## **PRESS RELEASE**



## Roshni Nadar Malhotra is NDTV "Indian of the year- India's Future" in Philanthropy

**New Delhi, April 30, 2014:** Shiv Nadar Foundation today announced that Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Executive Director & CEO, HCL Corporation & Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation has been conferred the prestigious 'NDTV - Indian of the year- India's future' award in philanthropy.

Roshni received the award for her focus on philanthropy and her commitment towards education initiatives of the Shiv Nadar Foundation. She is the driving force behind the VidyaGyan schools in Uttar Pradesh (U.P), a radical initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation to induct and transform meritorious rural children from economically challenged backgrounds and create leaders of tomorrow. VidyaGyan provides children free, world class education to help transcend the disadvantages they face and compete with their urban counterparts. Under Roshni's leadership, VidyaGyan has expanded its selection process to touch nearly 200,000 children in UP covering 75 districts of the state. Under her leadership and direction, VidyaGyan has become a model of socio-economic transformation for the families and communities it impacts and has earned global recognition.

As a Trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, Roshni also drives the Shiv Nadar Foundation strategy and the long-term roadmap of the Foundation.

Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Executive Director & CEO, HCL Corporation & Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation extended her gratitude by thanking NDTV and said, "This is a great honor and I thank NDTV for the recognition. It is a proud moment for all of us at the Shiv Nadar Foundation to see that philanthropy is being given increasing importance in the Indian context. This award is further encouragement for me to work harder on bridging the socio-economic divide and towards enabling meaningful change to transform the lives, futures, and aspirations of young men and women in India, through education."

Shiv Nadar Foundation is a significant driver of social change and transformational education in India through its landmark institutions, from schools to universities. In the last 20 years, more than 13,000 students have been directly impacted by various Foundation initiatives in education. The Foundation has invested over Rs 1800 crore since inception on its various initiatives in transformational education and has committed Rs 3000 crore in the next five years towards educational initiatives and expansion programmes over the next five years.

## **About Shiv Nadar Foundation**

The Shiv Nadar Foundation (<u>www.ShivNadarFoundation.org</u>) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$6.4 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise, with over 90,000 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 (<a href="www.ssn.edu.in">www.ssn.edu.in</a>) 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, a residential leadership academy for meritorious rural children, at Bulandshar and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the Foundation runs the Shiv Nadar University (<a href="www.snu.edu.in">www.snu.edu.in</a>), an international multi-disciplinary university with strong research orientation located in Greater Noida in India's National Capital Region and the Shiv Nadar School (<a href="www.shivnadarschool.edu.in">www.shivnadarschool.edu.in</a>), 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 (<a href="www.knma.in">www.knma.in</a>), India's largest private philanthropic museum in modern and contemporary art with the vision to take art to the common public.

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