

Aakanksha Hagawane claims her maiden victory in the 10th MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Championship

National Sub Junior Champion and Asian Gold Medalist Aakanksha Hagawane proved that she is back in the game by winning the 10th edition of MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship. There was a lean patch in Aakanksha's form after her board exams and she hadn't finished in top 5 as well in earlier editions of MJ's Trophy as well as other Open Rapid championships.

Today, in a very strong field of about 60 internationally rated players from 82 players, Aakanksha played decisively and scored all the wins. She won the tournament by a margin of 1.5 points. Atharva Godbole, who just represented our Country in Asian Junior Championship, in Delhi, last week was second with a superior tie break.

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Top five prizes are as follows

1. Aakanksha Hagawane – 8 points
2. Atharva Godbole – 6.5 points / 33 Buch
3. Vedant Pimpalkhare – 6.5 points / 32 Buch
4. Mohit Shenvi – 6.5 points / 31 Buch
5. Shantanu Bhambure – 6 points

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 8 Age group:

Gold Medal – Advait Patil

Silver Medal – Srujal Bhute

Bronze Medal – Samyak Sharma

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Aditya Samant

Silver Medal – Amogh Kunte

Bronze Medal – Shreyas Purkar

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Manas Pandit

Silver Medal – Amit Dhumal

Bronze Medal – Rahul Moghe

Under 14 Age group

Gold Medal – Keval Nirgun

Silver Medal – Pratham Darwatkar

Bronze Medal – Sourabh Mhamane

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Namit Chavan

Silver Medal – Tejas Joshi

Bronze Medal – Omkar Shelke

Best Woman category – Meenakshi Bhoite**Best Veteran category – Narendra Savarkar****Few important results of last round**

1. Aakanksha Hagawane (8) won against Abhishek Varma (6)
2. Shreyas Hapse (6) lost to Mohit Shenvi (6.5)
3. Atharva Godbole (6.5) won against Sunny Renju (5.5)
4. Vedant Pimpalkhare (6.5) won against Sanat Mharolkar (5)
5. Manas Pandit (5) lost to Shantanu Bhambure (6)
6. Swapnil Pandhare (5.5) drew with Rohan Joshi (5.5)
7. Aditya Samant (5) lost to Vaibhav Barhate (6)
8. Vikas Sharma (5.5) won against Chetan Pandit (5)
9. Keval Nirgun (5.5) won against Shubham Jaiswal (4.5)
10. Saloni Sapale (4.5) lost to Namit Chavan (5.5)

Description of photos:



Last round game – Aakanksha against Abhishek Varma.



Aakanksha playing with determination – scored a 100% score!.



International Arbitrator Rajendra Shidore presenting 1st prize and trophy to Aakanksha.



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



Aakanksha with the trophy

Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore.

The 11th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 05th June – next Sunday, at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp