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EVENTS IN MAY IN INDIA AND WORLD



Norway Chess 2024

World's strongest chess tournament Norway Chess commenced on May 27, 2024. The event fields world's top players like Magnus Carlsen, world champion Ding Liren, R. Praggnananda, Hikaru Nakamura, Fabiano Caruana and Alireza Firouzja.



85th Grandmaster from India

P Shyaamnikhil from Tamil Nadu has etched his name in the annals of Indian chess history by becoming the country's 85th Grandmaster (GM).

Casablanca chess

Magnus Carlsen scored 4½/6 points to claim outright victory in the inaugural edition of the Casablanca Chess Tournament. The Casablanca Chess Variant aims to inspire both players and fans by blending the strategic depth of historical chess with the excitement of modern innovations. The event fielded Magnus Carlsen, Viswanathan Anand, Hikaru Nakamura and Bassem Amin.

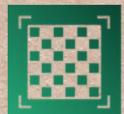


TePe Sigeman Chess Tournament

Abdusattorov Wins TePe Sigeman Chess Tournament In Thrilling Tiebreaker. Arjun Erigasi, current India no. 1, finished as runner up followed by Peter Svidler at 3rd.



TRENDING IN IITM BS CHESS COMMUNITY



Presents

INTER HOUSE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT PARADOX 2024



PARADOX 2024 COMMENCES

The Inter house chess championship at paradox 2024 commenced with an interactive session with Dronacharya awardee GM RB Ramesh. The 3 day chess tournament will finish off with a simultaneous exhibition by GM Akash Ganeshan. The tournament hosts players from rating range 600 to 2500 on chess.com.

12 house teams were selected on the basis of a selection tournament held from 17th to 19th of May 2024. Top 8 players from each intra house selection round qualified for the inter house stage.

Stage 2 consists of round robin 3+2, 3+1 and 3+0 tournaments followed by chess puzzle race and a chess quiz presented as separate rounds. Each round has equal weightage.



PRIZE

The prize categories are as follows :-

1. Winning team
2. Runner up
3. 2nd runner up
4. Top 3 players in 3+2
5. Top 3 players in 3+1
6. Top 3 players in 3+0
7. Top 3 performers each in puzzle race and quiz
8. Best female player
9. Best overall performer aka man of the tournament
10. Best player/s in simultaneous
11. Best audience members

EDITORIALS

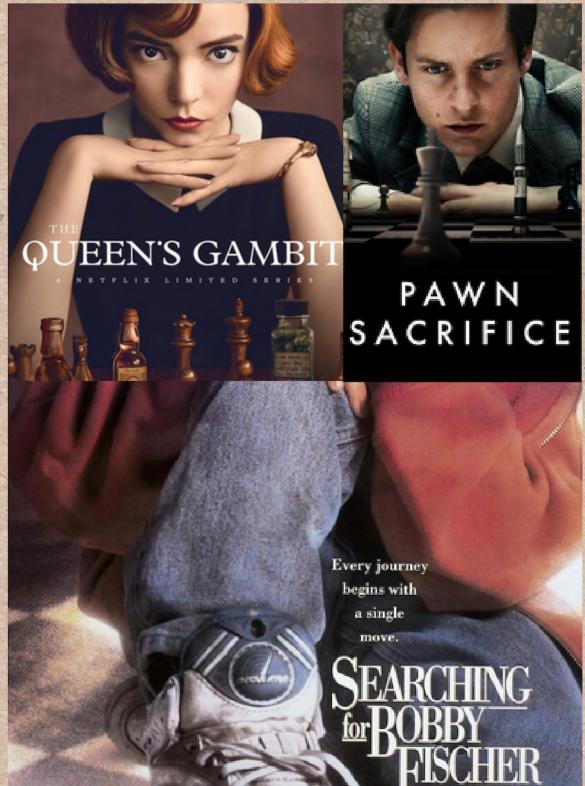
CHESS IN POP CULTURE: A STRATEGIC REVOLUTION

Chess, once confined to dusty boards and quiet libraries, has found a vibrant home in pop culture. From movies to music, its influence is undeniable.

Movies and TV:

- *The Queen's Gambit* (2020) mesmerized audiences with its portrayal of a young prodigy's rise. Chess scenes became gripping battles of intellect.
- *Searching for Bobby Fischer* (1993) explored the real-life journey of a chess prodigy, emphasizing mentorship and determination.
- *Pawn Sacrifice* (2014) delved into the genius and struggles of Bobby Fischer during his historic match against Boris Spassky.
- Even wizards play chess! In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (2001), life-sized chess pieces battled for survival.

Pop culture has breathed new life into chess, making it accessible and captivating for all. Whether on screen or in enchanted sets, chess continues to inspire and challenge.



IN THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

In May 1851, London staged the Great Exhibition to showcase British industry and technology. Amidst the buzz of innovation, London's thriving chess community felt compelled to do something equally remarkable for the game of chess.

Enter Howard Staunton, an English player with ambitious objectives. Staunton proposed and organized the first-ever international chess tournament, which would bring together the best chess players from across Europe. This historic event marked the first time that these elite players would compete in a single grand event.

The tournament featured sixteen players, including the likes of Adolf Anderssen from Germany. The stakes were high, and the chess world eagerly awaited the outcome. In the end, it was Anderssen who emerged victorious, earning him the status of the best player in the world.

But the impact of the London 1851 Chess Tournament extended beyond individual accolades. Staunton's vision paved the way for future international tournaments, standardizing rules, moves, and notation. It was a defining moment that forever changed the landscape of competitive chess.

And so, as the pieces moved across the board in London that spring, they set in motion a legacy that continues to shape the game we love today.



SHAH MAAT SPECIAL



STRATEGIC STAR AWARD

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Manishankar, an emerging talent from Shah Maat with a chess.com rating of 2548, was the best performer in the Selection Stage Tournament, achieving an impressive 82 circuit points. With a stunning streak of 17 consecutive wins and a total of 65 points, his remarkable performance has earned him the esteemed Strategic Star Award. This accolade is a testament to his relentless dedication, sharp intellect, and unwavering spirit. Congratulations, Manishankar, on this outstanding achievement.

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



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