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AICFB organizes four-day National School Chess Championship for the Blind at Alandi

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Blind chess looking for that bright spark

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CHARUDATTA JADHAV, president, All India Chess Federation for Blind

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PUNE: The All India Chess Federation for Blind (AICFB) was established in 1997 and currently has 14 state-affiliated bodies under its domain. Charudatta Jadhav, president

charudatta Jadnav, president of AICFB, says finance is always a struggle and a lack of government support does not ease the sport for the visually impaired

How different is blind chess from the normal game?

The rules are same, but here, instead of noting down of points, the player announces the move. In general, the player announces after the move has been made.

How many tournaments AICFB conducts annually? We generally conduct 35-40 tour-

We generally conduct 35-40 tournaments in the year. Five are national tournaments, four zonal tournaments, the rest are national A and B tournaments, Our tournaments are supported by NGOs. We don't have much government support or corporate sponsors.

and Fide-rating contests. These are our main tournaments held each year.

What is the funding challenge? Most of our tournaments are supported by NGOs. We don't have much government support and corporate sponsors are also difficult to come by.

What is the bigger goal behind this National school chess championship for the blind?

The idea is to promote the sport from the school level for students who are blind. Thankfully,, this time we have got a sponsor which is helping us.





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MAESTROS LOOK TO CHECKMATE DISABILITY AT SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BLIND

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PUNE: For the first time since its its inception in 1997, the All India Chess Federation for Blind (AICFB) will host the first National School Chess Championship for the Blind at the Mumbai Maratha Fruitwala Dharamshala, Alandi, from Wednesday.

At least 200-plus players will be in action in the u-10, u-12, u-14, u-16 and open categories.

Kerala schools have withdrawn from the tournament due to protests against the Citizenship Amendment Bill KERALA SCHOOLS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO PROTESTS AGAINST THE CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL IN THE STATE

in the state.

"They (Kerala) don't want to risk their students moving out of, so they are not coming," said Charudatta Jadhav, president, AICFB.

"This championship is of strategic importance and gives us a chance to identify talent early and groom them to represent the country at world championships. It is designed to transform chess for the blind in the country and serve towards our vision of making India one of the top three countries in the world for chess for the blind," added

Jadhav. The AICFB has also launched Chess Mitra, an app for the blind.

The tournament will be played in the Swiss League Format.

First three rounds will be played on day one and will begin at 9 am.



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AICFB aims to find India's 1st blind GM

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PUNE: Chess is probably only sport that a visually impaired person could play with equal potency with a person with normal vision, and even though there are scores of blind chess players India has failed to produce a blind Grandmaster.

With a vision to develop In-

dia's first blind Grandmaster, The All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB) on Tuesday launched 'Chess Mitra' a platform which will assist visually impaired to learn the intricacies of the game.

As part of the long term plan to take India into top 3 in the world, the AICFB is organising National School Chess Championship for the blind at Alandi from Wednesday.

"Around 200 players from 21 states in the age group of 7 to 18 years will be participating in the four-day championship being conducted in five categories," informed Charudatta Jadhav, President of the AICFB. "This championship gives us a chance to identify talent early and groom them for the future," said Jadhav.



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आळंदीत आजपासून अंध बुद्धिबळ स्पर्धा

पुणे : अखिल भारतीय अंध बुद्धिबळ महासंघातर्फे आळंदीत बुधवारपासून पहिली राष्ट्रीय शालेय अंध बुद्धिबळ स्पर्धा होईल. चार दिवस चालणाऱ्या स्पर्धेत ७ ते १८ वर्षे वयोगटात १६ राज्यांतील ३५ शाळा-संस्थांमधील २६० खेळाडू सहभागी होतील. यात सात मुलींचा समावेश असून १०, १२, १४, १६ वर्षांखालील गटांतून पाच विभागांत ६५ बक्षिसे दिली जातील. याशिवाय मुख्य करंडक असेल. यातील विजेते मुख्य राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धेत भाग घेतील. महासंघाचे अध्यक्ष डॉ. चारुदत्त जाधव यांनी पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले की, सहभागी खेळाडूंना पुस्तके, साहित्य व ऑनलाइन ग्रंथालयाचे सदस्यत्व मिळेल.



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