

TATA STEEL CHESS FESTIVAL

In Association With

Dhanuka Dhunseri Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy

Under The Aegis Of

All India Chess Federation
Sara Bangla Daba Sangstha

Date

January 7 to 11, 2026

Venue: Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium,
Alipore, Kolkata



General Information

- All participants will get free entry for Tata Steel Chess India Rapid and Blitz 2026.
- All participants should have AICF registration.
- All West Bengal Players should have SBDS registration.
- Outstation players will have to arrange their own accommodation.
- Entries to be collected online only.

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Event A:

All India Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament

Event Code : 456150/WB(R)/2026
Date : January 7-8, 2026
Total Cash Prizes : Rs. 3,00,000/-
Entry Fee : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free
Other players - Rs 1,500/-

The last date of Entry :
January 4, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 250 entries,
whichever is earlier.



Form Link : https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-a/evnt_nBjqfnNOmd5527
(Only online entries will be accepted)

Main Prizes : 1st : 50,000 + Trophy 6th - 8th : 7,500/- each
2nd : 30,000/- 9th - 10th : 6,000/- each
3rd : 20,000/- 11th & 20th : 4,000/- each
4th : 15,000/- 21th - 25th : 3,500/- each
5th : 10,000/- 26th - 30th : 3,000/- each

Category Prizes	Best Women (Above 15)	Elo 1601-1800	Best Unrated
	1st : 6,000/- 2nd : 3,500/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-
	Elo 1401-1600	Elo 1801-2000	Best Veteran (Above 60 yrs)
	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/-	1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 2,500/-

Age Group Prizes : Under 8 Boys / Under 10 Boys / Under 12 Boys
Trophies for top 5 ranks

Under 8 Girls / Under 10 Girls / Under 12 Girls
Trophies for top 3 ranks

Schedule : 07-01-2026 : 6 Rounds (1st Round starts at 10 am)
08-01-2026 : 3 Rounds (7th Round starts at 10 am)

Prize Distribution : 1 pm

Event A:

All India Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament

Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for West Bengal Players Only
SBDS New Registration link:
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1500/ within 10 minutes from incident occurrence. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

* Entry fee once paid can't be refunded

* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie

** Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize

** Indian Income Tax rules will apply

Event B: All India Open Blitz Tournament

Date : January 8, 2026

Format : 7 Rounds Swiss with time control of 3'+ 2" Secs.

Eligibility : Open to all players. First 250 players will be allowed on first come first basis.

Entry Fee : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free
Other players - Rs 500/-

The last date of Entry :
January 5, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 250 entries,
whichever is earlier.



Form Link : https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival--event-b/evnt_kLAvzmWG7p6001
(Only online entries will be accepted)

Prizes :

1st : 15,000 + Trophy	6th - 7th : 2,000/- each
2nd : 10,000/-	8th - 15th : 1,000/- each
3rd : 5,000/-	Best Women : 1,000/-
4th : 4,000/-	(Above 15yrs)
5th : 3,000/-	

Schedule : 1st round will start at 1.30 pm

Prize Distribution : 04.30 pm

Event B:

All India Open Blitz Tournament

Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 7 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment for each player from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for West Bengal Players Only
SBDS New Registration link:
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 5 minutes from incident occurrence. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

* Entry fee once paid can't be refunded
* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie
** Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize
** Indian Income Tax rules will apply

Event C:

All India Women Rapid Chess Tournament

Date : January 9, 2026

Format : 7 Rounds Swiss with time control of 15 minutes plus 5 seconds increment from move 1 to each player

Entry Fee : GM/IM/WGM/WIM – Free
Other players - Rs 500/-

The last date of Entry :
January 7, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 150 entries,
whichever is earlier.



Form Link : https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-c/evnt_rw8Cn2ZTAW3517
(Only online entries will be accepted)

Total Prize Fund : Rs. 1,00,000/-

Prizes :

1st : 20,000 + Trophy	6th : 5,000/-
2nd : 15,000/-	7th : 4,000/- each
3rd : 10,000/-	8th & 10th : 3,000/- each
4th : 8,000/-	11th - 15th : 2,500/- each
5th : 7,000/-	16th - 20th : 1,500/- each
	Best Veteran : 2,000/- (Above 55yrs)

Schedule : 09-01-2026 : Playing Time: 10 am to 3.30 pm (7 Rounds)

Prize Distribution : 4 pm

Event C:

All India Women Rapid Chess Tournament

Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 7 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory
SBDS Registration link:
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>
Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 5 minutes from the end of the relevant session. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

Event D:

All India Open Age Group(U-19) Chess Tournament-2026

Date : January 10 to 11, 2026

Format : 9 Rounds Swiss with time control of 15 minutes
plus 5 seconds increment from move 1 to each player

Eligibility : Open to all players (Indian citizen).
Under-19 (Born on or after 01-01-2007)

Entry Fee : Rs.500/-

The last date of entry :
7th January, 2026 (4pm) or first 250 entries,
whichever is earlier.
Entries will be accepted strictly through online



Form Link : https://www.cofee.life/events/7th-tata-steel-chess-festival:-event-d/evnt_0PsvyLjd5j5354
(Only online entries will be accepted)

Main Prizes :	1st : 10,000/- + Trophy	8th - 10th : 1,000/- each
	2nd : 6,000/-	Special Prizes (Only for Girls)
	3rd : 4,000/-	1st : 10,000/- + Trophy
	4th : 3,000/-	2nd : 6,000/-
	5th : 2,000/-	3rd : 4,000/-
	6th - 7th : 1,500/- each	

Consolation Prizes : Under 8 Boys / Under 10 Boys / Under 12 Boys
Trophies for top 5 ranks

Under 8 Girls / Under 10 Girls / Under 12 Girls
Trophies for top 3 ranks

Schedule : 10-01-2026 : 5 Rounds (1st Round starts at 10 am)
11-01-2026 : 4 Rounds (6th Round starts at 11 am)

Prize Distribution : 03.30 pm

Event D:

All India Open Age Group(U-19) Chess Tournament-2026

Rules & Regulations

- : 1) Eligibility: Open to all players (Only Indian Citizen).
- 2) System: The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.
- 3) Time Control: 15 minutes for each player with 05 seconds increment from move 1.
- 4) Tie-Break: In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come in to effect.
- 5) AICF Registration is mandatory for the year 2025-2026
New Registration AICF Link : <https://prs.aicf.in/new-register>
Renewal AICF : <https://prs.aicf.in/>
- 6) SBDS Registration: SBDS registration for the year 2025-2026 is mandatory for west bengal players only
SBDS Registration link:
<https://www.sbd chess.in/player-registration.php>
Renewal : <https://www.sbd chess.in/player-search.php>
- 7) Restrictions: Players are not allowed to carry mobile phones, wrist watches (all type of watches) or any other electronic devices in the tournament hall during play.
- 8) Chief Arbiters decision is final and binding to all
- 9) Protests: Protests, if any, should be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.1000/ within 10 minutes from the end of the relevant session. Appeals Committee, formed by the organizers will give their final judgment.
- 10) Prize Money will not be shared (one player will be eligible for one prize only, whichever is higher).
- 11) Players will have to abide by Rules & Regulations of AICF & SBDS

* Entry fee once paid will not be refunded
* Prize money will not be shared in case of tie
** Players will be eligible for only one (higher) prize
** Indian Income Tax rules will apply