

Shiv Nadar School of Law Inaugurated in Chennai

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CHENNAI, October 5, 2024 – Shiv Nadar School of Law, the newest initiative of Shiv Nadar Foundation, has been inaugurated in Chennai at the campus of Shiv Nadar University. Hon'ble Mr. **Justice MM Sundresh, Judge, Supreme Court of India**, was the Chief Guest at the grand inaugural function. Other notable figures present included **Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Bhattacharyya**, Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University, Chennai; **Mr. Shikhar Malhotra**, Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation; **Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Swaminathan**, Dean, Shiv Nadar School of Law; and **Prof. (Dr.) Vinay Sitapati**, Associate Dean, Shiv Nadar School of Law.

The Shiv Nadar School of Law, approved by the Bar Council of India, offers a five-year BA.LLB program. Forty-five students have enrolled in the inaugural batch, while a batch size of 120 students is planned for next year. A generous scholarship scheme has been offered to many students, including full-tuition waivers.

Prof. Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya, Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University Chennai, said, "We are delighted to introduce the Shiv Nadar School of Law to Chennai to transform aspiring legal students into world-class lawyers. It combines a true-blue liberal arts program with legal studies, and the curriculum has been framed on global best practices. Professors and faculty members are drawn from the best Western universities such as Oxford, Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Moreover, one-fifth of our faculty is going to be active legal practitioners from India and abroad. We are fully committed to ensuring that every student gains an appropriate grounding in foundational, substantive, and procedural law for a successful career."

Mr. Shikhar Malhotra, Trustee, of Shiv Nadar Foundation said, "With a legacy of three decades of excellence in education, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has invested over Rs 7,600 crore into education in India. It seeks to establish institutions that will endure, equip students with robust skills, and transform society. Shiv Nadar University Chennai is a hub for intellectual exploration and innovation, and with the inauguration of the law school, we now stand poised to cultivate India's best legal professionals and scholars."

Prof. Shivprasad Swaminathan, Dean & Professor of the Shiv Nadar School of Law, said, "I am honored to inaugurate the Shiv Nadar School of Law, a milestone in the Shiv Nadar Foundation's remarkable journey. At a time when India needs skilled legal professionals with strong ethics, this school stands out, backed by the Foundation's 30-year legacy of empowering communities through education. With state-of-the-art facilities, global faculty, and a student-centric approach, I am confident it will become a beacon of excellence, shaping the next generation of legal minds to impact society positively."

Prof. Shivprasad Swaminathan added, "The faculty at Shiv Nadar School of Law have been hired for their proven track record in research. They create new knowledge which is then passed on to students in class. This is crucial in core areas of Indian law, for example, private law areas like contract, tort, property and

unjust enrichment, which have been characterized by low levels of academic activity. We are poised to change all that. This will also have a direct bearing on what is taught to students as the cutting-edge research will make its way into the classroom.”

About Shiv Nadar University Chennai

Shiv Nadar University Chennai (<https://www.snuchennai.edu.in/>) is a quality-focused University offering wide range of specialized academic programs at the undergraduate level to start with. The University has been set up by the Shiv Nadar Foundation, a philanthropic foundation established by Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a US\$ 13.3 billion leading global technology enterprise. Shiv Nadar University Chennai endeavors to become a pioneering institution of higher education, setting new global academic benchmarks and revolutionizing the education landscape in the country.

The University campus features state-of-the-art infrastructure for learning, including seminar halls, auditoria, libraries, gymnasium, sports complex and hostels for men and women. The campus is entirely wi-fi enabled with 24/7 internet access.

The University offers a holistic educational environment that is continually evolving to bridge the gap between the classroom and professional demands by a group of world-class faculties who are progressive academicians, leading thinkers, eminent professionals and innovative educators from ranked global universities. The University has commenced its journey towards becoming a globally acclaimed center for learning and innovation in engineering, commerce, and management, and economics will continue to add diverse disciplines to its repertoire.

About Shiv Nadar Foundation

Established in 1994, by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a US\$13.3 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 29 years the Foundation, has directly touched the lives of over 36,000 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 over US\$1.2 billion in its seven landmark institutions and initiatives across education and art. Currently close to 15,000 students and over 2,200 faculty are part of the Foundation along with more than 24,000 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 in 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.

