



TAMIL NADU IM NORM

Closed Circuit Tournaments 2023 - 24

Supported by **Tamil Nadu Government &**

Organised by

Tamil Nadu State Chess Association

50 International Master Norm Tournaments in One Year

Applications Invited for Tournaments from 11 to 20

**TOTAL PRIZE
\$ 1000**



1. \$ 500
2. \$ 300
3. \$ 200

Minimum Rating 2150 For Untitled Players

5 FOREIGN PLAYERS

11th TOURNAMENT STARTS ON,

9 January 2024

5 INDIAN PLAYERS

(2nd, 4th & 6th Days Will Have Single Rounds & Other Days Will Have Double Rounds)

Time Control : 90 Minutes + 30 Seconds per Move

S.No	Date	Organizer - Venue
11,12	9 - 14 January 2024	Chennai
13,14	16 - 21 January	Chennai
15	23 - 28 January	Tirunelveli
16	30 Jan. - 04 February	Nagercoil
17	06 - 11 February	Karaikudi
18	13 - 18 February	Pollachi
19	20 - 25 February	Tirupur
20	27 Feb. - 03 March	Coimbatore

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Note : B3 VISA IS REQUIRED FOR FOREIGN PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE

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Chess in India, especially in the Tamil Nadu state, is booming by leaps and bounds. The way in which the Chess Olympiad 2022 at Chennai, sponsored by the Tamil Nadu state government, is applauded as one of the best Olympiads ever witnessed by the chess world. The state is reaping the benefits of the Olympiad now - R Praggnanandhaa who recently reached the finals of the World Cup is only five points less than the five times world champion VishyAnand in international rating and moved within top 15 players of the world. And D Gukesh is just behind him. This is all because of the relentless hard work by the players and also the excellent planning and administration by the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association.

Praggnanandhaa, Gukesh and Vaishali have qualified for the Candidates 2024 and it is a great honour to Tamil Nadu for achieving such an unimaginable feat.

Tamil Nadu is the only state organizing two GM norm tournaments, one in Chennai and the other in Madurai. To produce more GMs, Tamil Nadu needs more international masters in chess. The State Chess Association and its president proposed a novel and innovative idea of organising 50 closed circuit IM norm tournaments in one year to generate a plethora of international masters in the state. This mega project having the main theme of producing more and more international masters has already come into existence. Ten tournaments have been so far conducted, from which four international norms have been achieved by the following players.

1) Harsh Suresh, Tamil Nadu
3) Arnav Maheswari, Tamil Nadu

2) WGM Nandhidhaa PV, Tamil Nadu
4) Adireddy Arjun, Telangana

The project has received laurels from nooks and corners of the country and nowhere in the world, such a kind of programme has been executed so far. A player who travels to a foreign country in pursuit of the IM norm has to spend several lakhs of rupees. But, a player participating in the IM norm tournaments has to shed only a few thousand rupees.

Each of the IM norm tournament will be of ten players – all play all round robin type. According to the regulations of the world chess federation (FIDE), the tournament needs minimum four foreign players and among the ten players, five must have titles like GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM and/or WFM. A tournament will take place for six days and we have planned to take the series of tournaments to different districts of Tamil Nadu to popularize the game in rural areas also. Of the five Indian players, three will from Tamil Nadu and two from other states.

All the tournaments have been registered with and confirmed by the world chess federation by paying the required registration fee. Players who are interested in participating in the tournaments are requested to fill up the g-form available in tamilchess.com

<https://tamilchess.com/im-norm-tournaments/>

