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Glimpses from
'The Turning Point'
initiative across
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NIIT Limited, leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's largest IT trainer has launched 'The Turning Point' initiative that unveils a transformational GNIIT and Express Diploma programs based on an all-new cloud-centric curriculum, enriched with insights from the IT industry.

Earlier this year, NIIT had created the **Industry Advisory Council (IAC)**, wherein industry leaders shared their inputs on how GNIIT could be further improved, to help students become future-ready and find suitable placement in the evolving IT industry. With inputs from the industry as well as NIIT's technology partners, the new syllabus is a perfect blend of Core IT skills, Professional skills and Cloud technology. It ensures that the students' IT knowledge & skills are mapped to the industry requirements and role competencies.

The new GNIIT program maximizes career opportunities by offering programs that lead to exit profiles in diverse fields of IT like - Cloud Applications Developer, Enterprise Application Developer, Business Intelligence Solutions Developer, Server Administrator and Network Administrator.

Speaking on the launch of The Turning Point initiative **Mr. G Raghavan, Chief Executive, Career Building Solutions, NIIT** said, *"Over the years GNIIT has been the turning point in the lives of youth seeking challenging career options in the global IT industry. With a view to further improve the program and make students ready to take up challenging assignments in the ever-evolving IT sector, we are in constant dialogue with industry leaders. This has enabled us to offer a program that is completely aligned to the manpower needs of the IT industry."*

Furthermore, NIIT has instituted **The Turning Point Scholarship** to commemorate the phenomenal victory of NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at the 2012 World Chess Championship. This initiative by NIIT is aimed at giving an opportunity to meritorious candidates from economically disadvantaged sections of society aspiring to make a mark in the IT industry, a platform to realize their dreams.

NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand has personally travelled across the country to present The Turning Point Scholarships to Shanmugha Priya in **Chennai**, Clinta P B in **Cochin**, Rajat Kapoor in **Chandigarh**, Rakesh Kumar Mohapatra in **Bhubaneswar** and to Sunny Sekh in **Patna**.

These scholarships will provide 100% fee waiver to the shortlisted students for NIIT's flagship career course - new age GNIIT.

The new GNIIT syllabus is now based on a Cloud & Collaborative Learning Model. This pioneering initiative takes learning beyond the traditional student-teacher relationship and addresses the needs of today's generation's lifestyle and their learning style. It helps seamlessly blend the instructor-led classroom-based learning, virtual classrooms and online learning using Cloud services being offered through **NIIT Cloud Campus™ - India's First Cloud Campus** ecosystem.

The technology backed learning environment of NIIT's Cloud Learning Methodology supports group learning through interactive features like 24x7 lab and e-library access, instant tech updates, interaction with faculty and peers and access to online video streams. Thus the learning process is not just limited to textbooks but is enhanced through group learning.

Arun Benty, Co-founder of Trellysis.net, Social Media & Mobile App Developer, Webby Award Winner (2011), said, *"The GNIIT program exposed me to the challenging world of IT and helped me decide my career path. GNIIT is to a great extent responsible for all that I have achieved as an IT professional today. Today, we have several GNIITians apart from me working in our company."*

NIIT extended the Turning Point Scholarships in August-September, 2012 to meritorious college students and fresh graduates across the country, for their new GNIIT and Express Diploma programmes.

Over last 21 years, more than 4.8 lakh students have benefited from NIIT's Scholarship Programmes. The NIIT Turning Point Scholarship is one such initiative towards enhancing employability of meritorious students and making them job ready to meet the industry needs. The scholarship is aimed at facilitating meritorious college students and fresh graduates who want to prepare themselves for a successful IT career by enrolling for new GNIIT and Express Diploma programmes.

Speaking on the NIIT Turning Point Scholarships, **Mr. Amitabh Lahiri, Chief Business Officer, Career Building Solutions, NIIT** said, *"NIIT has always believed in making cutting-edge professional courses available to meritorious students. The Turning Point Scholarship is yet another effort to recognize and encourage students to pursue a career in IT and IT related domains."*

NIIT has also partnered with Credila Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of HDFC Ltd. to offer education loans to students interested in enrolling for the programs. The interested students can enroll even now for NIIT Programs using Credila's easy repayment options which are exclusive for NIIT students.

Apart from technical skills a successful IT professional also needs to have the right attitude, communication skills, work ethics and a host of other personal attributes that play a crucial role in his/her career. Hence the new GNIIT program aims to strengthen the basic communication and professional skills by making these part of the core syllabus.

The uniqueness of the GNIIT program also lies in its professional practice of a year-long internship that gives the students the opportunity to work at leading IT organisations. This one year of internship gives exposure to 'live' case studies and a stipend that lets them earn-while-they-learn.

With recruitments in over 3000 companies, the GNIIT program gives a jump-start to students' careers. NIIT students have started their careers in leading organisations like Infosys, TCS, Wipro, IBM to name a few.

Speaking on the importance of having the right tools for success, **World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand** said, *"Success does not happen by chance. It is the result of hard work, positive attitude, strategic thinking and making the most of the opportunities that life offers us. Over the last 30 years, NIIT has been offering that golden opportunity to youth aspiring to carve challenging career paths in the ever evolving IT industry. NIIT's cutting edge career programs have acted as the Turning Point in the lives of millions of youth across the globe. Today I am delighted to see the way that NIIT Turning Point Scholarships are making the right set of tools available to young aspirants for carving a career in the IT industry."*

NIIT Limited, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's premier IT trainer, offers learning and knowledge solutions across 38 countries. Leading IT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top IT Training Company' award successively for the past 19 years, since the inception of this category.

NIIT's Individual Learning Business offerings include industry-endorsed programs for students seeking careers in IT - GNIIT and Edgeineers, and Global Net Plus for IT professionals. The company has introduced "India's first cloud campus", through its new-age GNIIT program. This offers students a higher mobility as they can access courseware using Netbooks to connect seamlessly to NIIT's Cloud Campus network.

NIIT's Corporate Learning Solutions offers Managed Training Services including integrated learning solutions (strategic consulting, learning design, content development, delivery, technology, assessment and learning management) to Fortune 500 companies, Universities, Technology companies, Training corporations and Publishing houses.

NIIT Yuva Jyoti, a joint venture between NIIT and NSDC, offers vocational skills training programs to enhance employability of youth across India.

NIIT has provided computer-based learning to over 16,000 government and private schools. The futuristic NIIT NGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprises Interactive Classrooms, Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School (Education Resource Planning software).

NIIT Imperia - Centre for Advanced Learning, offers Executive Learning Programs in association with leading Business schools in India, KPMG, Google India and Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), using the synchronous learning platform.

NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance (IFBI), formed by NIIT with equity participation from ICICI Bank, offers programs for individuals and corporates in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.

NIIT Institute of Process Excellence Limited, a NIIT-GENPACT venture (NIIT Uniqua), offers complete training outsourcing services to the Business Process, Knowledge and Technology Services industry to create business models that enhance productivity and lower costs.

NIIT has been ranked among the 'Top 10 India's Best Companies to Work for - 2012' by Great Place to Work Institute. NIIT has been voted the second most trusted education brand in India by Brand Equity- Nielsen Survey 2011.

NIIT launches 'The turning point' campaign

The innovative curriculum will use cloud computing model to enable learning

DNA Correspondent

IT trainer, NIIT has recently launched a new GNIIT programme based on 'The turning point', a cloud centric curriculum, which is being offered through NIIT Cloud Campus. The country's first cloud campus ecosystem was launched one year ago.

Chief business officer, career building solutions, NIIT, Amitabh Lahiri, said, "This is our own home-grown cloud delivery mechanism, a first of its kind concept in the education field wherein we have invested over 3 years from configuring to delivering it into reality. It has cost us crores of rupees with expected savings that will occur over an extended period of time."

All the students, Lahiri informed, who are enrolled for the GNIIT programme will have access to the cloud campus ecosystem. "In terms of learning methodology, the ecosystem will reduce classroom sessions. It gives students a chance to access a whole lot of stored knowledge from anywhere, which will free them from location-based learning," he said.

Based on inputs from the industry, the syllabus for the new GNIIT programme is a perfect blend of core IT skills, professional skills and cloud technology. This will ensure that the students' IT knowledge and skills are mapped

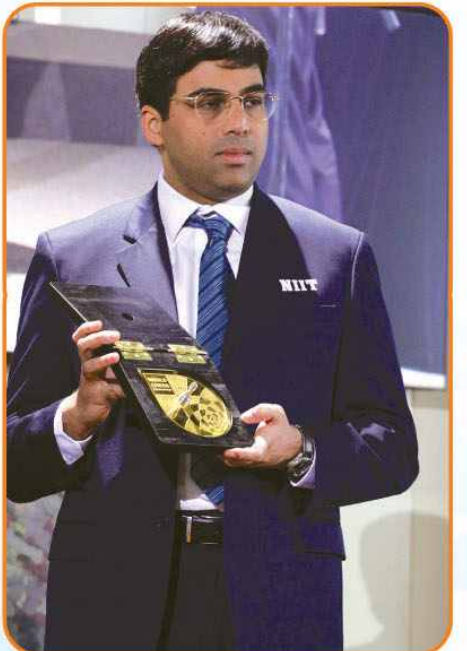
according to the industry requirements and role competencies. The curriculum offers programmes that lead to exit profiles in diverse fields of IT like cloud applications developer, enterprise application developer, business intelligence solutions developer, server administrator and network administrator.

Speaking on the launch of the campaign, chief executive, career building solutions, NIIT, G Raghavan, said, "The new GNIIT syllabus is based on a cloud and collaborative learning model. This pioneering initiative takes learning beyond the traditional student-teacher relationship. It helps to blend instructor-led classroom-based learning, virtual classrooms and online learning by using cloud services." He added that the new GNIIT under cloud centric curriculum offers students a higher mobility as they can access the course using Netbooks and data cards that connect seamlessly to NIIT's cloud campus network.

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Memorable Moments from "The Turning Point" initiative in Chennai June 3, 2012



Viswanathan Anand's 'turning point'

Swetha Kannan
Chennai, June 3

Barely a day after landing in his hometown, world chess champion Viswanathan Anand had brand endorsement duties waiting for him.

As the long-standing brand ambassador of NIIT, Anand spent over two hours on Sunday afternoon at the launch of Turning Point, NIIT's scholarship programme.

There was little trace of jet lag as Anand eagerly reminisced the "turning point" moments that helped him beat Boris Gelfand to defend the World Chess Championship in Moscow.

CANDID MOMENTS

He also candidly fielded questions from the media, including a few uncomfortable ones.

Asked if sponsors were queuing up to sign him, Anand shyly said there was nothing at the moment to talk about.

The chess wizard has in the past endorsed brands such as Horlicks, AMD and Parle Milk Shakti.

Should chess have an IPL-like tournament where stars from around the world play together?

Anand said it could be looked into but there are no such ideas at the moment.

What about former peer Garry Kasparov's reported dig at Anand that he has lost motivation? Anand laughed it off saying, "He's been trying to make me retire for a long time. Perhaps he misses all the attention; maybe he should play again."

'NO PLANS TO RETIRE'

There are no plans to retire, emphasised the 42-year-old Anand, who has won the World Chess Championship for the fifth time. "But numbers are irrelevant. I still enjoy playing chess and there is no check-list."

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

NIIT marked Anand's victory by announcing a scholarship of 100 per cent fee waiver for two of its programmes (GNIIT and Finance Banking & Insurance courses).

Anand, who has been associated with NIIT since 1999, gave away the first of the 10 scholarships.

NIIT runs the MindChampions' Academy to promote chess talent in schools across the country.



The champion speaks: World Chess Champion and Brand Ambassador for NIIT, Viswanathan Anand, and the CEO of NIIT, Mr Vijay Thadani, at the launch of 'Turning Point' NIIT scholarships in Chennai on Sunday. - Bijoy Ghosh

The Hindu Business Line, New Delhi, June 04, 2012

No plans to retire now, says Anand

BS REPORTER
Chennai, 3 June

Indian grandmaster and world chess champion Viswanathan Anand, who's back in his home town Chennai after defending his fifth world title, said that he had no plans to retire and would look forward to the next competitions.

"There is no plan of retiring right now. In fact, having just won the championship has boosted my morale and I am looking forward to the next

series," Anand told reporters after presenting the first of NIIT Limited's 10 Turning Point Scholarships of 100 per cent fee waiver to a student in Chennai.

On repeated questions on his thoughts on retirement, Anand said that he was looking forward to the contest in Romania by the end of this month and that there was no reason to retire as long as he enjoyed the game.

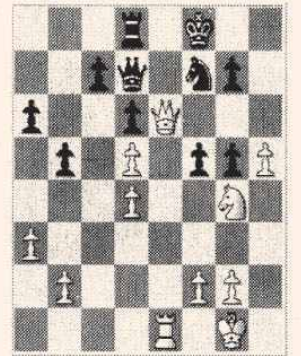
Replying to a query on what his next aim would be after this recent win at the World Chess Championship, he said, "Winning in

Moscow meant a lot, emotionally. I don't think about a competition by its number. Every title game is different and all you want is to defend that particular match. There is no checklist."

Boris Gelfand, his opponent in the recently-held world championship, was competitive with his own set of novelty methods. "This was one of the biggest tests for me so far, and I can now relax and enjoy," he said.

Speaking on the Tamil Nadu government's decision to make chess a must for school children in the age group of between seven and 17 years, Anand said that it was a positive move and will encourage more students to learn and excel in the game.

"Chess has huge educational benefits in terms of increasing concentration and thinking. It also helps in all ways of life, not only in education," he said, while thanking the state chief minister J



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Jayalalithaa for rewarding him. The chief minister has announced a reward of Rs 2 crore to Anand, after he won the world championship title for the fifth time.

Business Standard, Chennai, June 04, 2012



Presenting A SCHOLARSHIP

World chess champion Viswanathan Anand presents a scholarship to Shanmugapriya (left) as his wife Aruna (right) looks on at a press conference in Chennai on Sunday

—Photo: R Senthil Kumar/PTI

Financial World, Chandigarh, June 04, 2012

■ As India cheers for Anand, DC looks at the people who got him there

THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION



S. SUJATHA | DC
CHENNAI, JUNE 3

Behind every successful man there is a woman. In the case of world chess champion Viswanathan Anand there are two women. Before he got married, it was his mother Ms Susheela, who initiated him into chess and travelled with him to tournaments. Now, it is his wife Aruna, who takes care of his needs and lets him focus on beating the world.

Also, it is not that easy for a daughter-in-law to earn the praise of her husband's mother. Aruna is different. Ms Susheela Viswanathan was generous when she told *Deccan Chronicle* that Aruna deserves all credit for Anand's success. "I will give 100 per cent if not 120 per cent credit to Aruna for Anand's success," she had said in an interview.

Aruna is not only the most important person in Anand's life, but she is also his Man Friday. She acts as a buffer to him from the worldly issues. "When we got married in 1996, Aruna knew nothing about chess. But she has been a huge

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World chess champion

support to me. She takes all load off my back and allows me to concentrate only on chess," said Anand.

"She knows what to say and what not to say to me. She is a huge help," he said, adding that her moral support was enormous after he lost the seventh game against Gelfand at the world championship recently in Moscow.

Known for her extraordinary communication skills, Aruna has been managing Anand's career for the last 16 years. Before every world championship match, she takes the responsibility of checking the venue and hotels for Anand and his team.

Seen waiting anxiously outside the tournament halls, Aruna probably might have faced more tension than Anand because, at times the spectators will have no idea what is happening on the board, while the two players would be enjoying the game.

A warm and friendly person, Aruna is always approachable by all people including the media, who yearn for a byte from Anand every time he wins.

"It is very difficult for me to say what I do for Anand. But then, one big moment was when I lost the seventh game against Gelfand at the world championship recently in Moscow. Aruna was there to calm me down after game seven and brought some balance before game eight," said Aruna about her role in Anand's success.

World chess master inspires fans

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, JUNE 3

Seventeen-year-old Shanmugha Priya of Chindrapet was amazed to meet world chess champion Viswanathan Anand at a function organised to award her a scholarship to pursue a one-year specialised computer course by NIIT in the city on Sunday.

While proximity to a world-class cricket stadium in the city might have made her a die-hard fan of Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain M.S. Dhoni, the young girl was taken aback by Anand's achievements.

"I was very nervous but happy to meet Viswanath-



Viswanathan Anand presents Turning Point Scholarship to Shanmugha Priya at a function in Chennai on Sunday. EO Vijay Thadani (extreme left) and Aruna Anand (extreme right) are also seen.

an Anand," said Ms Shanmugha Priya, the second daughter of Mr Ravikum-

ar, a retail paint shop owner. "CSK's loss upset me,

but Anand's win has sort of filled in the vacuum. Though, I did not pursue chess after playing a few tournaments during my schooldays, in future, I will surely teach my children," she added.

A student of Seventh-day Adventist Higher Secondary School, Vepery, Ms Shanmugha Priya had scored 90 per cent in class 12 examinations and is waiting for engineering counselling.

Awarded the ₹1.5 lakh worth "Turning Point Scholarship" to commemorate Anand's fifth world championship conquest by NIIT, Ms Shanmugha Priya said she will develop her skills in computer sci-

ence and achieve success in the IT industry.

Earlier, NIIT CEO Vijay Thadani said his company would give 10 such scholarships to economically weaker students in 10 different cities in the next six months.

"Anand has been a great example of how one could achieve success in something when pursued patiently. With his devotion, dedication, discipline and the attitude of not taking things for granted, Anand is a shining example for the youngsters to follow," he added.



Photos: Jaishan G

Deccan Chronicle, Chennai, June 04, 2012

पांच बार के विश्व शतरंज चैम्पियन ने कहा, फिलहाल मेरी संन्यास लेने की कोई योजना नहीं

अभी और खेलने व जीतने को बेताब हूं : आनंद

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पिछले पांच साल से शतरंज के निर्विवाद विश्व चैम्पियन विश्वनाथन आनंद का संन्यास का इरादा नहीं है और इस भारतीय दिग्गज ने कहा कि पांचवें विश्व खिताब के दौरान बोरिस गेलफंड को हराने के बाद उनका मनोबल बढ़ा हुआ है।

अपने प्रायोजक एनआईटी द्वारा रविवार को यहां आयोजित सम्मान समारोह में आनंद ने कहा, निश्चित तौर पर संन्यास पर कोई विचार नहीं किया है। बल्कि इसके ठीक उल्टा है। पांचवां विश्व खिताब जीतने से मेरा मनोबल काफी बढ़ा है। जब मैं लुप्त उठा रहा हूँ तब तक मुझे संन्यास का कोई कारण नजर नहीं आता।

आनंद ने कुछ दिन पहले विश्व चैम्पियनशिप मैच में इजरायल के बोरिस गेलफंड को हराकर अपने खिताब को सफलतापूर्वक रखा की थी। उन्होंने कहा, मैं अभी अपने खेल का लुप्त उठा रहा हूँ, मैंने हाल में अपने खिताब को सफलतापूर्वक रखा की है। मार्को में जीतना भावनात्मक रूप से काफी मायने रखता है। यह सिर्फ रिकॉर्ड की बात नहीं है। यह सिर्फ इतनी सी बात है कि आपको

हरना नापसंद और जीतना पसंद है। मैं और अधिक शतरंज खेलने और टूर्नामेंट जीतने के लिए बेताब हूँ।

रूस के राष्ट्रपति व्लादिमीर पुतिन ने मार्को में आनंद की जीत के बाद चाय पर उनकी मेजबानी की थी। आनंद ने जब पुतिन को बताया था कि रूसी सांस्कृतिक केंद्र में ट्रेनिंग करने से उन्हें मदद मिली तो राष्ट्रपति ने कहा था अच्छा तो हमने खुद ही अपनी परेशानी बढ़ा दी।

आनंद ने कहा, हम हंसो क्योंकि मुझे लगता है कि यह पब्लिक परिहास के लिए थी। बैठक लगभग आधे घंटे चली। उन्हें



विश्व शतरंज चैम्पियन विश्वनाथन आनंद रविवार को चेन्नई में एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान अपनी पत्नी अरुणा (दाएं) और एक छात्रा के साथ। • ३. द.

शतरंज के बारे में काफी जानकारी है। उन्होंने बताया कि रूसी संस्कृति में शतरंज कितना अहम है। आनंद ने तैयारी और मैच के दौरान टूर्नामेंट प्वाइंट पर भी विस्तार से बताया। उन्होंने बताया, मेरी ट्रेनिंग 15 जनवरी से 15 अप्रैल तक चली। इस बार तैयारी काफी कड़ी थी। पिछले साल मैं टूर्नामेंट में व्यस्त था। इस दिग्गज भारतीय खिलाड़ी ने कहा, हमने कड़ी मेहनत की और कुछ रणनीति तैयार की। मैंने काले और सफेद मोहरों के साथ कई प्रणालियां तैयार कीं। आपको हमेशा कुछ नए के साथ शुरूआत करनी

होती है। मैं गेलफंड को 1989 से जानता हूँ और हमेशा सोचता था कि वह काफी पेशेवर और अनुशासित शतरंज खिलाड़ी है। उन्होंने कहा, वह ऐसा खिलाड़ी है जिसे खेल की अच्छी समझ है। वह ऐसा खिलाड़ी है जो सोवियत युनियन शतरंज की सर्वश्रेष्ठ परंपराओं को संजोकर रखे हुए है। मुझे पता था कि वह सर्वश्रेष्ठ तैयारी के साथ आया और उसने ऐसा किया। आनंद ने कहा कि गेलफंड को हराना आसान नहीं है और उन्होंने भी कुछ नई चालें तैयार की थीं। आनंद ने मैच के दौरान आए टूर्नामेंट प्वाइंट के बारे में बताया

हुए कहा, ऐसे अधिकांश बड़े मैचों में एक या दो टूर्नामेंट प्वाइंट ही होते हैं। इनके आने पर उन्हें हासिल करने से ही सफलता और विफलता का फैसला होता है। उन्होंने कहा, सातवें दौर में हम एक क्षेत्र में थोड़ा लड़खड़ा गए थे जिसकी हमने अन्य की तरह विस्तृत तैयारी नहीं की थी। यह मैच का सबसे मुश्किल समय था, मैं सोया भी नहीं। वह काफी परेशान करने वाला था। उन्होंने कहा, उस समय मैं खुद से नहीं कह पाया कि यह टूर्नामेंट प्वाइंट है। लेकिन आठवीं बाजी में मैंने मुख्य क्षेत्रों में काफी काम किया।

जीत से बढ़ा मनोबल

- आनंद ने कहा, पांचवें विश्व खिताब के दौरान बोरिस गेलफंड को हराने के बाद उनका मनोबल बढ़ा हुआ है।
- विश्व चैम्पियन ने कहा, इस बार तैयारी काफी कड़ी थी। पिछले साल मैं टूर्नामेंट खेलने में व्यस्त था।
- सातवें दौर में हम एक बार थोड़ा लड़खड़ा गए थे जिसकी हमने अन्य की तरह तैयारी नहीं की थी। वो मैच का सबसे मुश्किल क्षण था।

शतरंज छोड़ने का खेद है कास्पारोव को

चेन्नई। विश्व चैम्पियन विश्वनाथन आनंद ने गैरी कास्पारोव को करारा जवाब देते हुए रविवार को यहां कहा कि इस महान रूसी खिलाड़ी को उनके खिलाफ की गई टिप्पणी केवल एक ऐसे खिलाड़ी की फुटू है जो अब लोगों का ध्यान नहीं खींच पाता और जिसे अपने संन्यास पर खेद है। मार्को में आनंद और बोरिस गेलफंड के बीच विश्व चैम्पियनशिप मुकामले के दौरान कास्पारोव ने कहा कि भारतीय स्टार खिलाड़ी में प्रेरणा की कमी है। हाल में उनके खेल में गिरावट आई है।

आनंद ने हालांकि अपने खिताब का सफलतापूर्वक बचाव किया जो कास्पारोव जैसे उनके आलोचकों के लिए करारा जवाब था। आनंद ने पांचवीं बार विश्व खिताब जीतने के बाद देश में अपने पहले संबाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा, हमसे उसकी टिप्पणी के बारे में पूछा गया था। वह ऐसा व्यक्ति है जिसे शतरंज छोड़ने का खेद है। शतरंज के कारण लोगों का ध्यान उन पर रहता था और अब उन्हें उसकी कमी खल रही है। वह वहां खिलाड़ी के रूप में होना चाहता है। मैं समझता हूँ कि उन्हें फिर से खेलना शुरू कर देना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा, कास्पारोव ने 2005 में संन्यास ले लिया था। 2011 से ही उनकी कोशिश रही है कि मैं भी संन्यास ले लूँ। आनंद ने विश्व चैम्पियनशिप के दौरान गेलफंड के खिलाफ जब छठी बाजी जीत ली थी तब कास्पारोव ने भारतीय खिलाड़ी को आड़े हाथों लिया था।

Hindustan, New Delhi, June 04, 2012

Anand presents NIIT's Turning Point scholarship



Success: World Chess Champion Vishwanathan Anand (right) giving away the NIIT Turning Point Scholarship to Shanmugha Priya. photo: S. R. Raghunathan

World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand presented the NIIT Turning Point Scholarship to Shanmugha Priya of Chennai at a function organised by NIIT recently.

The Turning Point Scholarship has been instituted by NIIT to commemorate the phenomenal victory Viswanathan Anand at the 2012 World Chess Championship. This initiative by NIIT is aimed at giving an opportunity to meritorious candidates from economically disadvantaged sections of society aspiring to make a mark in the IT industry.

Speaking on the occasion Viswanathan Anand said, "Success does not happen by chance. It is the result of hard work, positive attitude,

strategic thinking and making the most of the opportunities that life offers us."

Shanmugha Priya said, "I am extremely happy and excited on being chosen for this scholarship. I do hope that this scholarship will go a long way in helping me achieve my desired career goals in the IT industry."

NIIT Turning Point Scholarship will provide 100 per cent fee waiver to meritorious candidates from economically backward sections of the society.

These will comprise eight GNIIT scholarships and two IFBI PGDBO scholarships. Subsequently, four NIIT alumni will nominate two people each for 50 per cent scholarships on their behalf for GNIIT.

Memorable Moments from "The Turning Point" initiative in Kochi July 16, 2012



'Chess in Olympics unlikely'

Special Correspondent

KOCHI: One look at the preparations for the coming London Olympics would give you the impression that planning is alien to Indian sport.

A couple of years ago, promises were made and positive changes appeared to come in, but the experience of the last few weeks gives one the impression that nothing such has changed.

So, what does Viswanathan Anand have to say about the current situation?

Surely a multiple world champion, who has a whole lot of seconds to help him out, would have a tip or two to improve the scene.

But Anand, who was in Kochi on Monday for an NIIT event and to talk about the turning point in his recent World Championship triumph, came up with a surprise answer.

"Even if you prepare three months early, there's always something to be done at the last minute.

The case is the same if you prepare five months early," said the world champion.

"It's dangerous if you feel ready for something."

Chess in Olympics?

Does Anand see chess coming into the Olympics in the near future?

"Not really... at the moment it looks pretty remote," he said. But he said the scene



CHESS KING: Viswanathan Anand at a press conference in Kochi on Monday.

— PHOTO: VIPIN CHANDRAN

could change in the next 20 to 30 years. Anand, who presented the NIIT Turning Point scholarship to Kochi girl P.B. Clinta, said he expects a few medals from a few events, like archery and shooting, from the London Olympics. Regarding the Indian chess scene, he felt Indians were getting better but they lacked consistency.

"They are close to the top but they have not stepped in there. Probably, they need to play the right tourneys," he said.

Does he see former world champion Garry Kasparov,

who quit the sport a few years ago, returning to chess?

"If Kasparov came back, the chess world would be very excited. But the signs of his return are not there now," said the Chennai-based Anand.

"He seems to be very close to chess politics but not the game. But there is a chance in the future."

The NIIT also launched a special Onam scheme for Kerala — a month-long Turning Point scholarship which would be offered to students based on their Class 12 marks — in Anand's presence.

The Hindu, Kochi, July 17, 2012

KASPAROV WANTS TO FOCUS ON CHESS POLITICS: ANAND

World Champion Vishy Hopes For Garry's Return But Feels Chances Are Slim

Vineeth Krishnan | TNN

Kochi: They have been involved in a few of the most memorable encounters in chess in the 90's and early 2000's. As recently as May this year during the World Championship match in Moscow, they were involved in a verbal joust reigniting their old rivalry.

And yet, current world chess champion Viswanathan Anand declared in no uncertain terms on Monday that the game would be very happy to see his nemesis Garry Kasparov make a return from retirement. While he termed the possibility of Kasparov's return "unlikely," Anand felt it would raise the popularity of the sport yet again.

"He (Kasparov) retired back in 2005 and does not



World chess champion Viswanathan Anand handing over the NIIT Turning Point scholarship to Clinta PB at a function in Kochi on Monday

seem like he wants to make a comeback. If it does happen, it would surely be a very nice story. His fans would be ex-

tremely happy and he knows very well just how much it would mean to the sport to have him back. However, I get

the feeling that he wants to concentrate on chess politics more than making a full-fledged return," said Anand of his great rival, during a function in the city.

Anand, who is one championship short of matching Kasparov and fellow Soviet Union GM Anatoly Karpov's haul of six world titles, said that such statistics do not really matter to him. "I want to stay as world champion as long as I can, but the sixth title holds no particular importance. While I was preparing to face Boris Gelfand in Moscow, I really did not know that I was fighting for a fifth title," he said.

Talking of India's progress in chess, Anand said the country could soon become a powerhouse in the sport. "Right now, we have a lot of players doing well up to

the age of 20. But the likes of P Harikrishna, Surya Shekar Ganguly, K Sasikiran have all failed at consolidating a top-20 spot. They are all working very hard but seem to lack a certain consistency which will come once they get the right breaks.

"But participation in chess has really gone up around the country among boys and girls. As long as children keep getting into the game, we will eventually become a powerhouse in the sport," he said.

Clinta receives scholarship
Viswanathan Anand also awarded 17-year-old Clinta PB with the NIIT Turning Point scholarship on Monday. The scholarship provides full fee waiver to meritorious candidates for the three-year GNIIT program.

The Times of India, Kochi, July 17, 2012

VISHY-ING 'EM A BRIGHT FUTURE

The Grandmaster was in the city to present the Turning Point Scholarship to Clinta P B for the flagship GNIIT programme



World chess champion Vishwanathan Anand gestures during an interactive session in Kochi on Monday | P K JEEVAN JOSE

Express News Service

Kochi: Focusing on the significance of turning points in life, world chess champion Viswanathan Anand spread his charisma on a gathering of students at the Holiday Inn here on Monday.

"Success does not happen by chance. It is the result of hard work, positive attitude, strategic thinking and making the most of the opportunities that life offers us," Anand told around 200 students at an interactive session organised by NIIT. The Grandmaster was in the city to present the Turning Point Scholarship to Clinta P B for the flagship GNIIT programme of the IT institute.

Doing the honours, he said: "When a chance comes your way, you need to grab it with

both hands. There are critical moments when certain decisions make critical changes in lives."

To buttress the point, he delved into the tactical aspects - aided by demonstrations on a giant screen - of his famous win in the crucial 8th game of the World Championship match against Israel's Boris Gelfand which brought him back into the contest after having lost the previous encounter.

"The 8th game was the turning point for me in the world championship which allowed me to come back," the five-time world champion said before proceeding to show how he pushed his opponent's queen to a corner, leading to his victory in only 20 moves.

The suave Anand fielded a wide range of questions from

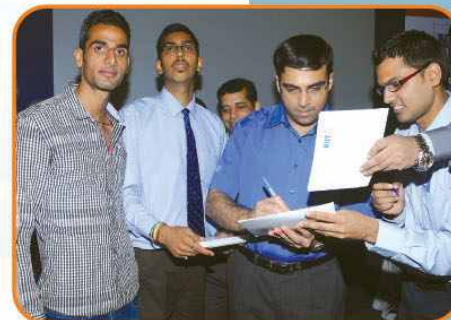
India's chances in the London Olympics to his rivalry with Russian chess wizard Garry Kasparov, to measures required to make India a chess powerhouse.

The Turning Point Scholarship programme has been instituted to commemorate Anand's world championship win, said NIIT Individual Learning Solutions vice-president Umakrishnan K. Raghavan. "It is a big honour to receive the scholarship from a world champion," said Clinta, a BCom student of St. Joseph's College, Fort Kochi.

She is the second recipient of the 10 scholarships of 100 per cent fee waiver that Anand is giving away over the next six months, with Shanmuga Priya from Chennai having been the first recipient.

The New Indian Express, Kochi, July 17, 2012

Memorable Moments from "The Turning Point" initiative in Chandigarh July 17, 2012



In end, it boils down to critical moments: Vishwanathan Anand

SAYS VICTORY IS ABOUT CRITICAL MOMENTS AND THESE COME DOWN TO A FEW MINUTES OR EVEN SECONDS APART FROM ONE GAME AND IF YOU DON'T GRAB THAT CHANCE, IT WASTES ALL MONTHS OF WORK

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Viswanathan Anand may have successfully defended his title, but the five-time world chess champion feels that weeks of intense training and hard work comes to nothing as it boils down to a few last critical moments and grabbing the opportunity.

"It's about the critical moments and these usually come down to few minutes or even few seconds apart from the one game. If you don't grab that opportunity when it comes, it wastes all the months of work," 42-year-old Anand said here.

college student from Ambala. The chess champion talked in length about the game and the intense moments he went through and the reactions from different quarters after his win. "In my match, it was the eighth game. He (Gelfand) made a big blunder in one move and that allowed me to comeback. The turning point was the eighth game," he said.

"I feel happy and relieved that I defended the title successfully. Main thing was to retain the title and not numbers of becoming a five-time champion. It was a

very very tough match. The night before the tie-break was tough and I could barely catch couple of hours of sleep," he said. When asked that there were many who had raised the demand that he deserved a Bharat Ratna, Anand said he thanks all those who feel he deserves it.

"Well, I am not going to ask it for myself. If someone proposes my name, I am grateful for their support," he said to a question. He stressed the need of taking chess to schools and said with NIIT, premier IT trainer, they

had launched a programme of taking the sport to schools. Anand sees a bright prospect for the sport in India. "I think it is coming up very well. The number of kids taking to the game is good. The future is very bright. On top of that, we (with NIIT) have started with this idea of taking chess to schools. We have already started off with Tamil Nadu."

"The idea behind is to take the sport to schools, especially in the rural schools and smaller towns. The basic idea is that we found a connection between chess and academics. Students who play chess a couple of times a week show improvement in their overall abilities," the world champion added. Favouring chess be made part of the school curriculum, Anand said, "Definitely, chess should be introduced in schools in some permanent way. It doesn't mean

that the students have to be intensive chess players." In the upcoming Olympic games in London, Anand hopes that India should put up a good performance. "I think badminton, athletics, boxing, archery and shooting, there are many possible areas where we can win. I think we should be able to get more than the number of medals we got last time," he said. With India being increasingly recognised as a growing power in the world but lagging in athletics and other sports, he said that more efforts need to be put to change this. "Last year, I joined the Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) movement (initiated by billiards ace) Geet Sethi to support the country's elite sports persons and potential young talents - as a sports person, it is nice to join my fellow sports persons in making India a sporting and Olympic nation," he said.



NIIT Turning Point Scholarship Winner
Chess champion Viswanathan Anand presenting a scholarship to an NIIT student in Chandigarh, on Tuesday
—FW photo

Financial World, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012

'I feel happy after retaining the title'

Viswanathan is in city to present certificates for NIIT Turning Point Scholarships



SAYYAR AHMAD
CHANDIGARH

Five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand, who was in the city on Tuesday said, he felt happy and relieved after retaining the World Chess Championship in Moscow, last month.

Anand was in the city to present certificates for NIIT Turning Point Scholarships at CII Headquarters here.

Anand said, he was grateful to people who proposed his name for Bharat Ratna but downplayed the issued saying he had himself never sought any award.

The 42-year-old chess champion had defended his title in the World Chess Championship 2012; at Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow with his opponent Boris Gelfand and became the winner.

"I feel happy and relieved that I defended the title successfully. Retaining title was my first priority and not numbers like becoming a five-time champion. The night before the

Sayyar Ahmad | Pioneer

tie-break was very tough and I could barely catch couple of hours of sleep," he shared.

Anand stressed on the need of taking chess to academic institutes and advocated making chess a part of the school curriculum. He said NIIT had launched a programme of taking the sport to schools. "The main aim behind is to take chess in academics, especially in the far flung education institutes and smaller towns. The basic idea is that we found a connection between chess and academics. Students who play chess couple of times shows improvement in their intelligence," he said.

Anand hoped that India would perform well in the Olympic Games in London. He said badminton, athletics, boxing, archery and shooting, are the areas where the country could win.

Pioneer, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012



'ओलिम्पिक में भारत जीतेगा अधिक पदक'

वर्ल्ड चैम्पियन विश्वनाथन आनंद ने एन.आई.आई.टी. के कार्यक्रम के दौरान अनुभव सांझा किए तमिलनाडु और आंध्र प्रदेश में शतरंज ज्यादा लोकप्रिय

चंडीगढ़, 17 जुलाई (एनएनटी): 2012 लंदन ओलिम्पिक में भारत इस बार अधिकतम पदक अपने नाम करेगा। यह बात 5 बार शतरंज के वर्ल्ड चैम्पियन रहे विश्वनाथन आनंद ने मंगलवार को एन.आई.आई.टी. के कार्यक्रम में सी.आई.आई.टी. के 31 वीं प्रेस वार्ता के दौरान कही। साथ ही उन्होंने मई 2012 शतरंज वर्ल्ड चैम्पियनशिप में जीत दर्ज करने की यादें भी सांझा किया। शतरंज वर्ल्ड चैम्पियनशिप का आयोजन मॉस्को में किया गया था। फलस्वरूप मंच में सीएम गेलफैंड के बीच मुकबला काफ़ी रोमांचित रहा। कार्यक्रम के दौरान आनंद ने एन.आई.आई.टी. कालेज के रजत कपूर को स्कॉलरशिप प्रदान की। इससे उनके आगे की पढ़ाई फ्री होगी। इस विषय पर जब रजत कपूर से बात की गई तो उन्होंने

कहा कि मैं अब आगे की पढ़ाई पूरी कर सकता हूँ। वर्ल्ड चैम्पियनशिप के लिए स्पेशल ट्रेनिंग : आनंद ने कहा कि मॉस्को में आयोजित होने वाली वर्ल्ड चैम्पियनशिप के लिए 3 माह जर्मनी में ट्रेनिंग को इसके बाद वह केरल वापस आकर फिर मास्को रचना हो गए। उनसे फिजीकल ट्रेनिंग के बारे में पूछा तो उन्होंने कहा कि मुंबई रजत कपूर को स्कॉलरशिप प्रदान करने के लिए खेल विभाग को स्कूलों पर शतरंज खेलने के लिए खिलाड़ियों को प्रोत्साहन देना चाहिए तथा देश में शतरंज को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए निम्नलिखित

कर आगे आ सके। तमिलनाडु और आंध्र प्रदेश : आनंद ने कहा कि भारत के अन्य राज्यों को अपेक्षा तमिलनाडु और आंध्र प्रदेश में शतरंज का खेल अधिक लोकप्रिय है, क्योंकि वहां का खेल विभाग शतरंज खेल को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आगे आ रहा है। माता ने बनाया वर्ल्ड चैम्पियन : आनंद ने कहा कि उनके परिवार में उनके भाई या बहन भी शतरंज खेल को पसंद करते थे तथा कई प्रतियोगिताओं में भी उन्होंने खेलते प्रदर्शन किया था, लेकिन मैं इन दोनों लोगों से अच्छा खेलता था और कम समय में ही मैंने शतरंज में अपना नाम किया इसके बाद माता ने मुझे नर्तकीक ही शतरंज के कोचिंग सेंटर में दाखिला दिलाने दिया जिसके बाद मैंने पीछे मुड़कर नहीं देखा।



विश्वनाथन आनंद रजत कपूर को स्कॉलरशिप का पदक प्रदान करते हुए।
भारत के खिलाड़ी : आनंद ने कहा कि भारत में देश के पास कई बेहतरीन खिलाड़ी होंगे, इनमें कृष्णा, हरिका, कनेक हंपी, शशि किरण प्रमुख होंगे। आनंद ने कहा कि वह इस वर्ष सितम्बर में ब्राजील टूर्नामेंट, दिसम्बर में लंदन और जनवरी में हॉलैंड में आयोजित होने वाली प्रतियोगिताओं में हिस्सा लेंगे। अन्य खेलों को भी देना चाहिए।

Punjab Kesari, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012

Anand presents NIIT scholarship to Ambala boy

DP CORRESPONDENT
Chandigarh

Grandmaster and NIIT Mind Champion Viswanathan Anand presented the NIIT Turning Point scholarship to Rajat Kapoor of Ambala for the flagship GNIIT programme at a function organised here on Tuesday.

On this occasion, Anand said, "Over the past 30 years, NIIT has been offering golden opportunities to youth aspiring to carve challenging career paths in the ever evolving IT industry. The NIIT's cutting edge career programmes have acted as the turning point in the lives of millions of youth across the globe. Today, I am delighted to present the NIIT Turning Point scholarship to Rajat Kapoor, which will help him in scripting his success story."

General Manager, Individual Learning Solutions, NIIT, Vinod Kumar Koul said, "Viswanathan Anand has always demonstrated

great sportsmanship abilities by translating challenges into turning point moments in his life. His phenomenal win in the recent World Championship is one such example which the youngsters can emulate. To commemorate his momentous win, it gives us immense pleasure to institute the NIIT Turning Point scholarship."

The scholarship has been instituted by the NIIT, Asia's largest IT trainer, to commemorate the phenomenal victory of NIIT Mind Champion Viswanathan Anand at the World Chess Championship-2012. This initiative by NIIT is aimed at giving an opportunity to meritorious candidates from economically weaker sections of society aspiring to make a mark in the IT industry.

Kapoor is the recipient of third of the 10 scholarships of 100 per cent fee waiver that Anand will be giving away over the next six months.

Daily Post, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012

No short cut to success in chess and life: Anand

PARVEEN K DOGRA
Chandigarh

Though wrapped in glory, he is modesty personified. Meet Grand Master Viswanathan Anand and he won't let you feel that you are face to face with five-time World Chess Champion who has done the nation proud countless number of times. Daily Post caught up with Anand who was here on Tuesday to present the NIIT Turning Point Scholarship to Rajat Kapoor, an underprivileged college student from Ambala.



Success has not taken away one bit from Anand's groundedness

Simple, suave and unassuming, Anand who defeated Israel's Boris Gelfand in Moscow this May to defend the world title for the fifth time, was attired in a blue shirt and dark trousers. He opened up saying, "There is no short cut to success either in the game of chess or in life. You have to face the challenge first, then become a champion."

Asked how he felt after winning the world title for the fifth time, Anand said, "I can't really express my feelings. Defending my world title was the toughest challenge for me. I am happy and relieved that I was able to do it but don't get excited over how many times I have won it."

The famous match spanned 16 games, including four tie-breakers, a rarity in chess. The champion said he was waiting for his opponent to commit a mistake so that he

could take the lead, and that exactly was the reason that the match took three days to identify the world champion.

Cool, calm and composed, Anand felt satisfied that the game of chess was picking up in India and a large number of boys and girls were getting drawn towards it. "I have been observing a positive change in chess culture in India, and it is a sign of incredibly bright future for the game."

"On top of all, I would like this game to be included in the school curriculum so that a large number of students can learn more about it. Many states like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have already taken big steps in this direction. Chess and academics are, in fact, interlinked in many ways and this relationship should be so developed as to enable children to apply

tricks of the game in real life as well, he added.

Sharing with Daily Post a funny incident of how people recognised him, Anand said, "Last year, I was at Chennai Airport and somebody was staring at me constantly. Actually, he was trying to recognise me and later came to me and said, "You were superb in your last movie. Now I am used to such incidents as these happen with me quite usually," chuckled the Grand Master.

Though a strong candidate for the highest civilian award Bharat Ratna, Anand ruled out himself out of the reckoning, saying, "I can't demand any thing, and whatever appreciation I have received throughout my career is worthier than any other award but I am thankful to those people who think I deserve it."

Daily Post, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012

SPORTS

In the end, it boils down to critical moments: Anand

CHANDIGARH, July 17 (PTI): Viswanathan Anand may have successfully defended his title, but the five-time world chess champion feels that weeks of intense training and hard work comes to nothing as it boils down to few last critical moments and grabbing the opportunity.

"It's about the critical moments and these usually come down to few minutes or even few seconds apart from the one game. If you don't grab that opportunity when it comes, it wastes all the months of work," 42-year-old Anand said here.

He humbled Israel's Boris Gelfand in Moscow this May to defend the title. Attired in a blue shirt and dark trousers, Anand was here to present the NIIT Turning Point Scholarship to Rajat Kapoor, an underprivileged college student from Ambala.

The chess champion talked in length about the game and the intense moments he went through and the reactions from different quarters after his win.

"In my match...He (Gelfand) made a big blunder in one move and that allowed me to come back. The turning point was the eighth game," he said.

"I feel happy and relieved that I defended the title successfully. Main thing was to retain the title and not numbers (of becoming a five-time champion). It was a very very tough match. The night before the tie-break was tough and I could barely catch couple of hours of sleep," he said.

When asked that there were many who had raised the demand that he deserved a 'Bharat Ratna', Anand said he thanks all those who feel he deserves it.

"Well, I am not going to ask

it for myself. If someone proposes my name, I am grateful for their support," he said to a question.



He stressed the need of taking chess to schools and said with NIIT, premier IT trainer,

they had launched a programme of taking the sport to schools. Anand sees a bright prospect for the sport in India.

"I think it is coming up very well. The number of kids taking to the game is good. The future

is very bright. On top of that, we (with NIIT) have started with this idea of taking chess to schools. We have already started off with Tamil Nadu."

"The idea behind is to take the sport to schools, especially in the rural schools and smaller towns. The basic idea is that we found a connection between chess and academics. Students who play chess a couple of times a week show improvement in their overall abilities," the world champion added.

Favouring chess be made part of the school curriculum, Anand said, "Definitely, chess should be introduced in schools in some permanent way. It doesn't mean that the students have to be intensive chess players."

In the upcoming Olympic games in London, Anand hopes that India should put up a good performance.

"I think badminton, athletics, boxing, archery and shooting, there are many possible areas where we can win. I think we should be able to get more than the number of medals we got last time," he said.

With India being increasingly recognised as a growing power in the world but lagging in athletics and other sports, he said that more efforts need to be put to change this.

"Last year, I joined the Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) movement (initiated by billiards ace) Geet Sethi to support the country's elite sportspersons and potential young talent. As a sportsperson, it is nice to join my fellow sportspersons in making India a sporting and Olympic nation," he said.

To a question, he said it would be nice if chess finds a permanent place in the Olympics.

Assam Tribune, Guwahati, July 18, 2012

विश्व चेस चैंपियन ने छात्र को किया छात्रवृत्ति देकर सम्मानित

खेल संवाददाता, चंडीगढ़ : पांच बार के विश्व चेस चैंपियन विश्वनाथन आनंद ने मंगलवार को सीआईआई में आयोजित समारोह में यहां एनआईआईटी के टर्निंग प्वाइंट छात्रवृत्ति प्रोग्राम में अंबाला के रजत कपूर को एनआईआईटी टर्निंग प्वाइंट छात्रवृत्ति देकर सम्मानित किया।

इस मौके पर आनंद ने कहा कि खेल की तरह करियर भी एक टर्निंग प्वाइंट की तरह होता है। जिसमें सफलता की कुंजी कड़ी मेहनत होती है।

हालांकि समारोह के बाद खुद आनंद मीडिया के उस सवाल पर मुस्करा कर रहे गए कि देश को और विश्वनाथ आनंद कैसे मिल सकते हैं, इस पर उनके मुंह से सिर्फ कड़े अभ्यास की बात निकली।

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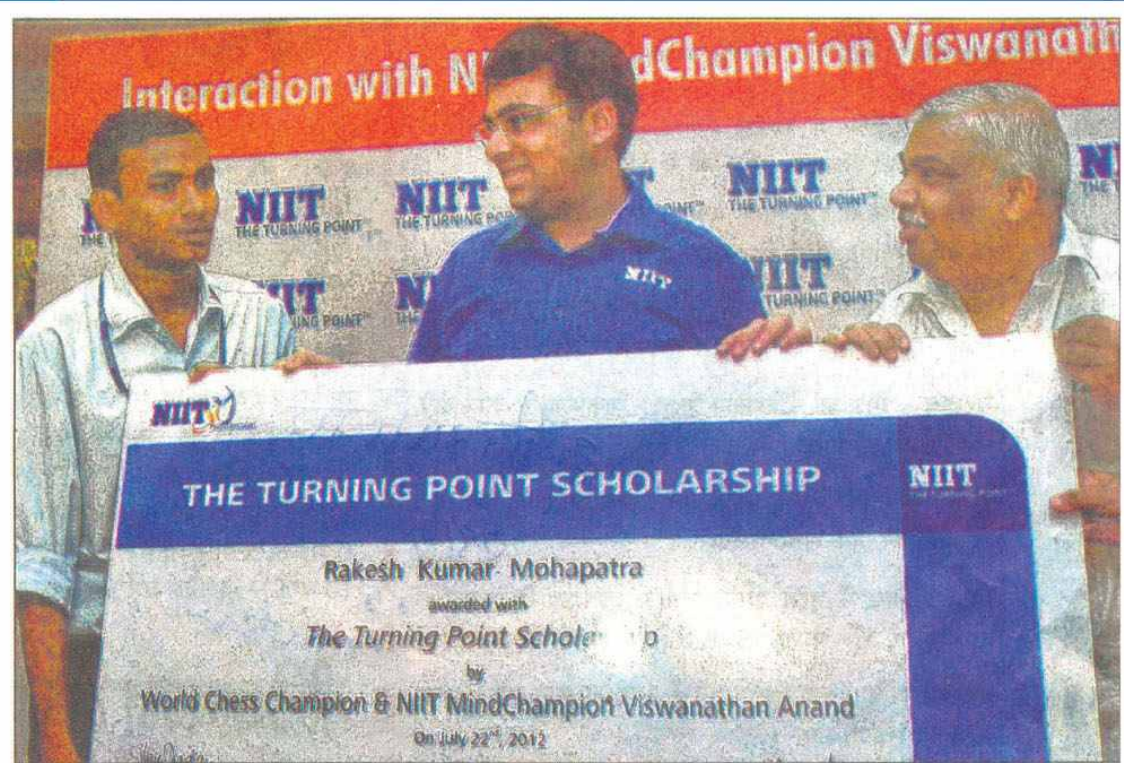


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Dainik Jagran, Chandigarh, July 18, 2012

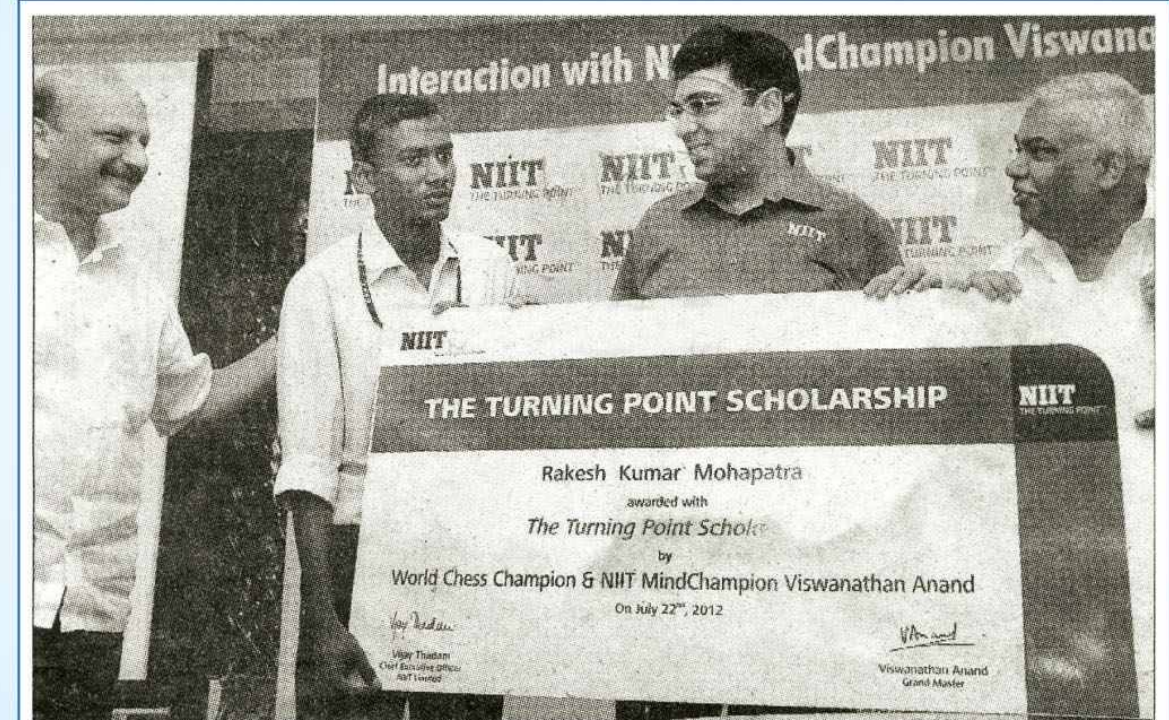
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Ajit Samachar, Jalandhar, July 23, 2012



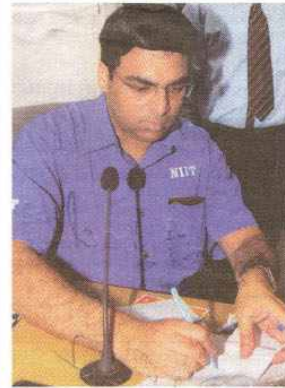
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Dainik Prabhat, Ghaziabad, July 23, 2012

Memorable Moments from "The Turning Point" initiative in Patna July 23, 2012



BRINGING THE SPIRIT OF CHESS TO BIHAR



IF THERE is one person who has helped popularise chess in the Bihar capital the most, it is none other than Vishwanathan Anand. The unassuming world champion has been visiting Patna for the past several years to promote chess. His frequent visits have inspired many youngsters in the city to play the boardgame. Vishy says that there is no dearth of chess talent in Bihar but there is a need to hone it. He believes that there has to be an environment for the development of the game.

"Once somebody starts making a name in the game, others follow him," he said. "This is what happened in Chennai."

Vishy's visits have inspired youngsters

Anand said that he was lucky enough to be in Chennai during the city's craze for chess. The International Grandmaster told his followers in Bihar that hard work and quick decision-making were key to success in the game. He also told them that playing chess was good for the mind as it helped in decision-making.

He did, however, admit that talent alone was not enough and luck often played a vital part. On the one big secret behind his astounding success in the game, Vishy said that his mother used to give him spinach to eat before every important game in his early years.

Mail Today, New Delhi
July 25, 2012



पटना में निट के छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम में छात्र को चेक प्रदान करते शतरंज के अंतरराष्ट्रीय खिलाड़ी विश्वनाथन आनंद

Nazar Abhilashi, Lucknow, July 24, 2012

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Scholarships for IT aspirants

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NIIT Limited, in a new initiative, has launched 'The Turning Point Scholarship 2012' for the new GNIIT programme and Express Diploma programmes. The scholarship is an initiative towards enhancing employability of students.

Amitabh Lahiri, chief business officer, career building solutions, NIIT said, "The scholarship is meant to recognise and encourage students to pursue their career goals in the IT industry."

However, students who scored 95% or more in class XII are eligible for 50% scholarship for the new GNIIT programme. Furthermore, students who have scored 80-95%, 70-80% and 50-70% are eligible for 35%, 25% and 20% respectively for the programme. Students who have scored more than or equivalent to 80% marks in class XII are eligible for 20% scholarship in the express diploma programme while students who have scored between 50% and 80% are eligible for 10%.

Eligibility Students who have successfully completed class XII or equivalent, those currently pursuing graduation and /or completed graduation in any stream or engineering students are eligible for the scholarship programme.

Application Details Application forms are available at NIIT education centres across the country. Applications will be accepted till August 31.

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