

# **Gaurav Zagade – Under 16 boy wins the 28th MJ’s Trophy Rapid Chess!**

Gaurav Zagade, just a school boy in 9th Standard, won the 28th edition of the MJ’s Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship – and that too a clear winner.

It was only Abhimanyu and Aakanksha who had won this strong tournament in their teens and now Gaurav has joined them! Gaurav played very energetically today and took the early lead from the 3rd round itself. Though, he was seeded below 10 numbers, that did not deter him, on the contrary, motivated him and he surpassed all the expectations.

The tournament was dominated by youngsters and indeed it’s a good and positive sign for our city chess fraternity!

The tournament was held in 8 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore, assisted by Senior National Arbiter Amit Sohany.

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## **Top five prizes are as follows**

1. Gaurv Zagade – 7 points
2. Siddhant Gaikwad – 6.5 points / 33.5 Buch
3. Rohan Joshi – 6.5 points / 28 Buch
4. Swapnil Pandhare – 6 points / 29.5 Buch
5. Raghubar Tyagi – 6 points / 29 Buch

## **Special Age group category prizes:**

### **Under 8 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Aryan Singla

Silver Medal – Safwan Sayyad

### **Under 10 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Arnav Nanal

Silver Medal – Jyotiraditya Deshpande

Bronze Medal – Ayushi Mittal

**Under 12 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Vallabh Kavi

Silver Medal – Shardul Godbole

Bronze Medal – Rahul Moghe

**Under 14 Age group**

Gold Medal – Chetan Pote

Silver Medal – Dhaivat Apte

Bronze Medal – Keval Nirgun

**Under 16 Age group**

Gold Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Silver Medal – Pratham Darwatkar

Bronze Medal – Shantanu Desai

**Best Woman category – Riya Marathe**

**Best Veteran category – Girish Joshi**

**Few important results of last round**

1. Gaurav Zagade (7) won against Swapnil Pandhare (6)
2. Rohan Joshi (6.5) won against Vedant Pimpalkhare (5.5)
3. Saurav Sahoo (5) lost to Siddhant Gaikwad (6.5)
4. Vaibhav Barhate (6) won against Vedant Ahirrao (5)
5. Sekhar Sirsat (6) won against Keval Nirgun (5)
6. Raghubar Tyagi (6) won against U. K. Sahasrabuddhe (5)
7. Girish Joshi (5.5) won against Ravi Behere (4.5)
8. Tejas Joshi (4.5) lost to Vallabh Kavi (5)
9. Anjaneya Phatak (5.5) won against Prakash Karmarkar (4)

10. Chetan Pote (5) won against Sujeet Sawala (4)

**Description of photos:**



All prize winners with chief guest Rajendra Konde – Secretary Pune District Chess Association



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Last round game between Gaurav and Swapnil Pandhare



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**Prize distribution was done at the hands of Shri. Rajendra Konde – Secretary Pune District Chess Association**

**The 29th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 05th February – after a gap of next Sunday at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.**