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R Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess Tournament

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Why in News:?

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has created history by becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess Tournament title.

Key Highlights:

Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess 2026 title in Oslo, Norway.

He defeated Vincent Keymer of Germany in the final round.

Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian to win the Norway Chess Tournament.

He defeated top players including Magnus Carlsen, Alireza Firouzja, and D Gukesh during the tournament.

He also became the second Indian, after Viswanathan Anand, to defeat Magnus Carlsen twice in classical chess in the same tournament.

About Norway Chess Tournament:

Started In: 2013

Venue: Norway (Oslo/Stavanger)

Type: Elite International Chess Tournament

Participants: Top-ranked chess players from around the world.

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Considered one of the most prestigious tournaments in international chess.

About R Praggnanandhaa:

Full Name: R Praggnanandhaa (RameshbabPraggnanandhaa)

Grandmaster Title: Achieved in 2018 at the age of 12 years, becoming one of the youngest Grandmasters in history.

International Master: Became the youngest International Master in the world in 2016.

Arjuna Award: Received the prestigious Arjuna Award in 2022.

Chess World Cup: Runner-up in the 2023 FIDE Chess World Cup.

Chess Olympiad: Part of India's Gold Medal-winning team at the 45th Chess Olympiad (2024).

FIDE Circuit Winner: Won the 2025 FIDE Circuit and qualified for the Candidates Tournament 2026.

Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):

Winner: R Praggnanandhaa

Event: Norway Chess Tournament 2026

Achievement: First Indian to win the tournament

Final-Round Opponent: Vincent Keymer (Germany)

Final Score: 18 Points

Tournament Started: 2013

Major Victories: Magnus Carlsen, Alireza Firouzja, D Gukesh

Special Feat: Second Indian to defeat Magnus Carlsen twice in classical chess in the same tournament

Prize Money: Approximately ₹1.75 Lakh

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