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BHAVAN’S B. P. VIDYA MANDIR, CIVIL LINES, NAGPUR-1.

**GRANDMASTER DIVYA DESHMUKH FELICITATED AT ALMA MATER BHAVANS CIVIL LINES**

Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh has brought global recognition in the field of chess not only to the country but has also brought accolades to her own City by bringing it on the world map said  Shri BanwariLalji Purohit, Trustee, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai Kendra and Chairman, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi Kendra, in his address at the felicitation ceremony of Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh organised at Bhavan Civil Lines auditorium on 11th August 2025.

Babuji in his address highlighted Divya's qualities as a sports person , her never quit attitude and expressed his desire for Miss Divya to have a dialogue with all the bhavanites across the nation to inspire and achieve a rare feat like hers in the field of chess. Babuji specifically mentioned the famous lines from the composition of the ex Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee-  Konsi Rah Jau Me-and whole heartedly blessed the future children to become "Divya"  as Divya Deshmukh.

Smt. Sunanda Sonarikar, Secretary, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, in her address mentioned Divya as the face of India worldwide. A perfect personification of brain power Miss. Divya according to her is bestowed  by direct blessing of Maa Sharda and rightly exemplifies"" Vidya Vinayen shobate".Madam Sonarikar mentioned Divya as a talented young woman with all superlative- in -tag, dedicated and determined and extended her best wishes to her in striving hard to achieve future success.

The Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh expressed joy, elation and nostalgia on her return to her Alma mater. She expressed gratitude towards the school for the endless encouragement and support from all the school authorities. In her interaction with the students, through her inspirational words ,she  motivated the students to treat failure with respect so as to enjoy and understand success better.

The Kulapati Munshi Awards, conferred by Shikshan Bharti, in various categories were also given at the hands of Shri BanwariLalji Purohit, Trustee, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai Kendra and Chairman, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi Kendra.

**The details of the awardees**

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| S.No. | Name | Award Details |
| 1. | **Bhavan’s Jindal Award for Best Teacher**Smt. Sangita Shekatkar – Bhavan’s Civil Lines. | Medal, Certificate, Cash Award of Rs.10,000/-, Shawl and Sreephal. |
| 1. | **Kulapati Munshi Award for Best Students**Mast. Aditya Kulshreshtha – Bhavan’s Civil Lines. | Medal, Certificate, Cash Award of Rs.5,000/-, Shawl and Sreephal. |
| 2. | Ku. Hiti Agrawal - Bhavan’s Srikrishna Nagar | Medal, Certificate, Cash Award of Rs.5,000/-, Shawl and Sreephal. |
| 3. | Ku. Gargi Dhandhare – Bhavan’s Ashti. | Medal, Certificate, Cash Award of Rs.5,000/-, Shawl and Sreephal. |

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It was indeed a moment of pride and glory for Bhavan’s Nagpur Kendra as out of the total four awards from 91 schools of Bhavan’s **three** awards in the Best Student category were bagged by Nagpur students only.

Prominently present on the occasion were Shri BanwariLalji Purohit, Trustee, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai Kendra and Chairman, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi Kendra Shri Rajendra Purohit, Chairman, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Smt Sunanda Sonarikar, Secretary, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Shri K M Agrawal, Treasurer, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Prof Q H Jeevaji, Executive Committee Member Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Dr Pankaj Chande, Executive Committee Member, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan,  Nagpur Kendra, Smt Padmini Jog, Executive Committee Member, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Smt Annapoorni Shastri, Director, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Smt Anju Bhutani, Academic Coordinator and Manager, Principals of various Bhavans schools- Shri Lalit Joshi, Principal, Bhavan’s, Shrikrishna Nagar, Smt Vandana Bisen, Principal, Bhavan’s, Ashti, Smt Parvati Iyer, Principal, BVM, Trimurti Nagar, Ms Sarbani Bose, BVM, Koradi, Smt Raji Srinivasan, Principal, Bhavan’s, Chinchbhuvan, Smt Janaki Mani, Principal, Bhavan’s, NTPC Mouda, Ms. Kirti Mishra, Principal, Bhavan’s Lloyds, Wardha, Shri T L Raja, Joint Director, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Shri Vijay Thakre, Joint Director and Registrar, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, Shri Swapnil Giradkar, Assistant Registrar, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra and proud parents of Divya, Dr Namrata and Dr Jitendra Deshmukh.

At the outset , after the Sarva Dharma Prayer, Smt Leena Varghese, Principal, Bhavan’s Civil Lines delivered the welcome address.

The program proceedings were conducted by Smt Ashu Khanna, Smt Meena Salodkar, Ms Nidhi Purohit and Smt Juna Lakhotiya.

The event concluded with the rendition of National Anthem.

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