Yuki Bhambri recently won the Australian Open boys singles title defeating Alexandros-Ferdinandos Georgoudas of Germany in straight sets. Yuki came into the Australian Open as the top seed. He is the only Indian to win a Junior Grand Slam after Leander Paes won the Wimbledon in 1990 and the US Open in 1991. This win makes Yuki the only Indian to win a junior title at the Australian Open.

Somdev Devvarman reached his first ATP Tour final at the 2009 Chennai Open beating two-time Chennai Open former champion and world number 42 Carlos Moya of Spain and 25th ranked Ivo Karlovc of Croatia. Rainer Schuettler of Germany pulled out due to injury in the semi-final giving way for Devvarman to move into the finals. In the final however he lost to Marin Cilic of Croatia. In the year’s first Grand Slam, i.e. Australian Open 2009, Somdev was seeded 28th in singles qualifying.

Promising junior boxer Shiv Thapa won a gold medal on his international debut in the sixth Hyder Aliyev International Junior boxing championship in Azerbaijan. L. Devendra Singh won the other medal for India, winning bronze in the 48kg category. The 16-year-old Guwahati youngster’s appetite for success was evident when he said that he did not feel any pressure in his maiden international tournament and has set his eyes on the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India.

Chess prodigy, Arjun Vishnuvardhan is a young International Master in the USA. At 15, he became the National Game\60 Chess Champion of the US, by beating the top International Master Edward Formanek who is a professor of Mathematics in the Pennsylvania University of USA. He was the State Champion for Under-18 years and Under-9 years age group when he was below 9-years. He posted the National record in the 48kg category. The 16-year-old Guwahati youngster’s appetite for success was evident when he said that he did not feel any pressure in his maiden international tournament and has set his eyes on the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India.