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EVENTS IN JUNE IN INDIA AND WORLD

Magnus Carlsen wins Norway Chess

GM Carlsen finished at the 1st place in the prestigious Norway chess, dubbed as one of the strongest tournament of the calendar, by scoring 17.5 points. He was followed by GM Nakamura from USA (15.5) and GM Praggnanandha from India (14.5).



Arjun Erigaisi - The run continues

GM Arjun Erigaisi from India is now World no. 4 in classical ratings. After series of dominant performances in open tournaments, GM Erigaisi was able to cross 2770 and crossed GM Nepomniachi in the process.



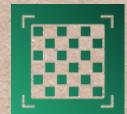
Superbet chess classic 2024

The second leg of Chess grand tour started off on June 26 in Romania in form of Superbet chess classic. The round robin classical event has the prize pool of 350,000 USD. Challenger Gukesh D., GM So, GM Caruana are few of the favourites for the tournament.

World Rapid and Blitz championship 2024

FIDE has announced the venue for the 2024 World Rapid and Blitz Championships. The tournament will take place in New York in the last week of December this year.

TRENDING IN IITM BS CHESS COMMUNITY



Presents

INTER HOUSE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT PARADOX 2024

The Shah-Maat inter house chess championship 2024 held from 30th May till 2nd June finished with a bang. Kanha house won the event after a series of dominant performances.

The event was inaugurated by Dronacharya award recipient GM RB Ramesh who shared his insights with the participants. It was followed by multiple round Blitz tournament, puzzle race and a chess quiz.

GM Akash Ganeshan joined the participants for the closing day and played a simultaneous exhibition with 10 top players of the tournament. Vignesh N of Namdhapa house defeated the grandmaster during the exhibition with the final score being 9-1.

The chess community of IITM BS world also like to thank the sponsors of the tournament, chess.com and chessify, without whom the delivery of the event would not have been possible.



INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY EVENT

The 2nd edition of the annual chess day tournament of IITM BS chess society is announced for The month of July. The tournament is to be held on July 20, 2024 on chess.com and the details of it are to be shared in the comming week.

ALL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The 2nd All women's tournament of IITM BS is being planned in July 2024. The dates although not yet final but are not to coincide with the International chess day tournament.

ELECTION RESULT

Elections for the position of secretary and deputy secretary of IITM BS chess society The elections for the leadership of chess society for the September 2024 - August 2025 calendar year were concluded with Rishav Kumar and Manoranjan Mohanty winning the contest. Their tenure starts in the 1st week of September. The incumbent Secretary Harsh Vardhan and Deputy secretary Sourav Mondol have invited the secretary and deputy secretary elect to work with them for the months of July and August so that smooth transition of responsibility takes place.

EDITORIALS

FIDE'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BID: FAIRNESS IN FUNDING AND ALLOCATION

FIDE's \$9.6 million budget for the World Championship has sparked debate over fairness in funding and their retention of operational funds. Chennai, New Delhi, and Singapore have submitted bids, highlighting global interest. While the bids have closed, concerns remain over transparency in fund allocation. FIDE's decision to keep a portion of funds for operations is common but necessitates sustainable distribution followed by public audit at the end of the tournament to ensure fair budget allocation for future. The challenge lies in balancing financial stewardship with inclusivity to uphold the championship's prestige and integrity.



IN THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

In the annals of chess history, June 23, 1883, marks a significant milestone with the conclusion of the London 1883 chess tournament. This historic event, held at the renowned London Chess Club, gathered the greatest chess minds of the era, including Wilhelm Steinitz, Johannes Zukertort, and others who vied for supremacy. The significance of this tournament can't be estimated in just words. This was the first instance for the use of the double-sided chess clock, invented and manufactured by Thomas Bright Wilson of Manchester Chess Club. In addition to that the tournament became a prelude to the Candidates tournament format for the future.

It was won convincingly by Johannes Zukertort (22 points out of 26) ahead of Wilhelm Steinitz (with 19 points). Remarkably, Zukertort was already assured of victory with three rounds to go, having scored an astonishing 22/23.

He then lost his last three games against relatively weak players, probably due to exhaustion. The tournament established Zukertort as rivalling Steinitz to claim to be the best player in the world and led to the World Chess Championship 1886 match between the two (the first official World Chess Championship match).



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Harshit Bihani, an emerging talent from Paradox, was the best performer in the Inter-House Chess Championship, finishing at the top of the chart. With a stunning streak of victories in all his games, 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, Harshit, on this outstanding achievement.



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

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