

PRESS RELEASE

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Announces the Department of Mathematics

Admissions open for Undergraduate & Postgraduate programs for the Academic Session 2011-2012

New Delhi, June 22 2011: The Shiv Nadar University (SNU) today announced the establishment of its School of Natural Sciences. This is the second school to be established at SNU, following the School of Engineering. The School of Natural Sciences will commence with the Department of Mathematics. The University also announced the appointment of Dr. Sanjeev Agrawal as the Head of the Department of Mathematics. Dr Agrawal joins the Shiv Nadar University from St Stephens College, Delhi University.

Announcing the School of Natural Sciences, **Shiv Nadar**, Founder, HCL & Chairman, HCL Technologies and the Shiv Nadar Foundation said, "Interdisciplinarity is a key pillar of the global higher education system and is an integral part of the Shiv Nadar University's vision to build an institute benchmarked to global education standards. The School of Natural Sciences is an important step towards this vision."

Starting this year, the Department of Mathematics will offer an innovative four-year undergraduate B.S. degree program and a two-year post graduate M.S. degree program. These programs have been designed on the basis of SNU's underlying philosophy of interdisciplinary learning. In addition to the degree programs, the department will also offer certification courses specially designed and customized to develop technical and analytical skills relevant to industry needs.

Speaking on the launch of the Department of Mathematics, **Dr. Nikhil Sinha**, the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University said, "There is a great demand for mathematicians in various sectors like investment banking, insurance, financial services, consulting, medical research, bioinformatics, software, computer security and defense. However, there is a great need to change the way mathematics is taught and experienced in Indian educational institutions to create the right quality of talent that meets the needs of industry. Our students will have the global exposure and creative thinking needed to have successful careers in industry, academia and the government. We have attracted a stellar faculty, including some of the best mathematical minds from leading colleges and global universities like Oxford University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Houston, University of Delhi, IIT Kanpur and St. Stephen's College."

The Shiv Nadar University will begin its first academic session in August 2011 with the School of Engineering and the School of Natural Sciences.

About Shiv Nadar University

The Shiv Nadar University is a research-led, interdisciplinary university designed to create a global centre of learning and education in India. A key initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation in higher education, SNU is benchmarked to international education standards with strong focus on research and innovation. Set up on a 286-acre campus at Greater Noida in the National Capital Region, in close proximity to South Delhi, Shiv Nadar University will offer a full range of academic degree programs including undergraduate, postgraduate and professional degrees across multiple disciplines.

About Shiv Nadar Foundation

The Shiv Nadar Foundation (www.ShivNadarFoundation.org) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$5.9 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise, which employs over 80,000 employees across 31 countries. The 34 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, meritocracy based society by empowering individuals to bridge the socio-economic divide. To that purpose the Foundation is focused on the rather underdeveloped disciplinary areas in India related to **philanthropic transformational education, creativity and art.***

*The Foundation has set up the **SSN Institutions** (www.SSN.edu.in) in 1996, comprising the SSN College of Engineering (already an India top 10 private engineering college), the SSN School of Management and Computer Applications and the SSN School of Advanced Software Engineering, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In addition the Foundation runs the **VidyaGyan schools**, (in Bulandshahr, Sitapur and upcoming school near Varanasi) a*

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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** across India to build world-class sustainable schools that provide children with the right platform to shine in a fast-changing environment.

Building on the experience from successfully running the SSN Institutions, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has now set up the **Shiv Nadar University** in a 286 acre campus in Greater Noida.

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