

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Shiv Nadar University appoints Professor Shekhar Chaudhuri as Director, School of Management & Entrepreneurship**

**New Delhi, May 3, 2013:** Shiv Nadar University today announced the appointment of Professor Shekhar Chaudhuri as Director of the newly launched School of Management & Entrepreneurship, Shiv Nadar University. Prof Chaudhuri joins SNU from IIM Calcutta, where he served as Director from November 2001 to April 2013. Prior to joining IIM Calcutta, he was associated with the Vinod Gupta School of Management at IIT Kharagpur.

At IIM Calcutta, Professor Chaudhuri led a major transformation process beginning with an articulation of its vision, mission and core values and encompassing significant expansion and revamping of the existing post-graduate and doctoral programmes; launching of new post graduate and executive development programmes; driving significant growth in research activities and introducing major thrust on the internalization of the institution.

Professor Chaudhuri has earlier held faculty and administrative positions in others institutions as well, such as IIM Ahmedabad for 27 years, College of Business and Administration, Southern Illinois University, ESCP – Paris School of Management and IIT Kharagpur. He has also been a consultant to the World Bank.

Announcing the appointment, **Nikhil Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University** said, "A distinguished academican, visionary and innovator, Professor Chaudhuri stands tall for his unparalleled contribution to Indian management education. He brings with him significant academic experience; institution building capabilities and a unique depth of experience in line with Shiv Nadar University's mission to offer best-in-class standards in higher education. On behalf of SNU's faculty and students, we welcome Prof Chaudhuri as the Director, School of Management & Entrepreneurship."

**Professor Shekhar Chaudhuri, Director, School of Management & Entrepreneurship**, said, "I am very pleased to have joined the Shiv Nadar University. A multi-disciplinary approach to higher education and strong focus on research and industry collaboration has already distinguished SNU as an institution of repute in India. I look forward to working with Dr Sinha and the faculty to put into motion the great ambitions we have for the University and to capitalize on the many opportunities that lie ahead."

Professor Chaudhuri's teaching and research interests are in the areas of strategic management, management of technology and innovation and international management.

**About Shiv Nadar University**

*Shiv Nadar University ([www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in)) is an international multi-disciplinary, research-led 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.*

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