

SHAH MAAT CHESS COMMUNITY PRESENTS

IITM BS CHESS CHRONICLES

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EVENTS IN JULY IN INDIA AND WORLD



57th edition of the Biel Chess Festival successfully concluded

The 57th Biel International Chess Festival came to an end on Friday morning with the ceremonial presentation of the medals to the winners of the various tournaments. The festival's flagship event, the GMT-Masters, was won for the third time in a row by Lê Quang Liêm from Vietnam, ahead of Haik Martirosyan and Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu. Salem Saleh won the GMT-Challengers, which was held for the first time, and Rinat Jumabayev won the Open Master Tournament.



World's first AI Chess Coach - Made in India

CircleChess has built a learning platform called Caissa which provides a robust framework for enhancing the chess preparation of players, identifying the players' strengths and weaknesses as well as providing a detailed assessment with regard to their games and mistakes. This made in India initiative will bring in a significant transformation in chess with enhanced accessibility to good training program.

Indian College Chess Championship

Chess.com India announced that 2024 Indian College chess championship will start from August 15, 2024. The registrations are open till August 11 and with a prize pool of 15 lakh, colleges from different parts of India are excited to participate.



Singapore to host World Championship

FIDE announced that the South-East Asian city has won the hosting rights for the classical world championship match between the champion Ding Liren and challenger Gukesh D., by defeating the bids from Chennai and New Delhi.

The screenshot shows the CircleChess website with the Caissa platform. The top navigation bar includes 'Learn', 'Chess Assistant', 'Chess Master', 'Blog', 'About', and 'Get Started'. Below the navigation, a large heading says 'Together we' followed by 'your chess journey'. There are three buttons: 'Play', 'Assess', and 'Elevate'. Below these buttons, there is a section titled 'Home to India's best chess coaches, players and largest tournament listings'. At the bottom, there is a 'Signup to CircleChess' button. The main area displays a chessboard with pieces and various game statistics like 'Last 20 Games Analysis' and 'Performance analysis of your games'.

TRENDING IN IITM BS CHESS COMMUNITY

JULY EDITION OF PAN BS TOURNAMENT

The monthly pan BS tournament was held on August 28, 2024. With almost 70 participant, 2 above 2300 rating and 7 above 1800 rating, this was a very competitive event. Mani Shankar won the event marginally going past Vighnesh N.

HOUSE CLUB UPDATE

Nilgiri chess club, " Mavericks 64", and the Wayanad chess club, "Sportify" organized chess events for their respective house members. This will motivate rest of the house chess clubs to conduct regular events.



Winners

Place	User	Rating
1st Place	Julius_ceaser10	1598
2nd Place	rapidking007	1516
3rd Place	Ryuga_12	1367

2ND EDITION OF SHAH-MAAT ALL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The 2nd edition of IITM BS All women's chess tournament was held on August 14, 2024. With 24 players participating, the event marked significant rise in female participation in chess at IITM BS from last term. The tournament was won by Kaushiki Halder.

Winners

Place	User	Rating
1st Place	acciokaushiki	1598
2nd Place	doublebunny1224	1516
3rd Place	shreetunandi	1367

I500 RATING CAP EVENT ORGANIZED BY SHAH-MAAT

The chess society of IITM BS organized a tournament for players below 1500 rating. The event was a significant success with over 50 players participating.

Player	Rating
#1 acciokaushiki (1598)	53
#2 GM_SKansal (1516)	38
#3 chirag_06 (1367)	26
#4 retired_nerd (1407)	25
#5 sweetheartvenom (644)	23
#6 Tatai_NN (1512)	22
#7 Aryan_Protein_Vala (1106)	21
#8 Tharuntej123 (1261)	20
#9 bronzeeeBandi (1002)	20
#10 SPB16012003 (1059)	20

EDITORIALS

COLLABORATION OVER COMPETITION

The All India Chess Federation (AICF) and the Tamil Nadu government submitted separate bids for hosting the 2024 World Chess Championship, ultimately losing to Singapore. Had they presented a unified bid, their combined resources and coordinated efforts might have presented a stronger case. A joint bid could have showcased Tamil Nadu's rich chess culture and India's organizational capabilities, potentially making it more appealing to FIDE.

Collaboration could have also highlighted infrastructural strengths and the commitment of both entities, increasing their chances of securing the prestigious event. The unified approach might have demonstrated a robust commitment to promoting chess in India, appealing to the global chess community.

This year India's Gukesh D. is challenging World Champion Ding Liren for the title making the event extra special for Indian chess community, especially given the fact that India lost this title when GM Vishy Anand lost to GM Carlsen in Chennai back in 2013.

IN THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

International Chess Day is celebrated annually on 20 July, the day the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded, in 1924. The idea to celebrate this day as the international chess day was proposed by UNESCO, and it has been celebrated as such since 1966, after it was established by FIDE. FIDE, which has 181 chess federations as its members, organizes chess events and competitions around the world on this day. As recently in 2013, the international chess day was celebrated in 178 countries, according to FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

On 12 December, 2019, the UN General Assembly unanimously approved a resolution recognizing the day.



This year FIDE celebrated the event by setting a world record of most chess games played in a day.



SHAH MAAT SPECIAL



STRATEGIC STAR AWARD

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Kaushiki Halder, an emerging talent from Shah Maat, has made a significant mark in the chess world by winning the 2nd edition of the Shah-Maat All Women's Tournament, with an impressive record of 10 wins and just 1 loss. Her exceptional performance didn't stop there; she also dominated the 1500 rating cap event organized by Shah-Maat, where she remained unbeaten with 14 wins and a staggering 53 points. This outstanding display of skill and consistency has earned her the esteemed Strategic Star Award, a true testament to her relentless dedication, sharp intellect, and unwavering spirit. Congratulations, Kaushiki, on this remarkable achievement!

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



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