



India to Host FIDE World Cup 2025

Why in News?

PM Narendra Modi expressed India's pride in hosting the **prestigious FIDE World Cup 2025**, marking its **return to Indian soil after more than two decades (23 years)**.

- The tournament will **take place in Goa from 30th October to 27th November** with a **USD 2 million prize purse** and three berths for next year's Candidates Tournament.
- The **206-player field includes top players** such as World Champion D Gukesh, Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana, and India's R Praggnanandhaa.

Key Points

- **India's Previous Hosting:** India last organized the **FIDE World Cup in 2002 in Hyderabad**, where **Viswanathan Anand** won the tournament with Rustam Kasimdzhanov as the runner-up.
- **About Chess:** Chess originated in northern India during the **Gupta Empire around the 6th century CE**, known as **chaturanga**.
 - **Played on an 8x8 board**, it reflected **real-life warfare strategy with pieces** representing infantry, cavalry, elephants, and chariots.
 - The **game spread to Persia as shatranj**, then to Europe, where it evolved into modern chess by the 15th century, with key modifications like the queen and bishop's enhanced powers.
- **International Chess Day:** In 2019, the UN declared **20th July as International Chess Day**, recognizing its role in promoting education, peace, and gender equality, supporting the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 4), (SDG 11 and 16), and (SDG 5)**.
- **FIDE:** The **FIDE World Cup 2025 is organized by FIDE** (International Chess Federation), which is the governing body for chess worldwide.
 - The All India Chess Federation (AICF) is serving as the local organizer in collaboration with FIDE.
 - In **1924, FIDE was founded in Paris**, formalizing chess as an international sport.

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