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**Subject: NIIT MindChampions' Academy - Chess Master 2012, National Level
Winner Felicitated by World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand**

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the above referred Press Release. This is for your information and records.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
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**NIIT MindChampions' Academy - Chess Master 2012, National Level Winner
Felicitated by World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand**

- *Master Sree Govind Ganesh, Class 5 student of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kochi, adjudged as National Champion*
- *Over 2 Lakh Students Across India Competed for the Coveted Chess Master 2012 Title*
- *Anand launches NIIT MindChampions' Academy at Global Indian International School, Indore, to nurture young minds through Chess*

Indore, December 24, 2012: The National level winner of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA) was felicitated by World Chess Champion and NIIT MindChampion Viswanathan Anand at the grand finale of Chess Master 2012 in Indore today. Also present on the occasion were Hemant Sethi, President, School Learning Solutions, NIIT Ltd. and Rajeev Katyal, Country Director, Global Indian International School (GIIS).

Master Sree Govind Ganesh, Class 5 student of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kochi, was adjudged as the National level winner of the NIIT MindChampions' Academy - Chess Master 2012.

During the day, Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand launched NIIT MindChampions' Academy at Global Indian International School, Indore.

NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA) is a joint initiative by NIIT, a leading Global Talent Development Corporation and Asia's largest IT Trainer, and World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand to initiate young minds into the World of Chess. Since its inception in 2002, MCA has touched over 1.65 million children in more than 17,000 schools across India.

This year MCA has witnessed widespread participation of over 2 Lakh students from 8,000 schools across the country for the Chess Master 2012. The mega Chess tournament was entirely conducted online, inspiring students from metros to the remotest towns across the country, to play the game of Chess online.

The winners from each Zone - South, East, North and West, vied for the coveted Chess Master 2012 title.

Rishi Mittal from Ryan International School, Goregaon, Mumbai, represented the West Zone; **Maheswata Kumar** from Mangaldal Town Girls H S School, Darrang, Assam, represented the East Zone; the South Zone was represented by **Sree Govind Ganesh** from Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Kannamaly, Kochi, Kerala; while **Rahul Dhar** from KC public school, Jammu, represented the North Zone.

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Commenting on the success of MCA, **World Chess Champion** and **NIIT MindChampion 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 Sree Govind Ganesh and wish him a bright future ahead."*

Hemant Sothi, President, School Learning Solutions, NIIT Ltd., said, *"The NIIT MindChampions' Academy that was launched in 2002 to initiate young children to Chess, now touches more than 1.65 million students from over 17000 schools across India. We are overjoyed by the fact that young children have immensely benefited from this movement and are now taking up chess enthusiastically."*

Rajeev Katyal, Country Director, Global Indian International School, said, *"The tie-up with NIIT MindChampions' Academy will not only help the children achieve expertise in the game of Chess, but also enhance multiple skills in the children, leading to more holistic development. Today the budding talents need to be mentored and guided and NIIT MindChampions' Academy is offering aspiring young Chess players an ideal platform to learn and grow."*

NIIT MindChampions' Academy encourages students to take up the game of Chess, enabling development of young minds. Studies have established that there is a strong correlation between the game of Chess and academic excellence. It has been proved conclusively that introducing Chess to the classroom environment through MCA Clubs have positively influenced the students by enabling them to experience holistic learning during the school hours.

Master Sree Govind Ganesh, National Winner, Chess Master 2012, commented, *"I am very happy to win the National Finals of Chess Master 2012. Exchanging Chess moves with Viswanathan Anand was a long cherished dream, and I would like to thank NIIT MindChampions' Academy for making it come true. Chess has helped increase my concentration and improved my performance in academics, especially in Maths and Science."*

The phenomenal success of NIIT MindChampions' Academy has reiterated the fact that Chess has been a rewarding experience for students, helping them approach the academic problems in a more tactical and logical manner and improve their analytical skills.

About NIIT MindChampions' Academy

The NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA) has been set up as a joint initiative by Grand Master Viswanathan Anand and NIIT Limited, leading Global Talent Development Organisation and Asia's largest IT Trainer, with the objective of promoting Chess in schools to enable development of young minds. Studies have shown that Chess improves concentration and diligence, thus helping students performs better academically.

Established in 2002, MCA has touched over 1.65 million children in more than 17,000 schools across India.

World Chess Champion and NIIT Mind Champion Viswanathan Anand has personally travelled to various parts across India - Agartala, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Mumbai, New Delhi, Jaipur, Patna, Raipur, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune, Ahmedabad and has visited countries like Africa & China, spreading the message and motivating the school students to start playing Chess.

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NIIT Mind Champions' Academy conducts the hugely popular Annual Event, known as Chess Master for school children across India within the NIIT network of schools where it provides IT education. It is also the first institution in India to launch a certificate program in Chess under a Central Government University umbrella- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

About NIIT NGuru

NIIT NGuru is a holistic education solution which helps teachers to incorporate ICT into school pedagogy and make teaching-learning a better experience. NGuru solutions utilize appropriate technology as the backbone and encompass all the possible components required to service the present and future learning needs of a school.

NIIT NGuru suite consists of:

- **Interactive Classrooms-** an end to end Teaching-Learning solution for classrooms that uses elements of interactivity, automation and web links library
- **Interactive Classrooms @ Home** – It is a first of a kind solution which uses the Cloud technology to make learning possible at home and make it a 24 x 7 process
- **Math lab-** State-of-the-art Mathematics Laboratory for schools which comes with Geometer's Sketchpad Software, Multiple Teaching and Learning Aids like Technology Applications, Videos, Manipulative, Measuring Instruments and Theme Based Ambience
- **IT Wizard-** equips the students with core computer knowledge and IT skills
- **Quick School-** an Education Resource Planning solution for effective school management
- **Mobile Science Lab-** the first of its kind portable computerized Science Laboratory which enables students to correlate scientific concepts taught in the class to real life.
- **NIIT MindChampions' Academy (MCA)-** a joint initiative between Grand Master Viswanathan Anand and NIIT, MCA was set up with the objective of promoting Chess in schools to enable development of young minds.
- **IPICT -**The International Pedagogical ICT License is a comprehensive, flexible and effective training programme for the continued professional development of teachers.

About Global Indian International School

Global Indian International School (GIIS) – established under the aegis of Global Schools Foundation (2002) is an international network of award-winning institutions, with 20 campuses in 7 countries. Global Schools Foundation has been delivering world-class education and has produced world toppers in International Baccalaureate (IB) and the 5th world ranker in Central Board of Secondary Education (India).

GIIS chain offers holistic learning and personality development opportunities for students. GIIS India campuses are currently spread across Noida, Indore, Hyderabad, Pune and Surat with plans of

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expanding in 5 more cities. GIIS has been honoured with 19 international and national awards over a span of 4 years for achieving excellence in school education. Today, GIIS boasts a strong multicultural student body, comprising 52 nationalities. GIIS in India offers Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and Global Montessori Plus programme.

About NIIT

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 20 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 Edgelineers, 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 17,000 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.

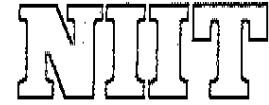
NIIT Institute of Finance Banking & Insurance (IFBI), formed by NIIT with equity participation from ICICI Bank, offers programs for individuals and corporates in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance.

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 Places to Work Institute and 'Top 25 Best Employers in India- 2011' by Aon Hewitt. The company has also been voted the second most trusted education brand in India by Brand Equity- Nielsen Survey 2011.

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