

Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad wins 1st Leelavathi Memorial Open

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IM Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad scored an unprecedented 9.0/9 and took a sole lead heading into the final round. He drew his last round game to clinch the championship with a score of 9.5/10. Reigning National Sub-Junior champion IM Raja Rithvik R also played brilliantly, scored sole 8.5/10 to secure second position. GM Diptayan Ghosh was placed third among five other players who finished at 8.0/10, due to his better tie-break score. Y V K Chakravarthy organized this event in memory of his late mother Leelavathi. The tournament had a total prize fund of Rs.30000. There was no entry fee for this event and total 236 players took part from twelve countries across the world including India. Photo: Shahid Ahmed

Bala Chandra dominates the field

IM Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad played fantastic as he took a 9/9 lead requiring just a draw in the final round to clinch the championship. He finished at 9.5/10, a full point ahead of the runner-up. Reigning National Sub-Junior champion IM Raja Rithvik R also delivered a stellar performance as he finished at the first runner-up place with 8.5/10. Five players finished at 8.0/10, they are - GM Diptayan Ghosh, GM Laxman R R, IM Aronyak Ghosh, GM Vugar Rasulov of Azerbaijan and GM Shardul Gagare. Diptayan secured the second runner-up position due to a better tie-break score.



IM Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad delivered a fantastic performance | Photo: Shahid Ahmed

A Positional Masterpiece

Samudragupta (IM Dhulipalla Bala Chandra Prasad) scored a fantastic win over IM Terry Renato of Peru with a fantastic display of positional play

Main Prize winners (Top 10)

Rank	Name	Score	Prize money
1	IM Bala Chandra Prasad Dhulipalla	9.5	₹10000
2	IM Raja Rithvik R	8.5	₹5000
3	GM Diptayan Ghosh	8	₹3000
4	GM Laxman R R	8	₹2000
5	IM Aronyak Ghosh	8	₹1000
6	GM Vugar Rasulov	8	₹900
7	GM Shardul Gagare	8	₹800
8	IM Terry Renato	7.5	₹700
9	IM Pranesh M	7.5	₹600
10	Kaustuv Kundu	7.5	₹500

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