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## The Economic Times , Chandigarh
April 1, 2010

### CII North appointment

**CHANDIGARH:** R M Khanna and Vijay K Thadani have been elected as chairman and deputy chairman respectively of the Confederation of Indian Industry (northern region) for 2010-11. The newly elected Council of CII (NR) met at the close of the 36th Annual Session in New Delhi. Mr Khanna is a first generation entrepreneur and is currently the managing director of Stanley Engineering Pvt Ltd. Stanley Engineering which was incorporated in 1980 is into manufacturing of auto components. He is the first ever chairman of the CII northern region hailing from Chandigarh, where CII northern region is headquartered. R K Saboo was the first chairman of AIEI (CII in its pre-CII avatar) in north India. Mr Thadani is the chief executive officer of NIIT, a leading global talent development corporation. As the co-founder of NIIT Group, he has built an organisation that is recognised for its visionary role in bringing the benefits of information technology, both as a professional skill and as a learning tool, to the masses. He also serves on the board of NIIT Technologies Limited.

## The Hindu, New Delhi
April 21, 2010

### Manglik new Nasscom chief

**NEW DELHI:** IT industry body National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) on Tuesday announced that Harsh Manglik will take over as the Chairman of its Executive Council for 2010-11, effective from April 20.

Mr. Manglik, who replaces Pramod Bhasin, will take on the role as the country's IT sector recovers from the impact of the global economic slowdown.

Mr. Manglik is now serving as the Chairman and Geography Managing Director for Accenture in India.

Previously he has also been a member of the Nasscom's Executive Council, Nasscom said in a statement.

#### Vice-Chairman

Nasscom has also appointed NIIT Technologies Chairman and Managing Director Rajendra Pawar as the Vice-Chairman of its Executive Council, the IT industry body said in the statement. — PTI

*Harsh Manglik*

## Business Standard, Kolkata
April 27, 2010

## Business Standard, Chandigarh
April 16, 2010

### CII plans to mentor local entrepreneurs

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Lucknow

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has decided to encourage and mentor local entrepreneurship to check urban migration for more balanced growth.

"Boosting entrepreneurship at the local level along with big industry initiatives in urban centres is one of our themes for the current financial year," CII Northern Region Deputy Chairman and NIIT CEO Vijay Thadani told *Business Standard* here.

He noted that boosting local entrepreneurship will lead to better utilisation of local talent and workforce.

"We will be pursuing our themes of education, employability, inclusivity and entrepreneurship in all the states, including Uttar Pradesh, which cannot be ignored if India has to advance," Thandani said.

"UP is our first port of call as it accounts for one-sixth of India's population and has a major share in the country's GDP," he added.

Meanwhile, CII today held a meeting with all major stakeholders, including senior government officials, in the state and discussed matters related to UP industry and impediments to growth. "We are also keen to increase our membership in UP from 311 to 400 during the current fiscal," CII UP State Council chairman Jayant Krishna said.

He stressed that the state government needed to pass the Industry Facilitation Bill for a comprehensive single-window system in the state.

### Google internet bus in Chandigarh

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The Google's internet bus, which aims at educating people across India about the internet, entered Chandigarh today. After Chandigarh the bus would move across Punjab and Haryana where it plans to cover 15 towns by May 27.

Google internet bus is part of Google internet bus project which is aimed towards educating people about the internet and how it may be beneficial to their lives, by taking the internet experience to them in their preferred language. Product Manager, Google India Jagjit Chawla revealed the bus would showcase informative content both in English and Punjabi and would also showcase how internet services could be used by mobile phone owners to make their everyday life simple.

In Punjab and Haryana, Google has joined hands with NIIT™, to provide an hour-long free internet training to the visitors of the internet bus. The bus has traversed across 70 locations in six states including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Commenting on the experience of internet bus project across six states, Chawla said the project had reinforced their belief that awareness was the key challenge in the growth of the internet in India.

With population of over 1 billion, the internet penetration was just around 7 per cent in India he said adding, one of the major reasons for low internet penetration in India was the absence of content in local language.

Out of the 70 million internet users only 13 per cent prefer to use internet in English and remaining 87 per cent wanted to use internet in their local language.

## Express Computer, National
### April 5, 2010

# Students to enjoy dual benefit of Degree Program from IGNOU & professional training from NIIT

IGNOU and NIIT have entered into a 'Global Partnership in Education & Skill Building for Enhanced Employability.' The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on this significant partnership was announced by Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU and Rajendra S. Pawar, Chairman, NIIT.

Under this Global Partnership IGNOU & NIIT plan to collaborate in domains like Information Technology and Management Sciences for its India and international operations. Joint Programs in IT would include programs in standalone undergraduate programs or combined Master's programs. An Executive MBA will be offered as a part of management programs. The tie-up will also be extended to Finishing School programs that would be available as optional programs for IGNOU students and Alumni.

Prof. Pillai remarked, "People look to us to get customized education which is internationally viable. This global partnership with NIIT will enable students to acquire employable skills for the domestic as well as global markets."

Pawar said, "Inspired by the Prime Minister's skills mission, the NIIT- IGNOU partnership seeks to contribute to large scale skill development."

With the return of a strong hiring outlook, the industry would be on the lookout for job-ready talent. According to industry experts more than 900,000 jobs are likely to be created in 2010 in India, of which over 350,000 new jobs will be added by IT services companies alone. As per the latest industry figures announced by NASSCOM, the IT BPO exports market alone is expected to grow by 13-15% and the domestic market by 15-17%.

Prof. Manohar Lal, Director of the School of Information and Computer Sciences (SOCIS) of IGNOU, said, "We are duty-bound to take education to all. Democratization of computer education, taking the state-of-the-art IT education to the doorstep of the learners, everywhere and anywhere, is a challenge that we have undertaken."

The IGNOU-NIIT partnership aims at initiating the process for developing a pool of industry-ready professionals by bringing together higher education and skill building.

## Mail Today, New Delhi
### April 2, 2010

# Chess wizard Anand will add zing to global maths conclave

**By Savita Verma**
in New Delhi

CHESS maestro Viswanathan Anand is all set to take on 40 mathematicians in a unique match in August.

The world champion will be part of the prestigious International Congress of Mathematicians, being hosted by India for the first time.

The event will be held from August 19-27 in Hyderabad. Anand will also receive an honorary doctorate from Hyderabad University.

India was chosen as host after competing with countries such as Australia and Canada.

"This is the first time in over 100 years of the event that the congress will be held in India and the third time in Asia," science and technology minister Prithviraj Chavan said on Wednesday.

The congress has been held once every four years since 1897, except for breaks during the two world wars.

Chavan said mathematics was not able to catch the attention of the best of minds because of a lack of job prospects in the field.

"Academic jobs must become attractive," he said. "Students prefer to take up computers, engineering and marketing and are lured by the IITs, which bring more returns," he added.

"The government is now considering setting up an international centre of mathematics with partners abroad," the minister said.

The congress, with a budget of Rs 12 crore, is being supported financially by the departments of science and technology and atomic energy.

The event is organised under the auspices of the International Mathematical Union and is expected to be attended by 3,500 to 4,000 delegates.

The organisers have requested President Pratibha Patil to inaugurate the event. They are also trying to get Russian mathematician Grigori Perelman, who was chosen for the Millennium Prize, to attend the event.

Perelman had refused to attend a ceremony in Madrid where he was supposed to get a Fields Medal — equated with the Nobel Prize — in 2006.

The 44-year-old mathematician had solved the Poincare conjecture, which deals with shapes that exist in four or more dimensions rather than the familiar three. "We are trying to get him here," M.S. Raghunathan, chairman of the congress's local organising committee, said.

A new prize in mathematics, Chern Prize, will be awarded for the first time during the event. It has been named after S.S. Chern, a famous figure in geometry. It will be awarded to individuals for lifelong outstanding achievements in maths.

**Anand has been invited to the International Congress of Mathematicians.**

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## The Times of India, New Delhi
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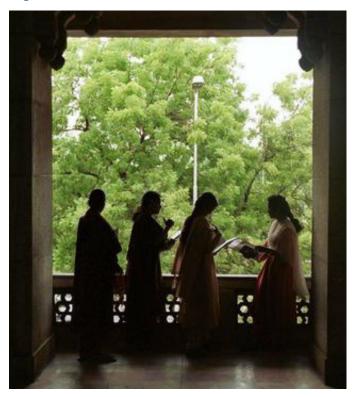# For a fun-filled learning experience

Photos: Ganesh Chandra



Celebrating its silver jubilee year,Times NIE recently held its Teachers Meet 2010-11 at Hotel Park.The event was sponsored by NIIT,School Learning Solutions.PIE Education was the academic partner,co-sponsoring the event.Gifts and prizes were sponsored by Fabiano,Avon and World of Wonder.The event saw the participation of around 400 teachers from across the Capital.Delhi education minister Arvinder Singh Lovely emphasised that de-stressing education is the need of the hour and the key to success.The meet also emphasised the role of technology and how it can help children de-stress and enjoy learning as a fun-filled experience

## The Hindu, Chennai
April 2, 2010

# It's time to learn and shine

**Meera Srinivasan**
**Ajai Sreevatsan**



Whether it is work experience, or part-time jobs or a software course, college students find summer vacation the most opportune time to pursue their interest.

Vacation during summer seems to have become a thing of the past for many college students who see the nearly-two month-break as an opportunity to gain work experience.

From taking up part-time marketing assignments with mobile phone service providers to freelancing with media organisations, the last decade has seen students explore a host of opportunities in summer. More and more colleges are insisting that students take up internships in summer.

According to Rosy Fernando, head of the Department of Commerce and dean of the Students Training and Development cell of M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, internships and summer jobs have distinct advantages. "Students get an opportunity to apply what they learn in class. Moreover, they also acquire communication skills necessary in a corporate setting and learn about organisational structures," she says.

And first hand knowledge of organisational structure can have other benefits, she notes. "When a student sees the ambience of a vice-president's cabin and the control she has, the student might also dream of becoming one and work towards it."

Some students end up picking up knowledge of software, too. One of Ms. Fernando's students who did her internship with Ashok Leyland learnt about a performance appraisal software, while another student who worked with Hot Breads discovered her interest in entrepreneurship. There have also been instances of these internships translating into part-time and full-time jobs later with the same organisation, she adds.

Students also see summer jobs as a way of making some money. Says A. Anusha, a literature student with a Chennai college: "I took up a small marketing job with a private company last year and got paid Rs. 1,000. That was big money for me."

Some of her friends volunteered with NGOs to gain experience. "They were aspiring to make it to top institutions for higher studies and thought these assignments would help," she adds.

Apart from internships and sports camps, the summer break offers the academically-minded some time off to learn something they like.

Centres such as NIIT offer Swift Summer Programmes aimed at providing a mixture of 'Fun and IT' to kids. "There are a host of short duration courses on animation, PC assembling, game development, website design and basic IT programming," says E. Venkatesan, Regional Head, NIIT.

He adds that all the courses are padded up with fun activities like treasure hunt, mind games of chess and mathemagic. "It gives them a good mix of academic learning and fun."

There are also a host of e-learning solutions for students who do not wish to spend money or energy on a dedicated course. V. Ramchandran, a Computer Science professor at Anna University, advises this mode since "it is difficult to rely on courses that are not certified and that do not have a well defined curriculum."

Aditya Vikram, who is taking part in this year's Google Summer of Code (SoC), is one such student who believes in self-learning. "The mailing list of any open source endeavour is a means to find brilliant software developers online," he says.

According to him, summer coding projects are like a sandbox. It is where technologies that will constitute the future of open source applications get tested. "Besides, there is a lot of collaboration and sharing of ideas out there," he adds.

## Dainik Jagran Rashtriya Sanskarn
## New Delhi
April 22, 2010



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नई दिल्ली में बुधवार को अमेरिका के उप विदेश मंत्री जेम्स स्टेनबर्ग (बीच में) से हाथ मिलाते सीआईआई की राष्ट्रीय समिति (शिक्षा) के चेयरमैन विजय थडानी। साथ हैं सीआईआई के महानिदेशक चंद्रजीत बनर्जी।