

Newsletter



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Another quarter has gone by, and it has been eventful insofar as The Energy Projekt is concerned. More sports talents have been identified and inducted; and it's heartening to see them getting along with the others and doing well.

This issue is at the heels of the Rio Olympics. We, at Team Energy Projekt, share your concern in trying to understand why our country, consisting of more than a billion people, is unable to produce Olympic champions in good numbers – commensurate with its vastness, population, and economy. How many more Olympics do we have to wait to grab medals in double digits? Certainly there is no dearth of talented sportspersons and dedicated coaches, but a lot more investment in sports infrastructure is needed. Imagine how we would have felt if Sindhu or Sakshi had faltered! The country owes them their gratitude for saving us from such an ignominy. A mention has to be made of Dipa Karmakar who narrowly missed winning a medal in gymnastics, a sport that has poor infrastructure and isn't popular in India. The Energy Projekt's vision is to help, encourage, and create champions.

A Prodigy in Chess!

A. R. Ilamparthi (7 years old) is a Class II student at DAV School; he was ranked India No. 1 in the Under-7 chess category early this year. He got his FIDE rating when he was 5 years and 6 months! He has won medals in National Schools Chess Championships at New Delhi, 2014 (Gold), Goa, 2015 (Silver), and Maharashtra, 2016 (Gold). He was selected to play in the Asian Schools Chess Championships 2014 in the Under-5 (Korea) category and again in the Under-7 category at Singapore (2015) and Iran (2016). Unfortunately he did not participate in any of them due to his family's financial constraints. We got to know him through



his coach Mr V. Ravichandran of Mount Chess Academy who was referred to by Ms Usha Krishnan. Since his induction, he has made the following strides:

- Won Gold Medal in the 7th Saveetha Tamil Nadu State Level Open Chess Tournament in the Under-8 category (Chennai, July 16)
- He secured the 24th place overall and was the youngest in the main prize list at the Modern School FIDE Open Rating Tournament (Chennai, July 16), where there were more than 400 entries and no categorization based on age.
- Finished 9th with 8 points (out of 11 rounds) in the National Championship Under-9 category held at Jalandhar (Aug 22–30) with 6 wins, 4 draws, and a lone loss in the last round, which prevented him from bagging the silver).
- His International FIDE rating was 1199 before May 16 and is 1520 now – a giant stride indeed!

He is surely GM material.

Footballers from Mahogany FC

Team Energy Projekt recently came to know of the good work by Mr Arindam Biswas and his team for the past decade in nurturing young football talents under the aegis



of the Mahogany Football Club. In a recent initiative, he scouted for youth with a passion for the game in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu. He offers the selected players

free schooling, stay, and food apart from free coaching in Chennai. We have now taken under our wings two children – Karthik (Class X) and Naresh (Class VI). In an All India Competition held at Bangalore in the last week of Aug 16, his team, which included Karthik, was runners up. Naresh will be participating in a tournament in Chennai on Sept 16.

Vadipatti Raja Hockey Academy

Mr Raja (Sr Manager in a nationalized bank, Chennai) is another dedicated coach promoting hockey among the city's youth. Team Energy Projekt is currently liaising with Mr Raja (after reading a news article in *The Hindu Downtown*) and is in the process of adopting a few deserving players from his academy.

Our Existing Candidates in News

In the Tamil Nadu Senior State Level Athletic Meet held in Chennai on June 4 & 5, our candidates won many medals. They are:

Dharani (Javelin) – 2nd place

Gowri Shankari (Shot put) – 2nd place

Harikrishnan (5 km run) – 3rd place

Nithya (Discus) – 4th place

Harikrishnan, our long distance runner, brought us glory by securing top positions in the

- Yelagiri Hills Marathon (14km) – 1st place
- Kanchi Half Marathon (21 km) – 2nd place (cash award of Rs 10,000)



- Dream Runners (21 km) – 2nd place
- Vellore Marathon (13 km) – 3rd place (cash award of Rs 25,000)

Saranya added more laurels to her budding chess career by making her mark in the

- Mumbai Mayor's Cup International GM Open Chess Tournament – best woman award (cash prize of Rs 10,000)
- Robert Fischer Memorial Open (Trivandrum) – best woman award
- 19th Hercules Turbodrill TN Open (Girls, Under-25) – won trophy for securing 4th place
- TN State Junior Championships (Rajapalayam) – finished 6th and was selected to play in the National Juniors
- Grihapraves FIDE Open (Delhi) – best woman award (cash award of Rs 10,000)



- Fomento All India Open (Goa) – best female player (cash award of Rs 5,000)

We have three more applications from athletes which are being processed and are likely to be inducted soon.

Other Activities of The Energy Projekt

With respect to the 9 RO plants installed by us last year, AMCs have been renewed with the vendors and all are working well.

A water purifier (RO) has been installed at Anbagam, a home for the aged (with 30 inmates) at Chidambaram.

We have received a request from a co-ed middle school in Chromepet for construction of a toilet for girl students and this is under active consideration.

Before we conclude...

We are happy to welcome Ms Banu Dhayalan who has recently joined Team Energy Projekt.

We know **we have miles to go before we sleep** but assure you that we put our heart and soul toward realizing our vision.