



51ST NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

AICF Event Code: 438513/WB/2025

03rd to 13th December, 2025

Organised by:

SARA BANGLA DABA SANGSTHA

On behalf of:

ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION

Supported by:

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

In Association with:

PASCHIM BARDHAMAN DABA SANGSTHA

&

ALLSPORT FOUNDATION

Venue:

SIDHU KANU INDOOR STADIUM, DURGAPUR, WEST BENGAL



Total Prize Fund: ₹30,00,000/-

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	ROUND	DAY	TIME
03-12-2025	Inauguration	Wednesday	12:00 PM
	Players' Meeting		01:00 PM
	ROUND-1		02:00 PM
04-12-2025	ROUND-2	Thursday	10:00 AM
05-12-2025	ROUND-3	Friday	10:00 AM
06-12-2025	ROUND-4	Saturday	10:00 AM
07-12-2025	ROUND-5	Sunday	10:00 AM
08-12-2025	ROUND-6	Monday	10:00 AM
09-12-2025	ROUND-7	Tuesday	10:00 AM
10-12-2025	ROUND-8	Wednesday	10:00 AM
11-12-2025	ROUND-9	Thursday	10:00 AM
12-12-2025	ROUND-10	Friday	10:00 AM
13-12-2025	ROUND-11	Saturday	10:00 AM
	Closing Ceremony		04:00 PM
	Departure		06:00 PM

TOTAL CASH AWARDS: 30,00,000/-

RANK	CASH PRIZES	RANK	CASH PRIZES
1 ST	7,00,000/-	6 TH	2,00,000/-
2 ND	5,50,000/-	7 TH	1,50,000/-
3 RD	4,50,000/-	8 TH	1,50,000/-
4 TH	3,50,000/-	9 TH	1,00,000/-
5 TH	2,50,000/-	10 TH	1,00,000/-

Eligibility:

- 1) Every affiliated State Association/Institutional Members of All India Chess Federation shall be entitled to send four entries. If any state association/institution failed to send its full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.
- 2) All Women Grandmasters and Women International Masters and women holding IM & GM titles are seeded. Such entries should come through their respective state associations/affiliated units of AICF.

- 3) First six players from the previous Women National Championship rankings other than IM, GM, WGMs and WIMs.
- 4) National Junior Girls Chess Champion of 2024, held in Haryana (September 2024).
- 5) Current World Champion in any category (OTB).
- 6) Current Asian Junior Girls Champion and first three from the last Asian Women Chess Championship (OTB).
- 7) The host, Sara Bangla Daba Sangstha shall be entitled to fill additional entries of four players.
- 8) All board prize winners of the 2025 National Women Team Chess Championship held in Gujarat (March 2025).
- 9) Four players approved by AICF will be permitted from areas where no state chess association exists.
- 10) A nominee of Hon. Secretary of AICF.
- 11) If the total number of entries is an odd number, then the host **Sara Bangla Daba Sangstha** may add one more entry to make it an even number.
- 12) Players with a FIDE Standard / Classical rating as per December 2025 FRL and remits the prescribed special entry fee of Rs. 6,250/-. All such entries should come through their respective State Associations/Affiliated Units of AICF.

Only Indian Nationals are eligible to participate in this championship. Entries & Entry Fee:

Ordinary entry: Rs.2,500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred only) Special entry: Rs.6,250/- (Rupees six thousand two hundred fifty only)

Note: There will be 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North Eastern States and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. All entries including special entries should come through the concerned state chess association/institutional members of AICF.

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

Last Date of Entry: 19th November, 2025. With a late fee of Rs.250/- up to 26th November, 2025.

No entry will be accepted after 5.00 pm on 26th November, 2025

AICF Players Registration: 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

System of Play: The Championship will be played under FIDE's Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally, eleven rounds shall be played. Players from the same state shall not be

paired against each other in the last round of a national championship. However, they may be paired if there is no compatible opponent with the same point group or score group with a maximum difference of one point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

Default time: Default time for arriving to the chess board is 15 minutes.

Draw Offer: Players shall not agree for a draw before Black's 30th move, without the consent of the arbiter.

Time Control: Time control of 90 minutes for the first 40 moves and 30 minutes for rest of the game with 30 seconds increment per move from move no. 1.

Chess Clocks: Each participating association must provide at least two DGT chess clocks in working order for every four players sent by that association in the championship.

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

- 1) Buchholz Cut1
- 2) Buchholz
- 3) Sonneborn-Berger
- 4) Direct encounter
- 5) The greater number of wins including forfeits
- 6) Number of wins with Black pieces

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

Electronic Devices: All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall. Those who are having mobile phone or wearing watches during their play will be declared lost.

Lodging: Free accommodation (dormitory on sharing basis) will be provided to all the normal entry participants and one accompanying official (Manager) nominated by the concerned state chess association for each state. Players and officials availing this facility have to inform the same on or before 19th November, 2025. Accompanying persons and special entries have to make their own arrangements. If they want to avail this facility they may contact the organizers on or before 19th November, 2025.

Boarding: A lump sum of Rs.1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred only) will be paid by the organizers towards the boarding expenses, only to the affiliated state associations seeded and selected players who play this championship under normal entry fee.

Dress Code: As per AICF regulation on dress code for players participating in all the national championships, all State Associations/affiliated units should send their players including special entry players with proper uniform (as regards special entry players, the respective

state chess association may collect the cost of the uniform from the players). Player should at least wear 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. Girl/Women to be also given appropriate uniform dress. 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.

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

Protests: Protest if any, against the decision of the chief arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee Rs.3000/- within 30 minutes of occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

Appeals Committee: Before commencement of the tournament, a five member appeals committee shall be formed by AICF/Organizers. All members and the reserves shall be from different states/affiliated units. No member of the committee can vote on the dispute in which a player from his own state is involved. In such case(s), reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee. The decision of the appeals committee is final and binding on all players concerned.

Withdrawals: 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.

Disqualification: No player shall leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the chief arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule shall be suspended for one year.

Arrears: The affiliated associations must clear all arrears of affiliation fee/tournament fee including those of current year at the time of

submitting the entries. Otherwise the entries are liable to be rejected.

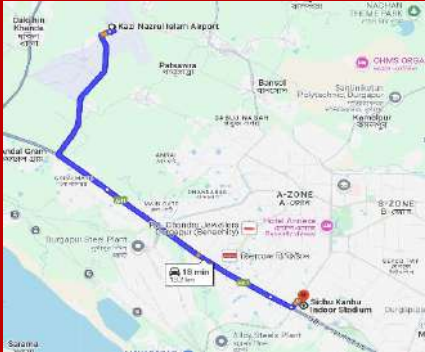
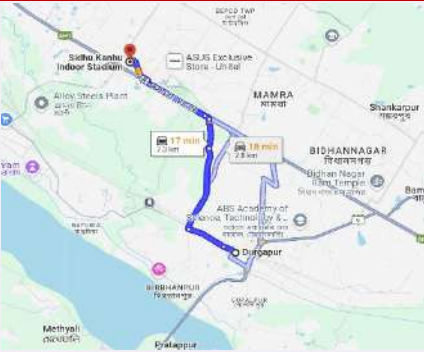
Interpretation: For interpretation of the rules and deciding any point not covered by the rules, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final and binding. The tournament committee has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules, without notice. However, such changes/or inclusion will be subject to AICF clearance. Such changes will, however be displayed at the tournament hall.

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How to reach Durgapur

By Air - KNI Airport Durgapur Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport	By Train - DGR Durgapur Railway station, Sidhu Kanu Indoor Stadium	By Bus Durgapur City Centre
		
Expected travel time from KNI Airport Durgapur to Sidhu Kanu Indoor Stadium (13.2 km): 20 minutes	Expected travel time from DGR Durgapur Railway station to Sidhu Kanu Indoor Stadium (7.8 km): 17 minutes	Expected travel time from Durgapur City Centre, Bus Stop to Sidhu Kanu Indoor Stadium (1.9 km): 6 minutes

From Kolkata

By Train : There are many trains from Howrah Railway Station to Durgapur. It will take approximately two hours.

By Bus : There are bus services available from Esplanade and Salt Lake, Karunamoyee to Durgapur. It will take approximately 3.15 hours.

About Durgapur

Durgapur, better known as the steel city of West Bengal, is situated in the district of Burdwan. As the name suggests, Durgapur is home to several steel producing companies as well as power plants and other engineering and chemical factories. It is one of the few planned cities in India, the credit of which goes to architects Benjamin Polk and Allen Stein.

About 187 kms from Kolkata and 250 kms from Ranchi, Durgapur is fast emerging as one of the most developed cities in West Bengal. It can boast of all modern amenities starting from hospitals, shopping malls, picnic spots, clubs, hotels, restaurants and banks. Well known health care facilities like ESI Hospital and Disha Eye Care are some of the feathers in the city's cap which bring it at par with all other major cities of the country. You will never miss any of the contemporary facilities that you enjoy in other cities, when you are in Durgapur. Other famous industrial cities like Asansol, Ranigunj and Dhanbad are at close range.

Tourism in Durgapur

The city can also boast of several important tourist spots which are worth visiting, and which attracts a number of people from other places all the year round. The summer here being quite unbearable, with the

scorching heat and with the temperature soaring to above 45 degrees Celsius, the ideal time to visit this beautiful city is during the winters when the temperatures remain pleasant at about 20 degrees Celsius. You will neither be unlucky if you plan a visit during the monsoons, that is, between June and September, as that is the ideal time to have a breathtaking view of the Durgapur Barrage. Other places of interest include Randiha, where you can enjoy nature at its best; City Centre, where you can hang out with your friends and family, with the movie theatres, shopping malls, parks and restaurants in the vicinity; Benachity, which has lately come up with showrooms of all the major brands that you can think of; Durgapur steel plant; Children's Academy; Kumar Mangalam Park; Science and Energy Park; and the list continues.

Transportation in Durgapur

The city has a good connectivity, with good roads like the GT road (NH2) running through it. It is well connected with the Indian Railways which helps you to reach almost all major cities or junctions in the country. Frequent bus services to almost all parts of West Bengal gives easy access for people visiting the city for work or vacation. There are long distance private buses like Volvo and there are Government buses too, which take you easily to Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, and to other parts of the state.

Dining and Lodging in Durgapur

Staying in Durgapur is easy and convenient as it has accommodations ranging from budget to star hotels, giving you a wide range to choose from.

Neither will food be a problem, whether you are a pure vegetarian or a non-vegetarian.

With restaurants serving North and South Indian dishes, as well as Mughlai, Continental and Chinese cuisines, you will never be at a loss to find the food of your taste.

Sports in Durgapur

There is no dearth of sports enthusiasts in the city, which can easily be made out with the several training institutes giving lessons in chess, volley ball, basket ball, boxing, kabadi, kho-kho, etc. Also, there are football, cricket, martial arts and mountaineering association here.



***Accommodation for official entries and
list of hotels will be intimated soon***

