

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/-		
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 2nd : 30,000/- 3rd : 20,000/- 4th : 15,000/- 5th : 10,000/- 6th - 8th : 7,500/- each 9th - 10th : 6,000/- each 11th & 20th : 4,000/- each 21th - 25th : 3,500/- each 26th - 30th : 3,000/- each		
Category Prizes	: Best Women (Above 15) 1st : 6,000/- 2nd : 3,500/- 3rd : 3,000/- Elo 1601-1800 1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/- Elo 1801-2000 1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/- Best Unrated 1st : 5,000/- 2nd : 4,000/- 3rd : 3,000/- Best Veteran (Above 60 yrs) 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.sbdsc chess.in/player-registration.php>
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbdsc 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 : Januay 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:** 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.sbdsc chess.in/player-registration.php>
SBDS Renewal : <https://www.sbdsc 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

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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/-
<p>The last date of Entry : January 7, 2026 (till 4pm) or first 150 entries, whichever is earlier.</p>		
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 2nd : 15,000/- 3rd : 10,000/- 4th : 8,000/- 5th : 7,000/- 6th : 5,000/- 7th : 4,000/- each 8th & 10th : 3,000/- each 11th - 15th : 2,500/- each 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.sbdsc chess.in/player-registration.php>
Renewal : <https://www.sbdsc 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**

Prize Distribution : 03.30 pm

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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.sbdsc chess.in/player-registration.php>
Renewal : <https://www.sbdsc 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.

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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.

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