

## Komal Srivatsav Sajja wins FIDE Rating Tournament

May 8, 2016 Kottayam: Komal Srivatsav Sajja from Bangalore won a strong FIDE Rating chess tournament in Kottayam Kerala in style by remaining unbeaten and scoring an impressive 8.5 points in 9 rounds.

The tournament attracted 525 players from across India and 10-year-old Komal was seeded 18<sup>th</sup>.

The tournament started on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and continued until 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Day 1 was easy as he met lower rated opponents and he showed his class by scoring facile wins. Day 2 was very important as he made up his mind to win all matches and ensured he played every move with full concentration. He won all three matches on day 2.

Day 3 started little shaky as he walked into imbalance game against Gopinath Parthasarathy from Tamilnadu. The imbalance position favoured his opponent but he went into the endgame with 2 pawns up but exchange down. It finally resulted in a draw after hard struggle.

8<sup>th</sup> round game was a game fully dominated by Komal. He showed his endgame prowess by winning against talented Arputha Jasmine from Tamilnadu.

9<sup>th</sup> and final round, Komal was pitted against the 2nd seed Aswin P R from Kerala. This game Komal played with absolute determination and finished off the game in less than 25 moves. He outplayed his seeded opponent in middlegame to clinch the tournament in style.

Komal gained 110 points from this rating tournament.

We wish him all the best for upcoming chess tournaments and championships.

