

## **Abhimanyu Puranik is the Champion in the 23rd MJ's Trophy!**

International Master Abhimanyu Puranik had to pull himself and show his expertise to emerge as the sole winner in the 23rd edition of the MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship – he was literally tested today in a very strong field and it would have been quite a close finish had he not saved the crucial half point against Soham Datar in the penultimate round.

The last round was indeed a battle on all top boards where all the matches were played between 'senior' players against 'kids' of age groups 10 to 14 years! And, it would be just a matter of time and few more 'Rapid events' where by they gain enough experience before these kids start toppling these experienced opponents. Indeed, we can see a bright and strong generation shaping up here!

The tournament was held in 8 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was International Arbiter – the youngest Arbiter of all the arbiters - Dipti Shidore, assisted by Senior National Arbiter Amit Sohany. The tournament had a field of around 60 players out of which 40 were internationally rated players and majority of the players were less than 16 years of age!!

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

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

1. Abhimanyu Puranik – 7 points
2. Nikhil Dixit – 6.5 points / 31.5 Buch
3. Chinmay Kulkarni – 6.5 points / 31 Buch
4. Pratik Mulay – 6 points / 28.5 Buch
5. JayKumar Desai – 6 points / 28 Buch

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

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

Gold Medal – Anuj Dandekar

Silver Medal – Mrudul Kambale

Bronze Medal – Ashika Kale

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

Gold Medal – Aditi Vaval

Silver Medal – Augustiya Negi

Bronze Medal – Nirav Killedar

**Under 12 Age group:**

Gold Medal – Rishabh Gokhale

Silver Medal – Amit Dhumal

Bronze Medal – Shravani Sarode

**Under 14 Age group**

Gold Medal – Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal – Keval Nirgun

Bronze Medal – Saurabh Mhamane

**Under 16 Age group**

Gold Medal – Chaitanya Kulkarni

Silver Medal – Pratham Darwatkar

Bronze Medal – Vishwajit Mohite

**Best Woman category – Prachiti Chandratreya**

**Best Veteran category – Raghubar Tyagi**

**Few important results of last round**

1. Himanshu Chhabra (6) lost to Abhimanyu Puranik (7)
2. Soham Datar (6) drew with Nikhil Dixit (6.5)
3. Chinmay Kulkarni (6) won against Gaurav Zagade (5)
4. Pratik Mulay (6) won against Keval Nirgun (5)
5. JayKumar Desai (6) won against Rishabh Gokhale (5)
6. Gaurav Hagawane (5) drew with Harshad Hagawane (5.5)
7. Augustiya Negi (4.5) lost to Raghubar Tyagi (5.5)
8. Prachiti Chandratreya (5) won against Saurabh Mhamane (4)

9. Abhishek Patil (4) lost to Yogesh Mahamuni (5)
10. Shravani Sarode (4.5) drew with Amit Dhumal (4.5)

**Description of photos:**



Last round game between Abhimanyu and Himanshu Chhabra



Group photo of all prize winners



Abhimanyu with the winner's trophy

**Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Master Abhimanyu and Prize distribution was done at the hands of Shri Suresh Gokhale – Management Committee Member of Mangalwadi Society**

**The 24th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Championship will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November – next Sunday at the Mangalwadi Commercial Complex at 9am sharp.**