

Press Release

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is pleased to announce the conduct of the Chennai Grand Masters Chess Championship which is scheduled from 15th to 21st December, 2023 at The Leela Palace, Chennai.

The tournament will have a mix of 8 International Grandmasters and Indian Grandmasters playing in a round-robin format with 7 rounds of classic chess. They will be competing for a total prize amount of Rs.50 lakh sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The tournament provides opportunity for players, like D. Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi, to qualify for the Candidates tournament. Notable players like Parham Maghsoudloo, P. Harikrishna, Levon Aronian, Pavel Eljanov, Alexander Predke, and Sjugirov Sanan will also be participating in the tournament.

The Tamil Nadu government has always supported chess, evident from successfully hosting the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai last year. Such efforts have led to impressive results, with about 1 out of 3 Grandmasters in India originating from Tamil Nadu. This proud tradition began with the first Grandmaster, GM Vishwanathan Anand, and it continues with players like GM Praggnanandha, GM Gukesh, and India's most recent Grandmaster, GM Vaishali.

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