

Nimmy George becomes Kerala's first WIM



Good news: Nimmy got the confirmation from FIDE on Thursday.

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Nimmy A. George's long wait for a Woman International Master title is over.

Almost 11 years after she believed she had fulfilled all the conditions for the title, the 37-year-old multiple Kerala women's chess champion got the confirmation from the world body FIDE on Thursday that she is finally a WIM.

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Conditions

"There are many conditions to get the WIM title and when I applied for it in 2012, FIDE said that one of

the norms should be a foreign norm and that I did not fulfil the requirements for that.

"Actually, the AICF (national federation) had accepted and approved my application but FIDE did not accept that. Now I have got my fifth norm (a foreign norm) from a tournament in Budapest in May and FIDE has accepted that and given me the title."

Nimmy, an assistant professor at Bharatha Matha College here, feels her WIM title will inspire others too.