

## GENERAL

# Unbelievable start, says Chandran

**CHENNAI:** The drivers of Mitsubishi Cedia Sports, in the city for the second round of the Speed-FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship to be held this weekend at Irungattukottai, interacted with the media at a function here on Thursday.

Sishir Chandran, who took the top spot in the Group N 2000cc class during the first round of the championship at Nashik, was present along with Rahul Kanthraj and Shailendra Hegde. The drivers shared their experience from the first round of racing and their expectations for the weekend.

"We had an unbelievable start to the season at Nashik, winning the Group N class by a full three minutes. We now go into the South India rally full of confidence.

"This is also HM-Mitsubishi's home rally and we will be going all out," said Chandran.

Also present was HM-Mitsubishi's head for marketing and channel development, Yoshiaki Wada.

## Silver medal

C.G.S. Narayanan, an international chess problemist, won the silver for his two-move composition in the 7th Belgrade internet composing tournament, which is part of the Belgrade Problem festival, held recently.

Mr. Narayanan had previously received special honourable mention in the 2010 edition of the competition, and also won the third prize in the first FIDE World Cup for Chess Composition.

## Chess tourney

The Adyar Times New Millennium FIDE Rated Open chess tournament will be held

between July 19 and 24 at Bapalal Bhavan in Valmiki Nagar, Thiruvanniyur.

Registered players of the All India Chess Federation for the year 2011-12 are eligible to participate. Entries close on July 15. For details contact TNSCA at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium or ph: 25384477, 25366464, e-mail: tnchess64@gmail.com.

## AFC course

A fortnight-long AFC 'C' licence coaches' course exclusively for coaches in Tamil Nadu is to be held at the Nehru stadium here from Friday.

R. Thyagarajan, AFC Instructor will be in charge of this course and State and ICF coach P. Thulasi, AFC assistant Instructor will assist him. In all 26 coaches from various parts of the state are expected to attend this course which will go on till July 9.

W.I. Davaram, TNAA President and an ardent football fan will be inaugurating the event.

## Hockey tournament

The annual IOB-Syed Ahmed memorial invitation hockey tournament will be held from July 1 to 10 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium.

Eighteen teams, including four teams from the districts are expected to take part. The inaugural and final matches are to be played under floodlights.

## State chess

The 40th State junior chess championship (under-19) for the S. Ramkrishnan Memorial Rolling Trophy and the 25th State junior girls championship for the V.V. Rajamani Memorial Trophy will be organised from July 8 to 13 at Rajapalayam.