

Press Release

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K.Stalin meets FIDE President Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich in 'Podhigai' Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi on 01.04.2022 around 06.00 PM.

In the backdrop of Chennai being chosen as the prestigious venue for the ensuing 44th Chess Olympiad this meeting is a very significant step towards expediting the works happening to ensure grand and successful conduct of the one of its kind event to be celebrated and eagerly by the World Chess and all.

During this discussion, Hon'be Minister for Environment - Climate Change, Youth Welfare & Sports Development Department, Thiru. Siva.V. Meyyanathan, Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Dr. V. Irai Anbu, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Ms. Apoorva, IAS, President of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) Dr. Sanjiv Kapoor, the legendary Grand Master Mr. Vishwanathan Anand. the Chess Olympiad Project Tournament Director Mr. Bharath Singh Chauhan and Member Secretary of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) Dr. R. Ananda Kumar, IAS, Chairman of Gujarat State Cooperative Bank Mr. Ajay Patel were present.

The First Chess Olympiad was organized by the Federation Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE) in 1927, it is a biennial Chess tournament coming to India for the first time to Asia after 30 years and that too is scheduled to happen in the Chess capital of India – that is Chennai.

A FIDE inspection team has earlier inspected the selected venue 60 Km south from the city that is Four points by Sheraton Mahabalipuram Resort and Convention Centre. Traditionally along with the Olympiad the FIDE Congress to select a new President and office bearers used to be conducted and this time also it will happen in Chennai as per the FIDE protocol, in August 2022.

It is expected that around 2000 Chess Players including several popular Grand Masters are participating from 186 countries around

the world. The players from the developing countries will be financially supported to encourage their participation.

All the preliminary works to pass a Government order to create Chennai Chess Olympiad Committee (CCOC) a dedicated society to carry out the various works related to the conduct of Olympiad with a Kaleidoscopic opening ceremony and spectacular Closing Event are completed. Renowned music artists and traditional cultural and folk art experts are being approached to make the occasion memorable.

The 44th Chess Olympiad is expected to happen from 27th July 2022 to August 10th 2022.

The President of FIDE Mr. Arkady Dvorkvich is the incumbent of the present post for the past about four years from 2018 and he has expressed his happiness in the way the event is shaping up and his meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Minister is a consequential one resulting in several fruitful decisions to showcase the hospitality, tourism and several other specialties of Tamilnadu.

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