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EVENTS IN APRIL IN INDIA AND WORLD



Women's Candidates 2024

GM Tan Zhongyi from China is the winner of women's candidates 2024. This was the 1st time women's candidates was held simultaneously at the same venue as the open category. GM elect R. Vaishali from India created a record by winning 5 straight games. She finished joint second with GM Koneru Humpy.



29th TePe Sigeman & Co Chess Tournament 2024

The event is being held from April 27 to May 3, 2024 at the Elite Plaza Hotel in central Malmo. The tournament is being featured by multiple super GMs such as GM Peter Svidler, GM Arjun Erigaisi and even the world women's champion GM Ju Wenjun.

World Championships Candidates 2024

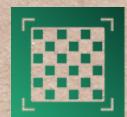
The double round robin candidates tournament to determine challenger for world chess championship 2024 was held from April 3 to April 22, 2024 in the Great Hall, Toronto, Canada. The event was won by GM Gukesh D. from India who is now the youngest ever winner of the Candidates. Gukesh finished with 9 points out of 14 followed by GM Hikaru Nakamura and GM Ian Nepomniatchi who finished with 8.5 points each.

WEEKLY PUZZLE SOLVING/TRAINING SESSIONS

Taking into account the demands of players, weekly training sessions for players of the rating range 500-1500 is being planned for May term of iitm bs. The final schedule is to be released after the registrations for May term are over.



TRENDING IN IITM BS CHESS COMMUNITY



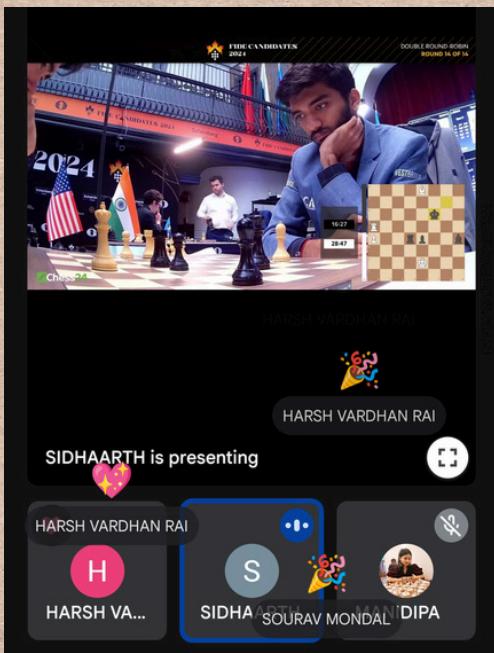
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INTER HOUSE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT PARADOX 2024

The 4th edition of Inter house chess championship is being conducted at Paradox 2024. The event is scheduled for May 30th to June 1st. The 4 rounds event will consist of two blitz round robin tournament, chess quiz and a puzzle race. Top performing teams along with best players will receive multiple prizes. Nilgiri house, the winner of the last two editions, will be the favourite to lift the trophy but given the work rest of the houses have put in, it will be hard to predict a winner. The tournament is being sponsored by chess.com (leading chess platform) and chessify (cloud platform for chess training).

CANDIDATES WATCH ALONG

Around 40 members of Shah-Maat chess society, in an impromptu move, decided to have a watch along for the Round 14 of candidates 2024. This will be a start to a series of watch along scheduled for future events including the Paradox chess tournament.



CHESS HISTORY SERIES ON YOUTUBE!

History of chess series Chess society of iitm bs has been covering events from the past in the monthly chronicles but in a recent meeting it has been decided to cover history of chess as a Youtube series or a podcast. The release schedule is not yet finalized but sources say, "the series is to begin in July 2024 and will extend up to September 2024."

EDITORIALS

EVERY "SECOND" COUNTS



In the high-stakes arena of chess tournaments, every second counts. The pivotal role of seconds—trusted advisors and strategists—can make all the difference between victory and defeat. The Candidates Tournament 2024 exemplified this truth vividly.

R. Praggnanandhaa, the young prodigy, enlisted the expertise of Grandmaster Peter Svidler as his second. Their collaboration bore fruit as Praggnanandhaa dominated the opening stages of each game, showcasing the power of thorough preparation and insightful analysis. Svidler's guidance undoubtedly sharpened Praggnanandhaa's edge, proving the indispensability of a skilled second.

Similarly, Gukesh D., the eventual winner of the tournament, acknowledged the invaluable contribution of his second, GM Gajewski. Beyond mere technical advice, Gajewski provided crucial support on and off the board, bolstering Gukesh's confidence and strategic clarity.

These examples underscore the importance of seconds in the competitive chess landscape. Their role extends beyond mere analysis; they serve as mentors, confidants, and sources of inspiration. In the crucible of intense competition, the right second can provide the edge needed to outmaneuver opponents and clinch victory. In the chess arena, where every move is calculated and every decision decisive, seconds are the unsung heroes behind the scenes, shaping the destinies of champions.

IN THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

The inaugural Candidates Tournament was held in Budapest from April 11 to May 18, 1950. It was a double round-robin with ten contenders—Bronstein, Boleslavsky, Smyslov, Keres, Najdorf, Kotov, Stahlberg, Lilienthal, Szabo, and Flohr. The event in Budapest became the only Candidates Tournament to end in a tie for first place with no tiebreaker in place.

Bronstein and Boleslavsky had to play a playoff match held in Moscow in the summer of 1950. It ended in another tie, but Bronstein won the first decisive game and became the official Challenger. He drew a match with Botvinnik, who retained his title, as an equal score favoured the champion at the time.



SHAH MAAT SPECIAL



STRATEGIC STAR AWARD

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Shankar T., a true chess enthusiast, has earned the prestigious Strategic Star Award for his exceptional dedication to the game. He recently finished compilation of 60+ books on chess and works hard with fellow club members to improve their skills.

In chess challenges online, Shankar shines bright, consistently solving puzzles and triumphs in chess quizzes on the public stage. It is with great honor that we bestow upon him this esteemed Award, recognizing his indomitable spirit and commitment to excellence in the noble game of chess. Congratulations, Shankar T., on this well-deserved triumph!

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



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