

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021

Dear Friends,

I am pleased and privileged to present the Annual Report of our Federation for the year 2020 - 2021 to this august body.

The season 2020-21 went by without much Chess activity for most part of the year. All of us are aware that the entire world went into a lock-down and left an undeniable mark in the history of Sports, due to Covid-19. This resulted in the Union and State Government banning all sports activities. Therefore all the National tournaments were cancelled due to Covid-19 much to the dismay of the sporting fraternity.

It is a matter of pride for all of us that despite lack of serious training, our players have performed creditably and won medals in the International Championships.

National Championships:

Due to Covid – 19 pandemic, no National Championships were held during the year 2020 - 2021.

We took efforts in substantially increasing the technical force which is very important to carry on the activities of the Federation to the next level. We have now increased the strength of our technical team to 171 International Arbiters and 404 FIDE Arbiters.

Acknowledgements:

Due to the hard and sincere work put in by all the stake holders like the State Associations, organizers of various tournaments, the coaches, the academies, the arbiters, the players, the All India Chess Federation is growing in stature. The support by many State Governments and especially the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India / Sports Authority of India has immensely helped fulfill the objectives of the Federation. Added to these, is a bunch of dedicated set of office bearers and secretarial staffs of the Federation who leave no stone unturned to run the Federation as per its objectives. I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank the 33 affiliated units and 13 Institutional members along with thousands of subsidiary units functioning under these entities for spreading the game of chess all over the country.

On the financial front, AICF has been utilizing the funds properly and as a result funds position look comfortable which will help us to increase our chess development programs without any financial constraints. Since there was no activity throughout the year the Federation could not raise enough funds. However, we manage the expenditure with the available funds.

The Federation fulfilled all the requirements under our Constitution and Bye laws and has filed our annual documents with statutory authorities like the Registrar of Societies Tamilnadu, the Income Tax authorities and also with the Government of India. We had conducted our Annual General Body Meeting as prescribed under the Constitution.

We list below our notable achievements during the year that has gone by:

Asian Nations (Regions) Women Online Cup 2020 held at UAE from 11th to 19th October, 2020

Australia, India Clinch Asian Nations Cup Titles:

Indian women team won the 2020 Asian Nation Cup after beating Indonesia in the final 6 – 2 while men team finished runner up after losing to Australia in the final 3.5 – 4.5.

Almost all events in 2020 are being played online, and the Asian Nations Cup was one of them. The tournament, held in cooperation with FIDE, ran October 10-25, 2020 on Chess.com with games played at 15 minutes plus a five-second increment by teams of four players. It was a fairly big event with a total of 38 teams in the open section and 31 in the women's section. Among the titled players were 29 GMs, 37 IMs, and 10 WGMs.

The Indian Men team was represented GMs Adhiban B, Nihal Sarin, Ganguly Surya Shekhar, Sethuraman S.P. and Sasikiran Krishnan while women team consisted of WGM Vaishali R, IM Kulkarni Bhakti, IM Padmini Rout, WGM Nandhidhaa P V, WGM Gomes Mary Ann.



FIDE Online Chess Olympiad 2020 organised by FIDE from 22nd July to 30th August, 2020

India, Russia declared joint winners of 2020 Online FIDE Chess Olympiad

India and Russia were declared the co-champions in the inaugural FIDE Online Chess Olympiad 2020 after the second match in the final got affected by global power outage. Indian GM Nihal Sarin and WIM Divya Deshmukh lost their games due to disconnection & India preferred an appeal. In view of the global power outage, India's request was considered favorably and FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich decided to award Gold medals to both India and Russia. It is pertinent to mention that the first match in the final ended 3-3 with all the six games ending in draws.

Viswanathan Anand, Vidit Santosh Gujrathi (Captain), Pentala Harikrishna, Aravindh Chithambaram V R, Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika, Vaishali R, Bhakti Kulkarni, Nihal Sarin, Praggnanandhaa R, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agarwal & Srinath Narayanan (Vice Captain) represented in India in this 163 team mega event, with 5 Divisions, went on from 24th July to 30th August, 2020.



Official statement by FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich:

"The Online Chess Olympiad has been impacted by a global internet outage, that severely affected several countries, including India. Two of the Indian players have been affected and lost connection, when the outcome of the match was still unclear. The Appeals Committee has examined all the evidence provided by Chess.com, as well as information gathered from other sources about this internet outage. After being informed of their

considerations and in absence of an unanimous decision, and taken into account these unprecedented circumstances, as FIDE President I made the decision to award Gold Medals to both teams."

FIDE ONLINE WORLD CADETS & YOUTH RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 from 19th to 22nd December, 2020.

India won 3 Gold and 1 Bronze Medal in the FIDE Online World Cadets & youth Rapid Chess Championships 2020.

Nihal Sarin (Under-18 Open), D Gukesh (Under-14 Open) & Rakshitta Ravi (Under-16 Girls) won Gold for India while Mrinmoy Rajkhowa (Under-10 Open) secured Bronze in the FIDE ONLINE WORLD CADETS & YOUTH RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 organised by Georgian Chess Federation from 19th to 22nd December, 2020.



In team standing, India with three Golds and a Bronze medal, took the second spot behind USA which finished with a tally of 4 Golds, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze. Iran took third place with one Gold and one Silver medal.

Overall, 160 players from 51 countries participated in the event. It had 89 titled players, including 8 Grandmasters, 2 Woman Grandmasters, 16 International Masters and 9 Woman International Masters.

Various FIDE Titles & Norms won by our Players:

In the Game of Chess, getting GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM, WFM, CM, WCM, IA, FA and FT titles are very important and shows the strength of the players. On this score, it has been an eventful year which passed by. Our Chess players made tremendous impact by bagging not less than **31** FIDE Titles

which includes **2** Grandmaster Titles, **4** International Master Titles, **1** Woman Grandmaster, **3** FIDE Masters, **2** Women Fide Master Titles, **3** Candidate Masters, **1** Woman Candidate Masters, **4** International Arbiter titles, **10** FIDE Arbiter Titles and **1** International Organiser.

FIDE Titles achieved during 2020-21. The list is given below:

Grandmasters		International Masters	Woman Grandmasters
1. Akash G 2. Mendonca, Leon Luke		1. Pranesh M 2. Audi Ameya 3. Saksham Rautela 4. Pranav Anand	1. Pratyusha, Bodda
FIDE Masters		Woman FIDE Masters	Candidate Masters
1. Samant Aditya 2. Senthil Maran 3. Chinmay Kulkarni		1. Chaitanya V 2. Prachiti Chandratreya	1. Naveen Jain 2. Vinod Kumar Sharma 3. Pawan Dodeja
Woman Candidate Masters	International Arbiters		FIDE Arbiters
1. Nanditha.V	1. Sunil Soni 2. Chavan Deepak 3. Sandesh Nagarnaik 4. Gourav Kumar Ray		1. Makadiya Atul 2. Muthukumarasamy J 3. Aishwarya 4. Ramesh Kumar N 5. Meena R 6. Balasubramanian A 7. Murukaananth ,A 8. Shraddha Vinchwekar 9. Chandan Kumar Prasad, (Jharkhand) 10. Damodaran, Ashok K
International Organisers			
1. Praful, Zaveri			

Elections:

The Madras High Court appointed Hon'ble Justice Mr.K.Kannan (Retd. Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court) as the Election Officer to conduct the Elections of the Office Bearers of the All India Chess Federation for the term 2020 – 2023. He submitted the election results of the Elections of the office bearers of All India Chess Federation Chess Federation for the term 2020 – 2023 vide his report dated 4.1.2021, the Election officer intimated that he

had perused all the records and the Rules governing the Election and found everything to be in order and declared the names of following successful candidates for the term 2020 – 2023.

President	Dr.Sanjay Kapoor	Uttar Pradesh
Vice Presidents	Mr.Anantha D P	Karnataka
	Mr.Bhavesh Patel	Gujarat
	Mr.Vipnesh Bhardwaj	Chandigarh
	Mr.Ajay Ajmera	Rajasthan
	Mr.PC Lallianthanga	Mizoram
	Er. Niapung Konia	Arunachal Pradesh
Hon. Secretary	Mr.Bharat Singh Chauhan	Delhi
Joint Secretaries	Mr.Rajesh R	Kerala
	Mr.Mahendra Dhakal	Sikkim
	Mr.Atul Kumar	Jammu & Kashmir
	Mr.Mughaho Awomi	Nagaland
	Mr.Diljeet Khanna	Bihar
	Mr.Atanu Lahiri	Bengal
Treasurer	Mr.Naresh Sharma	Haryana

As I look behind the year that went by, I am extremely satisfied that all our efforts to promote the game in the country in a big way have borne fruitful results and I thank everyone including the players, the State Associations, the coaches, the arbiters, the managers, organisers, state governments, Sports Authority of India and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. I also place on record the excellent work by our office staff whom I found to be committed to their Job. I am blessed to have the guidance of our fellow office bearers for guiding me and the Federation to the path of glory and success, so that the objects that are enshrined in our constitution were met. I also take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to President of AICF Dr.Sanjay Kapoor, for his invaluable contribution. I have no doubt in my mind that if all of us are focused as we have been doing, Indian Chess is bound to grow from strength to strength and our next Annual Report will only have success stories.

Hope our next season is full of chess activities.



Bharat Singh Chauhan
Hon. Secretary
All India Chess Federation

