Chennai Open 2026 (WTA 250): Magda Linette wins the title

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News

Poland's Magda Linette won the women's singles title at the Chennai Open 2026 (WTA 250), beating defending champion and top seed Janice Tjen of Indonesia 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 in the final. The final, set for the evening of Sunday 8 November, was moved to Monday morning, 9 November, because of rain and smog. The tournament was held at the SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai, organised by the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA). It was the 34-year-old Linette's fourth WTA singles title and her first since the Prague Open in July 2024; she had lost the 2022 Chennai Open final to Linda Fruhvirtova. In doubles, Switzerland's Naima Karamoko and Simona Waltert beat India's Vaishnavi Adkar and Rutuja Bhosale 6-2, 6-0. PTI reported that this was the last edition of the Chennai Open at WTA 250 level, and that the organisers plan to stage WTA 125 events in 2028.

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Event	Chennai Open 2026 – WTA 250 (hard court)
Venue	SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai
Final played	9 Nov 2026 (moved from 8 Nov by rain)
Champion	Magda Linette (Poland), 3rd seed
Runner-up	Janice Tjen (Indonesia) – defending champion

Point	Details
Score	5-7, 6-1, 6-4
Linette's titles	4th WTA title (Bronx 2019, Hua Hin 2020, Prague 2024)
Doubles	Karamoko – Waltert (Switzerland) beat Adkar – Bhosale (India)
Organiser	Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA)

Background

- Chennai's tennis history: the ATP men's 'Chennai Open' was held in Chennai from 1997 to 2017 and moved to Pune (Maharashtra Open) in 2018. The Chennai Open returned as a WTA women's event in 2022, when Czechia's Linda Fruhvirtova beat Linette for her first WTA title. Janice Tjen won in 2025.
- The WTA: the Women's Tennis Association was founded in 1973, led by Billie Jean King. Below the Grand Slams, events are graded WTA 1000, 500, 250 and 125; the number denotes the winner's ranking points. The women's world team event, the 'Fed Cup', was renamed the 'Billie Jean King Cup' in 2020; the men's team event is the Davis Cup.
- Geography: Poland is a Central European country; capital Warsaw; the Vistula is its longest river. Indonesia is the world's largest archipelagic country; capital Jakarta. PTI reported that persistent rain and heavy smog affected playing conditions on the scheduled final day.

Tamil Nadu link: The event was held at the SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam, Chennai, organised by the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association. Many pioneers of Indian tennis are linked to Tamil Nadu: Ramanathan Krishnan (Wimbledon semi-finals 1960 and 1961), his son Ramesh Krishnan, and Chennai-born Vijay Amritraj and Mahesh Bhupathi. The WTA Chennai Open, begun at this stadium in 2022, is seen as a successor to the 1997–2017 ATP Chennai Open.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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What are the key facts to remember for the exam?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Magda Linette, the Chennai Open 2026 women's singles champion, represents which country?

A) Czechia

B) Indonesia

C) Poland

D) Ukraine

Answer: C – Explanation: Poland. She beat defending champion Janice Tjen (Indonesia) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 in the final – her 4th WTA title.

2. The 'Fed Cup', the world team event of women's tennis, was renamed as what in 2020?

A) Hopman Cup

B) Billie Jean King Cup

C) United Cup

D) Wightman Cup

Answer: B – Explanation: Billie Jean King Cup – named after the founder of the WTA (1973). The men's team event is the Davis Cup.

3. In which part of Chennai is the SDAT Tennis Stadium, the Chennai Open venue, located?

A) Egmore

B) Velachery

C) Guindy

D) Nungambakkam

Answer: D – Explanation: Nungambakkam – SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) stadium; it also hosted the ATP Chennai Open in 1997–2017.

4. Which Indian player reached the Wimbledon singles semi-finals in both 1960 and 1961?

A) Vijay Amritraj

B) Leander Paes

C) Ramesh Krishnan

D) Ramanathan Krishnan

Answer: D – Explanation: Ramanathan Krishnan – a Padma Bhushan awardee; his son Ramesh Krishnan was also a leading player from Chennai.

5. The ATP men's tournament held in Chennai from 1997 to 2017 moved to which city in 2018?

A) Bengaluru

B) Pune

C) Hyderabad

D) Mumbai

Answer: B – Explanation: Pune – as the 'Maharashtra Open'. The Chennai Open returned as a WTA women's event in 2022.

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