

Anand confident of doing well in Candidates tournament

MADURAI: Chess icon Viswanathan Anand unveiled the NIIT Nguru MathLab@Class at the Mahatma Group of Schools here on Wednesday.

NIIT brand ambassador Anand said he was happy to launch this unique technology which had been designed to take teaching and learning of mathematics to a higher level.

Coming from the London Classic tournament this month where he finished ninth, Anand was confident of doing well in the next FIDE World Candidates tournament starting from March 10 at Moscow.

Addressing the media, he said: "It seems to be like a cycle. I do not think that the loss in London will have any impact at Moscow. But on saying that, I am disappointed with this constant fluctuations in my performance."

Anand said he was impressed with some young players from Tamil Nadu such as Grandmaster Aravindh Chidambaram, Karthikeyan Murali and Woman Fide Master M. Mahalakshmi.

Squashing rumours regarding retirement talks, Anand said: "I never told anything to the media in the first place. I would want to win the FIDE World chess candidates tournament in March, which in itself is a tough thing to do keeping in mind the quality of players."

He signed off by saying that the preparations for the Candidates tournament would start in January.

Anand also inaugurated the NIIT-IT Wizard programme at Keren School premises. — Sports Reporter



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