

Report on the “India 2026” project sponsored by the WFCC and FCCC

As announced on the WFCC website on 31-Dec-2025, “*The Fujairah Chess & Culture Club invites WFCC delegates to apply for Fujairah Government grants supporting WFCC development projects in 2026*”.

Accordingly, from India, a proposal was submitted for the conduct of solving contests as well as awareness sessions to prepare new solvers. Satanick Mukhuty and Sagar Shah, along with Shankar Ram were involved in e-mail exchanges as well as a video meeting to discuss further details.

On 20-Mar-2026, an announcement was made on the WFCC website, informing the grant of 2050 Euros for the conduct of solving contests and awareness sessions in India in 2026. Satanick Mukhuty would be the main organiser, coordinating with other organisers in different cities. Chessbase India would also be a sponsor. WFCC delegate Shankar Ram would be involved for any help, if required.

As of date, the following solving contests were held:

1. 14-Mar: Delhi(3 locations), Indore, Chennai, Romanian Cup, 1 Category.
2. 27-May-26: Mumbai, Summer camp, 1 Category.
3. 27-Jun-2026: Mumbai, Delhi(5 locations), Manikumar Memorial, 2 Categories.
4. 12-Jul-2026: Chennai, Manikumar Memorial, 3 Categories.

A fair number of solvers participated, with the highest numbers being in Chennai. Cash prizes were awarded to the top 3-5 winners in each venue cluster.

For most of these events, preliminary online awareness sessions were conducted by Satanick. These were subsequently continued on a weekly basis.

Some more events are planned to be held by the end of 2026.

Shankar Ram

30-Jul-2026