

NEWSLETTER

C H E S S

At the start of the year, Woman International Master (WIM) B. Savitha Shri decided to take a break for a few months to concentrate on her class X exams. She didn't play any tournament during that period, as studies became her priority.

As on the 1st of August, her published rating was 2374. She missed her chance to be part of the Olympiad team. While the entire focus of the world was on the Chess Olympiad 2022, something truly unbelievable was happening in Indian women's chess in Europe. The young girl from Chennai was making the most of her opportunities by showcasing some amazing chess in the tournaments. The 15-year-old was winning one game after another and climbed up from 2230 to 2439 in rating.



B. Savitha Shri

Starts with 2230:

1. IM event Novi Sad: 32.4 points | 2. IM event Novi Sad: 15.2 points | 3. Serbia Open: 48.8 points
4. Slovakia Open: 52.0 points | 5. Czech Open: 60.9 points Total points gained: 209.2 Live rating: 2439

TOP 100 GIRLS SEPTEMBER 2022					
#	Name	Fed	Rating	±	B-Year
1	Zhu, Jiner	CHN	2464		2002
2	Assaubayeva, Bibisara	KAZ	2443		2004
3	Savitha Shri B	IND	2435		2007
4	Badelka, Olga	RUS	2431		2002
5	Sellmova, Nurgul	BUL	2414		2003
6	Vantika Agrawal	IND	2396		2002
7	Yip, Carissa	USA	2385		2003
8	Kamalidenova, Meruert	KAZ	2384		2005
9	Roeters, Eline	NED	2375		2006
10	Garifullina, Leya	RUS	2375		2004

Chennai girl becomes jr world No. 3

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Grandmasters D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi aren't the only players to be making waves on the international circuit in recent times. Woman International Master (WIM) **B Savitha Shri** too has been on fire in the last couple of months and raised her ELO rating by 157 points -- 96 in July followed by 61 in August -- to be placed world No. 3 in the latest FIDE girls' rankings. The 15-year-old is currently India No. 4 in the seniors list behind Koneru Humpy, D Harika and R Vaishali. At the start of

the year, she decided to take a break for a few months in order to concentrate on her class X exams.

"I didn't play any tournaments during that period as studies became a priority. I am happy to be able to come back and increase my rating points," Savitha told TOI. She currently has an ELO rating of 2435. Savitha's most notable performance came at the Slovakia Open in July where she won the best women's player prize scoring 5.5 points from 9 rounds which included three wins and five draws.

Savitha was effusive in her praise for her coaches RB Ramesh and Shyam Sundar. "They both have worked tirelessly on my game. Ramesh sir has helped me in the middle game while Shyam sir on my openings. Shyam sir gives me a lot of ideas and that has definitely helped me," Savitha mentioned. On his part, Shyam is happy that the break has done wonders to Savitha's performances. "It is great to see Savitha coming up with good performances. Not only is Savitha a hard-working girl but she isn't afraid to take on players rated higher than her," Shyam said.

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Below are the highlights from the tournaments from June to August and some milestones in her chess career:

1. Second WGM norm
2. Reached a live rating of 2447
3. Current FIDE rating: 2412
4. Now at 3rd place in women's chess in India
5. World junior (under-20) girls' 1st place at 15 years





F O O T B A L L

Dilliraj (team captain) won 2nd place in the Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Football Tournament (under 19).

A T H L E T I C S

Our candidate Subam Kumar won 3rd place in a local 6 km mini marathon for “Drug Awareness” held in Chennai.

He won 1st place in pole vault, 2nd place in long jump, and 3rd place in the 1500 m race in a Chengalpattu district-level tournament.

He won 2nd place in the 4×100 m relay event organized by the Department of Physical Education of B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology as part of the 75th Independence Day (2022) celebrations, and he was selected for the Chennai district-level hockey team.

B O X I N G

K. Sachin won 1st place in the district-level 75th Independence Day Boxing Championship 2022, and he is going to participate in the state-level tournament in December 2022.

We are continuously monitoring the progress of other candidates by being in regular touch with them as well as their coaches. Some new applications have also been received, and our selection panelists are in the process of considering them on a merit basis for adoption by the Energy Projekt. We will reach out to you with more news in our next newsletter. Bye till then. Season’s Greetings!

