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EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER IN INDIA AND WORLD



Indian Junior Chess Championship 2024

Adireddy Arjun won the Indian Junior Chess Championship 2024 in New Delhi, demonstrating exceptional talent and strategic maturity. Competing against the country's top young players, Arjun's consistent performance marked him as a rising star with the potential to follow in the footsteps of Indian legends like Viswanathan Anand and R. Praggnanandhaa. His victory highlights the bright future of Indian chess.



Speed Chess Championship 2024

Magnus Carlsen demonstrated his dominance by winning the 2024 Speed Chess Championship. Renowned for his tactical prowess and quick decision-making, Carlsen faced tough competition from top players like Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana. In the final, he outplayed Alireza Firouzja, showcasing his precision under pressure. This victory reaffirms Carlsen's status as one of the greatest chess players of all time.

Chess Olympiad 2024

India achieved a historic double victory at the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, winning gold in both the Open and Women's sections. Led by Gukesh D. and Harika Dronavalli, the teams dominated from the start, defeating top opponents like the USA, Russia, Georgia, and Ukraine.



Vishy vs. The World

On September 30, 2024, former World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand will face an exciting challenge in the event titled "Vishy vs. The World." Anand will compete against thousands of chess enthusiasts and players globally in an online match.

TRENDING IN IITM BS CHESS COMMUNITY

BY MONIKA R

CHESS SUPER LEAGUE'24 INAUGURATION



Our flagship tournament CSL was successfully inaugurated by the GM Priyadharshan Kannappan, founder of Chess Gaja on 22nd September 2024. He inaugurated this tournament by playing the "hands-and-brain" game in 3+2 Blitz format. He played a role of hand whereas our Shah Maat member Alston acted as a brain. They both as a team clinched their victory with black pieces against Vignesh and Rohit Raghavan, who acted as hand and brain respectively.

ALEKHINE CAPABLANCA CHESS FESTIVAL'24:PUZZLE BATTLE

As one of the major events of Alekhine Capablanca Chess Festival'24, this puzzle battle was held between 5th September to 30th September. The top 3 quickest puzzle solvers have been awarded points daily. Shubham Kansal emerged as the winner of this puzzle battle scoring 65+ points.

HOUSE CLUB UPDATE

Sundarbans House recently launched their chess club, KNIGHT'S DOMINION, which has been thriving since its inception. Despite being the newest club in IITM BS, they had the highest number of registrations for the Inter-House Chess Super League among all 12 houses.



EDITORIALS

FAIR PLAY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN ONLINE CHESS

BY ROHIT RAGHAVAN

The COVID-19 pandemic propelled chess into the online space, allowing both veteran and new players to engage more freely. Online platforms attracted top players like FMs, IMs, and GMs to stream their games, sharing insights and even humor about their moves, making chess more accessible and motivating for others. While online play fosters improvement through learning from mistakes, it also introduces negative behaviors. Some players focus on winning through time pressure tactics or resort to unfair means like engine use, sandbagging, and outside help.

Fair play is crucial to maintaining the essence of chess. Players must embrace the learning process, understanding that losses and mistakes are the real teachers. Cheating might offer short-term wins but undermines personal growth and the spirit of the game. As technology continues to advance, cheat detection becomes more sophisticated, ensuring that dishonesty will eventually be exposed. The choice lies with each player: to win with integrity or compromise their chess journey.



IN THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September is a significant month in Indian chess history, marked by key milestones such as Viswanathan Anand's rise in the 1980s, particularly his achievement in September 1987 when he secured a top finish in the World Junior Chess Championship, paving the way for his title as India's first Grandmaster. The Chess Olympiad, often held in September, saw India share the gold medal with Russia in the 2020 Online Olympiad, a historic moment for Indian chess. Additionally, in September 2017, Bharat Singh Chauhan was elected to a key FIDE position, enhancing India's influence in the global chess scene. The All India Chess Federation (AICF) has also used September to bolster its efforts in organizing chess events, further contributing to India's prominence in the sport.

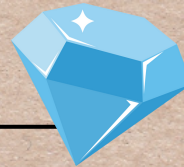


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Shubham Kansal, a mind blowing puzzle solver has shown his immense power in the recent puzzle battle held from 5th to 30th September. As a result he emerged as a winner with over 65+ points which shows his consistency and involvement towards puzzles. He took a sole lead with a 40+ point difference from the runner up and made him shine as a golden Star of Puzzle solvers of our community.

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



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