

Inauguration Ceremony of Karnataka State Youth & Cadet ONLINE Chess Championships 2021 (U-16)

UNITED KARNATAKA CHESS ASSOCIATION ®

KARNATAKA STATE YOUTH & CADET ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2021

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

5th June 2021 - 9:30AM

GUEST OF HONOUR

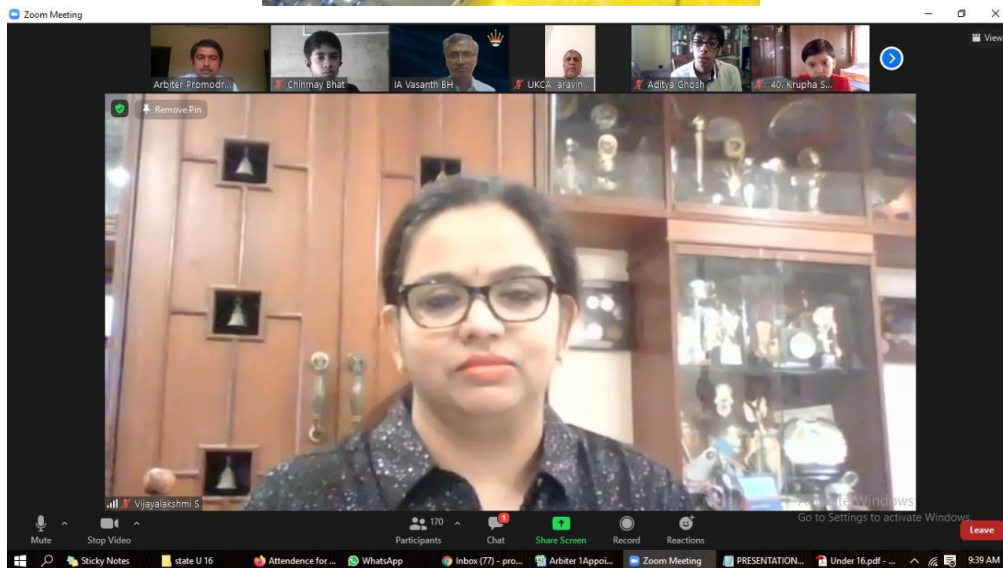
 **Vijayalakshmi Subbaraman**
India's first Woman Grandmaster & ARJUNA AWARDEE

HOST

 **Nagendra Muralidhar** Vice President, UKCA
 **Manjunath Jain M P** Jt. secretary, UKCA
 **Aravind Shastry** Honorary Secretary, UKCA

The Online U-16 **Boys and Girls** online chess Championships kickstarted on Saturday, 5th June 2021 at 9.30 am.



India's first Woman Grandmaster & Arjuna Awardee Vijayalakshmi Subbaraman inaugurated the Event by moving the pawn and addressed the gathering. She explained the importance of the championship, she shared her experience and her journey to chess success with all the participants of Under 16 Open and Girls Championship. She said that the Online platform is new to everyone but it's a blessing as we can still play chess and enjoy even in the pandemic (lock down) situation. The path to success is not easy and we must focus more on our efforts, consistency and participation rather than results. She wished the participants for their chess career



Mr. Nagendra M, Vice President of UKCA also addressed the players, He said that there was a very enthusiastic response in the terms of entries which have already crossed 1000 total in all the age categories. he informed all the players to play sportively and follow the guidelines of the online rules and regulations and wished them all the best.

Aravind Shastry, Honorary Secretary of UKCA, Mr V Raghavendra, Treasurer of UKCA and Mr.Manjunath Jain, Joint Secretary UKCA were also present during Inauguration.

Under 16 open attracts 135+ entries and in Girls section 65+ entries respectively

The chess championship will be held from **June 3rd to 12th**. The championship is organized in separate sections for boys and girls under the age of 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. **Team Karnataka** will be representing at the National Youth Chess Tournament, where the **top 2 contenders will be representing the State.**