS CHESS COMMUNITY



IIT Madras BS chess community announces the inter house chess super league starting from September 24, 2024. The event will be participated by all the 12 houses. Each house will prepare a 16 member team which will be divided into 8 each for participating in two different leagues going on simultaneously (open and rating below 1500 respectively).

The time control is 3+2. The tournaments is to conclude on 24th November 2024 and the winning house will be crowned Alekhine-Capablanca chess super league champions.

Interested chess enthusiasts of IIT Madras BS can reach out to their respective house chess clubs to join the team.



BANDIPUR HOUSE CHESS CLUB

Bandipur house, one of the top performers in chess in the last year, has announced a new house chess club in the month of August 2024. With the arrival of this new house chess club the strength of the IITM BS chess community has further consolidated.

Editorials

Chess, a game celebrated for its intellectual rigor and strategic depth, has long struggled with gender disparity. Historically, women have been underrepresented in competitive chess, facing barriers ranging from cultural biases to limited access and opportunities. Although progress is being made, significant challenges remain.

CURRENT PROGRESS

In recent years, efforts to bridge the gender gap have yielded positive changes. Organizations such as FIDE (the International Chess Federation) have introduced policies to encourage female participation, including separate women's titles and championships. Initiatives like the Women's Chess Olympiad and various scholarships aim to inspire young girls and provide them with opportunities to compete at high levels.

Notable women in chess, such as Judit Polgar, who achieved the title of Grandmaster, have served as trailblazers, demonstrating that gender does not limit potential. Their achievements have helped challenge stereotypes and inspire a new generation of female players.

REMAINING CHALLENGES

Despite these advancements, disparities persist. The representation of women in top-level tournaments remains low, and they often encounter fewer sponsorship opportunities and less media coverage compared to their male counterparts. The gender gap is also evident in chess education, where female participation in advanced training programs is limited.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

To correct the course, several steps are essential:

1. **Funding and Sponsorship:** Increase investment in women's chess programs and tournaments for equitable resources and visibility.
2. **Outreach and Training:** Schools and clubs should target young girls for early skill development through programs and mentorships.
3. **Promoting Role Models:** Highlight successful female players to challenge stereotypes and inspire young girls.
4. **Supportive Environment:** Ensure inclusive communities where female players receive equal respect and opportunities.

These steps will make chess more equitable and inclusive, focusing on talent rather than gender.



SHAH MAAT SPECIAL



POWERED

Strategic Star Award



Rohit Raghavan



Rohit Raghavan, a dedicated player from the chess community, is making a significant impact by conducting a 20-day endgame training session for Nilgiri House. His commitment to the betterment of chess and active involvement have been truly commendable. This dedication and passion for the game have earned him this month's Strategic Star Award. Congratulations, Rohit, on this well-deserved recognition!

He'll receive a one-month diamond membership of Chess.com as part of the award.

For inquiries, complaints, article contributions, or
advertising discussions:

Please reach out to us at chess.club@study.iitm.ac.in