

## **Rapid World Championship**

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Recently, **Grand Master Koneru Humpy** won the **2024 FIDE** (International Chess Federation) **World Rapid Championship** in **New York**, marking an exceptional year for Indian chess.

- Koneru Humpy defeated Irene Sukandar of Indonesia in the final and became the 1st Indian and only the 2nd player after China's Wenjun Ju to win the women's rapid world title more than once.
  - Humpy won her first World Rapid title in 2019 in Georgia.
    - She won a bronze in the 2012 World Rapid Championship and 2nd place in 2023 in Uzbekistan.
- Previously, <u>D Gukesh</u> became the youngest world champion after defeating <u>Ding</u>
  Liren (China) in the World Chess Championship 2024 in <u>Singapore</u>.
- 2024 also saw India's victory in both the open and women's sections of the <u>Chess Olympiad</u> in Budapest.
- In the World Rapid Championship, each round has a time control of 15 minutes, with 10-second increments per move.

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