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**GMS BY 2020**

The Alekhine Chess Club launched a programme on Saturday to take Bengal's tally of Grandmaster to 20 by 2020. Bengal now have six GMs. The programme would have the state sports council's support, said West Bengal sports minister Madan Mitra who is also the president of the club.

GM Surya Sekhar Ganguly will be the chief adviser and will be helped by GM Neelotpal Das, WGM Mary Ann Gomes, IM and club coach Roktim Bandopadhyay, Bangladesh GM Zia-ur Rahman, athletics Dronacharya Kuntal Roy and psychologist Mrinal Chakraborty. Fourteen club youngsters have been shortlisted for the programme, likely to begin next week, said club general secretary Soumen Majumdar.