

46th National A Chess Championship

Dignitaries on Inauguration Photo

Mrs. Syble Lydia D’Cunha, Secretary, SKDCA

Prof R Anantharam, International Arbiter

Mr. Jagadeesh Moleyar, AGM, Regional Office, Karnataka Bank, Mangalore

Mr. Ashok Hegde, General Manager, Karnataka Bank, Mangalore

Mr. M S Gururaj, President, SKDCA, Mangalore

Mr. Achuthananda Reddy, President UKCA, Bangalore

Mr Gopalakrishna Bhat, Vice President, SKDCA

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The 46th National A Chess Championship was inaugurated today here at Karnatak Bank Auditorium , Kodialbail, Mangalore conducted by South Kanara District Chess Association.

In his welcome speech President of SKDCA Mr. M S Gururaj said “ SKDCA Though it is a two years old infant its achievements are remarkable. It has organized four National Chess events in a single calendar year 2008 including 46th National “A” Chess Championship. SKDCA cannot forget the support and encouragement given by corporate and also by media. It is a great opportunity for the players of district and the state to see the live games of Grand Masters and International Masters.

Inaugurating the the tournament Mr. Ashok Hegde, General Manager, Karnataka bank said “ Karnataka bank is always supporting and encouraging the sports specially chess. Bank is happy to have Grand masters and other top players in their auditorium for the tournament. Bank definitely will support SKDCA in future also”.

United Karnataka Chess Association President Shri Achuthananda Reddy appreciated the SKDCA for its systematic and disciplined style of conducting tournaments.

After a long gap of 22 years this premier tournament is conducted in the state. In 1987 National “A” was conducted in Tumkur. Vishwanathan Anand was the champion of that tournament. Assistant General Manager of Karnataka bank Mr Jagadeesh Moleyar and Chief Arbiter Prof. Anantharam were on the dais.

Secretary Smt. Syble Lydia D’Cunha proposed the vote of thanks.