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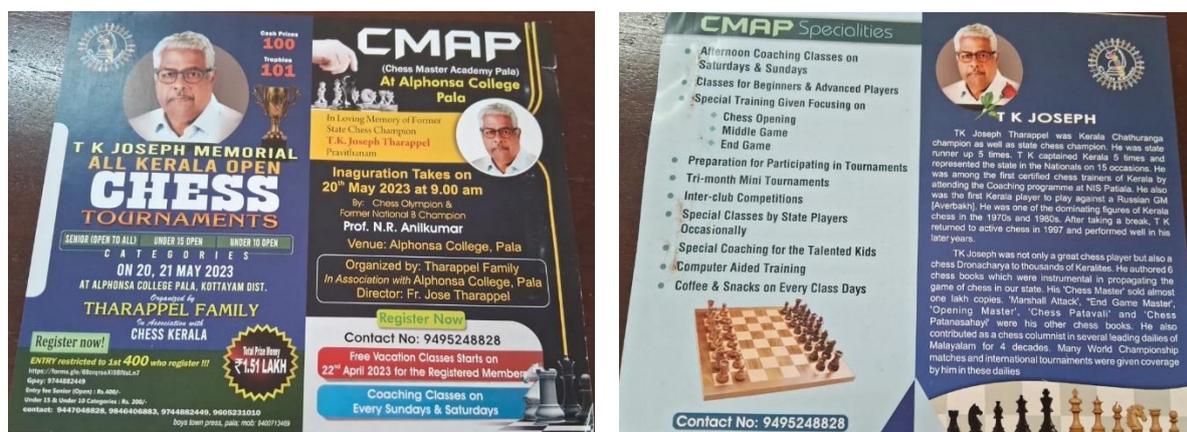
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Beyond the game...

CHESS ACADEMY

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Chess Master Academy Pala (CMAP) was established in Alphonsa College Pala as a part of its Community College Initiative. The academy was inaugurated on 22nd April 2023, commemorating Mr. T. K Joseph Tharappel, former State Chess Champion. Tharappel family organized the event. Rev. Dr. Shaji John, Principal, Alphonsa College Pala inaugurated the event. The event featured the presence of Rev. Fr. Jose Tharappel, Director of CMAP, Ms. Anila Sarath, Secretary of CMAP and Mr. Ajesh T.G, Chess Coach.



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The Chess Academy serves as a hub for chess enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels to learn, practice, and compete in the game of chess. It offers a range of programs, workshops, and resources designed to foster a love for the game, develop strategic thinking skills, and nurture talent among participants. The mission of the Chess Master Academy is to promote the game of chess as a tool for intellectual development, personal growth, and community engagement. Through its programs and initiatives, the Academy aims to cultivate a culture of chess excellence, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, empowering participants to achieve their full potential both on and off the chessboard.

About fifty students took admission in the academy. At present we have twenty-three regular students. Chess coaching classes commenced on 22nd April 2023 and are regularly held on every Saturday and Sunday from 3pm to 6pm. Separate coaching classes are organized for beginners and advanced players. Classes cover fundamental chess principles, strategies, tactics, and endgame techniques, tailored to the skill level and learning goals of participants. Special training is also given focusing on Chess Opening, Middle Game and End Game. Preparatory

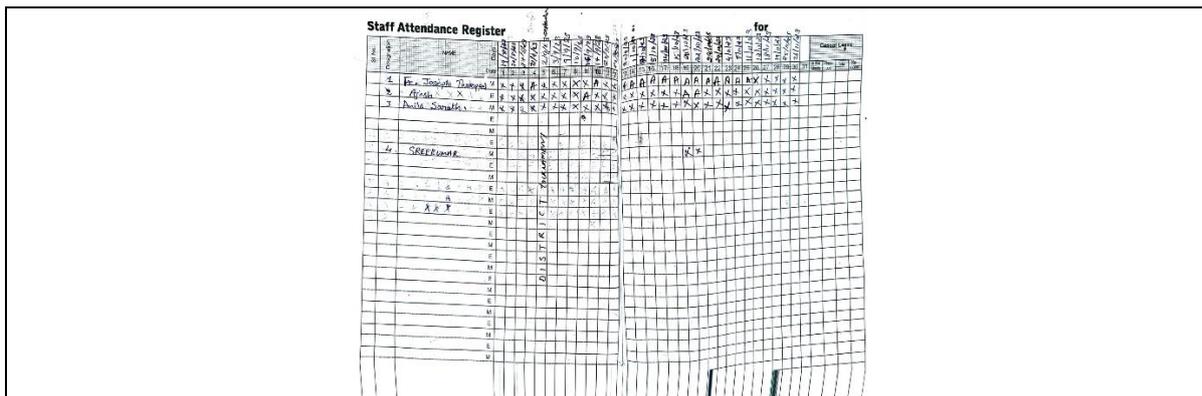
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classes for students participating in various tournaments are also organized. The Academy provides individual and group coaching sessions with certified chess coaches and State players, offering personalized instruction, analysis, and feedback to help players improve their game. Coaches also serve as mentors, guiding players in setting goals, developing strategies, and overcoming challenges. Tri-month mini tournaments, inter-club competitions and friendly matches are organized for players to test their skills, gain experience, and compete for prizes and recognition. Computer aided training is also provided for students.



A glimpse of the class

The Chess Academy has had a significant impact on the chess community, fostering a vibrant and thriving ecosystem of players, coaches, and enthusiasts. Its programs have helped develop talent, elevate the standard of play, and promote chess as a respected and valued intellectual pursuit. The Academy has also contributed to the personal growth and development of participants, instilling important life skills such as critical thinking, decision-making, and resilience.



Staff attendance register of the academy

T. K. Joseph Memorial All Kerala Open Chess Tournaments

T. K. Joseph Memorial All Kerala Open Chess Tournaments were held at Alphonsa College Pala on 20th and 21st May, 2023. The tournament was organized by Chess Master Academy Pala (CMAP) and Tharappel family in association with Chess Kerala. The tournament was held under three categories Under 10 Open, Under 15 Open and Senior Category, open to all. 100 cash prizes, 101 trophies and a total prize money of Rs.1.51 lakh was offered.

The All Kerala Open Chess Tournament was organized to provide a platform for chess enthusiasts from across Kerala to showcase their skills, compete with players of varying levels, and foster a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The tournament aimed to promote the game of chess, encourage participation, and identify and nurture talent in the state.

The tournament featured participants of all ages and skill levels, from beginners to seasoned players, competing in various categories based on age and rating. The format included multiple rounds of competitive play, with players facing off against different opponents in each round. The tournament adhered to the rules and regulations of chess governing bodies, ensuring fair and impartial competition.

The tournament attracted a diverse field of participants, including children, teenagers, adults, and seniors, representing different regions and chess clubs across Kerala. Players demonstrated their strategic prowess and tactical acumen in intense battles on the chessboard, showcasing their dedication and skill in the game. Despite the competitive nature of the tournament, participants and organizers fostered a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, promoting mutual respect, fair play, and good sportsmanship throughout the event.

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The tournament provided participants with valuable opportunities for growth, learning, and personal development through competitive chess. Winners were recognized and rewarded for their achievements, while all participants gained valuable experience and camaraderie through their participation in the tournament.



Winners of the tournament

Kottayam District Under 19 Chess Selection Championship 2023



STATE CHESS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
(Constituted by Kerala State Sports Council)

Kottayam District Under 19 Chess Selection Championship 2023
(OPEN & GIRLS)

Will Be Inaugurated By
DR. BAIJU VARGHESE GURUKKAL
(KOTTAYAM DIST. SPORTS COUNCIL PRESIDENT)

On 02 September 2023
At ST. THOMAS H.S. PALA
REPORTING TIME: 09.00 AM

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Chess Selection tournament would be conducted under the aegis of the Technical Committee designated by the Kerala Sports Council. Those who secure first 4 places would be eligible to compete in the under 19 State Championship

Qualified players will get eligible benefits as per Kerala Sports council rules and regulations.

Eligibility-	Contact:
1) Must be residents of Kottayam District	1. Ajesh T.G : 9447064149
2) Date of birth - On or after 01/01/2004	2. Anila Sarath : 8590330792
Documents required-	Gpay Number:
Birth Certificate, Aadhaar Card & Passport size photograph (2nos.)	9447917851 (Sobichen Tharappel)
Last date of Registration- by 8 pm on 31/08/2023.	Registration Fee: Rs. 100/-
	Online registration only
	Register Now : https://forms.gle/EyzjLCf5YQ8k8ufw7

Chess Master Academy Pala (CMAP) also organized Kottayam District Under 19 Chess Selection Championship 2023, in association with State Chess Technical Committee, constituted by the Kerala State Sports Council. The event was held on 2nd September, 2023 at St. Thomas High School Pala. The championship was held under two categories, open category and girls category. Dr. Baiju Varghese Gurukkal, President of Kottayam District Sports Council inaugurated the championship. Participants who secured first four places were secured eligibility to compete in Under 19 State Championship. Qualified players were offered eligible

benefits as per Kerala Sports Council rules and regulations.

The Kottayam District Under 19 Chess Selection Championship 2023 was organized to identify and select promising young chess players from the district to represent Kottayam in higher-level competitions. The championship provided a competitive platform for talented chess enthusiasts under the age of 19 to showcase their skills, compete against their peers, and vie for selection to the district team.

The championship featured participants from schools, chess clubs, and community organizations across Kottayam district, competing in multiple rounds of competitive play.

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Players were grouped into different categories based on age and rating, ensuring fair and balanced competition. The championship followed the rules and regulations of chess governing bodies, with certified arbiters overseeing the matches to maintain integrity and impartiality.

The championship attracted talented young chess players from across Kottayam district, showcasing their strategic prowess and tactical skills on the chessboard. Participants engaged in intense battles on the chessboard, displaying determination, focus, and resilience as they competed for victory and selection to the district team. The championship served as a crucial step in the selection process for the Kottayam district chess team, with selectors observing matches and assessing players' performance to identify potential candidates for representation at higher-level competitions.

The Kottayam District Under 19 Chess Selection Championship provided participants with valuable opportunities for growth, learning, and recognition in the field of chess. Winners and top performers earned recognition for their achievements, while all participants gained valuable experience and exposure through their participation in the championship.



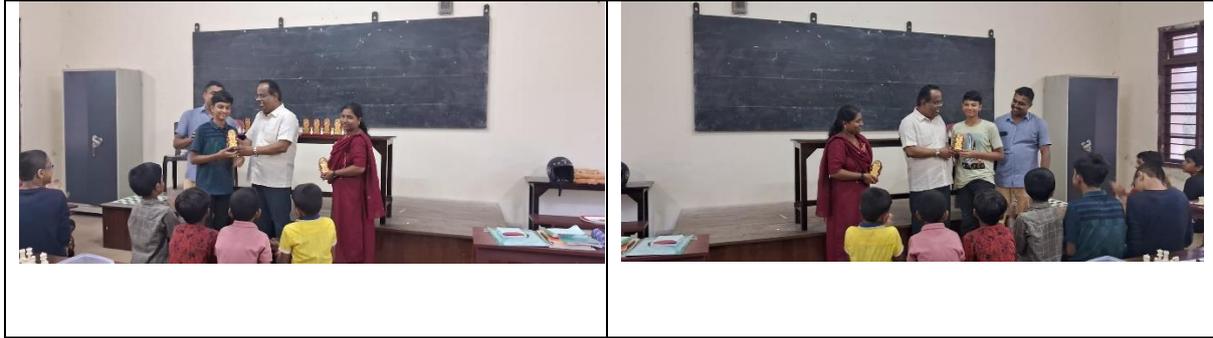
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Introductory session of the Championship



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Glimpses of prize distribution