

Vikramaditya Kulakarni wins National Challengers Chess Championship

Vikramaditya Kulkarni of Railways won 49th National Challengers Chess Championship 2011 held at Aurangabad from 15th to 26th June 2011.

This tournament was successfully organized by Grandmaster Chess Foundation at MIT college, Aurangabad. The tournament was conducted by Marathwada Chess Association under the aegis of Maharashtra Chess Association and on behalf of All India Chess Federation. MIT was event host. Tournament was inaugurated by President of Commonwealth Chess Association Mr. Bharatsing Chauhan. Also present on this function were President of Asian Chess Federation Mr. R. M. Dongre, Director General of MIT Mr. Munish Sharma, President of Grandmaster Chess Foundation Mr. P.S. Patel, Vice President of Aurangabad District Chess Association Mr. Kishor Lovekar and Secretary of Maharashtra Chess Association Mr. Vijay Deshpande.

FIDE Vice President Mr. D.V. Sundar was the chief guest for the prize distribution function. Also present on this function were Director General of MIT Mr. Munish Sharma, President of Grandmaster Chess Foundation Mr. P.S. Patel and Secretary of Maharashtra Chess Association Mr. Vijay Deshpande.

Final Standing

Final placing (top 10):

1. Vikramaditya Kulkarni (Rly, 9.5 pts),
2. P. Shyam Nikhil (TN, 9.5),
3. M.S. Thejkumar (Rly, 9.5),
4. M.R. Venkatesh (PSPB, 9.5),
5. Swapnil S. Dhopade (Rly, 9),
6. Ashwin Jayaram (TN, 9),
7. P. Karthikeyan (TN, 9),
8. Aditya Udeshi (Mah, 9),
9. K. Dinesh Sharma (LIC, 9),
10. Atanu Lahiri (LIC, 9).