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MEET OUR SPORTS STAR

Grandmaster Abhijit Kunte,
Chief Manager (ES & Sports), Marketing Head Office

One of the Finest Chess Players

Grandmaster Abhijit Kunte's career has been a remarkable blend of international chess glory and strategic corporate success at IndianOil. With a legacy decorated in intellectual rigor, Mr Kunte has transitioned from mastering chess moves to pioneering significant corporate initiatives, demonstrating the power of strategic thinking both on and off the chess board.

Glorious moments in Sports

- Two-time National Chess Champion, showcasing his dominance in Indian chess.
- Winner of Seven Asian Medals and Two Commonwealth Medals, highlighting his prowess on the international stage.
- Participated in Three Chess World Cups and Four Chess Olympiads, representing India with distinction.
- Coached the Indian Team to a Bronze Medal at the Online Chess Olympiad 2021 and led the Indian Women's Team to Silver at the World Team Chess Championship 2021 and Bronze at the Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai.

Fuelling success at IndianOil & beyond

Since his transition to IndianOil in 1996, Mr Abhijit Kunte has successfully applied his strategic thinking to various impactful corporate initiatives. He spearheaded the revamp of the IndianOil Scholarship 'Acers' program, introducing critical elements such as gender diversity and digitalisation, which resulted in a doubling of application counts. His contributions extend to innovative projects like 'Parivartan' and 'Nayi Disha', making a significant impact across 128 locations. Mr Kunte also pioneered the first International Inter-Prison Chess Tournament in collaboration with the All India Chess Federation and represented IndianOil at the Chess for Freedom Conference in Chicago, USA, enhancing the corporation's international reputation. Moreover, he introduced IndianOil Colours for scholarship players, boosting brand visibility and instilling a sense of pride among athletes. His efforts showcase a deep integration of his chess expertise with strategic corporate management, enhancing both his professional field and the communities IndianOil serves.

Reflecting on over two decades of representing India in chess and now at IndianOil, I see a seamless blend of passion and professionalism. IndianOil has not only supported my career but also provided a platform to impact lives through innovative projects like 'Parivartan' and 'Nayi Disha'. It's a privilege to bring the strategic depth of chess to our corporate objectives, promoting excellence and strategic innovation within and beyond IndianOil. I am committed to advancing our corporate goals while fostering an environment where sports and strategic business management enrich each other.

