

## Youngest World Chess Champion: D Gukesh from India

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December 12, 2024: Singapore: Indian chess prodigy **Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh** has achieved a monumental milestone by defeating reigning champion Ding Liren in the 14th and decisive game of the 2024 FIDE World Chess Championship. Gukesh got \$2.5 Mn Award with this victory.

At 18, Gukesh not only became the youngest World Chess Champion, he 'broke' the **Garry Kasparov's longstanding record**. Russian **Garry Kasparov** was 22 when he won the title in 1985.



Reference: <https://aicf.in/d-gukesh-beats-ding-liren-to-become-youngest-world-chess-champion/>

Another Indian - Legendary **Viswanathan Anand** was the **World Chess Champion** from **2007-2013**.

The best-of-14 tie appeared to be heading to a tie-break on Friday via another draw but Ding then made a huge mistake on his 55th move which paved the way for Gukesh's triumph.

Gukesh said it took him a few seconds to notice Ding's mistake but "when I realized it, it was probably the best moment of my life."

He was then in tears while Ding left the table quickly. He said later that "I was totally in shock when I realized I made a blunder."

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