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# Varas 1st International FIDE Rating Chess Festival 2024

## Total Prize Fund: ₹15,00,000

EVENT	DATES	AICF Code	PRIZE FUND
<b><i>Classical Open</i></b>	15-19 October, 2024	389388/TG/2024	<b>₹6,00,000</b>
<b><i>Open Rapid</i></b>	20 October, 2024	389387/TG(R)/2024	<b>₹3,00,000</b>
<b><i>Below 1800</i></b>	02-04 November, 2024	389390/TG/2024	<b>₹6,00,000</b>

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**VENUE:**

GP Birla Centre, Birla Science Center Complex, Near Birla  
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# Varas International Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament

15-19 October, 2024

**Total Cash Prize: ₹6,00,000**

## Tournament Schedule

Schedule	Date	Time
Opening Ceremony	15 October 2024, Tuesday	03:00 PM
Round 1	15 October 2024, Tuesday	04:00 PM
Round 2	16 October 2024, Wednesday	10:00 AM
Round 3	16 October 2024, Wednesday	04:00 PM
Round 4	17 October 2024, Thursday	10:00 AM
Round 5	17 October 2024, Thursday	04:00 PM
Round 6	18 October 2024, Friday	10:00 AM
Round 7	18 October 2024, Friday	04:00 PM
Round 8	19 October 2024, Saturday	08:00 AM
Round 9	19 October 2024, Saturday	02:00 PM
Closing Ceremony	19 October 2024, Saturday	06:30 PM



## Tournament Rules and Regulations



- System of Play:** The tournament will be organized following the latest FIDE Laws of Chess in Swiss Format with 9 rounds of play.
- Time Control:** 1hr 30min each with 30 seconds increment from move 1
- Default time:** The walkover time will be 30 minutes
- Eligibility:** The tournament is open to all players. All rated and unrated players are eligible to participate. There is no age limit.
- Tie-breaks:** In case of a tie, the latest FIDE rules will apply. Cash Prizes will not be shared. A player gets only 1 higher prize.  
1. Buchholz Cut1 2. Buchholz 3. Sonneborn Berger 4. Direct Encounter 5. Greater number of wins.



# Open Prize Structure



Prizes	Amount
1	₹ 75,000 +
2	₹ 50,000 +
3	₹ 40,000 +
4	₹ 25,000 +
5	₹ 20,000 +
6	₹ 15,000
7	₹ 10,000
8	₹ 10,000
9	₹ 10,000
10	₹ 10,000
11	₹ 7,500
12	₹ 6,000
13	₹ 6,000
14	₹ 5,000
15	₹ 5,000
16	₹ 5,000
17	₹ 5,000
18	₹ 5,000
19	₹ 4,000
20	₹ 4,000
21	₹ 3,500
22	₹ 3,500
23	₹ 3,500
24	₹ 3,500
25	₹ 3,500

Categories - Unrated, 1400-1650, 1651-1900	
1	₹ 20,000 +
2	₹ 15,000 +
3	₹ 10,000 +
4	₹ 5,000 +
5	₹ 3,000 +

**Total Cash Prize**  
**₹6,00,000**

**Total 98 Prizes**  
**68 Cash Prizes**  
+  
**62 Trophies**

Best Female, Veteran 55+, Telangana, Physically Challenged	1	2
		₹ 5,000 +

Age Category Prizes					
	1	2	3	4	5
U-7 Boys	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-9 Boys	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-11 Boys	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-13 Boys	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-15 Boys	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-7 Girls	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-9 Girls	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-11 Girls	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-13 Girls	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			
U-15 Girls	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +			

# Varas International Rapid FIDE Rating Chess Tournament

20 October, 2024

**Total Cash Prize: ₹3,00,000**

## Tournament Schedule

Schedule	Date	Time
Opening Ceremony	20 October 2024, Sunday	09:00 AM
Round 1	20 October 2024, Sunday	09:30 AM
Round 2	20 October 2024, Sunday	10:30 AM
Round 3	20 October 2024, Sunday	11:30 AM
Round 4	20 October 2024, Sunday	12:30 PM
Round 5	20 October 2024, Sunday	02:00 PM
Round 6	20 October 2024, Sunday	03:00 PM
Round 7	20 October 2024, Sunday	04:00 PM
Round 8	20 October 2024, Sunday	05:00 PM
Round 9	20 October 2024, Sunday	06:00 PM
Closing Ceremony	20 October 2024, Sunday	07:00 PM



## Tournament Rules and Regulations



- System of Play:** The tournament will be organized following the latest FIDE Laws of Chess in Swiss Format with 9 rounds of play.
- Time Control:** 15 min each with 05 seconds increment from move 1
- Default time:** The walkover time will be 10 minutes
- Eligibility:** The tournament is open for all players. All rated and unrated players are eligible to participate. There is no age limit.
- Tie-breaks:** In case of a tie, latest FIDE rules will apply. Cash Prizes will not be shared. A player gets only 1 Higher prize.  
1. Buchholz Cut1 2. Buchholz 3. Sonneborn Berger 4. Direct Encounter 5. Greater number of wins.



# Rapid Prize Structure



Prizes	Amount
1	₹ 30,000 +
2	₹ 20,000 +
3	₹ 15,000 +
4	₹ 12,000 +
5	₹ 10,000 +
6	₹ 8,000
7	₹ 8,000
8	₹ 7,000
9	₹ 5,000
10	₹ 5,000
11	₹ 4,000
12	₹ 4,000
13	₹ 4,000
14	₹ 3,000
15	₹ 3,000
16	₹ 2,500
17	₹ 2,500
18	₹ 2,500
19	₹ 2,500
20	₹ 2,500
21	₹ 2,000
22	₹ 2,000
23	₹ 2,000
24	₹ 2,000
25	₹ 2,000

Categories - Unrated, 1400-1600, 1601-1800	
1	₹ 10,000 +
2	₹ 6,000 +
3	₹ 4,000 +
4	₹ 3,000 +
5	₹ 2,500 +

**Total Cash Prize**  
**₹3,00,000**

**Total 98 Prizes**  
**68 Cash Prizes**  
+  
**62 Trophies**

Best Female, Veteran 55+, Telangana, Physically Challenged	1	2
	₹ 4,000 +	₹ 3,000 +

## ➤ Age Category Prizes ◀

	1	2	3	4	5
U-7 Boys	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-9 Boys	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-11 Boys	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-13 Boys	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-15 Boys	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-7 Girls	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-9 Girls	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-11 Girls	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-13 Girls	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			
U-15 Girls	₹ 2,000 +	₹ 1,500 +			

# Varas International Below 1800 FIDE Rating Chess Tournament

02-04 November, 2024

**Total Cash Prize: ₹6,00,000**

## Tournament Schedule

Schedule	Date	Time
Opening Ceremony	02 November 2024, Saturday	09:00 AM
Round 1	02 November 2024, Saturday	10:00 AM
Round 2	02 November 2024, Saturday	01:30 PM
Round 3	02 November 2024, Saturday	05:00 PM
Round 4	03 November 2024, Sunday	09:30 AM
Round 5	03 November 2024, Sunday	01:00 PM
Round 6	03 November 2024, Sunday	04:30 PM
Round 7	04 November 2024, Monday	08:30 AM
Round 8	04 November 2024, Monday	12:00 PM
Round 9	04 November 2024, Monday	03:30 PM
Closing Ceremony	04 November 2024, Monday	06:30 PM



## Tournament Rules and Regulations



- System of Play:** The tournament will be organized following the latest FIDE Laws of Chess in Swiss Format with 9 rounds of play.
- Time Control:** 30min each with 30 seconds increment from move 1
- Default time:** The walkover time will be 30 minutes
- Eligibility:** The tournament is open for all players below 1800 ELO Rating. All unrated players are also eligible to participate. There is no age limit.
- Tie-breaks:** In case of a tie, latest FIDE rules will apply. Cash Prizes will not be shared. A player gets only 1 Higher prize.  
1. Buchholz Cut1 2. Buchholz 3. Sonneborn Berger 4. Direct Encounter 5. Greater number of wins.

# Below 1800 Prize Structure

Prizes	Amount
1	₹ 75,000 + 
2	₹ 50,000 + 
3	₹ 40,000 + 
4	₹ 25,000 + 
5	₹ 20,000 + 
6	₹ 15,000
7	₹ 10,000
8	₹ 10,000
9	₹ 10,000
10	₹ 10,000
11	₹ 7,500
12	₹ 6,000
13	₹ 6,000
14	₹ 5,000
15	₹ 5,000
16	₹ 5,000
17	₹ 5,000
18	₹ 5,000
19	₹ 4,000
20	₹ 4,000
21	₹ 3,500
22	₹ 3,500
23	₹ 3,500
24	₹ 3,500
25	₹ 3,500

Categories - Unrated, 1400-1550, 1551-1700	
1	₹ 20,000 + 
2	₹ 15,000 + 
3	₹ 10,000 + 
4	₹ 5,000 + 
5	₹ 3,000 + 

**Total Cash Prize**  
**₹6,00,000**

**Total 98 Prizes**  
**68 Cash Prizes**  
+  
**62 Trophies**

Best Female, Veteran 55+, Telangana, Physically Challenged	1	2
		₹ 5,000 + 

## ➤ Age Category Prizes ◀

	1	2	3	4	5
U-7 Boys	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-9 Boys	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-11 Boys	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-13 Boys	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-15 Boys	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-7 Girls	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-9 Girls	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-11 Girls	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-13 Girls	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			
U-15 Girls	₹ 4,000 + 	₹ 3,000 + 			

# General Rules and Regulations

- 1. Electronic Devices:** All electronic devices including wrist watches are not allowed in the tournament hall.
- 2. Protests:** If any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be made in writing with a protest fee of ₹1000 within 15 minutes of the occurrence of the incident to the appeals committee. The protest fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Before the commencement of the Tournament, appeals committee of five members will be formed.
- 3.** Indian Income tax Act and Rules are applicable.
- 4. Withdrawal:** A player may withdraw from the tournament, at any point of time, after informing the Chief Arbiter in writing.
- 5. AICF Registration:** It is mandatory to register with AICF before the start of Round 1, if you haven't registered or renewed with AICF, you will not be paired for the round.
- 6. Cancellation:** Entry once paid, is not refundable upon cancellation.
- 7.** Players who finished 1st or 2nd in any Rating Restricted FIDE rated tournament are not eligible to participate in any Rating Restricted tournament for 1 year from the date of such achievement. Any player found under such criteria will immediately be removed from the tournament and entry fees will not be refunded back.
- 8.** Any request towards waiver of entry fees or late fees will not be entertained. Entry fee is not transferable under any circumstances.
- 9.** The Organizing Committee has the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason.

## Contact Details

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# Entry Fees and Payments

	Classical Open	Rapid Open	Below 1800
Entry Fees	₹ 3,000	₹ 1,500	₹ 3,000
Last Date	10 October 2024	16 October 2024	28 October 2024
Last Date with Late Fee ₹500	13 October 2024	18 October 2024	31 October 2024

Register for All 3 Tournaments - ₹ 6,500 (Before 05 October 2024 Only)

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- Only players who finished all rounds are eligible

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<https://bit.ly/3MR2ej6>

## Bank Account Details

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UPI Payment QR Code



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Branch	Boduppall

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- Get 250 off on flight bookings
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Tournament Packages



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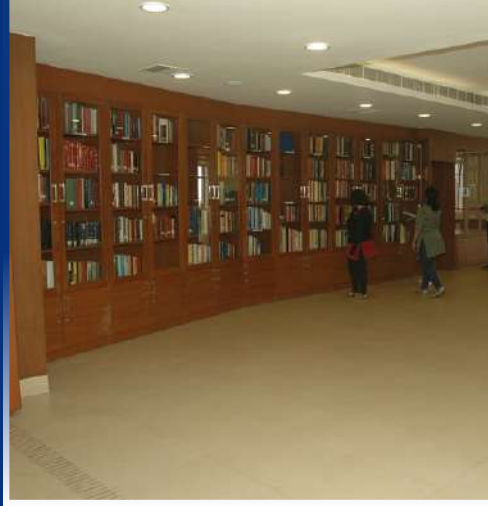


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### How to reach the Venue:

Nearest Metro: Lakdikapul Metro Station - 900 mts

Hyderabad Railway Station - 2.5 km

Secunderabad Railway Station - 7 km

Hyderabad Rajiv Gandhi International Airport - 30 km