

Here we are at the fag end of the year. The year 2017 has been quite eventful inasmuch as two of our candidates have made it to the world stage:

- Our kid A R Ilamparthi, securing the 4th place in the World Cadets Chess Championship (Under 8) held at Brazil; and
- Our athlete Gokulakannan, making it to the finals of 4 x 400 Metres Relay event in the World University Games at Chinese Taipei (details in our last newsletter).

While accomplishments such as these by our candidates give us immense satisfaction – that The Energy Projekt is on track to fulfill its avowed objective of turning out world class sportspersons – at the same

time we are conscious of the enormous responsibility thrust upon us not only to sustain the momentum but also to take things forward.

Now let us take a peek into the events that have unfolded during the quarter Sep–Nov 2017.

Our athletes have a field day

Our athletes had their winning ways in the A.L. Mudaliar Meet of the University of Madras (Chennai, 24–26 Oct).

The lead of the pack was none other than Nithya who got the gold medal in Discus Throw (40.88 metres), thereby setting a new meet record! She broke the 12 year old record of 39 metres quite convincingly! This was widely reported in the press (see clipping).

Benyamin Daniel too won the yellow metal in 1500 metres by clocking 4:01.8. He came 3rd in 800 metres (1:55.8).

R Pavithra finished 2nd in 5 kilometre walk.

All the three have qualified to take part in the All India Inter University Athletics Meet to be held in Dec.

Harikrishnan at it again

In the 12 kilometre cross country race held at Tiruchendur (7 Oct), Harikrishnan won the 1st prize.

In the Anna University Athletic Meet held at Hosur (28–29 Oct), he finished 1st in 5000 metre (15:08.3) and 2nd in 10,000 metre run (33:07.03).

Our hearty congratulations to the athletes; they must set their goals higher and

ATHLETICS

Kanimozhi and Nithya establish new marks

CHENNAI: S. Nithya of MOP Vaishnav College for Women recorded 40.88m to break the 12-year-old record of 39m and clinch the women's discus gold in the Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar golden jubilee commemoration athletic meet on Wednesday. C. Kanimozhi, also of MOP, with a timing of 13.8s, broke the 12-year-old record of 14s to win gold in women's 100m hurdles.

The winners: Men: 100m: B. Sivakumar (Loyola) 10.6s; **400m:** C. Aakash Babu (Loyola) 48.4s; **20km walk:** S. Ranjith (D.G. Vaishnav) 1:55.4s;



S. Nithya, left, and Kanimozhi. ■ M. VEDHAN

10,000m: A. Mano (Loyola) 33:44.7s; **Javelin:** C.M. Girish (Guru Nanak) 61.09m; **Shot put:** Thangakrishnan (MCC) 13.47m. **Women: 100m**

hurdles: C. Kanimozhi (MOP) 13.8s [NMR; OR: 14s]; **100m:** A.P. Srija (MOP) 12.2s; **400m:** C. Mariya Rasathi (Soka Ikeda) 57.1s; **10,000m:** I. Egnesh (Soka

Ikeda) 41:36.87s; **Javelin:** Gowsalya (MOP) 38.98m; **Shot put:** B. Manthra (Loyola) 12.13m; **Discus:** S. Nithya (MOP) 40.88m [NMR; OR: 39m].



continue to strive harder to bring more and more laurels.

The maze of 64 squares

Y Saranya has been in good form.

In the 2nd Delhi International FIDE Rating Open Chess Tournament (1–15 Oct), she came 31st out of over 500 entries; she got a cash award of Rs 10,000.

She represented the Madras University team in South Zone Inter University Championship (held at Saveetha Engineering College, 1–4 Nov), and her team went on to win the tourney and got selected to participate in the All India Meet.

Saranya led the Madras University team in the All India Inter Varsity Tournament held at Bhopal (10–14 Nov) and won the silver medal.

Mithilesh Krishnan participated in the Rail Wheel Factory International FIDE Rated Chess Tournament (29 Sep to 3 Oct), scoring 6 points out of 9 rounds; he secured the 4th place in Category Under 16.

Our wonder kid A R Ilamparthi finished 10th in the 31st National Under 9 Chess Championship held at Gurgaon (2–10 Nov),

with 8 wins in 11 rounds. Now that, upon our suggestion, he is being coached by Mari Arul, we hope he will be back to winning ways in upcoming tournaments.

Chrompet Sisters' Concerts

Our musician siblings Bhuvanewari and Krithika, after their memorable concert in Palghat (Bhajanotsavam), have been rendering several concerts in Carnatic music and bhajans in Chennai, and their recent *namasankeerthan* (bhajan) in Shankaralaya, Mumbai (28 Nov), received great appreciation from music lovers.

Sameer Bara expecting opportunities to prove himself

Our new find Sameer Bara (cricketer) after relocating (from Chennai) back to Raipur (in his native state of Chhattisgarh) is working very hard on his fitness level as a medium pace bowler; he is in the Elite Team squad for the forthcoming Inter District Tournament. He has been consistently among the wickets in practice matches, often troubling the batsmen with his pace and swing. He

has impressed the selectors, and we hope and wish him to be 'the next big thing' in his state cricket history.

Spirit of youth – Sriram, the mridangist

Sriram, our candidate in percussion instrument (*mridangist*), gave a concert at the All India Radio on 12 Oct. He has been awarded the Spirit of Youth Award (best instrumental accompanist – *mridangam*) by Music Academy, Chennai, and the same shall be given to him on New Year's Day.

In the picture, Sriram is seen with his guru, the renowned *mridangist*, Sang-eetha Kalanidhi Padmabhushan Dr T V Gopalakrishnan.

Hearty welcome, Mr Krishnan!

We have great pleasure in welcoming Mr V Krishnan, new incumbent to Team Energy Projekt. After decades of rich experience in Marketing and Administration in several reputed companies, he has been associated with Care Earth Trust that is working on urban biodiversity, conservation of wetland/marshland, and so on. With his induction, The Energy Projekt is poised to get a great fillip to its CSR activities.

A get together – yet again

Encouraged by the success of last year's outing, we have arranged a get together of our kids in December. More details will be shared in the next communication.

Happy New Year

Let 2018 bring more hope, more vigour in our activities and more success to our candidates in their quest for excellence!

Team Energy Projekt wishes you all a **VERY HAPPY, PROSPEROUS & PURPOSEFUL NEW YEAR!**