



LEGACY OF CHESS

Late A. Balasubramanian

1st Memorial Invitational

TN State Level Open Chess Tournament - 2026

Event Code: CO-240/CBE/25-26

Organized By:

Rajesh-Ramesh OG Layal Chess Academy & CHESSWARE NEURO PVT LTD



MONDAY
FEBRUARY 9, 2026

START FROM
9.30 A.M

TOTAL CASH PRIZE
₹42,000/-

**FREE
ENTRY**

FIRST PRIZE:
₹10,000/-
+ ROLLING TROPHY

Limited Entries: 120

Eligibility Criteria: Above 1600 Elo

25 Cash Prizes

12 Category Trophies Under-9,13,17

VENUE

P. A. College of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Pollachi, Coimbatore

Fill out the form to get invited

**SCAN &
REGISTER**



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- The tournament is open to Tamil Nadu players only.
- The latest FIDE Rules in force shall apply.
- The Swiss system of pairing will be followed.
- Time Control: 30 minutes each.
- The first round will commence at 9.30 AM on 09.02.2026.
- The number of rounds and the round-wise schedule will be announced at the tournament venue.
- Board coins and clocks will be kept for all 60 boards. Players can come freely.
- Tie-breaks will be decided using the latest AICF tie-break rules. In case of a tie, prizes will not be shared.
- The Chief Arbiter's decision shall be final and binding on all players concerned.
- Age proof certificate must be produced for Children's Category prizes.
- Entries close at 6.00 PM on 01.02.2026. No entry will be entertained after 6.00 PM on 01.02.2026. Strictly no spot entries.
- TNSCA player registration is mandatory for all Tamil Nadu players. Registration fee is Rs.150/- for the year 2025-2026. Players and arbiters must complete registration before the start of the tournament. No participation is permitted without valid TNSCA registration. Renewal can be done at <https://registration.tamilchess.com/>



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TOURNAMENT FORMAT & ELIGIBILITY

6 Rounds | Swiss System | Invitation Only

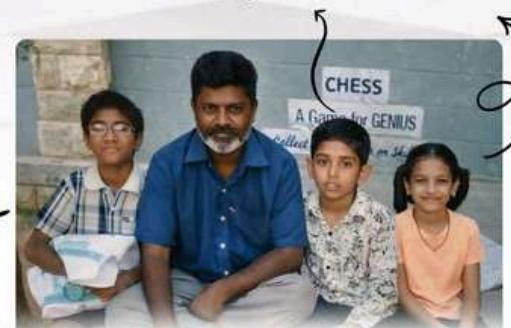
Age Proof Mandatory | Arbiter & Committee Decision Final |
GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM are invited

PREMIUM LUNCH PROVIDED

VEG NON-VEG

Prem Naren N S

Dr. S. A. Suryakumar Abhirami



- For fresh TNSCA registration please click <https://registration.tamilchess.com/new-register/>
- For fresh TNSCA registration, players are requested to keep their scanned passport size photograph and birth certificate and a valid email address ready before the registration process. Note : Only passport size (less than 1 MB) photographs in JPEG format should be uploaded..
- Coimbatore DCA Registration fee is Rs.75/- for the year 2025 - 2026 (for Coimbatore district players only)
- The TNSCA / Coimbatore DCA / organizer Chessware Neuro Private Limited reserve the rights of admission to the venue and lodging place.
- Participation certificates will be awarded to all participants..
- Age Limit
 - Under-9: Born on or after 01-01-2016
 - Under-13: Born on or after 01-01-2012
 - Under-17: Born on or after 01-01-2008
 - Open Category No Age Limit
- Contact Details :
 - Organisation Name : Chessware Neuro Pvt Ltd
 - Organizer Name : Rajesh - Ramesh OG Layal Chess Academy & Chessware Neuro Pvt Ltd
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SPECIAL NOTE:

This tournament marks the first death anniversary of Late Balu Sir, conducted with no entry fee purely to honour his memory. A restricted player count ensures a high-quality playing experience, with the goal of respect, fairness, and excellence for the entire chess fraternity.

ABOUT LAYAL CHESS ACADEMY & BALU SIR:

Founded in 2004 by Mr. A. Balasubramanian (Balu Sir), Layal Chess Academy has been a key contributor to chess development in Coimbatore for over 20 years, nurturing talent and promoting competitive excellence.

- Produced players such as Rajesh, Ramesh, Ganesh, and Adith
- Pioneer of Tamil Nadu's first ₹1 Lakh cash prize chess event
- Organized district, state, and FIDE-rated tournaments
- Conducted the Closed Circuit FIDE Rating Tournament (2005)
- Known for innovative events and unique prizes