

The present quarter (Mar–May) has been examination time (for schools and colleges); unfortunately we do not have the usual quota of reporting on our passion candidates. Still some of our kids have been in the news during this period, meriting a mention.

Our chess prodigy's triumphant trip to Tashkent

Our wonder kid, **A. R. Ilamparthi**, participated in the Asian Youth Chess Championships (under eight) at Tashkent, Uzbekistan (Apr 1–10).

In the Rapid category, he won all the seven rounds and got the gold medal.

In the Classic games, he bagged silver (winning six, drawing two, and losing in the final round—his sole loss in the entire tournament).

In the Blitz section, he won the gold (eight wins and one draw).

With his stellar performance, he has done us all proud! Team Energy Projekt most heartily congratulates the kid, his parents, and his coach on his stupendous achievement.

Team Energy Projekt accorded a warm welcome to our prince of sixty-four squares at the Chennai airport.

In the Chettinad Public School T. N. State Under Nine Open Chess Championship 2017 (held at Karaikudi, May 8–12), Ilamparthi finished second, scoring 7.5 points out of nine rounds (seven wins, one draw, and a lone loss to the eventual winner, a year senior).

Performance of other chess players

Y. Saranya participated in the 1st Sharjah Masters Open Tournament (Mar 23–31) and secured 4.5 points (nine rounds).



In the 19th Dubai Open (Apr 2–12), she got 3.5 points (nine rounds).

To secure titles like IM (International Master), a candidate has to necessarily participate in such international 'norm' tournaments.

In the St. Peters School 1st All India Open FIDE Rated Tournament, she finished eighth with 6.5 points (out of eight rounds). She was the top-finishing woman player and was given a cash award of Rs. 6,000.

In the same tournament, Mithilesh Krishnan scored 4.5 points.

In the 28th CUSAT (Cochin University of Science and Technology) International Open Rating Tournament (May 27–30), Saranya and Mithilesh Krishnan secured 5 points (out of eight rounds).

Meet our new inductees to the Passion Program

Effective from March '17, we have inducted Chromepet Sisters, V. Bhuvaneswari (undergraduate student) and her sister V. Krithika (plus two student)—students of

Carnatic music (vocal), mentored by Ms. Meera Shankaran. They have been learning Carnatic music and bhajans for the past decade. The siblings performed a live concert (namasankeertan) in TTD's SVBC channel (nadaneerajanam) on April 21. The program was well received by music lovers. With their passion for music, their guru's able guidance and coaching, and The Energy Projekt's support, we are sure they will scale greater heights in the years to come.

In May '17, we enrolled a student of Bharatanatyam (classical dance)—R. Lakshaya (class eight student). She is a disciple of Ms. Sudha of Sri Sai Nattyalaya. Though a beginner, she has flair for dance, and according to her dance teacher, she will make it big on stage and turn out to be a better dancer professionally in the long run.

Our liaison with Primal Patterns

Two of our athletes, Nithya (discus) and Dharani (javelin) have started their fitness training with Primal Patterns. Team Energy Projekt had earlier met Dr. Basu and worked out the details as to how our athletes could make use of their world-class facilities to improve their fitness levels. This is expected to positively reflect on their on-track performance.

Our kids take stage in Amnet's Annual Meet

In the annual meet of Amnet held on April 22, '17, Team Energy Projekt presented to the standing ovation of the audience three passion candidates who have won medals nationally or internationally.

A. R. Ilamparthi, who won three medals (two gold and one silver) in the Asian Youth Under Eight Chess Championship (Tashkent, Apr '17).

Gokulakannan, who was a member of 4 × 400 m relay team of University of Madras that went on to win the event in the All India Inter-University Athletic Meet (Coimbatore, Jan 11–15) with a new meet record (Olympian Mohan Kumar running the last lap).



Y. Saranya, who captained Madras University Team that won the All India Inter-Collegiate National Universities Chess Tournament (Chennai, Nov 11–14), she won the first prize for best individual performance.

Mr. P. G. Subramaniam, COO, presented the champions with a memento. Ilamparthi had the honor of getting the medals he won at the Asian from the hands of Mr. Aashish Agarwaal.

Our restroom project at Pudupedu School

We had a request from the headmistress, Panchayat Union Middle School, Pudupedu (off Kundrathur in the city's outskirts), for construction of two toilets and urinals for their girl children (numbering 120) in addition to the existing two toilets. We are happy to inform that the work has since been completed.