

PRESS RELEASE

## Shiv Nadar honored with the “Shiv Nadar Professor of Engineering” chair at Carnegie Mellon University

**December 04, 2012, New Delhi:** The **Shiv Nadar Foundation** today announced that Carnegie Mellon University, a leading global research university in the US, has named a chair the “**Shiv Nadar Professor of Engineering**” in honour of Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman, HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation. Known for a world-class faculty whose groundbreaking research and technology innovations provide cutting edge answers to contemporary global concerns, the Carnegie Mellon recognition will pave the way for research and learning opportunities for the faculty at the University.

The chair conferred by CMU is permanent and will be reserved for engineering faculty at CMU who will be nominated to this chair on merit. The dean of CMU’s engineering school (Carnegie Institute of Technology) will select the chair-holder from among distinguished tenured members of the faculty at Carnegie Mellon. The appointee will be known as the ‘Shiv Nadar Professor of Engineering’.

On this occasion, **Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman, HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation** said, ‘It is a privilege to receive such an honour from one of the world’s leading institutions of learning And I am grateful for this recognition. I have requested that this chair be held by an outstanding individual who has achieved national or international prominence in the engineering or allied fields.’ He further added, “The Shiv Nadar Foundation has had over a decade long relationship with CMU and we hope to see this relationship get stronger over the years. CMU and SNU share a commitment to the development of international higher education and our partnership is a concrete example of that commitment.”

**Jared Cohon, President, Carnegie Mellon University** said, “We regard Shiv Nadar as one of the great patrons of higher education in India and recognise his efforts to create transformational educational opportunities for Indian students. We hope our goal in establishing the Shiv Nadar Professor of Engineering Chair compliments his vision. This chair is to enhance the vitality of faculty at the engineering school at CMU, by encouraging research and exploration of issues that affects future practice and understanding. Particular objectives will be established for each appointment that will support this broad goal, identifying specific benefits to the individual holding the Shiv Nadar Professor of Engineering Chair.”

Shiv Nadar has played a pioneering role in business and philanthropy in India and across the globe. A visionary, Shiv Nadar made HCL an engine of invention turning dreams into reality. HCL, under Shiv Nadar’s leadership, revolutionized Indian technology and product innovation with many world firsts to its credit – the first 8-bit microprocessor-based computer in 1978 ahead of Apple, the first Relational Database Management System in 1983 before its global peers, client- server architecture in 1984, the world’s first fine-grained multi-processor UNIX installation in 1989, among others. A pioneer in Remote Infrastructure Management, HCL was instrumental in implementing and managing the infrastructure backbone of one of India’s tallest financial institutions – the National Stock Exchange. In the last three decades, HCL has evolved into a \$6.2-billion global enterprise with an export-revenue of \$4.2 billion and over 90,000 professionals from 102 diverse nationalities, addressing customers in 70 countries with over 500 points of presence in India.

In 1994, Shiv Nadar established what he believed was closest to his heart - the philanthropic Shiv Nadar Foundation and created its first initiative in Chennai, the SSN Institutions, that is a top ranked engineering college. Today the Foundation is a significant driver of social change and transformational education through its landmark institutions spanning the entire education spectrum from schools to universities that include VidyaGyan schools, a radical social experiment in inclusive education for rural meritorious children; the Shiv Nadar School, a K12 education initiative; the Shiv Nadar University, a multidisciplinary research led university and the philanthropic Kiran Nadar Museum of Art.

## About Shiv Nadar Foundation

The Shiv Nadar Foundation ([www.ShivNadarFoundation.org](http://www.ShivNadarFoundation.org)) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$6.2 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise, with over 90,000 employees across 31 countries. The 36-year-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India's original IT garage start-ups and offers diverse business aligned technology solutions spanning the entire hardware and software spectrum, to a focused range of industry verticals.

The Foundation is committed to the creation of a more equitable, merit-based society by empowering individuals to bridge the socio-economic divide. To that purpose the Foundation is focused on the underdeveloped disciplinary areas in India related to transformational education, creativity and art.

The Foundation set up the SSN Institutions ([www.SSN.edu.in](http://www.SSN.edu.in)) in 1996, comprising the SSN College of Engineering (already a highly ranked private engineering college in India), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The Shiv Nadar University ([www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in)) is a research-led, interdisciplinary university designed set up by the Foundation to create a global centre of learning and higher education in India. In addition the Foundation runs the VidyaGyan schools ([www.vidyagyan.in](http://www.vidyagyan.in)) in Bulandshahr, Sitapur and upcoming school in Uttar Pradesh. VidyaGyan is a radical social experiment in nurturing leadership from amongst highly gifted rural poor children in Uttar Pradesh. The Foundation is also setting up Shiv Nadar Schools ([www.shivnadarschool.edu.in](http://www.shivnadarschool.edu.in)) across India to build world-class schools aiming to provide children with education that creates lifelong learners.

## About Carnegie Mellon University

Carnegie Mellon (<http://www.cmu.edu>) is a private, internationally ranked research university with programs in areas ranging from science, technology and business, to public policy, the humanities and the arts. More than 11,000 students in the university's seven schools and colleges benefit from a small student-to-faculty ratio and an education characterized by its focus on creating and implementing solutions for real problems, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovation. A global university, Carnegie Mellon's main campus in the United States is in Pittsburgh, Pa. It has campuses in California's Silicon Valley and Qatar, and programs in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and Mexico. The university is in the midst of Inspire Innovation: The Campaign for Carnegie Mellon University, which aims to build its endowment, support faculty, students and innovative research, and enhance the physical campus with equipment and facility improvements.

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