

NIIT congratulates MindChampion Anand on retaining title

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Even as Viswanathan Anand was celebrating his World Chess title and meeting the media, he received a message from Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman NIIT, which has had a long standing relationship with the Grand Master for the last 10 years.

Mr. Pawar, said, "We congratulate NIIT MindChampion, Vishy Anand on becoming the undisputed World Chess Champion.

Anand has displayed a Grand Strategy in 2008 by choosing the games that he wanted to win, foregoing an important tournament like Bilbao to focus on and win the ultimate match with Kramnik."

Anand beat Kramnik 6.5-4.5 with one game to spare in the 12-game match in Bonn. That helped the Indian Grandmaster retain the title he won in the Linares-Morelia Linares tournament last year. It also makes him the first player to win the official World title in three formats.

He won the World title for the first time in a 128-player championship format in 2000 when it was played in India and Teheran, Iran and the tournament was sponsored by NIIT.

That was followed by a closed tournament in Linares-Morelia last year and now in match-play against Kramnik. It also ended speculation over Anand's ability at the highest level in matchplay.

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