

**REPORT**  
**“ROOK-ies”**  
26th JANUARY, 2021

The Sports Society of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, “*Oorja*,” began this new year by organising its maiden online chess tournament—“Rook-ies”—for both students and Teaching as well as Non-teaching Staff. The event was streamed live on YouTube (<https://youtube.com/watch?v=xI6OnAFnDPY&feature=share>) from 12 pm onwards and met with great response from both the students and the Staff.

The inauguration programme began with a welcome address by the Officiating Principal of the college, Dr. Gurmohindar Singh, who provided a brief introduction chess and lauded the efforts of the organising committee for such a bold initiative. He traced the history of this game by elaborating upon the journey of this game from that of a game for the kings and rulers to a game of wits that is played in drawing rooms, both in the physical chessboards as well as online. Initially, it was a slow-paced game that consumed around 3 to 4 hours, but now it has been transformed into a fast and action-packed one. He also hoped that, in the near future, “*Oorja*” will organise such online competitions of chess both at National and International levels. He ended his address by wishing all the participants luck in their attempt to win the tournament.

After Principal’s address, Dr. Rajwant Singh, Convenor of the organising committee, explained the rules of the tournament and expressed satisfaction over the large turnout of about 100 participants—70 students and 30 members of the Staff—for this maiden effort. He instructed the students to play fair and keep the sportsman spirit alive. The inaugural programme ended with the address of Dr. Inderpreet Singh, Convenor of Sports Committee, who thanked the participants for their enthusiasm and wished them well for the tournament.

***Details of the Event:***

*Total Number of Participants — 100*

*Number of Staff Members — 30*

*Number of Students — 70*

***Winners among Students:***

*1. Akarshit Singh*

*2. Harsirjan Singh Bakshi*

*3. Shweta*

***Arbiters:***

*1. SNA Mohit Kumar Jaiswal*

*2. SNA Akash Payasi*

The successful completion of the event is a great feather in the cap of the organising committee of students under the able guidance of Dr. Rajwant Singh, and to all the participants who showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship their participation. Hoping to organise more tournaments like these in the future.