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# 12<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS-2025

## EVENT & AICF EVENT CODE

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**ALL BIHAR CHESS ASSOCIATION**

On behalf of

**ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION**

In association with

**Bihar State Sports Authority**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**Venue:**

**Sambodhi Retreat, Bodhgaya**

Venue Partner



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## 1. Invitation:

All Bihar Chess Association, Bihar State Sports Authority and All India Chess Federation (AICF) takes immense pleasure in inviting all the State Associations & AICF affiliated units in India to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> National Amateur Chess Championships-2023 which is going to be held at Bodhgaya, Bihar from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

## 2. Schedule:

PARTICULARS	DATE	TIME
Inauguration/Managers Meeting	25/3/2025	03:00 P.M.
Round – I	25/3/2025	03:30 P.M.
Round – II	26/3/2025	09:00 A.M.
Round – III	26/3/2025	03:00 P.M.
Round – IV	27/3/2025	09:00 A.M.
Round – V	27/3/2025	03:00 P.M.
Round - VI	28/3/2025	09:00 A.M.
Round – VII	28/3/2025	03:00 P.M.
Round – VIII	29/3/2025	08:00 A.M.
Round – IX	29/3/2025	01:00 P.M.
Prize Distribution	29/3/2025	06:00 P.M.

**3. Six separate events:** The championship will be held separately for each category - below 2300, below 2000 and below 1700. In each rating section, a separate Championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries. Otherwise, the women's event will be merged with the Open.

## 4. Eligibility for Participation:

(a) For the under-2300 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above FM (or WFM for Women) in the section Under-2300.

(b) For the Under-2000 section, a player must not have published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the section Under-2000.

(c) For the Under-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the section Under-1700.

(d) If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category. If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 2300 after the registration deadline, he/she will not be permitted to play in the championship.

(e) All players registered with their respective State Associations/AICF affiliated units are eligible to participate in the National Amateur Championship.

The State Chess Associations/AICF affiliated units have the right of sending any number of entries. Only Indian nationals are eligible to participate in this championship.

## 5. Entries & entry fee:

All entries including special entries should come through the concerned State Association. However, AICF will have the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason. The entry form should be sent together with attested copy of original date of birth certificate (Birth Certificates from Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation only accepted).

**Entry fee: RS. 2,000/- (Two thousand only)**

There will be a 50% concession in the entry fee for participants from North eastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Entry fee will be accepted strictly online through: <https://prs.aicf.in/entry>. For further clarification and guidance regarding submission of entries, please contact: [aicfnationalentries@gmail.com](mailto:aicfnationalentries@gmail.com)**

**6. Late Fee:** Please note that the entry fee structure is valid till **11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

Thereafter a late fee of **Rs. 250/-** per player will be levied. No entry will be accepted after **17<sup>th</sup> March 2025** (up to 18:00 hrs.).

## 7. Prizes:

**Total Prize Fund: 3,00,000/-**

Event	Below 2300		Below 2000		Below 1700	
Amount	Rs. 1,20,000		Rs. 1,00,000		Rs. 80,000	
Prize	Open	Women	Open	Women	Open	Women
1	20000	10000	16000	10000	12000	8000
2	17000	6000	14000	6000	9000	6000
3	14000	5000	10000	5000	7000	5000
4	10000	4000	8000	4000	6000	4000
5	8000	3000	6000	3000	5000	3000
6	6000	2000	5000	2000	4000	2000
7	5000		4000		3000	
8	4000		3000		2000	
9	3000		2000		2000	
10	3000		2000		2000	

**8. Dress Code:** As per AICF regulations on the dress code for players participating in all the National championships, all State Associations should send their players including special/donor entry players with proper uniform (as regards special/donor entry players, the respective State chess associations may collect the cost of the uniform from the players).

Players should at least wear uniform T-Shirts/formal shirts (same color and brand with the name of the state printed prominently at the back and the state chess emblem in the front left side). The name/logo of the sponsors can be permitted. The girls/women are also given appropriate uniform dress. The above rule will also be applicable to Special units. Players without proper uniform will not be permitted to take part in the championship. This will be strictly enforced.

**9. System of Play:** The Championship will be played under FIDE Laws of Chess and the Swiss system. Totally 9 rounds shall be played in each category. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age group open category.

Players from the same state shall not be paired against each other in the last round. However, they may be paired if there is no compactible opponent with the same point group or score group with the maximum difference of 1 point. It is applicable only for the top 50% score of the penultimate round.

**10. Default Time:** Default timing for arriving to the chess board is 15 Minutes. Those who arrive at the board 15 minutes after the start of the game will be declared lost.

**11. Time Control:** The rate of play shall be **90** minutes with an increment of **30** seconds per move from move number one.

**12. Chess Clocks:** Each participating State Chess Association must provide at least one clock in working order for every two players entered in the Championship.

**13. Tie-Break:** Following is the order of Tie-Break:

- (a) Buchholz Cut1
- (b) Buchholz
- (c) Sonneborn Berger
- (d) Direct encounter
- (e) The greater number of wins (forfeit included)
- (f) Number of wins with black pieces

In case of tie, cash prizes will not be shared.

**14. Draw Agreement:** Players shall not agree for a draw without the consent of the arbiter, before each player makes 30 moves.

**15. Protest:** Protests, if any, against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, shall be made in writing with a protest fee of Rs.3000/- within one hour of the occurrence of the incident. The amount shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

**16. Appeals Committee:** Before the commencement of the tournament, a five-member Appeals Committee shall be formed by the AICF/Organizers. All the members and reserves shall be from different states. No member of the Committee can vote on dispute in which a player from his own state is involved and, in such case(s), the reserve member(s) shall take his/her place in the committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding on players concerned.

**17. Tournament Committee:** The organizers will form a tournament committee for the smooth conduct of the National Championship.

**18. Interpretation:** For interpretation of the rule(s) and deciding any point not covered by rules of the tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding on all. The Tournament Director has every right to make any addition or amendment to these rules without prior notice. However, such changes or inclusion will be subject to AICF & TNSCA clearance. Such changes, however, will be displayed at the Championship venue.

**19. Withdrawal:** If any player withdraws from the last two rounds in any National Championship on medical grounds, he/she should undergo treatment by a doctor recommended and supervised by the tournament committee. The entry fee, once paid, shall not be refunded if the withdrawal from the championship is done after the publication of the first-round pairings.

**20. Disqualification:** No participant will leave the venue before the prize distribution function without the permission of the Chief Arbiter. The participants disregarding this rule will be suspended for one year.

**21. AICF Registration:** All participants in the National Championship should be registered with AICF for the year 2024 - 2025. Online AICF registration is available on the website [www.aicf.in](http://www.aicf.in).

Those who have paid the AICF Registration fee but are yet to receive the AICF registration card should send a photocopy of the acknowledgment for having paid the fee to organizers of earlier tournaments or to their association. Before the start of the championship all the players must be registered with AICF for the year 2024-2025. No entry will be accepted without AICF Player's Registration for 2024-2025.

**22. Electronic Devices:** All electronic items including wrist watches (all type of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

If a player is found to possess a mobile (switched on/off)/wristwatch, either on the person or in a separate bag, he will be declared as lost. Player wearing any kind of watch during the game will also be declared lost.

**23. Venue:**

### **How to Reach Sambodhi Retreat, Bodhgaya**

Sambodhi Retreat, the venue for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Amateur Chess Championship-2025, is conveniently located in Bodhgaya, Bihar. Whether you are arriving by air, train, or road, there are multiple transportation options available to ensure a smooth journey.

#### **From Gaya Airport (Approx. 10 KM)**

Gaya International Airport is the nearest airport to Sambodhi Retreat. It is well-connected with major Indian cities like Delhi, Kolkata, and Varanasi. Upon arrival, you can hire a taxi or an auto-rickshaw to reach the venue in approximately 20-25 minutes. The resort management can also arrange pickup and drop-off services upon prior request.

#### **From Gaya Railway Station (Approx. 15 KM)**

Gaya Junction is a major railway hub with trains connecting to different parts of India. From the railway station, taxis, auto-rickshaws, and e-rickshaws are available for hire. The journey takes around 30-35 minutes. Additionally, the resort management can assist with pre-arranged transport if required.

#### **From Gaya Bus Stand (Approx. 13 KM)**

For those arriving by bus, Gaya Bus Stand is the closest stop. From here, you can hire an auto-rickshaw or taxi to reach Sambodhi Retreat in about 30 minutes. E-rickshaws are also available at nominal rates.

#### **From Patna Airport (Approx. 115 KM)**

For travelers arriving at Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna, the best way to reach Bodhgaya is via taxi or bus. The road journey takes approximately 3 to 4 hours. Direct taxis can be booked from the airport, or you can take a bus to Gaya and then proceed to Sambodhi Retreat via local transport.

**Local Transportation** From Pachhatti More (near Mahabodhi temple) to Sambodhi Retreat (Approx. 4.5 KM)

If you are reaching Pachhatti More, Sambodhi Retreat is about 4.5 KM away. Numerous E-rickshaws operate on this route, providing an affordable and convenient mode of transport.

If you wish to stay near Mahabodhi Temple, there are many hotels available to suit different budgets. You can easily find options online via hotel booking platforms.

**For local assistance**, we are providing the contact details of the organizing members, who will help guide you with information on Bodhgaya, hotel recommendations, and local transportation.



<b><u>For any local assistance, please feel free to contact:</u></b>	
<b>S K Singh</b>	<b>6205788782</b>
<b>Gajendra Pratap Singh</b>	<b>9199595791</b>

### **Pickup & Drop Facility by Sambodhi Retreat**

If you are staying at Sambodhi Retreat, you can directly coordinate with the resort management to arrange your pickup/drop-off from Gaya Airport, Gaya Railway Station, or any other nearby location on payment basis.

### **23. Accommodation:**

**Players & accompanying persons have to make their own arrangements of stay.**

#### **Accommodation / Food at venue**

#### **Sambodhi Retreat (Venue)**

Bodhgaya, a renowned tourist destination, offers a wide range of accommodation options. The tournament venue, **Sambodhi Retreat**, has more than 50 **Deluxe / premium Category** cottages available for booking on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Special rates have been arranged exclusively for chess participants, thanks to the resort management for their consideration and support. As the **official venue partner**, the resort is committed to providing quality hospitality to the chess community at **minimal rates** in compare to their usual tariff. However, room booking is subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### **Special tariff plan for participants , offered by resort :**

Room Type	Bed	Occupancy	Tariff
Deluxe Cottage	Double/Twin bed	For 2 People	4500/Day
Duplex	2 Double bed	For 4 People	Check the rate & availability with resort management
Quart	2 Double bed	For 4 People	

- Taxes applicable
- Above plan is including all three meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

For more details about this resort , you can visit its website :  
<https://www.sambodhiretreat.org/top-luxury-hotel-resort-in-bodhgaya.aspx>

For booking your room/s , you can contact to Hotel management at the given numbers:

**Sambodhi Retreat - +91-7488535208 , +91-7488535210**

If anything urgent & important,

**Mr. Subhash Kumar, General Manager - +91 75490 72884**

## **Sambodhi Retreat Bodhgaya**

### **A Perfect Blend of Comfort & Serenity**

Nestled in the heart of Bodhgaya, Bihar, Sambodhi Retreat is a luxurious resort offering a tranquil escape amidst nature. Known for its sprawling green landscapes, modern amenities, and serene ambiance, it provides an ideal stay for travelers, tourists, and event attendees. Whether you are visiting for leisure, spiritual exploration, or participating in an event like the 12<sup>th</sup> National Amateur Chess Championships-2025, Sambodhi Retreat ensures a memorable and comfortable experience.

**Note: For any additional requirements, you can check with resort management.**

## Sambodhi Retreat (Venue)

### Deluxe Cottages



Woodland, Igloo, Timber , Niranjn and many more Cottages are available in resort as your perfect Chess destination that suit your need .



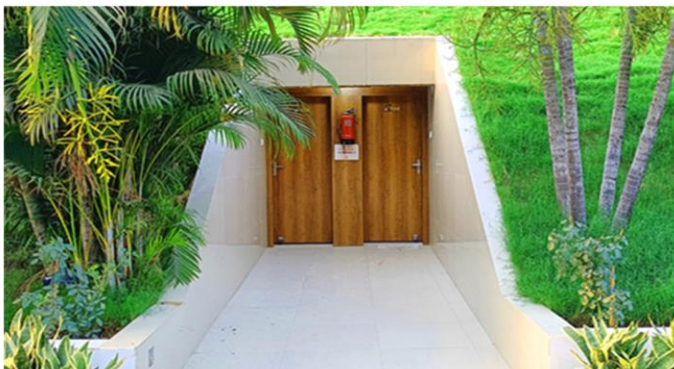
Inside ( room view ) view of some of the Cottages .

### Family rooms & Suits



#### Pyramid Cottage

has 2 King Size bed for 4 people.



#### Green cave Duplex Cottage

has 4 bedded (duplex) accommodation 2 King Size bed for 4 people.

For more details about the resort, you can visit their website:

<https://www.sambodhiretreat.org/top-luxury-hotel-resort-in-bodhgaya.aspx>



**Some of the other hotels, agreed to give special rates to Chess guests:**

<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Contact person</b>	<b>Contact No.</b>
Hotel Delta	Mr Bhola Singh	9973011679
Hotel Parvati Garden	Mr Praveen	9341772729
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Hotel Astha	Mr Tanveer	7992245102

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**Welcome to Bodhgaya !!**



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## Places of tourist interest - Bodhgaya



**Mahabodhi Temple**



**Thai Monastery**



**Great Buddha Statue**



**Bodhi Tree**



**Royal Bhutan Monastery**



**Tibetan Temple**



**Metta Buddharam Temple**



**Tergar Monastery**



**Dungeshwari Cave Temple**



## Places of tourist interest - Gaya



**Vishnupad Temple**



**Maa Mangla Gauri Mandir**



**Brahmayoni Hills**



**Sita Kund**



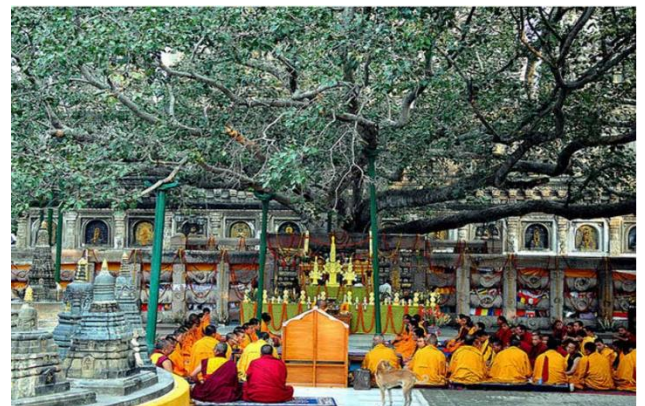
**Sujata Stupa**



**Ramshila Hill**



**Pret Shila Mandir**



**Rajayatna Tree**



## Places of tourist interest –Nalanda, Rajgir, Pawapuri



Vishwa Shanti Stup- Rajgir



Nalanda University Ruins



Jal Mandir - Pawapuri



Sky Glass Bridge - Rajgir



### **Explore the Rich Heritage of Bihar – A Unique Chess Tourism Experience!**

Dear Participants,

We warmly welcome you to Bodhgaya for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Amateur Chess Championships 2025. Beyond the excitement of the tournament, we encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore the incredible heritage, spiritual landmarks, and historical wonders of Bodhgaya, Gaya, Nalanda, and Rajgir.

From the sacred Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya to the ancient Nalanda University ruins and the serene landscapes of Rajgir, each destination offers a glimpse into history, spirituality, and culture. Whether you seek peace, history, or adventure, these iconic sites will leave you with unforgettable memories.

Make your chess journey even more special—immerse yourself in the beauty and history of Bihar. Don't miss this chance to experience Chess Tourism at its best!

Safe travels and best wishes for the tournament!

**ALL BIHAR CHESS ASSOCIATION**