

The International Chess Festival 16-20 November 2023 Thiruvananthapuram
Schedule

16/11/2023 Venue: Jimmy George Stadium

11.00 Inauguration by Honourable Chief Minister
12.00 CM inaugurates the event formally by making a move on the first board where a Cuban Grandmaster faces his first opponent
Lunch break
13.30 – 4.30 Simultaneous Chess Matches by 4 Grandmasters against 64 selected young chess talents of Kerala (90/60 mins – 10 mins increment)
13.30 – 18.00 Young talents Chess Tournament
17.00 Players meeting

17/11/2023 Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

09.30 – 1.30 Cuba vs Kerala Match (1 Game Classical – 90+30 - As per Board Order)
15.30 – 19.00 Cuba vs Kerala Match (Rapid 3 Games – 15+ 10 - Scheveningen alternate colors)
Cuban Team: Kerala Team:
GM Dylan Isidro Bardayes Ason GM S L Narayanan
GM Elier Miranda Mesa IM Jubin Jimmy
IM Rodney Oscar Perez Garcia FM Goutham Krishna
WGM Lisandra Ordaz Valdes WIM Nimmy A G

18/11/2023 Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

09.30 -10.30 Cuba vs Kerala Match (1 Game Rapid - 15+ 10 - Scheveningen with alternate colors)
11.00 – 13.00 Cuba vs Kerala Match (8 Games Blitz – 3+2 - Scheveningen with alternate colors)
Points count- Classic: Win 4 Draw 2
Rapid: Win 2 draw 1
Blitz: Win 1 Draw 0.5
14.00 Chess Training Session by IM V Saravanan

19/11/2023 Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

10.00 – 12.15 Chess Training Session by GM R B Ramesh
15.00 – 17.15 Chess Training Session by GM R B Ramesh

20/11/2023 Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

09.30 – 12. 30 GM R Pragnanada vs GM Nihal Sarin (10 Blitz games)
14.00 – 16. 00 GM Pragnananda vs 16 selected young chess talents of Kerala Simul (60/60 mins+10)
GM Nihal Sarin vs 16 selected young chess talents of Kerala Simul (60/60 mins+10)

16.00 Valedictory Ceremony

Welcome : **Sri. M R Ranjith** (Vice President, Kerala State Sports Council)
Presidential address : **Sri. Geromic George IAS** (District collector)
Inauguration &
Prize Distribution : **Sri. A A Rahim, MP**
Presence : **Sri. R Pragganandhaa**
Sri. Nihal Sarin
Sri. S L Narayanan
Sri. R B Ramesh
Vote of Thanks : **Dr. K Ajayakumar** (COO, Sports Kerala Foundation)



**A WINNING
MOVE!**

Kerala and cuba join hands
in the arena of sports



**Che INTERNATIONAL
CHESS FESTIVAL - 2023**

16-20 NOV 2023
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

INAUGURATION
Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan
Hon. Chief Minister

PRESIDED BY
Sri. V. Abdurahiman
Minister for Sports & Minority Welfare

16th NOV 2023 | 11 AM
@ Jimmy George Indoor Stadium



PROGRAMME

Inauguration on 16. 11. 2023

Venue : Jimmy George Indoor Stadium

Time : 11 AM

Chess is a great board game, which has been introduced to the world by india. Our history of chess dates back to the older times with the emergence of a game named 'Chaturanga'. India has produced world champions like Viswananth Anand. State of Kerala does not lag behind in the area of chess. Talented world class young players like Nihal Sarin and S L Narayanan are the pride of our state.

Kerala has hosted various international tournaments in the past. We have decided to co-operate with Cuba, as an attempt to bring back those glorious days. The initiative for this was taken on the occasion of the Hon. Chief minister's visit to Cuba, where it was decided to have mutual cooperation in the field of sports. Accordingly, we are conducting the Che International Chess Tournament in the name of the great revolutionary Che Guevara with the intention of a platform for our players to compete with the world class players of Cuba.

Hon. Chief minister Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate the tournament which will be held from 16.11.2023 to 19.11.2024 at Hyatt Regency, Thiruvananthapuram. Hon. Sports Minister Sri. V Abdurahiman will preside over the function. We invite all to participate in the inaugural function and to be spectators of the tournament.

Rajiv Kumar Choudhary IAS
Director, Sports & Youth Affairs

Puneet Kumar IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary, Sports

Welcome	:	Sri. Puneet Kumar IAS Addl. Chief Secretary, Sports)
Presidential address	:	Sri. V Abdurahiman (Minister for Sports & Minority Welfare)
Inauguration	:	Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan (Hon. Chief Minister)
Chief Guest	:	Sri. Antony Raju Minister for Transport Sri. G R Anil Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Sri. V K Ramachandran Vice Chairman, State Planning Board Dr. Shashi Tharoor, MP
Felicitation	:	Adv. V K Prasanth, MLA Smt. Arya Rajendran (Mayor, Thiruvananthapuram) Dr. V Venu IAS (Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala) Sri. U Sharafali (President, Kerala State Sports council) Prof. N R Anilkumar (Chess Olympian)
Special Invitee	:	Sri. H.E Mr. Alejandro Simancas Marin (Ambassador of Republic of Cuba)
Presence	:	Sri. Dylan Isidro Berdayes Ason Sri. Rodney Oscar Perez Garcia Sri. Lisandra Teresa Ordaz Valdez Sri. Elier Miranda Mesa
Vote of thanks	:	Sri. Shanavas Khan E Addl. Director, Sports & Youth Affairs

