



## 'Chess in School' Program

### Why In News?

On November 6, 2022, the Education Minister of Rajasthan, Dr. B. D. Kalla told during the inaugural function of chess competition under 66th district level school sports in Bikaner that 'Chess in School' program would start from the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (November 19) in more than 60 thousand government schools in the state and After this, chess will be played in schools on the third Saturday of every month during 'No Bag Day'.

### Key Points

- Education Minister Dr. B. D. Kalla said that for the first time in the country, this initiative is going to be taken in Rajasthan, under which chess boards and other necessary materials will be purchased from sports grants in more than 60 thousand schools of the state and children will be proficient in chess.
- He said that for the first time chess has been included in school sports. After this, district and state level competitions of chess are being held, in which the children participating in it will bring glory to Rajasthan in the national and international events of chess in the coming time.
- Chairman of the Permanent Lok Adalat Mahesh Sharma said that 'Chess in School' will become the biggest medium in the country in promoting the game of chess. He also talked about organizing these competitions in the age group of ten and fourteen years.
- Competition coordinator Senuka Harsh informed that during the district level competition, children of age group of 17 and 19 years will participate in four categories. State level chess competition will also be held at Ramesh English School, Bikaner from November 14 to 18. Teams from 33 districts of the state will participate in this.

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