17th Chennai Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2027
for Sakthi Group Dr. N. Mahalingam Trophy

FIDE/AICF Event code: 482602/TN/2027
& TNSCA Approval No: INT-01/TN/26-27

Organised by: Tamil Nadu State Chess Association
Under the guidance of All India Chess Federation

Date: 2nd to 9th January 2027

Venue: Hotel Ramada Egmore
Gandhi Irwin Rd, Ansari Estate, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600008
(Near Egmore Railway & Egmore Metro Station) Ph: 044-4610 4777

The venue is about one hour drive from Chennai airport, 10 minutes from MGR Central Railway Station and 5 minutes from Egmore Railway station

Total Cash Prize: Rs. 20,00,000/-

Main Prizes

1st	Rs. 4,00,000/-	8th	Rs. 60,000/-
2nd	Rs. 3,00,000/-	9th	Rs. 55,000/-
3rd	Rs. 1,80,000/-	10th	Rs. 50,000/-
4th	Rs. 1,25,000/-	11th to 15th	Rs. 25,000/- each
5th	Rs. 1,00,000/-	16th to 20th	Rs. 20,000/- each
6th	Rs. 85,000/-	21st to 30th	Rs. 15,000/- each
7th	Rs. 70,000/-	31st to 40th	Rs. 10,000/- each

Category Prizes

2000 to 2299: 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.8000/-3) Rs.7000/-
1800 to 1999; 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.8000/-3) Rs.7000/-
1600 to 1799 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.8000/-3) Rs.7000/-
Players below 1599 : 1) Rs.10000/- 2) Rs.8000/-3) Rs.7000/-
(all unrated players will be considered only in this rating category)

However, a player is eligible for one prize only (whichever is higher)
Indian Income Tax Act and rules in force will be applicable for TDS purpose.

Tournament Schedule:

Arrival 8.00 AM 2nd January,2027
Technical Meeting 2.00 PM 2nd January,2027
Inaugural Ceremony 2.30 PM 2nd January,2027

02.01.2027	Saturday	03.00 PM	Round1
03.01.2027	Sunday	10.00 AM	Round 2
03.01.2027	Sunday	04.00 PM	Round 3
04.01.2027	Monday	10.00 AM	Round 4
05.01.2027	Tuesday	10.00 AM	Round 5
05.01.2027	Tuesday	04.00 PM	Round 6
06.01.2027	Wednesday	10.00 AM	Round 7
07.01.2027	Thursday	10.00 AM	Round 8
08.01.2027	Friday	10.00 AM	Round 9
09.01.2027	Saturday	10.00 AM	Round 10
09.01.2027	Saturday	05.00 PM	Closing Ceremony

Departure 07.00 PM 9thJanuary, 2027

Entry Fee:

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and Rated 2400 and above – No entry Fee.

All players Rs. 10,000/- will be the entry fee without lodging.
(No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.)

The last date of entry will be 27th December, 2026 (Sunday)

Contact details:

Tamil Nadu State Chess Association, Room No. 75, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai 600003. Phone: 044-25384477 / 25366464
E-mail:tnchesstmt@gmail.com Website: www.tamilchess.com

Entry fee can be paid through online portal, use the link given below

https://registration.tamilchess.com/

1. For Tamil Nadu Players Registration:

https://registration.tamilchess.com/online-entry/

2. For Other State/Federation players registration:

https://registration.tamilchess.com/other-payment/

After paying the entry fee, please submit the details in the google form given below link (only for other state/ Federation players)

Google form link :

https://forms.gle/X5LQbkJsVKb2FrQo6

Tournament Rules

System of Play

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 10 rounds.

Time Control

90 Minutes each with 30 seconds increment from move no.1.

Default Time

15 Minutes. Any player who arrives at the chess board after the default time shall lose the game.

Tie Break

1)Buchholz cut 1 2)Buchholz 3) Sonneborn-Berger 4) Direct Encounter 5)Greater number of wins including forfeit games 6) Number of wins with black pieces.

In the event of tie the cash prizes will not be shared.

Condition for draw by agreement

Players should not agree for a draw in a game without completing30 moves each.

Ban on Electronic devices and Wrist watch

All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are restricted inside playing hall. Players found in possession of these items will be declared lost.

Boarding & Lodging

All GMs/ IMs/WGMs/WIMs will be provided free boarding and hotel accommodation on double sharing basis.

All other participants / accompanying persons who require lodging may contact Mr. V. Dhanasekaran (Mobile : 9841748583 / 9884748583)

GENERAL INFORMATION

AICF Player Registration

All Indian players must be registered with AICF for the year 2026 – 2027 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with AICF are required to do AICF registration online at https://prs.aicf.in/players before sending their entry.

TNSCA Player Registration

All Tamil Nadu players must be registered with TNSCA as player for the year 2026 – 2027 before the registration deadline to participate in the tournament. Those who have not registered with TNSCA are required to do TNSCA registration online at https://registration.tamilchess.com/ before sending their entry.

Protest

Protest, if any against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within one hour of the completion of the game. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld**.**

Appeals Committee

Before the commencement of the tournament, a five member committee of Appeal with two reserves shall be formed by the organisers. All the members and reserves shall be from different federation. No member of the committee can vote on a dispute in which a player from his own federation is involved and in such case the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee**.**

Organising Secretary	**Tournament Director**	**Technical Director**
Mr. B. Murugavel	Mr. P. Stephen Balasamy	Mr. R.Anantharam
Vice President, TNSCA	General Secretary, TNSCA	former Vice President, TNSCA

For further assistance please contact:

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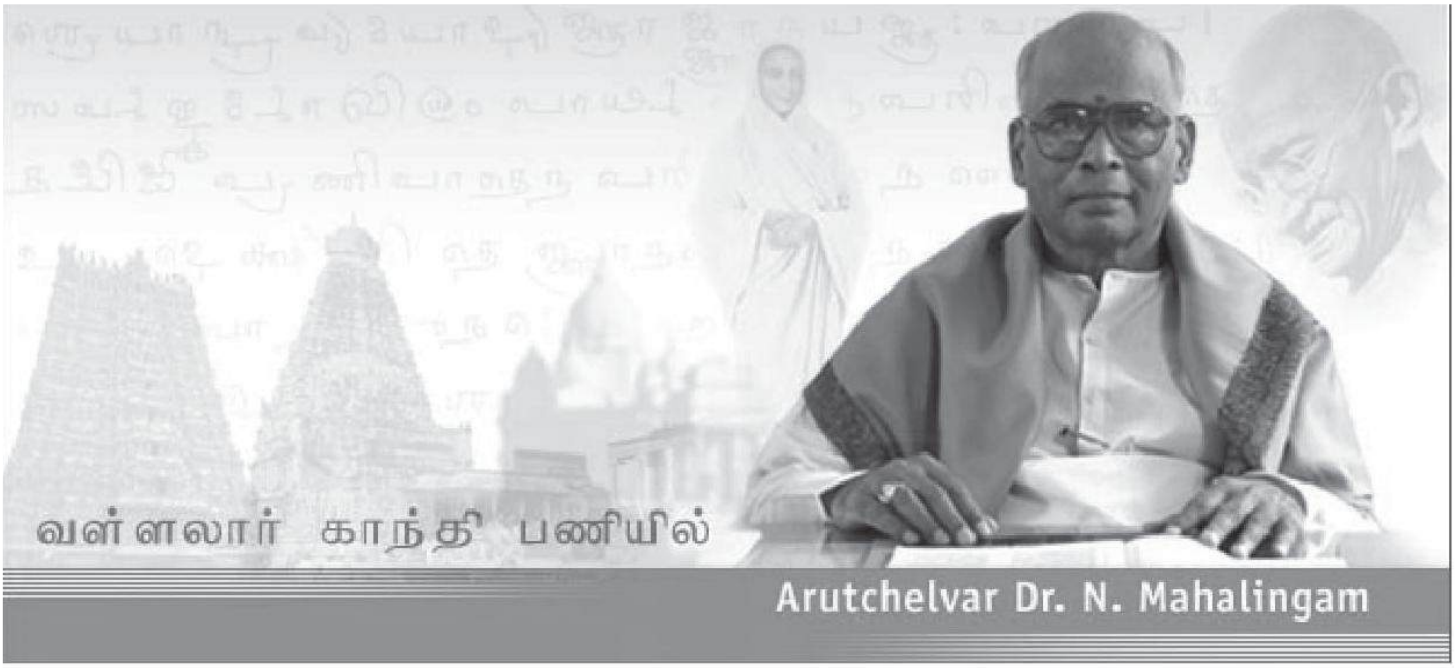
Accommodation in charge:

Mr. Dhanasekaran V - Mob: +91 9884748583
E-mail: danasekar2@gmail.com

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Hotels near the tournament venue:

Lakshmi Lodge, 16, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite toEgmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 42148725/26/27 Mobile: +91 98409 00342
Hotel Pandian, 15, Kennet Lane, Egmore (opposite to Egmore Railway Station)	Ph: +91 44 28192727 Mobile: +91 98414 21207 +91 98414 21202
Vestin Park Hotel 39, Red Cross Road,Egmore	Ph: +91 44 28527171 Mobile +91 99400 11946



Dr. N. Mahalingam, founder, Sakthi group of companies was a chess philanthropist beyond comparison. His compassion for chess players in distress was phenomenal. He expressed his appreciation of the achievements of chess players with meaningful gifts that inspired them to higher efforts. As a former President of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and All India Chess Federation, Dr. N. Mahalingam Championed the growth and the development of the game.