

International Master Abhimanyu Puranik wins 21st MJ's Trophy!

International Master Abhimanyu Puranik won the 21st edition of MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship. Surprisingly, Abhimanyu hadn't participated in this 3rd series of "Every Sunday Rapid events" as he was playing out of India most of the time. Though, his play was consistent and strong enough to win the tournament with considerable ease, he was unable to score all the points and had to settle for the draw in the last round with Soham Datar. In fact, Abhimanyu had over stretched the position and Soham was in a winning position!

However, Abhimanyu proved his class by winning the tournament as it's always tough to overcome the resistance from players having rating less than oneself!

Pruthu Deshpande, a promising and upcoming player of the city who is in his 10th standard played very well to win a place in top 5 prizes.

The tournament was held in 7 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore, assisted by Senior National Arbiter Amit Sohany.

Marathe Jewellers are the sponsors for this 3rd series of 52 "Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championships" which began on 22nd November 2015.

Top five prizes are as follows

1. Abhimanyu Puranik – 6.5 points
2. Nikhil Dixit – 6 points
3. Chinmay Kulkarni – 5.5 points / 21.5 Buch
4. Soham Datar – 5.5 points / 20.5 Buch
5. Pruthu Deshpande – 5.5 points / 20 Buch

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Silver Medal – Shrihari Kulkarni

Bronze Medal – Mustafa Ginwala

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aditya Samant

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Pracheeti Chandratre

Silver Medal – Digambar Jail

Bronze Medal – Aryan Shah

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Keval Nirgun

Silver Medal – Siddhi Sheth

Bronze Medal – Yash Watarkar

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Amit Dhumal

Silver Medal – Soham Sinha

Bronze Medal – Riya Marathe

Best Woman category – Aishwarya Aher**Best Veteran category – Raghubar Tyagi****Few important results of last round**

1. Abhimanyu Puranik (6.5) drew with Soham Datar (5.5)
2. Nikhil Dixit (6) won against K. Srinath (5)
3. Sujit Sawala (4) lost to Chinmay Kulkarni (5.5)
4. Keval Nirgun (4) lost to Pruthu Deshpande (5.5)
5. Pracheeti Chandratre (4.5) drew with Amit Dhumal (4.5)
6. Aditya Samant (5) won against Pranav Burli (4)
7. Raghubar Tyagi (5) won against Omkar Marathe (4)
8. Umesh Khengare (5) won against Soham Sinha (3.5)
9. Aryan Shah (4) drew with Digambar Jail (4)
10. Manas Pandit (3) lost to Pruthviraj Patil (4.5)

Description of photos:



Last round game between Abhimanyu and Soham Datar – Soham let Abhimanyu off the hook in a winning position!



Group photo of all prize winners with **Chief Guest International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore**



Abhimanyu with the Winner's trophy

Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Arbitrator Rajendra Shidore

The 22nd MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 13th November – next Sunday at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.