

# **Himanshu Chhabra wins 29th edition of MJ's Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship!**

4th seeded and clearly an underdog of the event, Himanshu Chhabra won the 29th edition of the MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship quite convincingly. He scored 7 points out of 8 games - drawing 2 games en route.

World Under 16 Girls Champion Aakanksha Hagawane had to be satisfied on Runner's Up position. Aakanksha was leading solely or jointly till last round and had every chance to win the championship but she suffered a shocking defeat in the last round from top seeded and less fancied - Ranveer Mohite.

Keval Nirgun, who has started making his mark in the "Open" category, once again proved his mettle and won the prize in TOP 5.

The tournament was held in 8 round swiss league format and the chief arbiter was India's youngest Arbiter Dipti Shidore, assisted by Senior National Arbiter Amit Sohany.

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

## **Top 5 prize winners as follows:**

1. Himanshu Chhabra - 7 points
2. Aakanksha Hagawane - 6.5 points / 33 Buch
3. Soham Datar - 6.5 points / 31 Buch
4. Ranveer Mohite - 6 points / 32.5 Buch
5. Keval Nirgun - 6 points / 31.5 Buch

## **Under 8 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Aryan Singla

Silver Medal - Tanay Phadnis

## **Under 10 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Anuj Dandekar

Silver Medal - Aditya Prabhu

Bronze Medal - Aditi Kayal

**Under 12 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Rishabh Gokhale

Silver Medal - Arnav Deshpande

Bronze Medal - Aryan Halkude

**Under 14 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Digambar Jail

Silver Medal - Rahul Moghe

Bronze Medal -Om Lamkane

**Under 16 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal - Pratham Darwatkar

Bronze Medal - Vishwajeet Mohite

**Best Woman - Kesavan Vasudharini**

**Best Veteran - Ravindra Nargundkar**

**Few important last round results:**

1. Soham Datar (6.5) drew with Himanshu Chhabra (7)
2. Aakanksha Hagawane (6.5) lost to Ranveer Mohite (6)
3. Nikhil Dixit (6) won against Gaurav Zagade (5)
4. Shekhar Sirsat (6) won against Digambar Jail (5)
5. Ravindra Nargundkar (5.5) drew with Rishabh Gokhale (5.5)
6. Prakash Karmarkar (5) lost to Keval Nirgun (6)
7. Amit Pande (6) won against Vedant Ahirrao (4.5)
8. Harshad Hagawane (5) drew with Omkar Shelke (5)

9. Raghubar Tyagi (5.5) won against Mayank Chulet (4)

10. Swapnil Pandhare (5) won against Om Lamkane (4)

**Description of photos:**



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



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Winner Himanshu Chhabra with the Championship trophy



Last round game between Himanshu and Soham Datar  
**Prize distribution was done at the hands of International Arbiter Rajendra Shidore.**

**The next 30th MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship will be held on next Sunday - 12th February in Mangalwadi commercial complex at 9am sharp.**