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PRESS RELEASE

Historical Win by India in the Chess Olympiad for the First time ever

Team India Shares Gold medal with Russia

“India on top of the Chess World” – P.R.Venketrama Raja, President, All India Chess Federation, Chairman, Ramco Group, and CMD, The Ramco Cements Limited

The Indian Chess team consisting of the legendary Viswanathan Anand, Koneru Humpy, Vidit Santosh Gujarathi, P Hari Krishna, Dronavalli Harika, Aravindh Chithambarm, Bhakti Kulkarni, R Vaishali, Nihal Sarin, Praggnanandha R, Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal have put up a wonderful performance at the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad held from 24th July to 30th August 2020, in which 163 teams from across the world had participated in very tough combats.

By the decision of FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich both finalists - Russia and India - were declared co-champions & awarded with the gold medals.

Mr,P.R.Venketrama Raja, President, All India Chess Federation, Chairman, Ramco Group, and CMD, The Ramco Cements Limited, said "Team India has turned out a stellar performance by sharing the Gold Medal at the first ever on-line Chess Olympiad in the revised format. This achievement on par with the formidable Russia made us very happy and every Indian proud. This performance is really meaningful because the team consisted of our Men, Women, and Junior Boys & Junior Girls thus making it very unique. This result has made our performance at Tromso Olympiad in Norway in 2014 no flash in the pan, where our men team won a bronze medal for the first time in Chess History. I am now overwhelmed by this incredible performance at the Olympiad 2020 which put India on top of the chess world along with Russia and I congratulate each and every member of the team who made the country proud. All Members of the team will be suitably rewarded by the Federation"

Praggnanandha R and his sister Vaishali R have been sponsored by The Ramco Cements Limited for over seven years ever since Mr.Venketrama Raja identified their prodigal talents.



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