

**Embassy of India  
Ashgabat**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Turkmenistan in association with the Embassy of India, Ashgabat, and Chess Federation of Turkmenistan organized an International Chess Tournament for diplomats and their families at the Chess and Checkers School, Ashgabat from July 15-16, 2022. The event was organized as a prelude to the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 & FIDE Congress to be hosted by India from 28th July-10th August, 2022 in Chennai.

The tournament was opened on July 15, 2022 with welcome address by Dr. Vidhu P. Nair, Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan, followed by remarks from H.E. Mr Parahat Agayev, Deputy Minister of Sports & Youth Policy of Turkmenistan and Mr. Vepa Malikgulyyev, President of Chess Federation of Turkmenistan. Mr. Bharat Singh Chauhan, Secretary of All India Chess Federation, gave a video address.

This was followed by presentation of awards to the Turkmen female chess players who won 3rd place in the Final Stage of Queens Online Chess Festival.

After the opening ceremony the competition began and saw participation by more than 35 chess enthusiasts who took part in various categories. Winners were felicitated on July 16, 2022 at the Closing Ceremony of the tournament.

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