# Shiv Nadar University Delhi-NCR Hosts 6th Convocation Ceremony; Confers 4 Honorary Doctorate Degrees

**New Delhi/Greater NOIDA, 26 July 2021**: Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, recognized as an 'Institution of Eminence' by the Government of India, celebrated its sixth Convocation ceremony on 24 July 2021, virtually. Over **500** of the University's undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. students received their degrees in the presence of **Mr. Vineet Nayar**, Founder Chairman of Sampark Foundation, who joined as Chief Guest.

Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, conferred its **Honorary Doctorate** degree on **four distinguished individuals** this year in recognition of their remarkable contributions: one of world's most renowned quantum physicists, **Professor Alain Aspect**, *Foreign Member of the Royal Society*; the trailblazing figurative artist and modernist, *Padma Bhushan* **Ms. Arpita Singh**; an iconic ambassador of India's technology industry, **Ms. Neelam Dhawan**; and the highly revered diplomat, **Ambassador Richard Burt**.

**Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR,** said: "Though the COVID-19 pandemic has changed so much in our worlds, we believe that rich traditions, with suitable adaptations, must go on. This year's Convocation ceremony holds great significance for us, as we celebrate 10 years of the University's existence."

"This is a moment of high transition for our newest graduates, whom we had handpicked from across the country by looking beyond grade sheets, to mould them as the *path-shapers of tomorrow*. It makes us so proud today to see so many of them now heading to the world's finest organizations and academic institutions to pursue their career goals, as inquisitive and responsible global citizens. We are also truly privileged to have the formal association with the legendary Honorary Doctorate recipients", she added.

Some of the leading organisations that graduates of the Class of 2021 head to include Amadeus Labs, American Express, Dell Technologies, Goldman Sachs, HCL Technologies, L & T Technologies, Microsoft to name a few. Many of the students have also secured admission and financial aid offers from top institutions and universities across the world, including Columbia University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Heidelberg University, New York University, University of Copenhagen, University of Oxford, to further pursue their academic goals.

Earlier this year, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR became the youngest-recognized 'Institution of Eminence' - a status accorded by the Government of India that makes it part of a distinguished league of top 20 public and private institutions empowered to elevate Indian higher education to the global stage, with complete academic and administrative autonomy.

**About Shiv Nadar University, 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 recognized as one of the ten private '**Institutions 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 awarded the prestigious Atal Incubation Center grant by the NITI Aayog, Government of India, in the very first round in 2017.

**About Shiv Nadar Foundation:**
Established in 1994, by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a US$ 10 billion leading global technology enterprise, the Foundation is committed to the creation of a more equitable, merit-based society by empowering individuals through transformational education, and to bridge the socio-economic divide. Over the last 27 years the Foundation, has directly touched the lives of over 30,000 alumni and students through its marquee institutions in literacy, K12 and higher education. Today, the Foundation has a community of over 100,000 constituents, which includes not only globally dispersed alumni and students but also faculty members, corporate executives, and extended families.

The Foundation has invested ~$1bn in its six landmark institutions and initiatives across education and art. Currently over 12,600 students and over 2,000 faculty members are part of the Foundation along with around 19,000 strong globally dispersed alumni community.

The Foundation's students have gone to study at some of the best institutions globally including the Ivy League in the US and top universities in other countries including Australia, Singapore, China and UK. Students are also working across major corporations, including Goldman Sachs, Honda, HP, Schindler, and several others both in India and across other geographies. Faculty across the Foundation institutions are drawn from the best Indian and international universities, with a strong focus on research and innovation.

The Shiv Nadar Foundation pursues the philosophy of 'Creative Philanthropy'. It is a powerful model which envisages creation of institutions that are built to last and continue to impact future generations. It is an approach that allows sustained institutionalized philanthropy for long-term, high impact, socio-economic transformation.

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