

**Karnataka State Amateur FIDE Rated chess championship 2016**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**At Hotel Woodlands, Richmond Circle, Bangalore**

**Tournament Report**

**Raghavendra V is the Karnataka State Amateur Champion!**

Mr. Raghavendra V of Bangalore won the Karnataka State Amateur fide rating chess championship with 8 points. The 5 day event attracted 215 players from all over Karnataka. Top seed of the event was Mr Ajith M P of Mysore, world amateur silver medalist. The event attracted 122 FIDE rated players. The event was conducted for 9 rounds.

The event started on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July at 11 am, the competition was organized in the Krishna hall, Woodland's Hotel, Richmond Circle, Bangalore, which is in the center of the city of Bangalore. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> round itself the matches got tough many upsets started to show up. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Ankit Payal (1591) drew with 2<sup>nd</sup> Seed Sameer Ghotane (1928) of Belgaum. Next round Ansumah Mohanty(1626) of Bangalore defeated Chincholimath Halsagar (1903). In the 5<sup>th</sup> Round Jagadeesh P 14 Year boy defeated Ajith M P of Mysore, the World Amateur Silver medalist. Another boy Deota snehil who is gaining around 62 rating points from this even had a notable win against Ajit M P. Pankaj Bhat is gaining nearly 82 points in this tournament. Nearly 30 players are getting partial rating or completing their rating from this tournament .

76 years old Mr Ranghuraman N R of Bangalore was the most senior player of the tournament. 5 years old Tanishka Jain of Mandya was the youngest players of the tournament.

In the final Round Raghavedra defeated Shabdik Varma of Mangalore to secure the title, while on the second board Kedar Umesh Vaze of Shimoga Drew with Chincholimath Halsagar of Belgaum. While on the 3<sup>rd</sup> board Sameer Ghotane of Belgaum won with Sugyan Prakash Maharaj of Bangalore to clinch the 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Mr Raghavedra V emerged the leader with sole lead with 8 points. There was four way tie for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 7.5 points. Sameer Ghotane of Belgaum secured the second place with a better tie break score. Top 2 players that is Mr Raghavendra V and Sameer Ghotane, will represent Karnataka in the upcoming National Amateur Chess championship.

The Prize distribution function took place on 6<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.30 Pm. For the prize distribution Mr D V Sundar Vice President FIDE, Mr Ramakrishna, Director of Woodlands Hotel, Mr Hanumanta AICF Joint Secretary, Ms Geeta Rao Propreiter Woodlands hotel , Mr Nagendra Muralidhar, Vice President of UKCA, Mr Aravind Shastry, Secretary UKCA were present who distributed the prizes to the winners.

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