

## **Nikhil displays his super form to win 30th edition of MJ's Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship!**

Top seeded and the most consistent player of the city as of now, Nikhil proved his mettle and convincingly won the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the MJ's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship. Though, there was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between Nikhil and International Woman Master Aakanksha but Nikhil's tie break was quite superior.

The tournament was once again dominated by young players – Aryan Shah, Under 12 boy finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Keval – Dhaivat finishing in top 10. With District Selection tournaments approaching, this is a good wake up call for all these kids.

Raghubar Tyagi who is a veteran player owing to his age is regularly winning the prize in top 5 and certainly this is a big achievement.

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.

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

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

1. Nikhil Dixit - 7 points / 35.5 Buch
2. Aakanksha Hagawane - 7 points / 32.5 Buch
3. Aryan Shah - 6.5 points / 29.5 Buch
4. Raghubar Tyagi – 6.5 points / 29 Buch
5. Soham Datar – 6.5 points / 28.5 Buch

### **Under 8 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Aryan Singla

Silver Medal – Shreyas Patil

Bronze Medal – Shravani Undale

### **Under 10 Age category:**

Gold Medal – Amogh Kunte

Silver Medal – Anshul Baswanti

Bronze Medal – Srujal Bhute

**Under 12 Age category:**

Gold Medal – Mihiir Saravade

Silver Medal – Shrvani Mhetre

Bronze Medal – Sarvesh Sawant

**Under 14 Age category:**

Gold Medal – Keval Nirgun

Silver Medal – Manasi Thanekar

Bronze Medal –Dhaivat Apte

**Under 16 Age category:**

Gold Medal - Gaurav Zagade

Silver Medal – Gayatri Shitole

Bronze Medal – Yash Watarkar

**Best Woman – Riya Marathe**

**Best Veteran – Prakash Karmarkar**

**Few important last round results:**

1. Aakanksha Hagawane (7) drew with Nikhil Dixit (7)
2. Soham Datar (6.5) drew with Aryan Shah (6.5)
3. Raghubar Tyagi (6.5) won against Amit Pande (6)
4. Anshul Baswanti (5) lost to Himanshu Chhabra (6)
5. Keval Nirgun (6) won against Mihiir Sarvade (5)
6. Gaurav Zagade (5.5) drew with Amogh Kunte (5.5)
7. Gayatri Shitole (5) lost to Pawan Kulkarni (5.5)
8. Rahul Jadhav (4.5) lost to Riya Marathe (5.5)
9. Sunil Vaidya (5) won against Vishwajeet Mohite (4)
10. Mrunmayee Bagve (4) lost to Prakash Karmarkar (5)

**Description of photos:**



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



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Winner Himanshu Chhabra with the Championship trophy

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

The next 31st Mj's Trophy Every Sunday Rapid Chess Championship will be held on next Sunday - 26th February in Mangalwadi commercial complex at 9am sharp