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Chennai to Host 1st Chola Chess Open International Grandmaster Tournament

Chennai was announced as the host city for the inaugural 1st Chola Chess Open International Grandmasters Chess Tournament scheduled for October 2026.

An international FIDE-rated chess tournament offering players opportunities to earn Grandmaster and International Master norms.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The inaugural 1st **Chola Chess Open** International Grandmasters Chess Tournament will be held in **Chennai**.
- The **FIDE-rated** event is scheduled to take place from **October 30 to November 7, 2026**.
- The tournament venue is set at the **ITC Welcom hotel** on **Cathedral Road** in Chennai.
- The championship brings together a total of 80 participating players.
- Participants will have the opportunity to earn **Grandmaster**, **International Master**, Woman **Grandmaster**, and Woman **International Master** norms.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Chennai hosted the historic **44th FIDE Chess Olympiad** in **July-August 2022**.

Viswanathan Anand became India's first Grandmaster in the year **1988**.

D. Gukesh became the youngest challenger for the World Chess Championship title in **2024**.

India secured historic double gold medals at the **45th Chess Olympiad** held in **Budapest** in **2024**.

FIDE (International Chess Federation) was founded in **1924** in **Paris**, France.

R. Praggnanandhaa achieved the Grandmaster title at the age of 12 years, 10 months, and 13 days.

REVISION FLASHCARD

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Syllabus Relevance: Important for TNPSC Group 1, 2, and 4 questions regarding international sports events hosted in Tamil Nadu and prominent chess achievements.

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