

**PRESS RELEASE ON THE OCCASION OF ALL BENGAL UNDER-17 ONE DAY
RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT 2016 HOSTED BY CSIR-CMERI, DURGAPUR
ON 29th MAY 2016**

To help in developing the intellect of the future generation and promoting the Brain Game-Chess, CSIR-CMERI took the initiative to organize the All Bengal Rapid Chess Tournament Under-17 on 29th May 2016 at its Staff Club premises at Durgapur.

The enthusiasm about this Brain game amongst the teens can be well imagined from the spontaneous participation of a total 89 players from different places of West Bengal, such as Kolkata, Burdwan, Asansol, Kharagpur participated in the event. The First Prize winner was Ritam Mukherjee(U/14) from Kolkata, 2nd Prize winner was Maloy Deb Roy(U/14), Kolkata and the Third Prize winner was Sampurna Biswas from Kolkata. Prizes were given in each category and all the participants were awarded with motivational Prizes.

CSIR-CMERI needs to be commended for its initiative in organizing such an event for the first time which proved to be an extremely well managed event by the Institute. Prof.(Dr.) Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI, also a former Professor, IIT, Delhi- an acclaimed Educationist, during his inaugural address remarked "Chess has proven educational benefits. There are numerous studies showing improved concentration and cognitive development amongst children at schools where chess is taught." Dr Hirani expressed his keenness to give the society a positive Intellectual image and create a healthy society with healthy and sharp mind. He pledged his support in organizing similar such events in CSIR-CMERI in near future.



