

Apoorv Kamble – a leading chess player from Karnataka



- Name : Apoorv Sanjay Kamble
- State : Karnataka
- Born : May 4, 2009 (age 16 years).
- FIDE ID : 25683012
- FIDE Rating : current 2396, expected 2420 (Dec 2025)
- Chess Title : FIDE Master (2024). Already completed IM Title requirements (Nov 2025).
- Current Rank : 107th in India.

Apoorv is a passionate and naturally talented emerging chess player from Karnataka. He mainly combines his intuitive play with the solid tactics, to surprise his opponents. Apoorv has an exceptional memory and his calculation skills are phenomenal. Apoorv is always ready for a game of chess, regardless the time or location or situation. His game is appraised by many chess coaches and leading players from India.

Apoorv started learning chess in Raja Ravi Shekhar (RRS) Academy of chess at the age of 5 years & 3 months. Apoorv started appearing in regular tournaments from Feb-2016, at the age of 6 years and 9 months. Apoorv is currently associated with Lakshyan Foundation (and Lakshyan Academy of Sports) for chess training.

Apart from Chess, Apoorv is good in his academic performance also. He got few months gap from chess events and secured 94% in his 10th grade exam (Feb 2025). He usually prefers to attend regular school/college, when he is not playing chess.

From 2016 to early 2020, Apoorv had performed very well in state and national level U7, U9, U11 tournaments as well as international tournaments such as Commonwealth chess championship. He reached a FIDE rating of 1686 by end of 2019. Unfortunately, Covid period of 1.5 years (Mar-2020 to Sep-2021) and personal health issue, put some breaks to his ambitions of reaching great heights in chess world at early age. But after Covid period and health problems were over, he started back with more determination. He scaled from 1679 rating in early 2022 to 2400+ rating in late 2025.

Below list shows few of his recent accomplishments –

- Completed 3 IM Norms & rating requirement between Jun to Oct 2025. (Teplice Open, 31st Chennai IM Norm & 34th Chennai IM Norm event).
- Won 31st Tamilnadu IM norm tournament. 2nd place finish in 34th IM Norm tournament (Tie Breaker).
- 3rd place finish at Budejovice IM Norm tournament in Jun 2025.
- Acclaimed performance in 1st & 2nd Bangalore GM tournaments (2024 & 2025).
- Beat India's leading 5 players in simul match played at WACA event (May 2024).
- CM Title in Sep 2023, FM Title in Feb 2024 and recently completed IM Title reqt (Nov 2025).
- Joint 3rd finish in National Junior (U19) chess championship 2023 at Ahmedabad.
- Winner in Karnataka State Sub Junior (U15) chess championship 2023 at Kalburgi.
- Winner in Karnataka State Junior (U19) chess championship 2023 at Kalburgi.
- 16th rank finish (Best Junior) in National senior chess championship 2023 at Pune.
- Best Emerging Player Award at 2nd Maharashtra Intl GM tournament (Above 2000 rating) at Nagpur.
- Winner in Karnataka State Senior/Open Blitz chess championship 2023 at Bengaluru.
- Youngest Title winner at MDCC International Open Chess Tournament 2023 at Madurai.
- Best U15 player award in 20th Delhi International Open GM Tournament 2023 at Delhi.
- Winner in Karnataka State U13 chess championship 2022 at Bengaluru.
- Runner up in Karnataka State U11 chess championship 2019 at Doddaballapur.

Apoorv is currently planning to play in European events (Jan-Feb 2026 and further 2-3 visits in 2026) to prepare for his GM norms and higher rating.