



86th Grandmaster of India

Why in News?

Srihari LR of Tamil Nadu became the **86th Grandmaster (GM) of India** at the Asian Individual Men's Chess Championship 2025 in Al Ain, UAE.

Key Points

- **Srihari LR's Journey to the GM Title:**
 - Srihari earned his **first GM norm** at the **Qatar Masters in 2023**, and the **second at the Chennai GM Open in 2024**.
 - He **crossed the 2500 Elo rating in August 2024**, but it took him almost 10 months to secure the final norm.
 - The **Elo rating system** measures the relative strength of a player in some games, such as chess, compared to other players.
- **Grandmasters of India:**
 - The **first Indian Grandmaster** was **Vishwanathan Anand**, achieving the title in **1988**.
 - The **first Indian woman Grandmaster** was **Koneru Humpy**, who achieved the title in **2002** at the age of 15, becoming the world's youngest female Grandmaster at the time.
 - Currently, there are **three women Grandmasters in India**: Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika, and R. Vaishali.
 - The **first Indian International Master** was **Manuel Aron in 1961**, and the **first Indian woman** to achieve the **International Master title** was **Jayshree Khadikar in 1979**.

International Chess Federation (FIDE)

- **About:**
 - FIDE is the global governing body for the sport of chess.
 - It was **founded in 1924 in Paris, France**.
 - Headquartered in **Lausanne, Switzerland**.
 - It **oversees and regulates** all international chess competitions.
 - Established as a **non-governmental institution**, FIDE was officially **recognized** as a Global Sporting Organization by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1999**.
- **FIDE's Motto:**
 - "**Gens una sumus**" – **Latin for "We are one family"**, emphasizing unity in the global chess community.
- **Core Activities of FIDE:**
 - Issues country rankings based on the average ratings of top 10 overall players and top 10 female players.
 - Regulates rules, norms, and conduct of **all international chess tournaments**.
 - Serves as a central platform linking national chess federations worldwide.

