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# BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTERS OPEN CHESS

## TOURNAMENT 2024

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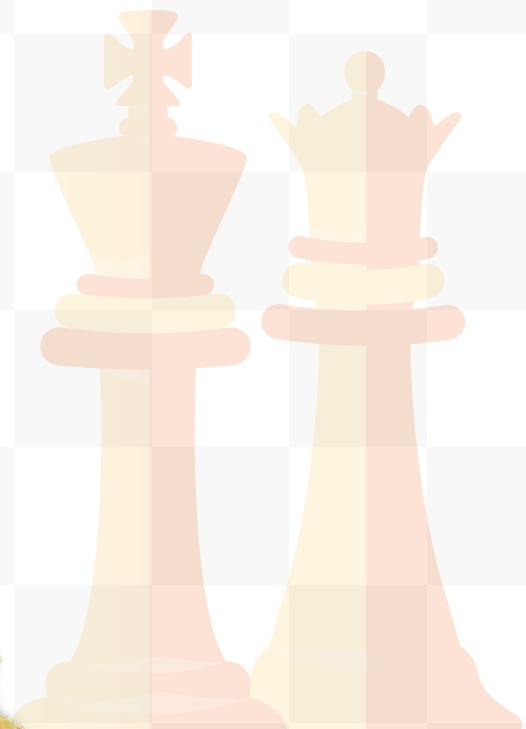
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18th to 26th January 2024



Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bangalore

# WELCOME TO THE BIGGEST CHESS SPECTACLE IN BANGALORE

## Dear Chess Enthusiasts,

We are honoured to invite you to the 1st Bangalore International Grand Masters Open Chess Tournament 2024, organized by BUDCA under the aegis of the Karnataka State Chess Association, All India Chess Federation, and International Chess Federation, FIDE proudly presents the 1st Bangalore International Grand Masters Open Chess Tournament. Supported by Ministry of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Sports Authority of India, Karnataka Olympic Association. It will be held at the renowned Kanteevera Indoor Stadium in Bangalore from 18th to 26th January 2024. This tournament promises to be a chess extravaganza like never before.



## UNLEASH THE GRANDMASTERS!

Prepare yourselves for an unparalleled chess experience around 50 Grandmasters from across the globe converge at Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Witness breathtaking chess strategies and tactics as these titans of the game battle it out for glory.

## AN INTERNATIONAL CHESS EXTRAVAGANZA

This international tournament is set to make history, as it will bring together the finest chess minds from across the globe. Around 2500 players expected to participate, around 50 Grand masters, this tournament promises to be a spectacular showcase of skill and strategy. It is a testament to the growing popularity and influence of chess on an international scale.



# RISING CHESS REVOLUTION IN INDIA

Indian chess has transcended its traditional boundaries, becoming a global sensation. It all began with the rise of Viswanathan Anand, the harbinger of a chess revolution. As the great Magnus Carlsen aptly put it, We're just at the start of a revolution that began with Anand becoming a Grandmaster.

The recent FIDE Chess World Cup showcased the might of Indian chess. D Gukesh, aged 17, has already surpassed Anand as India's No. 1 player. R Praggnanandhaa, now 18, stormed into the World Cup finals, defeating the World No. 2 and No. 3 players. Alongside, talents like Arjun Erigaisi and Nihal Sarin, both 19, are set to make history. Last year's Chess Olympiad in Chennai sparked immense interest, prompting the mushrooming of clubs and schools dedicated to chess. Despite this, chess struggles to attract sponsors. It's high time corporate houses recognize the sport's potential and support it.



## A GLORIOUS CHESS LEGACY

Our tournament has a storied history, with past champions who have graced us with their remarkable skills. Join the ranks of chess legends and create your own chapter in this illustrious chess journey.

## Karnataka Grand Master



**WIM Isha Sharma**



# ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Kanteerava Indoor Stadium



## THE GRANDEST CHESS SHOWDOWN IN BANGALORE

This tournament is a chess extravaganza like never before with grandmasters from around 18-20 countries, 50+ elite grandmasters, this event is set to redefine chess competition. The tournament features A, B & C categories to cater to all skill levels.

## KEY DETAILS



**Prize Money**

₹ 50 Lakhs



**Categories**

A, B & C Categories



**International Players**  
GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs,  
etc

# A

**Category**

50+ grandmasters, 300+  
participant & Above  
1900 elo rating

# B

**Category**

1500+ players  
below 2000 elo rating

# C

**Category**

1250+ players  
below 1600 elo rating

## PRIZES FIT FOR CHESS ROYALTY

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY  
(A, B & C CATEGORY)  
₹ 50, 00, 000/-**



Get ready to witness intense battles of strategy and wit as players compete for this generous reward. It's not just a game it's a chance to claim a life-changing opportunity !

# WORLD CHESS ICONS



Prepare to witness chess greatness! Grandmasters from around the world, including Mikhail Krasankov from Poland, Mikhail Mikheshashvili from Georgia, and our very own Lalit Babu, are gracing the event. Their strategic brilliance is set to captivate audiences.

# BANGALORE: A CHESS HAVEN

Bangalore, India's Silicon Valley, isn't just the hub of technology it's also a chess haven. With a rich chess heritage and a passionate community, Bangalore is the perfect backdrop for this grand chess spectacle.



## HERE'S WHY:

- 1 Chess Hub:** Bangalore has emerged as a chess hub, nurturing some of India's finest talents. It's home to renowned chess academies, clubs, and a passionate chess community
- 2 Infrastructure:** The Kantevara Indoor Stadium offers world-class infrastructure, ensuring a comfortable and competitive environment for players and spectators.
- 3 International Connectivity:** Bangalore's well-connected airport makes it accessible to players and fans from around the world.
- 4 Cultural Diversity:** Known as the "Silicon Valley of India," Bangalore celebrates diversity and is an ideal host for an international event.
- 5 Support:** With the backing of FIDE, All India Chess Federation, Karnataka State Chess Association and, Government of Karnataka & Karnataka Olympic Association, tournament enjoys robust support.
- 6 Passion for Chess:** Bangaloreans' love for chess is evident in the city's numerous chess tournaments and events, making it the perfect setting for this grand tournament.

**Join Us In The Garden City For An Unforgettable Chess Spectacle!**



# ABOUT BUDCA: PROMOTING CHESS IN BANGALORE



The Bangalore Urban District Chess Association (BUDCA) is driven by 7 passionate women with a mission to promote chess in Bangalore. This dedicated group combines players, parents, and organizers, united by their love for chess. BUDCA strives to elevate chess to new heights.

**POWERED BY PASSION, SUPPORTED BY DEDICATION**



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## FIDE'S COMMITMENT TO CHESS



International Chess Federation



All India Chess Federation



Karnataka State Chess Association

FIDE, the International Chess Federation, stands firmly behind this chess revolution. Their commitment to chess development worldwide has been instrumental in propelling the game to new heights.

## ABOUT AICF & KSCA

The All India Chess Federation (AICF) is India's chess governing body, promoting and regulating the game nationwide. The Karnataka State Chess Association (KSCA) does the same at the state level in Karnataka, nurturing local talent and contributing to chess's popularity in the region. Both organizations are vital to the growth of chess in



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# TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

-  **Inclusivity:** Players of all age groups welcome
-  **Women's Chess Tournament:** Empowering women in chess
-  **USP of Bangalore:** A city that lives and breathes chess
-  **Chess Events for Everyone:** Exhibition matches, simultaneous, blind-fold, panel discussions, etc
-  **Grand Opening and Closing Ceremonies:** Cultural extravaganza, spectacular celebrations
-  **Celebrities' Presence:** Eminent personalities joining the event



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## ENTRY REGISTRATION



**CATEGORY: A**



**CATEGORY: B-C**

### Bank Details For Entry Fee Transfer

Account Name: BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT CHESS ASSOCIATION

Account Number: 50200066091711

Account Branch: CHANDRA LAYOUT

IFSC Code: HDFC0001757

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