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Shiv Nadar Foundation announces the establishment of the Shiv Nadar School

- The Foundation plans to set up 25 schools across India by 2020
- Shikhar Malhotra announced as CEO

New Delhi, September 14, 2011: The Shiv Nadar Foundation today announced its foray into K12 education with the establishment of **Shiv Nadar School** in India. The Shiv Nadar Foundation aims to establish 25 schools across India by 2020, starting with its first schools in Noida and Gurgaon in 2012.

Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL & Chairman, Shiv Nadar Foundation announced Shikhar Malhotra as the Chief Executive Officer of the Shiv Nadar School. Rashmi Prakash and Shashi Banerjee have been appointed principals of the schools at Gurgaon and Noida respectively.

Announcing the Shiv Nadar School, **Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL & Chairman, Shiv Nadar Foundation** said, "I have always believed that good education is a gift that has the power to transform and drive change that lasts beyond the lifetime of an individual. The Shiv Nadar Foundation has been impacting lives in the field of education for over 15 years through its various initiatives. At the Shiv Nadar School, our vision is to create **lifelong learners** who would grow into contributing citizens of tomorrow."

Endeavoring to leave an indelible imprint on the Indian education system, the Shiv Nadar School will leverage five pillars that include an **ethical value system**, an **innovative child-centered curriculum**, world class **teaching pedagogy and faculty**, the **use of technology** to facilitate teaching and a **stimulating infrastructure**. Leadership development will be given special emphasis at the Shiv Nadar School. A strong focus on music, arts, crafts, and theatre will complement the focus on academic excellence through the AHA! curriculum.

Speaking at the launch, **Shikhar Malhotra, CEO, Shiv Nadar School** said, "The Shiv Nadar School will focus on **Education for Life** with emphasis on critical thinking, character building and all-round excellence. We believe that teachers are the key enablers for this and therefore, **Quality of Teachers** will be of paramount importance at the Shiv Nadar School."

Selection, training, certification and professional and personal growth of teachers will receive continued attention at the Shiv Nadar School. A strong backend organization with systems and processes would support continuous faculty development. Every faculty at the Shiv Nadar School will undergo mandatory 80-100 hours of training.

Admissions for the 2012-13 academic sessions will commence in September 2011. The Shiv Nadar School chain is being built on 5 to 6 acre campus each. It will have a football and cricket ground, basket-ball courts, squash, indoor multipurpose hall for sports and drama, dining cafeteria for lunch, technology equipped classrooms and campus.





SHIV NADAR SCHOOL

Education for Life

About the Shiv Nadar School

"Education for Life"

The Shiv Nadar School is a not-for-profit initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation in K12 private education to deliver educational excellence and provide education for life. The Shiv Nadar School will provide students an environment that challenges them into discovering their talent and skills. A culture of creativity will inspire the joy of learning among students. The schools will nurture ethical, respectful, happy and purposeful citizens of society. The Shiv Nadar School is being launched with two schools in the National Capital Region at Noida and Gurgaon.

About Shiv Nadar Foundation

The Shiv Nadar Foundation (www.ShivNadarFoundation.org) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$6-billion leading global technology and IT enterprise with over 85,000 employees across 31 countries.

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 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 a highly ranked private engineering college in India), the SSN School of Management and Computer Applications and the SSN School of Advanced Software Engineering, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Building on the experience from successfully running the SSN Institutions, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has now set up the **Shiv Nadar University** (www.snu.edu.in) in a 286- acre campus in Greater Noida. In addition the Foundation runs the **VidyaGyan schools** (www.vidyagyan.in), a radical social experiment in nurturing leadership from amongst highly gifted rural poor children at Bulandshahr, Sitapur and an upcoming school near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. The Foundation is also setting up **Shiv Nadar School** across India to build world-class schools aiming to provide children with education for life.

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