

PM Modi Launches First Ever Chess Olympiad Torch Rally

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad on 19th June at Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi. FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to the Prime Minister, who in turn handed it over to Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand. This torch



will be taken to 75 cities in a span of 40 days before the final culmination at Mahabalipuram near Chennai. At every location, chess grandmasters of the state will receive the torch. With this, India has become the first country ever to hold the Chess Olympiad Torch rally instituted by FIDE. The torch rally is part of the Olympic tradition but was never done for the Chess Olympiad.