

## **GM SASIKIRAN'S IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN CHESS**

1. Title: International Grandmaster, awarded on Feb 29, 2000, at the age of 19.
2. FIDE rating: He is the second ranked player after Viswanathan Anand in India. His International rating has been steadily improving and stands at 2659 (as of 01-04-2004).
3. Rank: Number 39 in the world as per FIDE List April 2004.

### **TOP LEVEL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

1. GOLD MEDAL in Asian Individual Championship, Doha, Qatar 2003.
2. GOLD MEDAL in Asian Zonal 3.1 (b) held at Sri Lanka 2001
3. GOLD MEDAL in Commonwealth Championship 2000. (With Commonwealth U21 Champion Title.)
4. GOLD MEDALLIST in Asian Junior Champion, Vietnam 1999
5. SILVER MEDAL in Asian Team Championship 2003 Jodhpur
6. SILVER MEDAL in Common Wealth Championship 2003 Mumbai

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Qualified for /played World Championship 2001 Moscow and Delhi 2000 and was the only Indian other than Anand to move to second round

### **CHESS OLYMPIADS**

1. Captained Indian Team in Chess Olympiad, 2002 Bled, Slovenia and played top board for the Team.
2. Represented India in Chess Olympiad, Turkey 2000 and played top board for the Indian Team which finished with the best ever performance of 8<sup>th</sup> position among more than 100 countries.
3. Represented India in Chess Olympiad, Elista 1998 Achieved the best Elo performance and result of 8.5/11 among all the 6 participants in Indian team. Came 4<sup>th</sup> on Board 4 of all world participants.

### **OTHER INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

1. Joint Second in Aeroft open 2004
2. Joint second in Dubai Open 2004
3. Joint winner of North Sea Cup 2003, Denmark
4. Winner Of Politiken Cup 2003, Denmark
5. Winner Qingdao Open, China 2002
6. U-21 British Champion 2002, 1999 & 1998
7. Runner up British Championship, Scarborough 2002
8. Runner Up Goodricke International Open, Calcutta 2002
9. First in International Open at Bikaner 2002

10. First in International Open at Raipur 2002
11. Joint winner of Hastings Premier 2002 and 2001, UK
12. Won AICF Golden Jubilee International Open 2001
13. Won Penta media International Grand Masters tournament 2000, Chennai.

### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

1. National Champion 2003,2002 & 1999
2. National Runner Up 2001 & 2000
3. National B Champion 1997. Then Youngest to have achieved it

### **Junior International Events**

1. Third (among the world top juniors) in Olympic Capital Young Masters Tournament 2001, Lausanne, Switzerland.
2. Commonwealth U18.Championship, 1996 Calcutta,.
3. British U 20 Champion 1997.
4. SILVER MEDAL Asian Boys U16 Championship 1995Iran. & 1996 Qatar
5. BRONZE MEDAL in Asian U-16 Championship, Qatar 1994.

### **Junior National Events**

1. RUNNER-UP twice in National Under –20 during 1999 &1998
2. U18 National Runner Up 1997.
3. U-18 National Champion 1995.

Sasikiran works as Personal and Administrative Officer in *Oil and Natural Gas Corporation LTD* a Government of India undertaking. He belongs to Chennai (same as that of Anand) in Tamilnadu in South India. Started playing Chess at the age of ten and was initially trained by his father Mr. S. Krishnan, who played chess for fun. Later he underwent training with GM Barua, GM Valery Salov, GM Evgeny Vladimirov and with GM Artur Jussupow (short spells).