



Brief Introduction.

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Educational Qualifications:

School – Abhinav Vidyalaya (Marathi Medium)

B.Com First Class with Distinction 1997 (Pune University) (BMCC)

Diploma in Business Management First Class with Distinction 1999 (Pune University)

Master in Management Sciences First Class with Distinction 2000 (Pune University)
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Titles

1. **International Grandmaster, 2000**
Became 1st Grandmaster from Pune, 2nd from Maharashtra and Fourth from India
2. **International Master, 1997**

Awards

1. Late Shri Raja Mantri Puraskar, as a Best Player of Pune City 1994-95, Awarded by Shahid Bhagatsing Mitra Mandal, Pune.
2. Late Shri Sunil Tambe Kreedha Puraskar, as a Best Player of Pune City 1994, Awarded by Navmaharashtra Sangh, Pune.
3. International Marathon Award as a Best Junior Player of Pune City, 1993-94, Awarded by International Marathon, Pune.
4. Shri Shivchatrapati Award, 1998-99, Awarded by Maharashtra State Government.



Coach Of Indian Women Team 2012

Coach of Indian Women team for Chess Olympiad at Istanbul 2012, Indian Women team finished creditable 4th from 128 countries. This is India's best ever performance.

Chess Olympiad –

- Member of Indian Team for four Chess Olympiads – 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004
- Member of Indian team for 12 years 1998-2011

Chess World Cup –

- Participated in 3 chess world cups- 2000, 2007, 2009



Asian Championships –

- Won Bronze Medal in Asian Individual Chess Championship at Philippines in September 2007
- Seven Asian (four Team and Two Individual) medals (1 Gold, 3 silver, 3 Bronze Medals)
- Member of Indian Team which one Gold Medal at Asian Team Chess Championship at Iran, 2005 This is India's 1st Gold Medal.
- One Gold and one Bronze medal at Junior level (Individual) .
- Winner of the Asian Club Championships in 2014 at UAE while representing India.

Commonwealth Chess Championships –

- Two Commonwealth (individual) medals. (1 silver, 1 Bronze).

International Championships –

- British Champion 2003. (Became last Indian /foreigner to win the event as British Chess Federation stopped all foreign participation in this 83 year old tournament)
- Joint Winner of Sydney International open April 2009
- Joint winner of Mumbai Mayors Cup may 2008
- Winner of Canadian Open at Kitchner 2006.
- Joint Winner of Parsvanath International Chess Championship Delhi 2005
- Winner of Blackpool International Chess tournament UK 2003
- Winner of prestigious Kolkata Open 2004, First Indian to do so.
- Joint Winner of the South African Open Chess Championship held at Cape Town in 2015.

National Championships –

- Two times National Champion .1997 and 2000
- Seven age group National Titles.
- National record of winning National Junior three times in a row. 1995-**96-97**.
- Qualified for Asian Chess Championships by finishing in Top 6 in the National Premier Chess Championship 2015.

Chess Records –

- Record holder of playing simultaneously against 155 players – January 2014 in Mumbai.



Promotion Activities –

1. **Lakshya Institute** – Not for profit Sports NGO – Founder Member since 2009-

The NGO was started by sports enthusiastic people from Pune, today the NGO is supporting more than 40 players across India, 2 Sports academies – namely Gun for Glory shooting academy at Pune and Capt. Hawasingh Academy for Boxing in Bhiwani. 6 players supported by Lakshya participated in 2012 London Olympic. Website – www.lakshyasports.com



2. **Maharashtra Chess Association** – State Association – Commissioner Chess in School program from 2011 – 2015.

MCA has started Chess in School program to spread the game of chess in different parts of Maharashtra, and to pass the benefits of playing Chess to schoolchildren. This year MCA is targeting to reach 100 schools and 6000 children across Maharashtra
Website - [www. maharashtrachess.com](http://www.maharashtrachess.com)



3. **Buddhibal Kreeda Trust** – NGO for Chess Promotion – Advisor
NGO was formed in 1998 to promote sports in Pune city, has organized more than 100 events, including district, State, and National level competitions, has supported players for participation in International events abroad and in India.
It has started a unique program for players of Maharashtra ‘Laptop to Chess Players’ under which talented players on the basis of performance are awarded with laptop computers every year.

