



62nd NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP–2025

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21st September to 1st October 2025

Organised by

Andhra Chess Association

Under the aegis of

All India Chess Federation

Supported by

**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,
Government of India &
Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh,
Government of Andhra Pradesh**

Venue: VIGNAN UNIVERSITY, GUNTUR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH



Total Prize Fund: Rs. 30,00,000/-

1. Tournament Schedule:

Arrival	20 th September, 2025 After 1600 hrs.
Technical Meeting	21 st September 2025 at 1330 hrs.
Inauguration	21 st September 2025 at 1400 hrs.
Round – 1	21 st September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 2	22 nd September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 3	23 rd September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 4	24 th September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 5	25 th September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 6	26 th September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 7	27 th September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 8	28 th September 2025 at 1530 hrs.
Round – 9	29 th September 2025 at 0930 hrs.
Round – 10	30 th September 2025 at 0930 hrs.
Round – 11	01 st October 2025 at 0930 hrs.
Prize Distribution	01 st October 2025 at 1600 hrs.
Departure	01 st October 2025 at 1800 hrs.

2. Prizes: The cash prizes will be awarded to top 10 amounting to Rs.30,00,000/- as given below: Prize money is subject to TDS rates applicable as per Income tax Rules as on date of prize distribution.

1 st Place	Rs. 6,00,000
2 nd Place	Rs. 5,00,000
3 rd Place	Rs. 4,00,000
4 th Place	Rs. 3,00,000
5 th Place	Rs. 2,50,000
6 th Place	Rs. 2,50,000
7 th Place	Rs. 2,00,000
8 th Place	Rs. 2,00,000
9 th Place	Rs. 1,50,000
10 th Place	Rs. 1,50,000

3. Eligibility:

(a) Four players from every affiliated State Association/ Institutional Members of AICF. If any Association fails to send its quota, the vacancies so caused will not be filled.

(b) All GMs/IMs/WGMs are seeded. Such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF.

(c) First 6 players from previous National Championship rankings other than GMs/IMs/WGMs.

(d) National Junior Chess Champion of 2024

(e) Winner & Runner-up of the 2024 National Women Chess Championship.

(f) Current World Champion in any category (OTB).

(g) Current Asian Junior Champion and first three from last Asian Men Chess Championship (OTB).

(h) Host The Andhra Chess Association shall be entitled to fill additional entries of 4 players.

(i) All Board Prize winners of the 2024-25 National Team Chess Championship.

(j) Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no State Association exists.

(k) A nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF

(l) If the total number of entries is an odd number, then the host, The Andhra Chess Association, may add one more entry to make it an even number.

(m) Special Entries: Players with a FIDE Standard/classical rating as per September 2025 FRL and remits the prescribed Special Entry Fee of Rs. 12,500/-. All such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF. Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

4. Dress Code: As per AICF regulations on dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special entry players with proper uniform (As regards special entry players, the respective state chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Players should at least wear uniform T Shirts/formal shirts (same colour and brand with the name of the state printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. Girls/Women have also to be given appropriate uniform. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

5. Entries/Entry Fee: All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association.

Entry Fee Structure:

Ordinary entry: Rs.3750/- (Rupees three thousand seven hundred and fifty only)

Special Entry: Rs. 12500/- (Rupees twelve thousand five hundred only)

There will be a 50% concession in entry fee for participants from North Eastern states and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. **For clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact:** aicfnationalentries@gmail.com

6. Late fee: Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till 7th September 2025. Thereafter a late fee of Rs.250/- per player will be levied. No entry will be entertained after 14th September, 2025 (up to 17:00 hrs.).

7. System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. A total of eleven rounds shall be played. Players from the same state/affiliated unit shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

8. Default Time: Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

9. Time Control: The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move number one.

10. Chess Clocks: Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered into the Championship.

11. Tie Break: Following is the order of tie-break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) The greater number of wins with black

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

12. Draw Agreement: Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

13. Protest: Protest, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000 within 30 minutes of the occurrence of the incident. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is up held.

14. Appeals Committee: Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member appeals committee shall be formed by the AICF/organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case, (s) the reserve member(s) shall take his place in the committee.

15. Tournament Committee: The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

16. Interpretation: For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by the above rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/ or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however, be displayed in the tournament hall.

17. Withdrawal: If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee. The entry fee once paid shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from championship is done after the publication of first round pairings.

18. Disqualification: No participant will leave the venue before the Prize Distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

19. Registration of Players with AICF: All participants in the National Championship shall be registered with AICF for the year 2025-26 before the registration on AICF Online portal for national entries. Online AICF registration can be done at the website www.aicf.in/players.

20 Arrears: All arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year must be cleared by the affiliated Association at the time of submitting the entries; otherwise, the entries are liable to be rejected.

21. Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Those who are having mobile phones or wearing watches or possessing any other electronic device without the permission of the chief arbiter during their play will be declared lost.

22. Accommodation:

Free hostel accommodation inside campus for selected/seeded players and one manager per state. States availing the facility must inform the organizers before 15th September, 2025. Special entry players & players from Institutional Units and accompanying persons will have to make their own arrangement for stay. (Hostel accommodation is separate for **men & women**). Special Entry players & accompanying persons must arrange their own stay or request paid hostel accommodation (subject to availability).

Venue is 10 km from Tenali, 18 km from Guntur.

Organizing Committee will arrange **free daily pickup and drop** from designated hotels in Guntur. Those opting for Cheerla must manage their own stay and transport.

Guest house accommodation (inside campus) free for GM/IM/WGM.

Budget and luxury options available at Guntur.

For designated hotel bookings, contact: 8790443030 /9912855666

Free transport from Guntur designated hotels to venue for all 11 rounds. Approximate time of travel: 30 to 40 minutes depending on traffic.

Players in other accommodations must reach designated pickup points.

For arrival: Participants must arrange travel to temporary organising committee office at Guntur city. From there, the organising Committee will assist with onward travel to venue campus/designated hotels at Guntur. Those who reserve their accommodation at TENALI have to look after their own arrangements.

On departure day, all hostellers will be dropped at Guntur Railway/Bus Station by 18:00 hrs. Airport transfers available on payment basis. Fill the google form if required.

Bus schedules & contact info to be shared via WhatsApp official group and www.apchess.org. WhatsApp group will be created by AICF and link will be shared to your email ID. In this connection, please avoid phone calls.

23. Player Allowance:

A lump-sum of ₹1,500 will be paid towards boarding to selected/seeded players from affiliated state units (normal entry only) towards the boarding expenses as per AICF regulations (only to the affiliated State Associations seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee).

24. Food & Facilities:

Multiple hygienic food stalls within campus.

Meals available at subsidized rates (e.g., a full meal for under ₹100).

South & North Indian dishes available.

Guntur city, famous for food, offers wide dining options for off-campus participants.

25. Medical Assistance:

Round-the-clock medical support will be available at the venue.

Other Information:

Nearest Airport is VIJAYAWADA AIR PORT: 55 km

Nearest Railway Station is FROM GUNTUR 18 km AND FROM TENALI 10 KM

September is generally a post-monsoon period with moderate temperatures. GUNTUR climate in September will be cool. Max. Temp. 34 & Min. 25 degree Celsius is expected.

Contact Information:

- **Entry Queries:** aicfnationalentries@gmail.com
- **Google Form for Accommodation/Transport:**
[62nd National Chess Championship Accommodation Query](#)
- **Email:** seniornationalchess2025@gmail.com
- **Emergency Contact:** (8790443030 / 7989745477 / 9849050498 WhatsApp only)

General queries will not be addressed via calls/WhatsApp.

[Please fill the Google form](#) for queries. A representative will respond within 24 hours via email.

For Additional information and updates, please visit www.apchess.org

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Chairman's Message

On the occasion of the 62nd National Chess Championship – 2025

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the finest chess minds of our nation to the **62nd National Chess Championship – 2025**, hosted with pride and passion at **Vignan University, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh**.

This championship is not merely a competition—it is a celebration of intellect, discipline, and excellence, the very values that define both chess and higher education. Vignan University stands uniquely at this intersection. It is not just a venue—it is a living embodiment of chess-inspired academic excellence.

With over **100 internationally rated chess players** among its student community, Vignan University has long been a beacon for nurturing strategic brilliance. We are immensely proud that **Super Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna**, one of India's most illustrious chess icons, is an alumnus of our Vignan group. His legacy continues to inspire generations of Vignanites to push boundaries, both on the board and beyond.

We at Vignan believe that *chess is not merely a sport—it is education in its purest form*. It sharpens cognition, fosters patience, hones problem-solving, and instills resilience—qualities that are indispensable in academic success and in life. With this conviction, Vignan has embarked on a transformative mission to **integrate chess education as a foundational skill** across disciplines—empowering students to become not just better players, but better thinkers, leaders, and human beings.

In recognition of the extraordinary commitment and merit of young chess players across India, Vignan is proud to offer **free education to meritorious chess talents**, affirming our belief that those who master the art of strategy deserve every opportunity to shape the future.

The 62nd National Chess Championship is an elite gathering of the country's brightest talents—Grandmasters, International Masters, Women Grandmasters, and emerging prodigies—competing not only for prestige and the ₹30 lakh prize pool, but also for a chance to etch their name in the annals of Indian chess history. We are deeply honoured to play host to this prestigious event under the aegis of the **All India Chess Federation**, in association with the **Andhra Chess Association**, and with the esteemed support of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India**, and the **Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh**.

To all the participants: as you arrive at Vignan, know that you are not just stepping into a university—you are stepping into a space where *every move matters*, where intellect is revered, and where champions are nurtured in every classroom and corridor. May your games be fierce, your minds be focused, and your spirits soar high.

We look forward to hosting you with warmth, excellence, and the true spirit of sportsmanship.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Dr. Lavu Rathaiah
Chairman
Vignan University

About Vignan University

About & Legacy

Established in 1997 and granted deemed-to-be-university status in 2008 under UGC, Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research (VFSTR) sits in the suburban village of Vadlamudi, 15 km from Guntur on the Guntur–Tenali highway. Spanning a 42-acre campus, it stands as a premier institution in Andhra Pradesh for engineering, technology, management, pharmacy, agriculture, applied sciences, and law.



Vision

To evolve into a center of excellence in Science & Technology through creative and innovative practices in teaching – learning, towards promoting academic achievement and research excellence to produce internationally accepted, competitive and world class professionals who are psychologically strong & emotionally balanced imbued with social consciousness & ethical values.



Mission

To provide high quality academic programmes, training activities, research facilities and opportunities supported by continuous industry – institute interaction aimed at promoting employability, entrepreneurship, leadership and research aptitude among students and contribute to the economic and technological development of the region, state and nation.



Accreditation & Rankings

- NAAC A+ grade with India's QS-i-Gauge Diamond rating
- ABET accreditation for flagship engineering programs—CSE, EEE, ECE, Mechanical, and Biotechnology
- Ranked in top 100 universities (NIRF 2024: 72; engineering 2022: 95)



Academic Strength



Over 100+ programs (UG, PG, PhD, diploma) are delivered by 835+ faculty to a student body of 12,000+, featuring research-driven curricula and industry alignment. Emphasis on innovation is reflected by ₹42 Cr in research funding, 216 patents filed/granted, and world-class labs & Centers of Excellence.

Campus & Student Life

Infrastructure includes a vast library (NTR Vignan Library), seminar halls, open-air theatres, lecture theatres, and sports facilities. The university offers vibrant campus life with clubs in arts, music, theatre, fashion, and sports.



Student Culture & Clubs

Student clubs include SAC, UEAC, E-Cell, Sports Contingent, NCC, Thandav, Dhvani, and many more to cater the students' interests. Signature events include Vignan Mahotsav- A National level youth festival and Srujanankura- Technical symposium.

Transport & Accessibility

Well-connected via NH-5, 13 km from Guntur and 12 km from Tenali. A fleet of 40–50 buses serve students, with Vijayawada railway junction just an hour's reach and Gannavaram airport ~90 minutes away.



Career & Global Exposure

Placement rates of 80–85%, with packages up to ₹44 LPA. International internships, 18+ advanced research centers, and global university collaborations enhance student readiness and global exposure.

Scholarships & Financial Support

Scholarships include up to 75% fee concessions and ₹4 crore in merit-based awards. On-campus UCO bank supports education loans



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