

# Initiative to make Maths simpler and fun-filled

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HT Pace in collaboration with NIIT held an event to unveil the findings of a study conducted by the latter in 34 schools across 11 states. The study touches upon the qualitative impact of Maths labs on the performance of students. It also informed principals and teachers from 150 schools across the city about Math Lab Plus, NIIT's curriculum-based initiative aiming to make the study of Maths a simpler and fun-filled one. The findings of NIIT study were presented by former world champion Viswanathan Anand. "More than 8,000 teachers are using it to make Maths interesting for students," said Prateek Chatterjee, vice-president, communications and marketing, NIIT Ltd. An act highlighting the importance of Maths in daily life, and a discussion comprising teachers, students and parents touched upon issues, including Maths. Articulating his belief that any lesson learnt leads to better results, Anand said: "You don't have to absorb a concept, you have to maintain it until it becomes a reflex. This can be achieved when it is made fun and interesting." "We do not have a Math lab yet due to space constraints. Soon, we plan to have two labs, one each for junior and senior students, by next year," said Geeta Kapoor, HoD, Maths, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, KG Marg, Blue Bells Model School, Sector-10, Gurgaon, who has had a Math lab since 2004. Since last year, the school has replaced it with NIIT's Math Lab Plus, in which students of Classes 3 to 10 learn numerical concepts in an innovative way: "We study Maths with the help of screens, projectors and 3D shapes, which has reduced the workload tremendously. The lab is so wonderful that we have a good time while learning something new," said Aditi Dudeja, a Class 10 student of Blue Bells.



• P Rajendran, executive director, NIIT Ltd, grandmaster Viswanathan Anand and Tulika Sinha, chief business officer, NIIT at the HT Pace-NIIT event.

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