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SAVITHA SHRI (CHESS)

Savitha Shri's winning spree is definitely awe-inspiring! And here it is:

- Female U-14 world Rank— 1st
- Continent Rank Asia—1st
- National Rank India—1st and
- Title—Woman Fide Master (WFM).

Savitha Shri's journey from 1968 to 2261 in two months

Savitha Shri B is just 13 years old but already has a rating of 2261. She gained about 300 Elo points in a short span of the past two months just by playing several strong independent tournaments in Spain. Her father Baskar, who used to be an electrician in Singapore, gave up his job to accompany his daughter to different events and ensured that she evolves into a world-class chess player. Savitha's quest for excellence has been and still is a path ridden with hurdles, but the girl from Tamil Nadu is as resolute as ever. In this article, we explore some of her recent successes and tell you how in two months she gained 300 Elo points to move from 1968 on the Elo scale to 2261.



Talking about the most talented up-and-coming female chess players of the country, Savitha Shri B from Tamil Nadu is definitely one who has shown quite a lot of promise in recent years. Savitha has been the national champion thrice in her age category, under-12 World Champion, scored her first WIM norm at the Grenke Open 2019, and lately has even pumped up her rating to a commendable 2261. About a month ago, she was hovering close to the 1900 mark, but playing some of the strong tournaments in Spain including the Sunway Sitges, the Lorca Open, the Ellobregat Open, and the Roquetas Open helped her gain a whopping rating of around 300 Elo points.

Savitha's biggest success in Roquetas was perhaps drawing against the 2488-rated IM Mario Villanueva in round nine. This was a game where she showed her excellent defensive skills. It is usually simple to play good moves when your position is better than your opponent's, but playing well under pressure is a trait of a champion.

Many players complain about losing or drawing in won positions. One of the common issues that chess players face is the inability to convert a winning advantage. Well, even the masters sometimes struggle with it. The third game we are going to see shows how Savitha maintained her cool in the ninth round of the Ellobregat Open and capitalized on a slight positional edge to bring home the full point.



ANITHA S (ATHLETICS)

She was placed 3rd in the girls' U14 high jump at the Tamil Nadu Education Department's 62nd Republic Day sports event held at Trichy.

Anitha went on to receive the Sports Achiever Award in the HCL Tournament and bagged the 1st position in high jump.

And she has found her calling in football too! She has been selected to be part of the junior football team, India. It is most important to note that she is the only girl to represent Tamil Nadu. Anitha (football) has secured the position of goalkeeper in the team.



SWETHA STEFFI (TABLE TENNIS)

Swetha Steffi proved how adept she is at table tennis when she turned out to be a semifinalist in the UTT National Ranking Table Tennis Championships, 2019 (East Zone), held at Howrah, West Bengal.

Back home, she won the second place in Tamil Nadu state interuniversity tournament held at Sri Ramachandra University, Porur.

She also won the first place in the south zone interuniversity table tennis women's tournament for 2019-2020, held at K L E F (deemed to be a university), Vaddeswaram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

Swetha Steffi secured the third position in the All India University Table Tennis Tournament held at New Delhi.



J. SUBHAM KUMAR (RUGBY)

Subham Kumar is going to participate in subjunior Nationals Rugby Championship at Gymkhana Ground in Secunderabad of Telangana. He has ample potential to bring in the national medal. Team Energy Projekt will spare no resources at its command to see that his career graph consistently moves upward.



THABITHA (ATHLETICS)

The 35th National Junior Athletics Championships are being held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. In the 100-meters hurdle for women under 18, Thabitha crossed the finish line in 13.70 seconds to claim the gold medal. The previous record was set by Kerala's Abarina Roy in the race of 13.76 seconds last year. Thabitha also won the gold in the long jump.

Furthermore, the Junior State Athletic Championships are being held in Trichy. She is seen scaling great heights here where in the 100-meter hurdles, she claimed the gold medal. She has comfortably added yet another gold medal to her kitty for long jump and a silver medal for triple jump. And WOW!! She has risen to be the Individual Champion for the women under-18 category.

Notable is her feat at the 65th National School Athletics Championship, where in the 100-meter hurdles, she managed to win a gold medal and went ahead by setting a new meet record of 13.75 seconds. She has also won a silver medal in long jump to make it a bagful of laurels as she crossed the finish line of 5.93 meters. Successful in her journey, she also grabbed the silver medal for triple jump at 12.42 meters.



SACHIN (BOXING)

Shining as much as the metal does, Sachin has won the gold medal for the Tamil Nadu Olympic Association recognized by the Sports Development Authority in the sub junior category at the state-level Boxing Championship in 2019.

Further, he has made strides with his talent by participating in the Tamil Nadu Boxing Association's 1st South Republic Day Boxing Championship in February 2020.



The sky is the limit when it comes to aspiring and achieving for all our candidates. They have set high standards for themselves and are pushing themselves hard to do better than their best. Marked improvements have been observed with time in their success tournaments.

As a means of expanding our horizons, we are focusing on exceptional dancers and musical instrument players who can participate in contests and shine.

We are continuously monitoring the progress of other candidates by being in regular touch with them as well as their coaches. Some new applications have also been received and our selection panellists are in the process of assessing their merit and considering them for adoption by the Energy Projekt.

We will reach out to you with more details in our next newsletter. Bye until then!