



## Session 11 - Young Leaders – Raring to Go

Friday, September 23, 2022

1050 - 1135 Hrs

### Panel



**Tania Sachdev**  
**Chess Grandmaster**

Tania Sachdev has been playing Chess now for almost 28 years. As International Master and Women's Grand Master, she has played for India in many International Tournaments and brought laurels to the Country with over 30 Medals till now. She has played for India in Chess Olympiads. Team Tournaments in World Cup, Commonwealth Championships, Asian Championships, besides achieving success in National events regularly. She has represented India in the Chess Olympiads 6 times till now. She was awarded the prestigious Arjuna Award from the Government of India in 2009.

Besides playing chess at National and International levels, Tania has been actively promoting Chess in School, colleges and through other private endeavours, encouraging young children to play Chess actively. This effort at the grass root level has benefited many members of India's youth, particularly the underprivileged children and those who aspire to learn chess but are waiting for guidance and do not have the means to get the benefits from the experience of other athletes.

The Indian Women team recently won the Bronze Medal at the Chess Olympiad in Mahabalipuram in Chennai. This was the first medal for chess in Olympiad. Tania Sachdev also won an individual Bronze Medal for her performance. A total of 187 countries participated. She was awarded a special award by International Chess Federation as a Chess Influencer during the Chess Olympiad.

Chess is a Game that helps in overall personality growth of an individual in many decision-making ability quick grasp of options and choices, memory skills and as a true athlete, Tania has successfully motivated and guided many young children to grow up in life with holistic personalities in India.