



# Viswanathan Anand

The Absolute World Chess Champion



## CSA CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

Viswanathan Anand, acclaimed as the Fastest Brain in the world, is the only World Champion in chess history to have taken the World Championship title in three formats, knockout (2000), tournament (2007) and in a classical match (2008 and 2010). The pinnacle of his career was in 2000 when he became the First Asian to win the 15th World Chess Champion in Teheran.

**"Viswanathan Anand is a truly gifted individual"**

### In detail

By 14 Viswanathan was the "Boy Wonder" of Indian chess and his lightning speed, ability to see and read the game far ahead, as well as great intuition, saw him emerge as the Youngest Indian National Champion at age of 16. As he grew in strength and reputation, he won the strongest tournament at that time, The "Reggio Emilia" in Italy in 1991 ahead of Kasparov & Karpov. His successes are many including wins at the World Cup, Chess Classic of Mainz, Corsica Masters, Credit Suisse Masters and the Corus Super GM tournament at Wijk Aan Zee. He has the rare distinction of being the only Non -Soviet to successfully retain a World Championship title twice. A spokesperson for many causes, Anand is associated with Vidyasagar (an NGO for spastic and autistic children) and is very closely associated with the NIIT Mind Champions Academy.

### What he offers you

Viswanathan Anand is at the forefront of the Chess world having won rapid, classical chess events and also against computers during his distinguished career. Known as the "One man Indian Chess revolution" whose ambition it is to be able to take chess to the grass roots level, he has throughout his career, for almost 20 years now, been way ahead of his times and peers. His dream is to make chess available to everyone.

### How he presents

Viswanathan Anand is a truly international performer who keenly promotes the game in his vivid presentations, through innovative methods and fascinating insights that touch his audiences. He also enjoys "simult" challenges.

### Topics

- Strategic Thinking
- Creativity
- Achieving Goals
- Chess and Computers
- Strategy
- "Simult"

### Languages

He presents in English and is fluent in Spanish.

### Want to know more?

Give us a call or send us an e-mail to find out exactly what he could bring to your event.

### How to book him?

Simply phone, fax or e-mail us.

### Credentials

- The Arjuna Award
- The prestigious Padma Shri (the youngest recipient of the title)
- The first recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award
- The Soviet Land Nehru Award
- The BPL Achievers of the World
- Sportstar
- Sportsworld "Sportsman of the year 1995" Award
- One of the highest awards, the Padma Bhushan
- The Sportstar, "Sportsman of the Millennium" award and the Birla "Living Legends Award".
- Anand received the "Jameo de Oro", one of Spain's highest civilian awards given to a foreigner