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NIIT University Celebrates 15th Annual Lecture with World Chess Champion Vishwanathan Anand

➤ *Grandmaster Anand talks about the role of education in 'Shaping a Beautiful Mind'*

Neemrana, November 27, 2023: Established with a vision to be the role model of learning, research, innovation, and sustainability for the knowledge society, the University of the Future [NIIT University \(NU\)](https://www.niituniversity.in), hosted its **15th Annual Lecture** at the university campus at Neemrana. **World Chess Champion Mr Vishwanathan Anand** was the chief guest on the occasion. Also present were Mr Rajendra Pawar, Founder; Mr Vijay Thadani, Co-founder; and Prof Prakash Gopalan, President, NIIT University.

On this significant occasion, chess legend Vishwanathan Anand delivered an inspiring address on 'Shaping a Beautiful Mind' in today's dynamic world. Education should go beyond textbooks, it is about nurturing minds that can navigate the complexities of the world with resilience and creativity, emphasized Anand. His insights into the parallels between chess strategy and mental agility captivated the audience, comprising students, faculty, and distinguished guests.

The theme, 'Shaping a Beautiful Mind,' resonates with the vision of NIIT University, that was conceptualized by Mr Rajendra S Pawar, who collaborated with the foremost thought leaders of our country, to create a new model of higher education that fosters original thinkers, innovative problem-solvers and inspiring leaders.

The 15th Annual Lecture stressed upon promoting intellectual growth and inspiring learners to pursue excellence in all facets of life.

Mr Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University, said, *"We are privileged to have Vishwanathan Anand as our chief guest for the 15th Annual Lecture. His words on the importance of a beautiful mind align perfectly with our vision of NIIT University. We believe in shaping not just careers but individuals who can contribute meaningfully to the society."*

Prof Prakash Gopalan, President, NIIT University said, *"The Annual Lecture series is a cornerstone of NIIT University's commitment to holistic education. Vishwanathan Anand's insights have added a unique dimension to this year's event, encouraging us all to reflect on the beauty of a well-nurtured mind. We are grateful for his presence on this special occasion."*

Conceptualized as an institution of excellence, NIIT University provides exceptional education based on the Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven, and Seamless. NU is well poised to meet the emerging needs of the knowledge economy through its focus on building strong industry linkages and a research-oriented approach.

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About NIIT University (NU):

Established in 2009, NIIT University (NU) is a not-for-profit University under section 2(f) of the UGC Act, notified by the Government of Rajasthan. A premier institution of higher learning and research, the University of the Future, NIIT University, seeks to create original thinkers who can lead the knowledge society of tomorrow. The University inherits four decades of rich expertise and global know-how of the NIIT Group.

Nurtured by some of the foremost thought leaders and corporate practitioners of the country, the multidisciplinary University focuses on emerging areas of technology and management. NU is a part of a 100-acre campus at Neemrana, Rajasthan, 90 minutes from Delhi Airport.

Nestled in the Aravalli hills, the fully residential green campus offers an idyllic and intellectually vibrant environment for pursuing higher education and research. Set up with the vision to be the role model of learning, research, innovation, and sustainability for the knowledge society, the University of the Future, NU, is dedicated to building great careers and ensuring excellent job opportunities for all its students. It has been developed as an institute of excellence to provide exceptional education based on its Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven, and Seamless.

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