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Chance for corporates to take on Anand

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Bangalore: Fancy a game of chess with world champion Viswanathan Anand? If you are a corporate with a penchant for the game, the NIIT Corporate Chess Championship 2009 is the place to be.

The event — a corporate team and individual championship — to be held between December 17 and 20 at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore, will culminate in the first-of-its-kind simultaneous lightning chess match. The special

match of the championship, which has the backing of United Karnataka Chess Association and the Karnataka State Cricket Association, will see with the top 20 individual performers square off against Anand.

The match will also be a platform to strengthen team and organizational unity as each individual player will be allowed to consult with two other members from his/her company (one from



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HR level and another from the decision-making level) before making a move against Anand.

The winners of the team championship will be eligible to participate in the National championship in 2010, while the individual winner can participate in the National B event the same year. Women players also stand to win the Leela Biswas Memorial award for the most promising player.

The organizers, who aim to pop-

ularize chess at the grassroots level and corporates, will donate part of their proceedings to underprivileged kids in government and corporation schools, an NGO (RVM Fosa Humanitarian Hospital), orphanages and old age shelters.

Event schedule: Dec. 17-18 — Team championship; Dec. 18-19 — Individual championship. Dec. 20 — Simultaneous lightning chess with Viswanathan Anand. **Participation fee:** Rs 10,000 for each corporate team (6 players for both individual and team events); Rs 2,000 for individual entries. Last date to submit entries is November 5. Contact 98451-72749.