

Event Report: DEI Open Chess Tournament and Workshop

February 2025

Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI) open chess tournament for boys was conducted from 7-9 February 2025 at the sports gymnasium. The tournament was organized with the aim of selecting the best chess players who can represent and participate at FIDE rated (AICF approved) tournaments, North Zone sports competitions and various other Inter University chess championships.

The tournament was a much anticipated championship as it was organized with a view to develop a composite chess culture in the Institute through a training camp and workshops. Approximately 100 students participated in this open tournament from all the faculties of the Institute. The tournament also allowed participation from REI Intermediate College (class IX onwards) so that these students can also be trained and groomed for future chess tournaments at school level and further when they get admitted in the DEI.

The tournament was conducted by Chess Referees from, FIDE rated, UP Chess association members and 7 rounds were conducted in accordance with the International rules. It was a toughly fought championship with the students from school level to graduate and post graduate level fighting it out for the championship. All the students were involved in fighting hardest for a single point and the tournament ended with a very close battle between a student from REI Intermediate College and final year B.Tech Mechanical Engineering student. The top 5 rankings in the tournament is represented below:

Individual Winner			
S.No	Students Name	Points	Rankings
1	Akshar Sahai, REI	6.5	1
2	Devanshu Lawania, Engineering	6.0	2
3	Allamraju Anhad, REI	6.0	3
4	Shabd Bhatnagar, Technical College	5.5	4
5	Abhinav Anand, Technical College	5.5	5

In continuation to the chess tournament, the Institute also conducted one day workshop on “Discussing Chess” where Mr D. Shant Swarup, FIDE National Instructor and Coach, has discussed and shared all the rules, different chess openings with students from Engineering, Technical College and REI Intermediate College. The Coach Sir explained the importance of chess-board visualization and importance of centre and how a player can approach different phases of a chess game like opening, middle game and end game. The students participated enthusiastically with detailed interaction and also played chess match with the FIDE coach. Prof V Prem Pyara, Emeritus Professor and Ex Dean Engineering also graced the workshop and enlightened the students with his guidance and knowledge in the field of Chess. The success of this workshop can be attributed to the exceptional mentoring and proactive initiative shown by the Hon. Director, DEI.

Pictorial Glimpses from the Tournament and Workshop



