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Students from more than 2000 schools in Andhra Pradesh will have chess clubs, organised by NIIT Mindchampions Academy



## Moulding chess champions for tomorrow

**N**IIIT MindChampions' Academy, a joint initiative of NIIT and World Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand, to promote Chess among young kids in schools has reached out to over 2,005 more government schools in the State.

At a function held recently in Hyderabad, Minister for Secondary School & Intermediate Education, D Manikya Vara Prasad flagged off NIIT MindChampions' Academy. The academy, which has already made its presence felt, now has a total of 2,668 schools.

Conceptualised in 2002 with an objective of initiating students into the world of Chess, NIIT MindChampions' Academy has fostered nearly 6,351 chess clubs with more than 7,45,000 students.

Minister Manikya Vara Prasad and Viswanathan Anand distributed MCA



kits to the principals of some of the identified Government Schools where MCA was launched.

Speaking at the launch, Hon'ble Minister said, "We are pleased to have this initiative by NIIT. I am confident this will

prove to be a significant contribution towards development of these young minds. According to Viswanathan Anand, "The game of chess makes a significant contribution to the field of education. Since playing Chess improves our memory, logic and decision-making skills, it serves as an important educational tool. NIIT MindChampions' Academy offers a marvelous opportunity for children to explore chess and, at the same time, benefits them in development of intellectual abilities."

The MCA Kits consists of computer-based tutorials, which a student can use during and after school as a virtual playground to hone his skills in the game of Chess.

Apart from tutorials, promising Chess players get an opportunity to interact and play with Viswanathan Anand, in person at regular intervals.