

# Newsletter



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We are reaching out to you for the first time in 2017. The year that has gone by has been fulfilling. But the new year has started off with a bang! Want to know what it is? Please read on.

## Our chess wonderkid scales a new high!

Yes, our amazing little champ has made it to the top of the world! A. R. Ilamparathi has been declared World No. 1 (Under 8) by the World Chess Federation on February 1, on the basis of ELO rating points (1764). Certainly this is the proudest moment for The Energy Projekt since its inception. Team Energy Projekt most heartily congratulates the kid, his parents, and his coach for this stupendous accomplishment.

In the lead-up to his world's top billing, Ilamparathi's recent performances merit a mention.

- In the 27<sup>th</sup> CUSAT International Rating Tournament (Cochin, Dec 21–24), he finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Under 8.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Mind Open (Chennai, Dec 27–30), he came 1<sup>st</sup>.
- In the 6<sup>th</sup> National Schools (Under 9) (Nagpur, Jan 5–7), he finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember he was competing with kids a year older!
- In the 15<sup>th</sup> Delhi International (New Delhi, Jan 9–12), he took the top honors in Under 8

	<b>Fide Id</b> 45015775
	<b>Federation</b> India
	<b>FIDE Elo</b> 1764
	<b>Highest Elo</b> 1764 (February 2017)
	<b>URS Rating</b> 1994
	<b>Born</b> 2009 (Age 8)

★ Ranking: World #1 (u8), Asia #1 (u8), India #1 (u9).

- In the 7<sup>th</sup> RMTIS Junior Chess Tournament (Jan 28), he finished 1<sup>st</sup> (Under 8).
- In the Kanchi District Under 15 selection trials (Feb 5), he finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the month of January alone, he gained 236 ELO points, which has catapulted him to World No. 1 (Under 8). Currently he is India's No. 1 in Under 9 too!

Ilamparathi is taking part in Asian Youth Chess Championships, 2017, to be held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Mar 31–April 10). And later in August, he will be going to Brazil to participate in World Youth Chess Championships (Brasilia). Team Energy Projekt hopes this little genius will continue with his winning spree and live up to his top billing. We wish him all the best—to finish at the top of the podium in the Asian and the World events.

## Saranya makes strides

Y. Saranya is making slow but sure strides in her quest of IM norm. Her recent performances include the following:

- In the Hyderabad Open Chess Tournament (Dec 20–25), she finished 31<sup>st</sup> overall.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Mind Open (Chennai, Dec 27–30), she was the Best Woman Player (with a cash award of Rs. 3,000).



- In the 1<sup>st</sup> Salem FIDE Open (Jan 26–29), again she got the best woman player award.
- In the National Team Chess Championship (Bhopal, Feb 2–8), she finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Our athletes in action

In the Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar Silver Jubilee Commemoration 49<sup>th</sup> Athletic Meet of Madras University held in Chennai in December 2016, all our athletes were among the medalists.

S. Nithya came 1<sup>st</sup> in discus throw (38.85 m).

Daniel Benyamin finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1,500 m (4.04 min).

R. Pavithra won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in 5 km race walking (30 min 14 sec).

M. Gokulakannan finished 4<sup>th</sup> in 200 m (21.08 sec); his team won the gold medal in 4 x 400 m relay with a record timing of 3 min 17 sec.

In the All India Inter University Meet held at Coimbatore (Jan 11–15), Gokulakannan and his team won the gold medal with a new meet record (3:10:82).

Video: <https://youtu.be/E09zihfLuE>

Harikrishnan, our long-distance runner, showcased his sporting talent in the following events:

- In the Anna University Athletic Meet (Chennai, Dec 23), he came 1<sup>st</sup> in half marathon (21 km) with a timing of 01:09:25.
- In the Bangalore Mountain Festival (21 km), he finished 5<sup>th</sup> (01:12:42).
- In the All India Inter University Athletic Meet (Jan 15), he finished 12<sup>th</sup> (01:12:12).

He has, of course, a long way to go, but go he will, we hope.



Gokulakannan (2012) finishing at the top in the 1st lap in 4 x 400 m relay (Madras University) in the All India Inter University Meet, 2016-17 - Coimbatore



Mahogany Football Club winning the SPFA State Level Tournament – Naresh (at the centre, squatting) was adjudged the scorer of the goal of the tournament

## Our footballers show promise

Our two players, B. Naresh and M. Karthikeyan, are doing very well and show promise to make it count at the big stage in a few years' time, according to Mr. Arindam Biswas, head coach of Mahogany Football Club.

B. Naresh's performance in the AIFF League held in Chennai (SSN) and

Bengaluru was exceptional and received accolades from spectators, officials, and opponents alike. He was adjudged the best player of MFC (Under 14) in December 2016. He was at the Under 14 State Camp and is preparing for the next round of national-level matches.

In a state-level competition organized by SPFA in Chennai, Mahogany Football

Club was crowned champions. Naresh was adjudged the scorer of the 'goal of the tournament'.

M. Karthikeyan put up a very strong and consistent performance throughout the AIFF Youth League matches (held in Chennai and Bengaluru). He holds promise to become a professional player in a few years' time, avers his coach.

## An evening to remember

Team Energy Projekt and 10 of its best players went out on an outing on January 28, 2017. First we went to the movie *Dangal*. The movie was about the arduous path traversed by the Phogat sisters—Geeta and Babita—in wrestling, with constant coaching and encouragement from their wrestler father, how both of them later went on to become international wrestlers of repute. The movie was quite inspirational to the sportspersons as they have all come thus far through sheer hard work, with the motivation of the coaches and support from 'The Energy Projekt'. Later in the evening, we took them to a restaurant where through a leisurely dinner they found time enough to mingle and get to know each other well. When it was time to part, the Team exhorted the players to take a leaf out of the Phogat sisters' real-life story and consistently strive to excel in their chosen disciplines with a single-minded dedication.

## Liaison with Primal Patterns

The Team recently met Dr. Basu of Primal Patterns and discussed how some of our athletes could avail of their fitness programs at a concession; the programs will hone their fitness levels, which will reflect in their improved performances on the track.

## Our focus on nonsports areas

We had earlier indicated that we would be focusing on talented youngsters in the arena of music, fine arts, and the like. Ms. Banu (who has recently quit) has given us some leads to promising dancers and musicians (vocal/instrumental), and their applications are under process. We will be able to give more info on them (once approved) in our next communication.