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Vishy launches NIIT Nguru

CHESSBOARD TALENT The company initiates mind game activity in 400 schools in state

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PATNA: Deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi on Friday advised youngsters to take up playing chess, in addition to outdoor games, as it helped in improving analytical skills and sharpness of mind.

Speaking as the chief guest at a function, organised to award the national winners of NIIT Mind Champions Academy—Chess Master 2011, Modi said, "It is a commonly held belief, that those who are good in physics and maths are also good in the game of chess, while those who are good in physics, chemistry and maths are good at computers. The reason behind it being, that both require analytical skills and sharpness of mind."

The game of chess, besides being interesting and absorbing, does not demand big space or money.

"It is within the reach of all," Modi said, while thanking NIIT for their pioneering effort in promoting the game in the backwaters of Bihar. He also



■ Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand with the winners of NIIT Mind Champions Academy—Chess Master 2011, in Patna on Friday.

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welcomed world chess champion Viswanathan Anand and thanked him for sparing his time to inspire youngsters of Bihar.

Hemant Sethi, president, School Learning Solutions, NIIT Ltd, said the company had launched the MCA activity in 400 schools for which it had

tied up with the government to provide Information and Computer Training (ICT) education to students to hone their skills.

"After a seven month-long intensive programme, we have been able to form 11,000 chess clubs throughout the state. The response has been simply over-

whelming," he said.

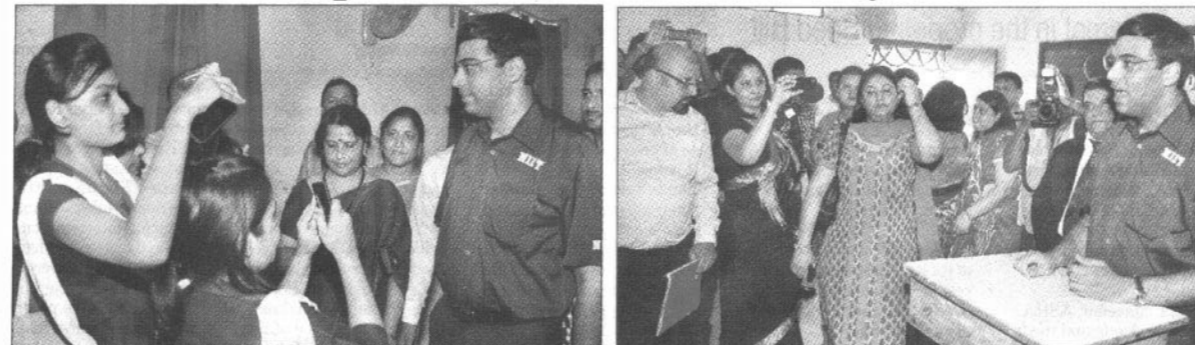
Sethi said that the world class talent development corporation and the biggest Asian information technology provider, has now decided to launch its future-ready NIIT Nguru programme to provide holistic and end to end computer education solutions to

schools. NIIT provided ICT solutions to 9 million students in 14,000 public and private schools in the country, he added. "We are happy to announce the launch of NIIT Nguru at the hands of NIIT Mind Champion Viswanathan Anand in Bihar, which is a focus state for us," Sethi said adding, "Unlike our competitors, it will cater to the entire education needs of all stakeholders—students, teachers, schools and parents." To expand our reach, we will also reach out to private schools in tier 3 and tier 4 cities and select states for tying up with government schools, he said.

Modi and Anand, the special guest, handed over the prize to the national champion Mahasweta Kumar of Assam and Mukul Kumar, the runners up, a student of GD International School, Muzaffarpur.

But the award ceremony could not have been complete without an exchange of 'moves' between the deputy-CM and the World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand on the glass chessboard.

Grandmaster's special date with students of DAV School



■ The enthusiastic DAV students and guests click special moments with chess whiz Viswanathan Anand, in Patna on Friday.

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PATNA: He came, he inaugurated and he conquered. The world chess champion had a special date with boys and girls of DAV BSEB on Friday.

Anand unveiled a Nguru interactive, state-of-art classroom at the school. "The programme launched by NIIT will help classroom study environment become

more interactive and enjoyable for both students and teachers alike. And at the same time it will ease the burden on children," said Anand, while talking about

the new programme at the school.

Nguru is a technology enabled classroom solution that revolutionises teaching and learning.

Principal Ramanuj Prasad expressed his happiness over the new launch by NIIT that aims at making study a fun-filled experience.