KOLHAN INTER-SCHOOL CHESS FEST 2026

"Battle of the Best: Clash of Jharkhand's Scholastic Powerhouses"

Organized by **Birsa Chess Foundation** | In Association with **ARKA JAIN University**

Under the Aegis of **Seraikela-Kharsawan District Chess Association (SKDCA)**

DATE & VENUE

6th December, 2026 (Sunday)
ARKA JAIN University, Gamharia, Jamshedpur

ENTRY FEE & ELIGIBILITY

₹500/- per player (Regular)
Bona fide school students across districts of Kolhan.

DRESS CODE & ID PROOF

Strictly proper School Uniform is mandatory. Must produce valid School ID Card / Age Proof at check-in.

TEAM MANAGERS & BONAFIDE LETTER

Team Managers / PTIs are requested to submit the School Bonafide Letter before commencement of rounds & attend the Briefing Meeting.

1. AGE CATEGORIES & TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- **System of Play:** 4–6 Rounds Swiss System (as per participation count), governed by official FIDE Laws of Rapid Chess.
- **Time Control:** 10 Minutes + 5 Seconds increment from move one (or flat 15 minutes per player).
- **Default Time & Pairings:** 10 Minutes from round start. Fixtures generated on FIDE-approved Swiss-Manager.

AGE CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY CUT-OFF DATE (2026–27 SESSION)
Under-09 (Primary)	Born on or after 01-01-2017
Under-13 (Junior)	Born on or after 01-01-2013
Under-17 (Senior)	Born on or after 01-01-2009

Note: *Eligibility of participation will be strictly governed by cut-off dates (for the 2026–27 Academic Session).*

2. PRIZES & CHAMPIONSHIP ROLLING TROPHIES | 80+ AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY AWARDS

Separate Prizes for Boys & Girls:

- **Under-09:** Top 10 Boys | Top 10 Girls (Trophies)
- **Under-13:** Top 10 Boys | Top 10 Girls (Trophies)
- **Under-17:** Top 10 Boys | Top 10 Girls (Trophies)

TEAM ROLLING TROPHIES (2 TROPHIES)

- **Overall Champion School (Boys):** Rolling Trophy
- **Overall Champion School (Girls):** Rolling Trophy

Medals: In addition to trophies, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 position holders (1st, 2nd & 3rd) in each category for both Boys & Girls.

UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION & REFRESHMENTS

- Official E-Certificate of Participation / Merit for every player.
- Complimentary Energy Snack Pack & Juice for all students.
- **Lunch & Canteen:** Participants are welcome to carry their own lunchbox. Canteen facilities are also available inside the ARKA JAIN University campus.

3. OVERALL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP — EVALUATION METRIC

1. Separate Divisions: The Overall Boys School Championship and Overall Girls School Championship will be evaluated separately.

2. Eligible Scorers: School Championship points will be awarded to the top five individual finishers in each age category (Under-09, Under-13, and Under-17) for Boys and Girls separately.

3. Cumulative Scoring: Points secured by students representing the same school across all three age categories will be summed separately for Boys and Girls.

4. Champion Declaration: The school securing the highest cumulative points in the Boys division will be declared Overall Champion School (Boys), and the highest in the Girls division will be declared Overall Champion School (Girls).

5. Tie-Breaker Rule: In case of a tie in cumulative points, the school with the higher number of 1st-place finishes will be given preference, followed by 2nd-place, 3rd-place, 4th-place, and 5th-place finishes.

Mandatory Qualification Note: A school must have participation in all 3 age categories (Under-09, Under-13, and Under-17) and submit its official School Bonafide Letter to qualify.

POSITION	POINTS
1st Place	**10**
2nd Place	**07**
3rd Place	**05**
4th Place	**03**
5th Place	**02**

4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE & ARBITER REGULATIONS | SUNDAY, 6TH DEC 2026

TIME	EVENT / ROUND ACTIVITY
08:00 AM	Reporting, Attendance Check, School ID Verification & Submission of School Bonafide Letter
08:30 AM	Inauguration Ceremony & Mandatory Team Managers / Players Briefing Meeting
09:00 AM	Round 1 Begins Sharp (Subsequent rounds follow immediately)
02:30 PM	Grand Prize Distribution Ceremony

- **School Bonafide Letter:** Team Managers / PTIs are requested to submit the official School Bonafide Letter listing all participating students before the commencement of Round 1.
- **Tie-Break Order:** In case of a tie in points between two or more players or participating teams, the latest FIDE tie-break rules shall be applied.

5. CAMPUS TRANSPORT & BUS FACILITIES | OPT-IN DURING REGISTRATION

🚌 **University Bus Facility:** ARKA JAIN University bus facilities will be arranged for participating students and accompanying school officials.

- **How to Avail (Mandatory Opt-In):** Players must select the transportation opt-in option while completing their online registration form. Separate calls for seat booking are not required.
- **Routes & Coordination:** Exact bus pick-up points and timings will be finalized and notified after registration closes based on opted-in entries. For general transport coordination queries, contact **Tapas Kumar Das (+91 87094 62506)**.

6. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE & DEADLINES | NO SPOT ENTRIES

- **Entry Fee:** ₹500/- per player | **Online Registration:** **www.birsachess.com**
- **Regular Fee Deadline:** 2nd December, 2026 (Wednesday) till 10:00 PM.
- **Late Fee & Final Registration Deadline:** ₹200/- late fee applicable after regular deadline. Final entries close on **4th December, 2026 (Friday) till 10:00 PM.**
- **Bulk School Entries:** School Sports Heads / PTIs may submit official team rosters on school letterhead (indicating transport opt-in if needed) directly to **birsachess@gmail.com**.

7. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & KEY CONTACTS

PATRONAGE

Dr. Amit Kumar Shrivastav
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORY

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