

Shiv Nadar University Appoints Dr. Rajat Kathuria as Dean of School of Humanities & Social Sciences

Greater NOIDA, April 01, 2021: Shiv Nadar University, India's leading multidisciplinary and research-focused university and recognized as an '**Institution of Eminence**' by the Government of India, welcomed **Dr. Rajat Kathuria**, former Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), as **Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, and Professor of Economics**. Dr. Kathuria takes the mantle from Dr. Ajay Dandekar, who will continue to be with the University as Chairperson, Center for Public Affairs and Critical Theory (C-PACT), Shiv Nadar University.

Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University, said: "As one of India's foremost researchers and thinkers with remarkable contribution to policy-making, Dr. Rajat Kathuria needs no introduction. I am delighted to welcome him to Shiv Nadar University at a crucial point where the institution is poised to elevate its position in the Indian higher education landscape as well as its presence on the global map. We continue to make significant investments in people, research, infrastructure and in technology to move forward in our vision of becoming an outstanding research-based, multidisciplinary university of global stature and impact."

On joining Shiv Nadar University, **Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, and Professor of Economics, Shiv Nadar University**, said: "It is an honour and a privilege to be a part of a University that - in a remarkably short span of time - has earned the coveted status of 'Institution of Eminence'. I am really looking forward to working with an accomplished group of people in a multidisciplinary environment that places a premium on excellence in what it does."

Dr. Kathuria carries over 20 years of experience in teaching and more than 15 years of experience in economic policy, besides pursuing extensive research on a range of issues relating to regulation and competition policy. He has previously worked with the World Bank in Washington D.C. as a Consultant, and worked on research assignments for a number of international organizations, including the International Labour Organization (ILO), United National Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), LinneAsia, The World Bank and The Asian Development Bank (ADB). His work has been published in several journals of repute as well as in top magazines and newspapers across the world. He serves on multiple government Committees and on the Research Advisory Council of the State Bank of India (SBI). Dr. Kathuria holds a Master's degree from Delhi School of Economics and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland (College Park), USA.

Since its inception in 2011, Shiv Nadar University has assembled an impressive cast of faculty members across various disciplines, drawn from the top universities in India and across the world.

About Shiv Nadar University, Delhi National Capital Region (NCR):

[Shiv Nadar University](#) is a student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University offering a wide range of academic programs at the Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral levels. The University was set up in 2011 by the Shiv Nadar Foundation, a philanthropic foundation established by Mr. Shiv Nadar, founder of HCL. The University is in the quest to become a globally acclaimed center for learning and innovation in the fields of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Management. The core of the University consists of a select, world-class faculty with doctoral and postdoctoral experiences from ranked universities all over the world.

Shiv Nadar University has been declared an '**Institution of Eminence**' by the Government. In the NIRF (Government's National Institutional Ranking Framework), the University has been the youngest institution in the 'top 100' Overall list, and its score has been rising steadily. In NIRF-2020, it ranked 56 in the 'University' category. Shiv Nadar University has been accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), valid for a period of five years from 26 November 2019. It is also among a select group of green-field institutions in the country which were

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awarded the prestigious **Atal Incubation Center** grant by the NITI Aayog, Government of India, in the very first round in 2017.

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