

To

The Secretary,
 Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board (CCSCSB),
 Department of Personnel & Training
 New Delhi.

Subject: Report on Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament 2025-26 – regarding

Respected Sir,

The Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament 2025-26 have been successfully conducted from **25th August 2025 to 3rd September 2025**.

The **Opening Ceremony** held on **25th August 2025 at 10:00 AM**, graced by the presence of the CWO ma'am as Chief Guest, Secretary CCSCSB, Ajay Giri/SO and Guest of Honour Bharat Singh Chauhan, Vice President Asian Chess & FIDE.

This event concluded with Closing Ceremony along with Prize Distribution to the merit holder on **3rd September 2025** at 4:30 PM.

The tournament consisted of following five distinct categories of play:

- A. Men's Team Championship
- B. Individual Men's Championship
- C. Men's Rapid Chess Championship
- D. Men's Blitz Chess Championship
- E. Women's Chess Championship

A. Men's Team Championship (25th – 27th August 2025)

- **Format:** 5-round Swiss system
- **Time Control:** 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move
- **Participants:** 17 ministries with 80 players (**one more ministry than last year**)
- **Results:** Trophies and medals for the top three ministries
 - **1st Place:** Ministry of Finance (same as last year)
 - **2nd Place:** Ministry of Defence (last year stood third)
 - **3rd Place:** Ministry of Jal Shakti (first time)
- **Board Prizes:**
 - **First Board:** Shri Krishan Soni (Communication)
 - **Second Board:** Shri Santu Mondal (Finance)
 - **Third Board:** Himanshu Moundgil (Defence)
 - **Fourth Board:** Devender Kumar (Home Affairs)
 - **Fifth Board:** Nemank Yadav (Defence)

B. Individual Men's Championship (28th – 2nd September 2025)

- **Format:** 9-round Swiss system
- **Time Control:** 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move
- **Participants:** 31 ministries, 174 players (4 more ministries and 40 more players than last year)
- **Awards:** Medals for the top three players and thereafter bronze medals till 20th place.
 - **1st Place:** Shri Himanshu Moundgil (Defence)

- 2nd Place: Shri Santu Mondal (Finance)
- 3rd Place: Shri Krishan Soni (Communication)

C. Men's Rapid Chess Championship (2nd – 3rd September 2025)

- **Format:** 7-round Swiss system
- **Time Control:** 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move
- **Results:** Medals for the top three players
 - **1st Place:** Shri Kuldeep Shankar (Lok Sabha)
 - **2nd Place:** Shri Krishan Soni (Communication)
 - **3rd Place:** Shri Devender Kumar (MHA)

D. Men's Blitz Chess Championship (3rd September to 3rd September)

- **Format:** 7-round Swiss system
- **Time Control:** 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move
- **Results:** Medals for the top three players
 - **1st Place:** Shri Krishan Soni (Communication)
 - **2nd Place:** Shri Vevek Kumar (Finance)
 - **3rd Place:** Shri Santu Mondal (Finance)

E. Women's Chess Championship (25th – 27th August 2025)

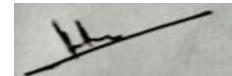
- **Format:** 6-round Swiss system
- **Participants:** 19 players from 6 ministries
- **Results:** Medals for the top three players
 - **1st Place:** Lasani Kothari (Finance)
 - **2nd Place:** Shivani Chabra (MHA)
 - **3rd Place:** Vibha Kumari (Blind Player - Defence)

(Note: One inspirational Bonze Medal awarded to blind player Shri A K Srivastava of Communication and Best Sportsmen Spirit to Anil Gera of MoD)

3. Acknowledgments - The tournament was a grand success, with the **quality of medals and trophies being of superior standard**. The unwavering support provided by the Board was instrumental in ensuring the smooth conduct of the event. **I remain obliged to CCSCSB for their assistance and look forward to their continued support in future events.**

(An Actual Expenditure report is attached herewith your consideration and approval please.)

Yours sincerely,



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