

## PRESS RELEASE

**Shiv Nadar University hosts its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation Ceremony**

*440 undergraduate students awarded degrees*

*Dr Jagdish Sheth, an internationally recognized thought leader conferred with honorary doctorate*

**New Delhi May 13, 2017: Shiv Nadar University**, India's leading private comprehensive, research driven, multidisciplinary university and the reigning young University of the Year [FICCI Awards 2016] today celebrated its third convocation. Along with the graduation of its largest undergraduate batch yet, the convocation also marked the passing out of the University's first two doctoral students. A total of 440 students received their Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's degrees from various streams including Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Business and Arts.

**Mike Lawrie** (Chairman, President & CEO, DXC Technology, a newly merged company between CSC and Enterprise Services division of HP Enterprise, with approximate annual revenue of US\$ 26 Bn) attended the event as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering. The Convocation was also attended by Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder and Chairman, HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation, SNU faculty members, students and parents.

Shiv Nadar University conferred **Honorary Doctorate on Dr Jagdish Sheth**, a renowned scholar and internationally recognized thought leader and one of the foremost authorities in the world on marketing and consumer behavior.

Speaking at the Convocation, **Dr S N Balakrishnan, Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University**, said, "As a University that is focused on research, we are proud to have the first two doctoral students graduate. One of these students is already pursuing his post doctorate from the Canada-based University of Alberta and the other is joining one of India's leading business conglomerate – Reliance Industries - as a scientist. With every achievement that our students register, we inch closer to realizing our vision of being a global center of excellence in higher education. Year-on-year, our faculty, our students and our partnerships with leading global institutions ensure that new learnings, ideas and thinking go out of the University and make a mark on the larger world outside."

**Mike Lawrie**, Chairman, President & CEO, DXC Technology congratulated the fresh graduates on their success. He also recognized the University's efforts in bringing new approaches to learning by inculcating the spirit of innovation as a fundamental approach to teaching.

The University, spread over 286 acres campus, has a vibrant community of approximately 2,100 students, including more than 140 PhD scholars, and 400 faculty & staff members. The University offers a wide range of degree programs from the undergraduate to the doctoral levels and has five schools: Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Management & Entrepreneurship and Extended Education & Professional Development.

A total of 58 companies visited Shiv Nadar University to recruit a total of 262 students, who opted for placements, from the graduating Class of 2017. Some of the leading organizations that have recruited students from the University include Amazon, Dell, AIS Glass, KPIT, Directi, Rockwell, TAFE, Deloitte, Dreamworks, Axis Bank, LG electronics, Adobe Systems,

Piramal Foundation, Capgemini, Nagarro Software, Halonix, and Bank of America among others.

Shiv Nadar University also announced that a substantial number of students have received graduate admission and financial aid offers from top institutions and Universities across the world. Some of the top ranked institutions (in India) to roll out admission offers to the students for further education included IISc Bangalore, and IIT Bombay. Graduating students have also received offers from top global institutions such as Purdue University, University of British Columbia, Rutgers University, IE Business School, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Carnegie Mellon, University of Texas at Dallas, Australian National University, and Michigan Tech University.

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### **About Shiv Nadar University**

*Shiv Nadar University ([www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in)), a Shiv Nadar Foundation initiative, is a multi-disciplinary, student-centric, research-focused university offering a full range of academic programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level. Shiv Nadar University's multi-disciplinary curriculum provides students a strong foundation in disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, technology and engineering studies, communications and management, while enabling them to gain mastery of a subject of their choosing. Taught by world-class faculty, undergraduate education at the University is designed to develop students with the breadth of vision, knowledge, skills and attitudes required to succeed in the careers of the 21st century. Located on a 286-acre campus in India's National Capital Region, Shiv Nadar University is a private philanthropic institution established in 2011 through an act of the State of Uttar Pradesh.*

### **About Shiv Nadar Foundation**

*The Shiv Nadar Foundation ([www.ShivNadarFoundation.org](http://www.ShivNadarFoundation.org)) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$7 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise, with over 105,000 employees across 31 countries. Founded in 1976, HCL 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 Foundation has also set up VidyaGyan ([www.VidyaGyan.in](http://www.VidyaGyan.in)), a residential leadership academy for meritorious rural children, at Bulandshahr and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the Foundation runs the Shiv Nadar University ([www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in)), an international multi-disciplinary university with strong research orientation located in Greater Noida in India's National Capital Region and the Shiv Nadar School ([www.shivnadarschool.edu.in](http://www.shivnadarschool.edu.in)), a network of progressive urban schools across India aimed to provide children with education that creates lifelong learners. The Foundation has also set up the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art ([www.knma.in](http://www.knma.in)), India's largest private philanthropic museum in modern and contemporary art, with the vision to take art to the common public.*