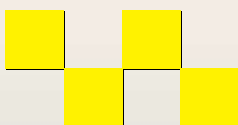


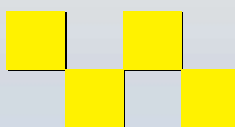
NIIT MindChampions' Academy

Chess Master 2009



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A joint initiative with Viswanathan Anand



Highlights of Chess Master 2009

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Executive Summary

The MindChampions' Academy, a not-for-profit initiative was set up as a joint initiative with Grand Master Viswanathan Anand and NIIT Ltd, with the objective of promoting Chess in schools to enable development of young minds, subsequently help them to think logically and improve their analytical skills.

The MindChampions' Academy introduced chess to the thousands of school children across rural India. From schools among the Himalayas to the southern tip of the country, we have kids playing the game.

Established in 2002, the Academy has fostered over 7000 Chess clubs with over 8,50,000 students as its members, in school across the country. GM Viswanathan Anand has personally travelled to Agartala, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi, Jaipur, Patna, Raipur, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune and other cities across India, spreading the message and motivating the school students to start playing Chess. NIIT MindChampions' Academy conducts an Annual Event around the month of December and January, known as Chess Master for these school children across India in the NIIT network.

As a part of the academy, NIIT provides every school an MCA login to the website. The MCA site consists of Computer Based Tutorials (CBT) enabling the students to learn the game, Chess software to play with the computer, validated web links on Chess, details about famous players, explanations on some of the most useful tactics to win a match, software that enables children to play matches over the internet, process manual on how to form a club with functionalities and responsibilities explained, finally, the chess puzzles which help children analyze various moves.

NIIT MindChampions' Academy exposes students in the age group of 7 – 17 years to the world of Chess. The initiative consists of formation of Chess clubs at Schools, Chess Coaching, Chess Playing, empowering young minds towards making a positive impact on behavior and academics.



Grand Finale of NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009

Over 4.5 Lakh students from across India competed for the
Coveted Chess Master 2009 Title

National Level Winner

Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata, West Bengal

Gandhinagar, December 24, 2009: The National level winners of NIIT Mind Champions' Academy (MCA) were felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at the Grand finale of Chess Master 2009 at Gandhinagar. Shri Ashok Chandulal Bhatt, Hon'ble Speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata, West Bengal was adjudged as the National level winner of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009. Bappi Deb from Teliamura Higher Secondary School, West Tripura, Tripura, was the runner up.

At the National Finals of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy Chess Master 2009, the winners of each Zone – South, East, North and West, vied for the coveted Chess Master 2009 title. Priya Soni from Government Higher Secondary School, Kawardha and Manan Shah from SVDD School, Mumbai represented the **West Zone**; Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata and Bappi Deb from Teliamura Higher Secondary School, Tripura represented the **East Zone**; the **South Zone** was represented by Goutham S from Gitanjali Vidyalaya, Bangalore and Jagu Rajesh from ZPH School, Chebrolu, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh; while Pawan Jeet from Govt. Junior High School, Sadarpur, Noida and Tejas Arora from Springdales Senior School Amritsar represented the **North Zone**.

The zonal winners also got an opportunity to play Chess with the Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand.



A Grand Meeting



Grand Master Vishwanath Anand was in Ahmedabad for a programme organised by Mind Champions Academy at Tagore Hall, Gandhinagar, on Thursday. He met Gujarat chess player Nirav Rajasuba and young chess players at the airport



World Chess Champion Vishwanathan Anand speaking after distributing prizes to NIIT Mind Champions Academy-Chess Master 2009 national winners, in Gandhinagar on Thursday. – UNI

Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Calcutta, and Bappi Deb from Teliamura Higher Secondary School, Tripura, were adjudged the National level winners of the NIIT MindChampions Academy - Chess Master 2009, where over 4.5 lakh students across India competed for the coveted tournament. Commenting on the success of NIIT MindChampions Academy, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "It is heartening to note that young children are taking up chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I heartily congratulate both the winners and wish them a bright future ahead." I am confident that the grit and determination that these young children have displayed will help them excel in academics as well."

"I am delighted to see that NIIT MindChampions Academy has been able to reach out to a large number of children across the country and initiated them into the game of chess. Technology has also played a key role in reaching out to children in every corner of the country for introducing them to Chess," the NIIT brand ambassador added. Anand has been travelling to Agartala, Guwahati, Raipur, Patna, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai and other cities across India, spreading the message and motivating the school students to start playing chess. NIIT MindChampions Academy conducts a nationwide annual chess event, known as Chess Master, for school children across 16 states in the NIIT network.

'Making chess part of curriculum a good move'

Peter Nazareth | TNN

Ahmedabad: World chess No.1 Viswanathan Anand believes that making chess a part of school curriculum as has been done by Gujarat state is a good move and the move should be replicated nationally.

"Just as physical games are introduced so kids exercise their bodies chess too should be made part of schooling. It is a great exercise for the mind and introducing chess to children is a positive move," Anand said at a function to felicitate the national level winners of the NIIT MindChampions Academy Chess Master 2009 in Gandhinagar on Thursday.

On whether being made compulsory would devalue the game or if chess could help only those who were passionate about it, Anand replied, "I think everyone can benefit from the game, and a few hours a week wouldn't hurt. We have been introducing chess to youngsters nationwide as part of this programme."

Anand had also met Gujarat CM during his visit to the city in connection with MindChampions Academy programme and said: "He gave us a lot of support for the programme and we are looking forward to further developing this idea."

Incidentally this was the first time Anand was in Ahmedabad after 26 years. The



Viswanathan Anand with wife Aruna and state assembly speaker Ashok Bhatt in Gandhinagar on Thursday

last time was when he participated in the National chess A Championship and his performance at that tournament took him into the national chess team.

When a scribe asked him as to which had been his most anxious moment in his chess career, Anand said the '84 Nationals was exactly the moment.

"I had lost a few matches and was out of the top six, but I fought hard and got a few wins in the latter stage of the

tournament to finish at the top. In hindsight that was a really anxious time because I had to breach the top six to get a chance to play for India."

The chess whiz acknowledged his wife Aruna's support and patience. "She has been very patient and when I am preparing she makes it possible for me to get into a bubble. She keeps me insulated and also deals with the mood swings that are part of being a chess player."

CHESS MASTER 2009
Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata was adjudged national champion and Bappi Deb from Tellamura Higher Secondary School, Tripura was named runner-up of the MindChampion Academy Chess Master 2009. 4.5 lakh students participated in the competition. The tournament was implemented, monitored and played electronically. TNN

CHESS

Anand relaxed about title defence

Special Correspondent

NEW DELHI: The world championship title defence against Veselin Topalov in April 2010 may be the priority, but Viswanathan Anand has temporarily put that on the back-burner to have a close look at the NIIT mind champions programme grow in a big way.

In the Capital for the awards function for the zonal winners, and to initiate the expansion of the idea into the NDMC schools, Anand said it was a pleasure to spend about 10 days in a year with the programme.

Great inspiration

"Everything is online now and I keep track of it. It is great to inspire the youngsters, and it is gratifying to see that about 8,000 schools have been involved in the programme this year. It was great to get their feedback for the first time. We learnt that the students were doing well in science and maths, apart from being confident", Anand said.

Making it clear that the focus was getting the numbers for the NIIT scheme that started in 2002, Anand assured that some of the children may become champions in future, but the overall growth of the chess playing children was a guarantee.

"It is wonderful to come to the NIIT mind champions academy, and meet the champions. It shows the result of

- Sees future champions from NIIT programme
- Supports 12-game format for the World championship

what we have been doing all these years. To see the numbers grow and the fact that we may have a few million soon, gives me a lot of pride", said Anand, about the idea he had planted after seeing a similar model in Russia.

Lot of fun

Anand assured the children that apart from enhancing their personality, chess was a lot of fun and enjoyable as well.

After opening his heart out, Anand was understandably guarded about his preparations for the title defence in Sofia, Bulgaria, from April 23 to May 12. He said that it did not make such a big difference to play at home, as he had experienced both, on his way to winning the world title thrice.

"I will play a tournament in January, and will prepare for a couple of months for the world championships. I am not going to say anything beyond this on my preparation for the world championship. Even if I say, my opponent is not going to believe it," said Anand with a smile.

Anand said that it would be unfair to the other players to

say that he was taking it easy this year. "I have taken note of some of the problems and have been working on them. Chess has a lot of depth. You can't expect to win every tournament", he said.

Anand said it was good to have the 12-game format for the world championship, that suited everyone. He said that there was no difference between the champion and the challenger any more as the champion does not get to retain the title when the points are equal.

Anand viewed that the unification of the chess world since 2006, and having one champion, was the best thing to have happened to the game in recent times.

The chairman of NDMC, Parimal Rai, said that the combination of NIIT and Anand, would ensure that the students become physically fit, mentally alert, and morally correct. He also said that the game would help the children analyse with clarity, especially at a critical juncture.

Aditya is champion

In the inter-zone final of the Chess Master 2009 competition held in Gandhinagar on Thursday, Aditya Chakraborty of Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata, emerged the champion while Bappi Deb of Teliamura Higher Secondary School, West Tripura, finished runner-up.

Checkmate: Vishy floored by Namu

The grandmaster was impressed with the compulsory chess in Guj schools

DNA CORRESPONDENT

Today Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand needs no introduction — he is a brand in himself. But how many among us would remember that the India's first GM played his first National B in Ahmedabad way back in 1984.

On Thursday, Anand attended the NIT MindChampions Academy function in Gandhinagar, and it was special moment for the World Champion. "It is special to be here. I started my career here when I participated in the National B to qualify for National A. I had a few anxious moments after losing a couple of matches, but I fought back," said Anand, while recalling his first visit to the city. Fifteen years down the line, Anand has four chess Oscars to his credit and a tag of world champion.

Earlier in the day, Anand met Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi.

"He was very positive and assured support for the game," said Anand, who preferred Gujarati food when he celebrated his 40th birthday recently. While talking of chess in Gujarat, Anand was visibly impressed with the game being made mandatory in schools here. This huge Bobby Fischer-fan observed that the 64-square game help has all ingredients to make a student mentally stronger. "It (compulsory) won't devalue the game. Spending couple of hours will surely help a student improve the focusing power," said the Padma Bhushan award winner.

Though 2009 was not according to his expectation levels, the fighter wants to look ahead. "My total focus has been on the Corus International and the World Championship match against Veselin Topalov lined-up next year," said the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee.

"I am big fan of Real Madrid, but Barcelona are the defending champions. However, I am happy that Lionel Messi won the FIFA award," said Anand, who has made Spain as his second home.



CM Modi listens attentively to Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand when the latter, accompanied by wife, paid the CM a visit on Wednesday

PILLAR OF SUPPORT

Aruna Anand is the wife of one of the biggest superstars of the country, yet there are no airs and graces that most WAGs put on. A very grounded person, Aruna, instead of remaining seated when the organisers felicitated her, walked up to the presenter to receive the memento.

When asked how she handles the World Champion, pat came her response: "He is so humble at home that I rarely feel I am the wife of a celebrity." As someone who likes to shun the limelight, Aruna's modest approach was reflected when she preferred to sit with the audience rather than with her husband, while the latter was briefing the media. The Grandmaster enjoys in his own way, says his doting wife. "He entertains himself by watching movies and reading books," she added.

LITTLE CHAMPS

Arditva Chakraborty of DPS Kolkata was adjudged champion, while Bappi Deb of Tripura was runners up in the NIT MindChampions Academy Chess Master 2009. The Academy is an effort to initiate young minds into the world of chess



વિશ્વનાથ આનંદ મુખ્યમંત્રીની મુલાકાતે : મુખ્યમંત્રી નરેન્દ્ર મોદીની આજે ચેસના ચેમ્પિયન એવા ભારતીય ખેલાડી વિશ્વનાથ આનંદે સૌજન્ય મુલાકાત લીધી હતી. આ પ્રસંગે મુખ્યમંત્રીએ ચેસ એ ઔદ્યોગિક આધિપત્યની સ્પર્ધા છે તેમ જણાવ્યું હતું, તેમજ રાજ્યમાં શાળા કક્ષાએ યોજાતી ચેસની સ્પર્ધાની માહિતી આપી હતી. તેમજ ચેસના પ્રશિક્ષણ અંગે રાજ્ય સરકારે હાથ ધરેલા પ્રોજેક્ટની રૂપરેખા આપી હતી.

Gandhinagar Samacar, Gandhinagar, December 25, 2009



ચેસ ચેમ્પિયન વિશ્વનાથન આનંદ ગુરુવારે ગાંધીનગરમાં આવ્યા હતા. એન.આઈ.આઈ.ટી. દ્વારા યોજાયેલા સમારોહમાં તેમણે નેશનલ ટેલેન્ટ કોમ્પિટીશનમાં વિજયી થયેલા બાળકોને એવોર્ડ આપ્યા હતા. તેમણે બાળકો સાથે ચેસ પણ રમ્યા હતા. તેઓ દરેક બાળક પાસે ચેસની એક-એક ચાલ ચાલ્યા હતા. તેમણે બાળકોને સતત આગળ વધવાની શીખ આપી હતી.

(તસવીર : સુધીર જાની)

West Zone Finals

of

NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009

Nearly 1.10 Lakh students from over 1400 Government and Private Schools participated in the West Zone contest

Raipur, December 18, 2009; Priya Soni from Government Higher Secondary School, Kawardha and Manan Shah from SVDD School, Mumbai were adjudged as the winners of West Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009.

In response to the online survey conducted by MCA this year, over 8000 children have mentioned that Chess has helped them perform better in academics, especially in Science and Mathematics. The game developed their patience and understanding, motivating children to take up Chess before School hours or during the breaks.

Commenting on the success of NIIT MindChampions' Academy, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "It is heartening to note that more and more young children are taking up Chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I am confident that the grit and determination that these young children display at the game will help them excel in academics as well."



Raipur hosts West Zone Finals of NIIT MCA Chess Master

■ **Staff Reporter**
RAIPUR, Dec 20

THE West Zone Finals of NIIT Mind Champions Academy (MCA) Chess Master 2009 was held in Raipur.

Priya Soni of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kawardha and Manan Shah from SVDD School, Mumbai were adjudged as winners of West Zone finals of NIIT Mind Champions Academy- Chess Master 2009. The two winners would represent West Zone at the National finals. They will also get an opportunity to play chess with the World Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand.

The National winner will be felicitated by the World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand at a mega event of National finals in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on December 24, 2009.

NIIT Mind Champions Academy is a joint initiative by NIIT, a leading global talent development corporation and Asia's largest IT trainer along with World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand to encourage young minds into the world of chess.

In the current year, NIIT MCA has witnessed participation of over 4.5 lakh students from across the country for Chess Master 2009. There have been 6282 clubs actively playing chess since April 2009 to compete for the tourney.

The complete implementation, monitoring and playing of the championship was done electronically under the supervision of faculties from NIIT.

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NIIT's Chess Master 2009, West Zone Finals in progress.

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During West Zone level contest, widespread participation by nearly 1.10 lakh students from over 1400 government and private schools was recorded.

Commenting on the success of NIIT Mind Champions Academy, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "It is heartening to note that more and more young children are taking up chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I am confident that the grit and determination these young children display at the game will help them excel in academics as well."

According to Head of Operations, School of Learning Solutions, NIIT

Limited Tarun Govind Mathur, chess is a mind game that improves academic performance and aids in mental development of young children. Over the years, MCA has been popularising chess in schools across India.

Launched in 2002 with an objective of initiating students into the world of chess, NIIT Mind Champions Academy has commenced a movement that has now touched more than 8.5 lakh students from over 7000 schools across India. World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand has personally travelled to Agartala, Guwahati, Raipur, Patna, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai and other cities spreading the message and motivating school students to start playing chess.

Priya, Manan emerge West Zone champions

RAIPUR DEC 18:

Priya Soni of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kawardha and Manan Shah of SVDD School Mumbai emerged as champions in the West Zone finals of the Chess Master 2009 tournament underway here under the aegis of NIIT MindChampions Academy. Priya and Manan are to represent West Zone at the national finals of the Chess Master 2009 to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujrat, on Dec 24 2009 and will also get an opportunity to test their mettle against none other than the Chess Master Grand Master Viswanathan Anand at whose hands the national winners of Chess Masters 2009 will be felicitated. Anand along with National Institute of Information Technology founded the NIIT MindChampions Academy in 2002. Around 4.50 lakh students and 6282 clubs



000 children feel that playing chess has helped them perform better academically, especially in science and mathematics. The game has improved their level of patience and understanding and motivated them into taking up chess.

Viswanathan Anand on success of academy stated "it is very heartening to note that more and more young children are taking up chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I am confident that the grit and determination that these young children display at the game, will help them excel in academics as well. He added "I am delighted to see that NIIT MindChampions Academy has touched a huge number of children across the country and initiated them to take up the chess." Technology has also played a big role in reaching out to children, Anand said.

have been competing since April 2009 at the Chess Master 2009 tournament all over the country. As many as 1.0 lakh students from more than 1400 schools participated in the West Zone level contest, an NIIT press release said. In a survey conducted MCA, it was found that as many as 8



शतरंज प्रतियोगिता में प्रिया प्रथम

रायपुर। एनआईटी माइंट चैम्पियंस अकादमी द्वारा आयोजित शतरंज



प्रतियोगिता चैस मास्टर-2009 के जोनल मुकाबले में प्रिया सोनी विजयी रही। शासकीय कन्या हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल कवर्धा की प्रिया ने महाराष्ट्र के स्टेट चैम्पियन शुभम राजदूलाल को हराकर वेस्ट जोन चैम्पियनशिप जीती।

जोनल चैम्पियनशिप के लिए हुए मुकाबले में प्रिया ने शुभम को 27 चालों में मात दी। ये दोनों खिलाड़ी राष्ट्रीय चैम्पियनशिप के लिए अहमदाबाद जायेंगे। जहां पर वे विश्व शतरंज विजेता विश्वनाथन आनंद से मुलाकात करेंगे।

Navbhart Times, Raipur
December 19, 2009



प्रिया वेस्ट जोन चैस चैम्पियन

रायपुर. एनआईआईटी माइंड चैम्पियंस अकादमी द्वारा आज गॉस मेमोरियल सेन्टर में वेस्ट जोन चैस चैम्पियनशिप का आयोजन किया गया. जिसमें शासकीय कन्या हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल कवर्धा की प्रिया सोनी ने महाराष्ट्र की स्टेट चैम्पियन शुभम राजदूलाल को पराजित कर प्रतियोगिता जीती. प्रिया ने शुभम को 27 चालों में मात दी. ये दोनों खिलाड़ी अब राष्ट्रीय

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मैनेजर प्रभात पटनायक ने किया. टूर्नामेंट आर्बिटर आनंद अवधिया थे. एनआईआईटी द्वारा प्रदेश के 401 स्कूलों के 6436 विद्यार्थियों के बीच ब्लॉक एवं जिला स्तर पर प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई थी. इनमें से बिलासपुर, कवर्धा, दुर्ग व रायपुर के चार खिलाड़ी चुने गए. इनके बीच राज्य स्तरीय प्रतियोगिता हुई. जिसमें प्रिया सोनी विजेता बनी थीं.

South Zone Finals

of

NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009

Nearly 1.75 Lakh students from over 2500 Government and Private Schools spread across 4 states and Union Territories participated in the South Zone contest

Bangalore, December 19, 2009: The winners of South Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA), were felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at Bangalore. Mrs. Sudha Murthy, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Goutham S from Geetanjali Vidyalaya, Bangalore and Jagu Rajesh from ZPH School, Chebrolu East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh were adjudged as the winners of South Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009.



Goutham, Jagu champs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: City boy S Goutham, a sixth standard student from Geetanjali Vidyalaya, and Jagu Rajesh of Andhra Pradesh won the South Zone titles in the Chess Master tournament conducted by the NIIT MindChampions Academy (MCA) here on Saturday.

Goutham, competing in the un-aided school category, defeated Dhruva from Andhra Pradesh and Sharath from Kerala to win the title. The winners received awards from world champion Viswanathan Anand.

Speaking to *STOI*, Goutham said he was happy to receive the award from his idol. "Getting a piece of advice from Anand was a dream come true for me. This is a red-letter day in my life. He told



LOOKING AHEAD: Goutham

me to devote more time to play chess to scale new heights."

Goutham won 13 out of the 14 games to annex the zonal crown in the tournament, which began with a district-level competition. "I won five games at the district-level event, six games at the State-level and two games at the zonal finals," he said. Goutham, who has been training under

Vijayaraghavan of Chennai and Arvind Shastri of Bangalore, had won the zonal title in 2008 and finished a creditable fifth in the national-level final in Chennai. He also won the CBSE south zone championship last year. At present, his Elo rating is 1515. "Today's achievement will boost my morale and I will strive hard to win more titles," he said.

Goutham and Rajesh will represent South Zone in the National final to be held in Gandhinagar on December 24. The winner will get an opportunity to play a game of chess with Anand.

Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murthy, who was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony, complimented those who participated in the event and asked them to show the same zeal throughout their life.

Sunday Express, Bangalore, December 19, 2009

Anand fetes NIIT MindChampions

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THE winners of the NIIT MindChampions Academy were felicitated by Vishwanathan Anand at the Delhi Public School-South in Bangalore on Saturday.

MindChampions, launched in 2002, is a joint initiative by NIIT and World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand, to promote chess among the younger genera-



Vishwanathan Anand signing a book for a girl in Bangalore on Saturday.

tion. Anand said chess needed to be considered as a creative sport. Sudha Murthy, chairperson of Infosys Foundation, said one should try to play all games.

Goutham S of Geetanjali Vidyalaya, Bangalore and Jagu Rajesh of Zilla Parishad High School, Chebrolu East Godavari in Andhra Pradesh were adjudged winners of South Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions Academy-Chess Master-2009.

Goutham, Rajesh emerge champs

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka's S Goutham and Jagu Rajesh of Andhra Pradesh won the South Zone final of NIIT MindChampions Academy chess tournament here on Saturday.

A sixth standard student of Geetanjali Vidyalaya, Goutham won 12 games out of 13 to claim the title. The Bangalorean defeated Dhruva from Andhra Pradesh and Kerala's Sharath along the way.

Rajesh hails from Godavari District and is a student of ZPH School, Chebrolu.

Goutham, who received the award from his idol Vishwanathan Anand, said the meeting with his idol will help him to draw inspiration to scale greater heights.

"It was a dream come true for me to receive the trophy from my idol. I cherish every moment with him today. The meeting with Anand will give me lot of confidence to conquer greater heights in chess, said

Goutham, who also won the Zonal title last year in Chennai and ended the National final in the fifth spot.

Goutham and Rajesh will represent South Zone in the National final to be held in Gandhinagar on December 24. The winners there will also get an opportunity to play with Anand.

Congratulating the winners, Goutham and Rajesh, Anand said, "It is heartening to note that youngsters and kids are taking up chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I congratulate both the winners and wish them a bright future."

"I am confident that the grit and determination that these young children have displayed will help them excel in academics as well. Technology has also played a key role in reaching out to children in every corner of the country for introducing them to chess," the World champion added.



MASTER AT WORK Viswanathan Anand takes on school children in Bangalore on Saturday.

Dinamani, Bangalore
December 20, 2009



பெங்களூர் கனகபுரா சாலையில் உள்ள என்.ஐ.ஐ.டி. வளாகத்தில் சனிக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற விருது வழங்கும் விழாவில் பங்கு கொண்டு பள்ளிச் சிறுமியிடம் உரையாடும் உலக செஸ் சாம்பியன் விஸ்வநாதன் ஆனந்த்.

Kalai Kadhir, Bangalore
December 20, 2009



பெங்களூருவில் நடந்த செஸ் போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற டில்லி பப்ளிக் பள்ளி குழந்தைகள், உலக செஸ் சாம்பியன் விஸ்வநாதன் ஆனந்த்விடம் ஆட்டோகிராப் வாங்கினர்.

East Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009

Nearly 1.40 Lakh students from over 2500 Government and Private Schools participated in the South Zone contest

Kolkata, December 21, 2009: The winners of East Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA) were felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at Kolkata. Dr. Debesh Das, Hon'ble IT Minister, West Bengal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Aditya Chakraborty from Delhi Public School, Ruby Park, Kolkata, West Bengal, and Bappi Deb from Teliamura Higher Secondary School, West Tripura, Tripura were adjudged as the Winners of East Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009.

Dr. Debesh Das, Hon'ble IT Minister, West Bengal recognized the commendable performance of the young MindChampions in the game of Chess and encouraged them to continue to exhibit the same zeal and brilliance. He said that the budding talent needs to be mentored and guided and that NIIT MindChampions' Academy is offering the aspiring young Chess players an ideal platform to learn and grow.



Riding on a high

UPBEAT Despite a mediocre year, Anand not short on motivation

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■ Viswanathan Anand in Kolkata.

SUBHANKAR CHAKRABORTY / HT

before the encounter against Kramnik — Anand avoided a direct answer. "Can't say that. There has been a dip in form of late but I'm not panicking. I'm trying to peak at the right time. And if you don't peak during a world championship game, when will you?"

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Form slump doesn't worry Anand



Viswanathan Anand in Kolkata on Monday.

PARTHA PAUL

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CIRCA 2009 hasn't been very productive for Viswanathan Anand, by his own lofty standards. But the Indian chess legend is not worried about his temporary loss of form.

"Yes, I didn't perform well this year but it can happen. So, I'm not very concerned. Actually, I was not at my peak, motivation and concentration-wise. I have to work on that," said Anand, who paid a visit to the city on Monday to encourage the top performers of the MindChampions Academy. The academy was set up seven years back and is being run by the NIIT.

With the Corus championship coming up in January, Anand said that he will have to step on

the accelerator. The World Championship match against Veselin Topalov will follow. "Topalov is one of the toughest rivals I have played against." Asked to compare between Topalov and Vladimir Kramnik, whom he had beaten last year to win the World title, Anand said: Kramnik is one of the all time greats. He plays classical chess, while Topalov is more innovative and penetrative." The world champion, however, didn't disclose his choice of seconds for the upcoming events.

Commenting on the MindChampions programme, he said: It has turned out to be a very positive venture. More than 7,000 schools are regularly taking part in it."

success mantra viswanathan anand

NEVER FEEL YOU HAVE LEARNT ENOUGH

The Grandmaster tells you how to improve your game with every move

Opening gambit

The person who first spotted my curiosity for chess is my mother. When I wanted to learn the game after seeing my elder siblings play it, she patiently taught me the rules. She noticed that I was learning very fast and was eager to improve, impatient to get better and beat everyone. That is when she enrolled me in a chess club.

A level head

Sometimes you cannot see if you have it in you to be a champion; others see it much faster. At the same time, I am very cautious about people showering me with compliments as it can lead to complacency. I enjoy this public persona in small doses, but then like to get back to the discipline of chess training.

When I became the most talented player from my state, I was treated very specially at the chess club. Many of the players were much older and I had suddenly leapfrogged ahead of them, playing blitz games, making people take notice. At this point, my parents realised that I would need to make a lot of decisions for

myself. They just told me one thing: never to let the stardom go to my head and to treat elders with respect, irrespective of who they are. That has helped me right through my career.

High points

In school and college, I was very lucky to have had supportive principals and professors. I think once when I won a junior event and my name appeared in the papers, the school principal announced my name during assembly and invited me on stage. As luck would have it, I was absent that day. Nevertheless, it was a proud moment, and after that my classmates treated me as someone very special. This made me feel I was actually achieving something that meant a lot to people.

Another cherished moment was when I came to Kolkata after winning the Reggio Emilia tournament in 1991. There was a cavalcade from the airport till the city! I felt like a king.

Then there were the world championship wins in 2000, 2007 and 2008. I worked very hard for them, and they all came at very crucial moments when I had to win to excel. My critics were proved wrong each time. My family stood by me, and when I am home, I am Anand, not a chess champion. That, for me, is the best feeling in my personal life.

Overcoming odds

You never get used to dealing with a victory or a defeat. Of victory, you can never have enough; a defeat you want to forget. When I have a tough moment during a tournament, I try to put things in perspective and learn why I played badly. If I can find that out, it makes me feel better.

It is very difficult to play the day after a bad result. But somehow you need to find that extra energy. After a tournament, I like to relax and forget about the result. Sometimes you have to switch off that part of your mind and come back to it later. In 2002, I was having very mediocre results, so I decided to learn a new language and picked up German.

Normally, after a few days' rest, you can approach a problem better and more rationally. Many of my hobbies — astronomy, wildlife, travel — have helped me forget a bad result and come back fresh and ready to fight.

Before a game, I like to close my eyes and listen to music. At this point, it feels like I am floating and the mind races through hundreds of problems. Then, when I make the first move, I feel completely relaxed.

Looking within

Every time you try to reach a new level in your game, you have to cross an obstacle. Sometimes the

barrier is beyond your control; sometimes it is one you have created for yourself. It is important to understand who or what the obstacle is.

In chess, we have had a lot of politicking. During those years, I worked very hard to improve my game. When the chess world was going through a schism, we had no world championships. When I look back, I played some of my best games then and won the Chess Oscars twice. My philosophy is to try and maximise what you can control. It is no use complaining about things that are unfair. When you start

complaining, you end up trying to get attention rather than improving yourself. Things are not always fair and equitable, but you have to excel in spite of it.

My success mantra

Enjoy what you do and never do anything because someone wants you to. Always be curious and learn. Never feel you have learnt enough.

As told to Sanchita Guha

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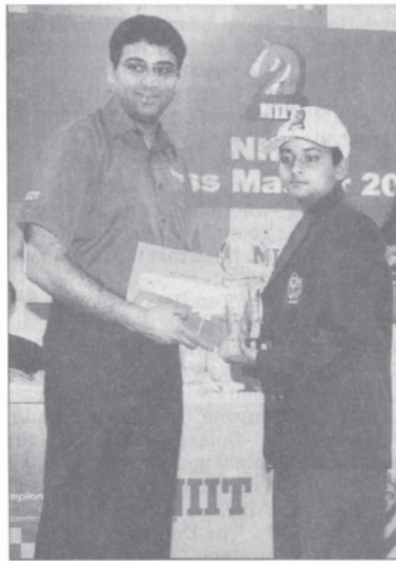
DNA, Mumbai
December 22, 2009



SLEIGHT OF HAND: Magician PC Sorkar (junior) and Viswanathan Anand during a chess function in Kolkata on Monday —PTI



SPORTS DIGEST



Vishwanathan Anand gives away an award to a school kid at a function in Kolkata on Monday

Asian Age, Kolkata
December 22, 2009

magical move



Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand explains a move on the chess board as magician P.C. Sorcar looks on during a promotional programme in Kolkata on Monday.
PHOTO: Debajyoti Sarkar

Not short on motivation

DESPITE MIDDICRE YEAR, Anand looks ahead to world championship match with confidence

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● **Viswanathan Anand obliges a young autograph hunter in the city on Monday.**

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classical and Topalov more innovative. And these days, there is a lot of depth at the top anyway."

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ঝাটিকা সফরে তিলোত্তমা ঘুরে গেলেন বিশ্বচ্যাম্পিয়ন বিশ্বনাথন আনন্দ। দাবা খেললেন কচিকাঁচাদের সঙ্গেও। দক্ষিণ শহরতলির একটি স্কুলে। ছবি: সুদীপ্ত ভৌমিক

Aaj Kal, Kolkata , December 22, 2010

সোফিয়া নয়, আনন্দকে ভাবাচ্ছেন টোপালভ

আজকালের প্রতিবেদন: ২০০৯ শেষ হতে এখনও ১০ দিন বাকি। কিন্তু বিশ্বচ্যাম্পিয়ন বিশ্বনাথন আনন্দ বছর শেষ হওয়ার আগেই ২০০৯ মন থেকে বেড়ে ফেলেছেন। সোমবার ঝাটিকা সফরে কলকাতায় এসে বললেন, 'খুব খারাপ বছর। কে আর খারাপটা মনে রাখতে চায়!' এদিন নিট মহিষ্ঠ আকাদেমির সফল দাবা শিক্ষার্থীদের হাতে পুরস্কার তুলে দিলেন আনন্দ। সরকারি বিদ্যালয়ের পূর্বাঞ্চল চ্যাম্পিয়ন ত্রিপুরার বাপি দেব। দ্বিতীয় সান্দ্রাম হোসেন। বেসরকারি বিদ্যালয়ের চ্যাম্পিয়ন দিল্লি পাবলিক স্কুলের (রুবি পার্ক) আদিত্য চক্রবর্তী। অনুষ্ঠানে ছিলেন পি সি সরকার (জুনিয়র)। আনন্দের সঙ্গে তিনি দাবাও খেলেন। আনন্দ বললেন, '২০০৭, ২০০৮ আমার খুব ভাল সময় গেছে। ২০১০-এ আবার সেখানে ফিরতে চাই।' কোরাস দিয়ে বছর শুরু করবেন। তার পর আসল লড়াই। টোপালভের বিরুদ্ধে বিশ্ব দাবার খেতাবি লড়াই। আনন্দের মতে, 'টাফ অপোনেস্ট। কঠিন লড়াই।' তবে সোফিয়ায় খেলা হওয়ায় তিনি চিন্তিত নন। প্রস্তুতি আগেই শুরু করে দিয়েছেন। চূড়ান্ত প্রস্তুতি কীভাবে নেবেন, তা এখনই বলতে রাজি নন। কয়েক দিন আগে ৪০ পেরিয়েছেন। আর কতদিন? আনন্দ বললেন, 'দাবায় বয়স নয়, মনটাই আসল। নিজেকে কে কতটা মোটিভেট করতে পারবে, সেটাই ব্যাপার। মোটিভেশন ঠিক থাকলে ষাট বছর বয়সেও উচ্চ পর্যায়ের দাবা খেলা সম্ভব। আবার কম বয়সেও শীর্ষে ওঠা যায়। যেমন ম্যাগনাস কার্লসেন।' জানাতে ভুললেন না, তিনি এখনও শিখতে ভালবাসেন।



মঞ্চে নয়, দাবার বোর্ডে বিশ্বনাথন আনন্দকে জাদু দেখাচ্ছেন পি সি সরকার (জুনিয়র)? সোমবার এক অনুষ্ঠানে। ছবি: বিকাশ সাধু

আনন্দের হাতে সংবর্ধিত হল খুদে আদিত্য

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদন: এনআইআইটি মাইন্ডচ্যাম্পিয়নস অ্যাকাডেমির উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত দাবা প্রতিযোগিতায় পূর্ব ভারতের দুই বিজয়ীর নাম আদিত্য চক্রবর্তী ও বাপি দেব। আদিত্য শহরেরই দিল্লি পাবলিক স্কুল, রুবি পার্কের ছাত্র। বাপি ত্রিপুরার তেলিয়ামুরা হায়ার সেকেন্ডারি স্কুলের ছাত্র। পুরস্কার বিতরণী অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন পশ্চিমবঙ্গের তথ্যপ্রযুক্তিমন্ত্রী দেবেন দাস, জাদুকের পিসি সরকার ও অন্যান্য বিশিষ্ট অতিথিবর্গ।

সারা দেশ থেকে দাবায় নবীন প্রতিভা খুঁজে বার করার জন্য এই অভিনব প্রয়াস শুরু করেছে এনআইআইটি। এই সংস্থা পাশে পেয়েছে তাদের দীর্ঘদিনের ব্র্যান্ড অ্যাম্বাসাডর বিশ্বনাথন আনন্দকে। এ বছর সাড়ে চার লক্ষ কচিকাঁচা যোগদান করেছে এই প্রতিযোগিতায়।

টোপালভকে হারানো কঠিন, মানছেন আনন্দ



পি সি সরকারের সঙ্গে আনন্দ। কলকাতায়।-নিজস্ব চিত্র

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা: তিনি গর্বের সঙ্গে বলছেন রিয়াল মাদ্রিদ তাঁর টিম। উপচে পড়া আস্থা বিশ্বাস থেকে জানাচ্ছেন ‘আমার’ ক্লাব এ বার নতুনদের নিয়ে ফাটিয়ে দেবে। কিছু উটকো কাজের জন্য অ্যাটল্যান্টিসকে কী ভাবে ক্লাব কাপ ফাইনালে ‘হারিয়েছি আমরা’ দেখা যায়নি। গোলগুলো নিউজে চেখেছেন। একাধিক বার। স্প্যানিশ লা লিগা-য় রিয়াল জারাগোজাকে হাফডজন গোলে মাদ্রিদের ওড়ানোর খবরও তাঁর হাসিকে প্রশস্ততর করছে।

মনে হয়েছে জাদুস্রাট পি সি সরকার পাশে বসে আছেন বলেই এমনটা হচ্ছে কি না! তাজমহল গায়েব হওয়ার মতো! গাদাগাদি করে থাকা চৌষট্টি খোপ যেন জাদুদণ্ডের কারসাজিতে সবুজ ফুটবল মাঠ। অথবা মাদ্রিদের এক পা দূরে থাকা শহর কোলাডো মেদিয়ানো থেকে আসা কোনও ফুটবল সাংবাদিক।

আদৌ বিশ্বচ্যাম্পিয়ন দাবাড়ু বিশ্বনাথন আনন্দ নয়। ফুটবল সাংবাদিক না হলে তিনি কোনও গ্রন্থকীট তো বটেই! যিনি দ্য ভিক্সি কোডের পর এক সুইস ফ্রিলজি নিয়ে মজেছেন। সে বইয়ের ট্যাটুতে ঢাকা কোনও নায়িকার মোহে তিনি হাবুডুবু।

কিন্তু তাজমহল থাকে আশ্রিতেই। আনন্দ যেমন দাবাতেই। অপটিক্যাল ইলিউশনের মতো বিশ্বচরাচর নিয়ে যতই আপডেটেড মনে হোক, চেম্বাইয়ের ভিশি আপাদমস্তক ‘চেজম্যান’। এনআইআইটি-র প্রচারে কলকাতায় সোমবার তাঁর সারাদিনে সাংবাদিকদের কাছে রিয়াল বা সুইস ফ্রিলজির প্রসঙ্গ নিছকই বিজ্ঞাপনী ব্রেক। “জানেন তো সুইস ফ্রিলজিটা নিয়েলসেন আমায় জোর করে পড়িয়েছিল...!”

ফ্রিলজির সূত্র ধরেই আনন্দ জানাচ্ছেন নিয়েলসেন মানে পিটার হাইন নিয়েলসেন। আগামী বছর এপ্রিলে

বিশ্বচ্যাম্পিয়নের খেতাব ধরে রাখার যুদ্ধ। টোপালভের সঙ্গে খেলা। বুলগেরিয়ান বুলডোজারকে ঠেকাতে তাঁর টিম তৈরি হচ্ছে। যেখানে নিয়েলসেন থাকছেন। কিন্তু সূর্যশেখর গঙ্গোপাধ্যায়?

কলকাতার এই স্বাভাবিক প্রশ্নে আনন্দ ‘হয়তো’ বলে হাসছেন। পরমুহুর্তে বলছেন, “এটা আগে থেকে কেউ বলে না।” চেনা যাচ্ছে অসম্ভব সিরিয়াস আনন্দকে, “টোপালভ কিন্তু ক্র্যামনিক না। শুধু ক্র্যাসিকাল নিয়ে পড়ে থাকে না। সব সময়ই নিজেকে পাল্টাচ্ছে। যে কোনও সময় ঝাঁপিয়ে পড়তে পারে।”

শেষ যে বার বিশ্বসেরা হন, তার ঠিক আগের বছরটাতেও খুব খারাপ খেলেছিলেন আনন্দ। ২০০৯-০ তাঁর ভাল যায় নি। বিশেষ করে তাল মেমোরিয়ালে তাঁর পঞ্চম হওয়া আর বিশ্ব র‍্যাপিডে প্রথম রাউন্ডে বিদায় নেওয়াটা অবিশ্বাস্য!

এটা কী বিশ্বচ্যাম্পিয়নশিপেরই স্ট্যাটেজি? বিপক্ষকে অতিরিক্ত আগ্রাসী করে সুযোগ মতো টুটি টিপে ধরা? ফুরফুরে শৈতা কলকাতার সঙ্গে সায়ুজ্য রেখে আনন্দের চটজলদি জবাব, “সত্যি তেমনটা হলে কত ভাল হত।”

বোঝা গেল চল্লিশের আনন্দ এখনও ‘মোর’ বা আরও-র খোঁজে। মাদার টেরিসা যেমন বলতেন, আই ওয়ান্ট টু ডু মোর। এই উদ্ধৃতি তাঁর লেখায় এনেছিলেন আনন্দনগরীর স্রষ্টা দমিনিক ল্যাপিয়ের। আর আনন্দ তাঁর নিজের ক্যারিশমাতেই সোমবার সারাদিন ‘আনন্দনগরী’র সব থেকে আকর্ষণীয় চরিত্র হয়ে উঠলেন। সেই স্বভাবসুলভ আন্তরিকতায়। ডুবনভোলানো হাসিতে।

शतरंज खेलने से बच्चे पढ़ाई में होते हैं अच्छे : आनंद



कोलकाता में शतरंज खेलते दिखे जादूगर पीसी सरकार व विश्वनाथन आनंद. तसवीर : अदिति

वरीय संवाददाता

कोलकाता : शतरंज के विश्व चैंपियन विश्वनाथन आनंद ने कहा है कि सर्वे में यह बात सामने आयी है कि जो बच्चे शतरंज खेलते हैं, वह पढ़ाई में भी अच्छे होते हैं. एनआइआइटी माइंडचेस अकादमी की ओर से आयोजित चेस मास्टर 2009 के पूर्वी जोन के विजेताओं को पुरस्कृत करने दिल्ली पब्लिक स्कूल, रूबी पार्क पहुंचे आनंद ने कहा कि माइंड चेस अकादमी की ओर से सात हजार स्कूलों में पहुंचा गया है. यहां करीब 8.5 लाख बच्चों ने चेस सीखा है. आठ हजार बच्चों में जब समीक्षा करायी गयी, तो पाया गया कि उनका शैक्षिक प्रदर्शन भी सुधरा है. मौके पर पहुंचे जादूगर पीसी सरकार ने कहा कि वह जादू का जो विश्वविद्यालय बना रहे हैं, उसमें उन्हीं बच्चों को

दाखिला मिलेगा, जो शतरंज खेलना जानते हैं. आनंद की तुलना उन्होंने देवी दुर्गा के साथ की और कहा कि देवी के 10 हाथों की तरह आनंद भी कद्दियों के साथ एक साथ शतरंज खेलते हैं. कार्यक्रम के दौरान शतरंज के एक मोहरे को गायब करके उन्होंने आनंद को चकित भी कर दिया. पुरस्कार पाने वाले बच्चों में असम से करिश्मा पुजारी, समस्तीपुर बिहार से मो सद्दाम हुसैन, त्रिपुरा से बापी दे, गुवाहाटी से कौस्तव नियोगी, ओडिशा से अभिलाष कवि, मुजफ्फरपुर से मुकुल कुमार, पश्चिम बंगाल से डीपीएस रूबी पार्क के ही आदित्य चक्रवर्ती और अगरतला से जुनन चकमा शामिल थे. आदित्य चक्रवर्ती निजी स्कूल से जोनल विजेता भी हुआ. रनर्स अप अभिलाष कवि हुआ. गवर्नमेंट स्कूलों से जोनल चैंपियन बापी दे और रनर्स अप मो सद्दाम हुसैन रहा.

North Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009

Nearly 30,000 students from over 400 Government and Private Schools participated in the North Zone contest

New Delhi, December 23, 2009: The winners of North Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA), were felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at New Delhi. Shri Parimal Rai, Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest along with Smt. Mamta Aggarwal, Director Education, New Delhi Municipal Council.

Pawan Jeet from Govt. Junior High School, Sadarpur, Noida and Tejas Arora from Springdales Senior School Amritsar were adjudged as the winners of North Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy – Chess Master 2009.



Briefly...

Anand felicitates NIIT MindChampions

The winners of North Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions Academy (MCA) were felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at NDMC's NP Girls Sr Sec School, Gole Market on Wednesday. Parimal Rai, Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest along with Mamta Aggarwal, Director Education, NDMC. Pawan Jeet from Govt Junior High School, Sadarpur, Noida and Tejas Arora from Springdales Senior School Amritsar were adjudged as the winners of North Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions Academy - Chess Master 2009. Commenting on the success of NIIT MindChampions Academy, Viswanathan Anand remarked, "It is heartening to note that young children are taking up the game of Chess enthusiastically and mastering the strategies of the game. I heartily congratulate both the winners and wish them a bright future ahead."

Felicitations function

NEW DELHI: New Delhi Municipal Council's NP Girls Senior Secondary School, Gole Market, on Wednesday hosted a facilitation ceremony for the winners of North Zone Finals of NIIT MindChampions Academy. Ace chess player Vishwanathan Anand and Parimal Rai, chairman, NDMC, were the chief guests of the event. Other who attended the function include, Karan Singh Tanwar, MLA and member, and Mamta Aggarwal, director, Education-NDMC. Pawan Jeet from Government Junior High School, Sadarpur, Noida and Tejas Arora from Springdales Senior School, Amritsar, were the winners of North Zone Finals of the NIIT MindChampions Academy - Chess Master 2009. MindChampions Academy is a joint initiative by NIIT and chess champion Viswanathan Anand to attract young minds to chess.

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माइंड चैंपियंस एकेडमी चेस मास्टर बने नोएडा के पवन

नई दिल्ली। एनआईआईटी माइंड चैंपियंस एकेडमी चेस मास्टर 2009 के नार्थ जोन के विनर का खिताब नोएडा के पवन जीत व अमृतसर के तेजस अरोड़ा ने जीता। विश्व शतरंज चैंपियन विश्वनाथ आनंद ने एक विशेष कार्यक्रम समारोह में दोनों बच्चों को सम्मानित किया। नार्थ जोन स्तर पर आयोजित हुए इस फाइनल में 400 सरकारी व निजी स्कूलों के लगभग 30 हजार बच्चों ने हिस्सा लिया। जिनमें से इन बच्चों को विजयी घोषित किया गया।

एनआईआईटी माइंड चैंपियन एकेडमी की इस प्रतियोगिता में देश भर के 4.5

उपलब्धि

**नॉर्थ जोन के फाइनल में
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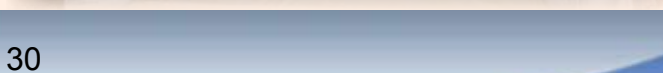
लाख बच्चों ने हिस्सा लिया है। इस वर्ष इस प्रतियोगिता की थीम द गोल वॉज टू ग्रीन रही। पवनजीत नोएडा के सादपुर के सरकारी जूनियर हाई स्कूल में पढ़ते हैं। वहीं तेजस अरोड़ा अमृतसर के सिंगडेल्ट्स स्कूल में पढ़ते हैं।

विश्वनाथ आनंद ने बच्चों को पुरस्कृत करते हुए कहा कि शतरंज निश्चित रूप से इन बच्चों को उनकी शिक्षा में भी मदद करेगी। वह बच्चों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पहुंचे। इस प्रतियोगिता की खास विशेषता यह थी कि इसमें शेड्यूलिंग, मॉनिटरिंग, प्लेयिंग, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रूप से आयोजित की गई थी।

अमर उजला



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