

Aniruddha Deshpande justifies his top seeding in the 14th MJ's Trophy Rapid Chess Championship!

The top seeded and holder of 3 International Masters norm Aniruddha Deshpande came back strongly to annex the title in the 14th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship today. It was indeed a clinical performance by Aniruddha who convincingly won today's Rapid. He scored 5 wins and spared 2 draws.

There was a tie for 2nd to 4th place between 3 players and Shantanu Bhambure had the best tie break score amongst all to win the Runner's Up trophy and prize.

The tournament was exceptionally strong with 34 internationally rated players from 50 odd players. Once again, Sankarsha failed to put up a fight and had to be content on 4th spot. Gaurav Hagawane – cousin of Aakanksha was quite impressive and found his place in top 5 elite group for the 1st time.

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

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Top five prizes are as follows

1. Aniruddha Deshpande – 6 points
2. Shantanu Bhambure – 5.5 points / 34.5 Buch
3. Gaurav Hagawane – 5.5 points / 31.5 Buch
4. Sankarsha Shelke – 5.5 points / 30 Buch
5. Aakanksha Hagawane – 5 points

Special Age group category prizes:

Under 10 Age group:

Gold Medal – Nirav Killedar

Silver Medal – Shardul Godbole

Bronze Medal – Arnav Deshpande

Under 12 Age group:

Gold Medal – Digambar Jaeel

Silver Medal – Manas Pandit

Bronze Medal – Shravani Halkude

Under 14 Age group:

Gold Medal – Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal – Aditya Dshpande

Bronze Medal – Mansi Thanekar

Under 16 Age group

Gold Medal – Anjaneya Phatak

Silver Medal – Adway Sane

Bronze Medal – Shravani Sarode

Best Woman category – Parnavi Rane

Best Veteran category – R. G, Nargundkar

Few important results of last round

1. Aniruddha Deshpande (6) drew with Gaurav Hagawane (5.5)
2. Digambar Jaeel (5) drew with Shantanu Bhambure (5.5)
3. Sankarsha Shelke (5.5) won against Himanshu Chhabra (4.5)
4. Rohan Joshi (4.5) lost to Aakanksha Hagawane (5)
5. Gaurav Zagade (5) won against Siddhant Tamhankar (4)
6. Anjaneya Phatak (5) won against Kanaad Aphale (4)
7. Soham Datar (4.5) won against Manas Pandit (4)
8. R. G. Nargundkar (3.5) lost to Jay Kumar Desai (4.5)
9. Harshad Hagawane (4.5) won against Parnavi Rane (3.5)
10. Rahul Jadhav (3.5) lost to Krunal Tekam (4.5)

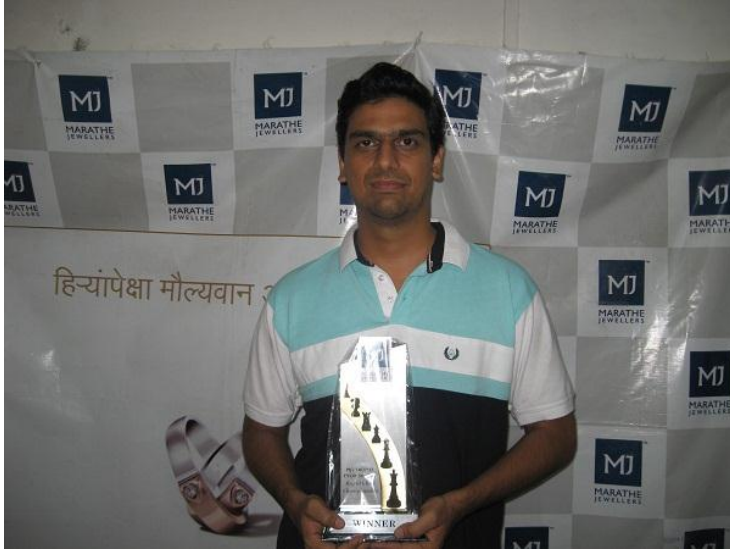
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Last round game – Aniruddha Deshpande against Gaurav Hagawane.



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



Aniruddha with the trophy

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

The 15th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on next Sunday 24th July – at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.