



Odisha initiates 'Chess in School' Programme

Bhubaneswar, 15 December 2022: Chess is one of the oldest traditional games of India. It helps in learning critical-thinking, problem-solving, and abstract-reasoning skills in the players.

In order to encourage school going children to take up chess from the grass root levels, Sports and Youth Services Department in collaboration with School & Mass Education Department, Govt Of Odisha and All Odisha Chess Association has initiated a grass root level chess programme called – "Chess in school program'. This initiative is the 1st step towards introduction of playing and promotion of chess in school level.

In the first phase, 80 Government and Private schools under Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation have registered to take up this initiative in its premises wherein schools are conducting intra school competition in their respective schools in U-9 and U-15 categories on 15th -16th December, 2022. Selected students from these schools will participate in 1st ever Bhubaneswar Open Chess Championship, scheduled to held from 21st-23rd Dec. at Unit II Girls High School, Bhubaneswar.

For smooth operation of the initiative in schools in these two days, AOCA is providing necessary assistance and support by establishing a control room at Sports Department's old premises, with support of AOCA led by its Secretary Mr Debabrata Bhatta for setting up the fixture n giving technical counselling for the event.

Earlier this week, an induction program was conducted for training of Chess Anchor teachers was held in the premises of Kalinga Stadium.

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