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WORLDS LARGEST CHESSBOARD

On Monday, December 23, 2024, the Culinary Academy of India, Hyderabad, boldly embarked on its Sixth World Record attempt, celebrating India's remarkable prowess in the game of Chess. This monumental endeavor was a heartfelt tribute to the champions of the sport, including the legendary Mr. Vishwanathan Anand and the prodigious talent Mr. Gukesh, along with countless others who have elevated India's standing in the chess world.

On this momentous day, **Team Brand CAI** unveiled the **WORLD'S LARGEST CHESSBOARD**, masterfully crafted from **over 550 kilograms** of rich dark and white chocolate. This stunning **16 Feet x16 Feet(256 Sq. Ft.)** masterpiece featured an extraordinary king coin towering at 3 feet, showcasing unparalleled artistry and innovation. The base of the sculpture was constructed from solid chocolate slabs, while the coins were meticulously reinforced with 'Armature' for stability. Each coin was a testament to precision and skill, handcrafted with unwavering dedication. The greatest challenge lay in maintaining the ideal temperature for these delicate sculptures, as chocolate tends to soften in warmer conditions. Over 50 aspiring chefs and 10 Senior Chef Instructors worked tirelessly for an astounding 96 hours, day and night, to bring this colossal creation to life.

The event was graced by esteemed guests, including **Prof. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of TGCHE**, who served as the chief guest, and **Prof. SriramVenkatesh, Secretary of TGCHE**, who was the Special Guest of Honour. **Mr. Divith Reddy, World Champion Classical Italy, Rapid at Albania Under 8** as distinguished invitee from the Chess Association, also attended. **Chef Nimish Bhatia . a senior chef consultant having many accolades and representing SICA Bengaluru** was overlooking the entire proceedings of creating this World record. The occasion attracted numerous hospitality professionals eager to witness this extraordinary culinary feat.

Under the visionary leadership of **Chef Sudhakar N Rao, Director/Principal** of the academy, and with the invaluable support of **Chef Akshay Kulkarni, HOD, Chef Attique, Senior Chef Instructor**, and their dedicated team, Brand CAI has once again demonstrated its supremacy as the premier Culinary Arts school in India. Their relentless pursuit of excellence is driven by a singular mission: to provide world-class culinary education to aspiring chefs across the nation.

This is a creation with Edible ingredients and there's no record of anyone making such a huge Chess Board and Coins with Chocolate. You can find references to Inedible large Chess Boards being made and one such board is located between the Court of Queen's Bench Building and the Medicine Hat Public Library in the core of beautiful downtown Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.(19 ft 4 in X 19 ft 4 in). Brand CAI proudly boasts five prestigious Culinary World Records, including a remarkable accolade from the Guinness World Records, establishing itself as the only culinary college globally to achieve this extraordinary milestone. With an ambitious vision, they are determined to secure a total of ten World Records by 2030, setting the stage for even more ground-breaking and innovative creations to follow.

With regards

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