



ICONIC ODISHA CHESS PREMIER LEAGUE


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Welcome to the Iconic Sports Federation (ISF)!

As we step into November 2025, the Iconic Sports Federation (ISF) continues to advance its mission of celebrating excellence, empowering athletes, and creating new pathways for the future of sports.

This month holds special significance as we host landmark events, unite sporting communities, and strengthen opportunities for players, coaches, officials, and enthusiasts across India and beyond.

With every initiative, every league, and every achievement, we move one step closer to shaping a stronger, more inclusive sporting ecosystem.

Together, we are crafting a new, Iconic chapter in India's sporting journey.

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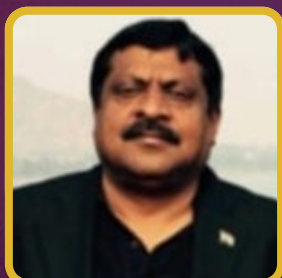
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Chair, Paralympic & Adaptive
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Chair - Combat Sports

Event Overview :



First time in Odisha

The Iconic Odisha Chess Premier League (IOCPL) debuts for the very first time, marking a historic milestone in Odisha's chess ecosystem.



Total Players: 96

A powerful lineup of 96 elite chess players, bringing together top-rated talents for one grand, competitive chess champion league.

Prize Money: ₹10 Lakhs

IOCPL features a massive ₹10 Lakhs prize pool, making it one of Odisha's most rewarding and prestigious chess tournaments.



Auction: Lemon Tree – 6 Nov

The official IOCPL Player Auction held at Lemon Tree Hotel on 6th November, where teams strategize, bid, and build their dream squads.

Finals: 14th, 15th & 16th Nov 2025

The thrilling IOCPL Finals took place at Hotel Lyfe from 10th to 12th November, showcasing peak chess performance and championship battles.



END TO AN GRAND SUCCESS

Franchise Teams and Owners ...

1. Chola Champions – Owned by Shri Manas Kumar of Ranchi Capitals



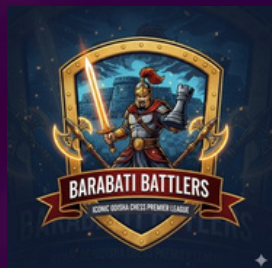
2. Kalinga Warriors – Led by Shri Arghya Arpan, representing AKP HYMIX

3. Rajdhani Challengers – Headed by Shri Jagadish Prasad Naik, Chairman of D N Group



4. Golconda Guardians – Owned by Shri Asish Garg from Group-G

5. Mahanadi Falcons – Led by Shri Nishit Nanda, Founder & CEO of Arnika – Crafted by Khemji Dayabhai & Co. Group



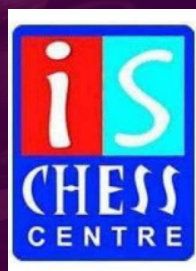
6. Barabati Battlers – Owned by Shri B. N. Sahoo of Triple C Chess Club

7. Victoria Victors – Led by Shri Raghvendra Singhania, President of CGSCA



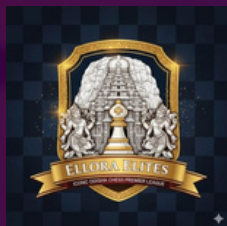
8. Amber Avengers – Owned by Dr. K. Tammana of Studio 3Sixty5

9. Nalanda Knights – Represented by Shri Suraj Raj from the Raj Group of Companies



10. Sanchi Strategists – Led by Shri Manas Pani representing IS Chess Center

11. Konark Kings – Owned by Shri Dibya Das of Juggernaut



12. Ellora Elites – Headed by Shri Sujit Kumar Rout from the Hindustan Advertising Agency



Dignitaries – Day Wise

DAY 1 – 14TH NOVEMBER 2025



Opening Ceremony Chief Guest:-
SHRI GOLAK MOHAPATRA
Hon'ble State Vice President,
BJP Odisha

Special Guest :-



SHRI RAJIB SEKHAR SAHOO
SRB Associates



PROF. DR. JYOTI RANJAN DAS
Dean (Student Welfare),
SOA University



SHRI S. SATYAPRAGYAN
International Master, Chief
Trainer – Prochesssta

DAY 2 – 15TH NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Guest :-



SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA
Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)
& President, All Jharkhand
Chess Association



KALANDI CHARAN SAMAL,
BJP state
secretary, Odisha,



SAMEER MOHANTY
President of Odisha Olympic
association, Former State
President BJP, ODISHA

DAY 3 – 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

Chief Guest :-



KALANDI CHARAN SAMAL,
BJP state
secretary, Odisha,



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(IOSPL)

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Odisha Chess Federation (OSCF)

PHOTO GALLERY TIMELINE

1. MOU SIGNING CEREMONY :-

Auction Stage

The spotlight comes alive as strategies unfold, bids rise, and destinies are shaped under the bright lights of the auction arena.



Franchise Owners Bidding

Intense competition off the field as franchise owners place bold bids to secure the best talents and build championship-worthy teams.



2. MATCHDAY ACTION – HOTEL LYFE :-

Intense Match Moments

High-pressure moves, nail-biting finishes, and unstoppable passion — every game delivers edge-of-the-seat excitement.



Young Talents Competing

Rising stars showcase skill, strategy, and fearless performance as the future of the sport takes center stage.



3. CLOSING CEREMONY & AWARD FUNCTION:-

Trophy Presentation

The ultimate moment of glory as champions lift the trophy high, celebrating victory, grit, and unforgettable performance.



Medal Distribution

Honoring hard work, dedication, and excellence as medals are awarded to the stars of the tournament.



Franchise Award Winners

Outstanding franchise owners are recognized for vision, leadership, and their contribution to building iconic teams.



4. PAPER CUTTING & MEDIA COVERAGE :-

Press Conference & Media Interaction

Key voices, bold insights, and powerful conversations as the league engages with the media spotlight.



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SPORTS TODAY



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AUCTION SUMMARY:-

The IOCPL 2025 Auction, held on 6th November 2025 at Hotel Lemon Tree, Bhubaneswar, marked a major milestone for the league. A total of 190 players were registered for the auction, representing diverse age groups, districts, and competitive backgrounds. Twelve franchise teams successfully secured their squads through a transparent and well-coordinated bidding process conducted by ISF and AOCA.



Franchise owners from across sectors—including corporate houses, media, technology, advertising, and inter-state associations—actively participated, making the auction a dynamic and competitive event. The mentors and arbitration team ensured the process remained structured, balanced, and player-focused. The auction laid a strong foundation for the three-day league that followed.



Participation Summary :

- Total Players: 190
- Total Teams: 12
- Mentors: 12 (Experienced chess professionals)
- Arbitration & Technical Team: AOCA
- Volunteers & Organising Staff: ISF & AOCA Combined Team



Match Execution :

Across three days, league-style matches were conducted among 12 teams. The AOCA technical team ensured proper DGT boards, scoring, and arbitration. All teams played in a round-robin/league-based structure (format according to your internal structure).

Winners of IOCPL 2025:

Position	Team Name	Prize Money
Winner	Golconda Guardians	₹5,00,000
1st Runner-Up	Barabati Battlers	₹3,00,000
2nd Runner-Up	Victoria Victors	₹2,00,000

Achievements of IOCPL 2025:

- Successfully conducted Odisha's largest franchise-based chessleague.
- 190 players received professional exposure.
- Corporate houses from multiple sectors participated as franchise owners.
- Pan-India attention through media and social platforms.
- High-level dignitaries attended all three days.
- Strengthened Odisha's position as a growing centre for intellectual sports.
- Set the foundation for ICPL – INDIA EDITION.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:-

The Iconic Odisha Chess Premier League (IOCPL) 2025 was organized under the joint leadership of:

Iconic Sports Federation (ISF)

Dr. Sanjaya Chaudhury – Director

Dr. Chidatmika Khatua – Director

Dr. Sekh Abdul Samim – Director

Shri Pradipta Mohanty – National President

Shri Bibhu Prasad Mishra – State President

Shri Sanjaya Das – State Secretary

Ms. Rashi Agrawal – State Convener

Mr. Darshan Kumar Behera – Regional Manager

All Odisha Chess Association (AOCA)

Shri Satyaranjan Patnaik – President

Shri Sankar Prasad Mishra – Vice President

Shri Debabrata Bhatta – Secretary

Shri Bhabesh Mohanty – Joint Secretary

Shri Bidhu Bhusan Mishra



Both teams worked collaboratively from auction day to the final match, ensuring smooth operations, arbitration, player management, media coordination, and hospitality support.



SPECIAL THANKS:-

As the curtains draw to a close on the grand journey of IOCPL 2025, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude and pride. This landmark championship would not have been possible without the collective efforts, belief, and unwavering support of many incredible individuals and organizations who stood firmly behind this vision.

We extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all 12 Franchise Owners, whose commitment, financial support, and active involvement laid the very foundation of this league. Your trust in the vision of IOCPL and your passion for promoting intellectual sports in Odisha have been truly inspiring. You didn't just build teams — you helped build dreams.

Our deepest appreciation also goes out to all the mentors, whose experience, discipline, and professional guidance shaped the players both on and off the board. Your leadership played a vital role in nurturing young talent, instilling confidence, and maintaining high standards of competition.

We proudly acknowledge the relentless efforts of the technical team, arbiters, scorers, and the esteemed AOCA panel, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure fairness, transparency, and integrity across every match. Your precision, dedication, and professionalism upheld the true spirit of the game.

A special note of thanks to our venue partners and the exceptional hospitality teams at LYFE Hotel and Hotel Lemon Tree. Your seamless coordination, warm hospitality, and world-class facilities provided the perfect stage for IOCPL 2025 to shine with excellence and comfort.

We are equally grateful to our media partners, photographers, and videographers, who captured every intense moment, every victory, and every emotion with remarkable dedication. Your coverage gave IOCPL a powerful voice beyond the playing hall and brought this inspiring journey to audiences far and wide.

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to all the players, who displayed extraordinary determination, sportsmanship, and courage throughout the league. To the parents, academies, and well-wishers, your constant encouragement, trust, and support formed the backbone of every player's journey and success.

Each of you played an irreplaceable role in shaping IOCPL 2025 into one of Odisha's most promising and respected intellectual sports platforms. Your support has not only elevated the league but also strengthened the future of competitive mind sports in our state.

With immense respect and gratitude, we thank each one of you for being a part of this historic journey.

Together, we didn't just conduct a tournament — we built a legacy.

Thank you for making IOCPL 2025 truly Iconic...

ANNOUNCEMENT

✦ ICPL – INDIA EDITION COMING SOON ✦

*After the successful execution of IOCPL 2025, Iconic Sports Federation proudly announces that preparations are underway for the **ICONIC CHESS PREMIER LEAGUE – INDIA EDITION (ICPL)**.*

A larger, national-level franchise tournament is coming soon, bringing together top players, mentors, teams, and corporates from across India.



**MORE DETAILS WILL BE REVEALED IN THE
UPCOMING MONTHS.**



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