

Chess Festival of North East India 2023

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1. Title of the Event: Chess Festival of North East India 2023

2. Date and Venue: 20th —21st March, 2025, Aizawl

3. Organizing Agency: Mizoram Chess Association

4. Details of NEC assistance, wherever applicable.

- Approved Cost: Rs. 7.00lakh
- Sanction Date: 10th March, 2025

5. Objectives of the Event.

- Improvement of the discipline as a sports/games discipline
- Increased focus on catch them young approach
- Promotion of the disciplines in all the NE States
- Realization of Common goals, approaches and inter-State/Association effective co-ordination.

6. Brief proceedings and major highlights.

- The Chess Festival was conducted in accordance with the **FIDE Laws of Chess**, ensuring fair play and internationally accepted standards throughout the competition. The tournament followed the **Swiss-system pairing format**, enabling all participants to compete in every round while ensuring balanced pairings based on players' performance.
- The event comprised **9 rounds each in the Rapid and Blitz categories**, providing participants with the opportunity to showcase their strategic skills, tactical ability, and adaptability under different time controls. The Rapid event was conducted with a time control of **10 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move**, while the Blitz event followed a **3-minute plus a 2-second increment per move** format, in line with FIDE regulations.
- The tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation and healthy competition, with players demonstrating high standards of sportsmanship and competitive spirit. The successful **conduct** of both Rapid and Blitz events provided a platform

for players to enhance their competitive experience and contributed to the promotion of chess in the region.

7. Participants:

- **A total of 111 players participated in the Chess Festival, representing Mizoram, Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Delhi, reflecting a diverse and competitive field. State-wise participation comprised 72 players from Mizoram, 15 from Meghalaya, 10 from Assam, 8 from Arunachal Pradesh, 5 from Nagaland, and 1 from Delhi.**
- **The tournament witnessed participation across various age groups and rating categories. The Open Category recorded the highest participation with 81 players, followed by 15 players in the Under-11 category, 12 in the Under-13 category, 2 in the Under-9 category, and 1 in the Under-7 category. The event also included 3 women/girl participants, reflecting female representation in the competition. The senior-most participant was Mr. Sangkhuma Ralte (73 years) from Mizoram, highlighting the inclusive nature of the tournament across different age groups.**
- **Top Performers:**
Champion: IM Aaryan Varshney (Delhi) – 8.5 points

1st Runner-Up: Singh Soram Rahul (Assam) – 8 points

2nd Runner-Up: John Zonunthara Sailo (Mizoram) – 7.5 points.

8. Outcomes/Impact of the Event.

- The Chess Festival provided a competitive platform for young players from the North Eastern Region to enhance their technical skills, strategic thinking, and competitive experience. The event promoted sportsmanship, discipline, and interaction among participants while encouraging greater interest in chess at the grassroots level. By conducting the tournament under FIDE regulations, participants gained valuable exposure to internationally recognized tournament standards, thereby contributing to the identification and development of talented players and supporting the overall promotion of chess in the region.

1. Advertisement & Flyers



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Last Date : 15 March, 2025

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Pic : Youngest Participant - Vanlalhriati (7 Years Old)



*Pic : Senior Most –
Sangkhuma Ralte (73
Years Old)*