

PRESS RELEASE

Shiv Nadar University inks deal with Duke University to establish a collaborative academic framework for educational excellence

The alliance will help in developing joint teaching and research programs along with student and faculty exchange within both universities

November 29, 2012, New Delhi/ Durham: The **Shiv Nadar University (SNU)** today announced its partnership with **Duke University**, a North Carolina-based top ranked global research university. The alliance will pave the way for collaboration between Shiv Nadar University and its various schools and Duke University to establish a broad framework for collaborative academic programs and experiential learning opportunities for the faculty and students of both universities. SNU and Duke University under the aegis of Duke's globally renowned Talent Identification Program (TIP) will further collaborate on the development and implementation of educational activities for academically talented students in India.

The Shiv Nadar University and Duke will collaborate in establishing teaching and research programs for the benefit of both universities. The scope of the partnership includes:

- Development of student exchange agreements
- Development of faculty exchange agreements
- Development of joint teaching programs
- Development joint research programs and centers

Duke would also assist SNU in institutional development activities which include assistance in curricula development; faculty recruitment and development; identifying and implementing best practices in university administration and other forms of institutional development. A core team comprising key people from both universities will support the initiatives and assist in the development and implementation.

The alliance would also expand the activities of the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) in India through collaborative initiatives. Established in 1980, Duke TIP is a world leader in identifying and providing innovative programs to academically talented youth globally. Through identification, recognition, challenging educational programs, information, advocacy and research, Duke TIP provides resources for gifted elementary, middle and high school students, their parents, educators, and schools for the development of the students' optimal educational potential. In addition to the development of educational activities for talented students in India, the alliance would further provide assistance to the SNU School of Education to help develop curriculum for the programme.

Duke TIP's first collaborative program with SNU will take place in February 2013, when the two organizations will co-host a conference for Indian educators to share best practices in how to identify, plan curriculum for, and evaluate the learning of gifted students.

Announcing the partnership, **Nikhil Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University** said, 'We are very excited about our partnership with Duke University, one of the finest universities in the US and recognised globally for the excellence of its research and its graduate and professional programs. We're also excited about our collaboration with Duke's renowned Talent Identification Programme that will have very strong relevance and resonance in India and will impact the entire education lifecycle of a student. Duke and SNU share a commitment to the development of international higher education and our partnership is a concrete example of that commitment.'

"Duke and Shiv Nadar University share a commitment to educating future global leaders, supporting original scholarship and research, and using knowledge in service to society," said **Peter Lange, Provost of Duke University**. "We look forward to working with Shiv Nadar University to create new opportunities for Duke's students and faculty members to engage deeply with India, while also supporting Shiv Nadar University's efforts to create transformational educational opportunities for Indian students."

About Shiv Nadar University

Shiv Nadar University (www.snu.edu.in) is an international multi-disciplinary, research university located in Greater Noida in India's National Capital Region. SNU is a private philanthropic institution established by the Shiv Nadar Foundation in 2011 through an act of the State of Uttar Pradesh. The University's mission is to develop and educate the leaders of tomorrow; to support research, scholarly and creative endeavors that contribute to the creation of new knowledge; and to create research and teaching programs that tackle the most pressing problems of India and the global community. The University offers a full range of academic programs at the undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral level.

About Shiv Nadar Foundation

The Shiv Nadar Foundation (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) in 1996, comprising the SSN College of Engineering (already a highly ranked private engineering college in India), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In addition the Foundation runs the VidyaGyan schools (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) across India to build world-class schools aiming to provide children with education that creates lifelong learners.

About Duke University

Home of the Blue Devils, Duke University (www.duke.edu) has more than 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students and a world-class faculty helping to expand the frontiers of knowledge. The university has a strong commitment to applying knowledge in service to society, both near its North Carolina campus and around the world. Younger than most other prestigious U.S. research universities, Duke University consistently ranks among the very best.

Duke's graduate and professional schools — in business, divinity, engineering, the environment, law, medicine, nursing and public policy — are among the leaders in their fields. Duke's home campus is situated on nearly 9,000 acres in Durham, N.C, a city of more than 200,000 people. More than 75 percent of Duke students pursue service-learning opportunities in Durham and around the world through the Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership, DukeEngage, the Community Service Center and other programs that advance the university's mission of "knowledge in service to society."

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