

DR. KARAN SINGH DELIVERS INAUGURAL ADDRESS AT NIIT UNIVERSITY, NEEMRANA

Inaugurates the Mobius Ring, Symbolizing Eternal Quest for Knowledge

Neemrana, November 15, 2009: The not-for-profit NIIT University held its inaugural lecture by Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon'ble Member of Parliament. Dr Karan Singh also inaugurated the Mobius Ring at the campus earlier in the day. Rajendra S Pawar, Founder NIIT University and Chairman NIIT Limited, Dr Rajeev Shorey, President, NIIT University and other eminent guests were present on the occasion.

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In his inaugural address at NIIT University, Dr Karan Singh explained the meaning of the motto of NIIT University, Anadi-Anant, which implies that the Universe is eternal – without beginning and without end, thereby symbolizing Seamlessness. The Mobius Ring that the NIIT University has chosen as its emblem also represents the inter-connectedness of all knowledge.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon'ble Member of Parliament said, “The concept that knowledge should be looked upon from a holistic rather than a sectional point of view is steadily gaining acceptance around the world. The rigid demarcation into departments and disciplines is giving way to inter-disciplinary approaches whereby students can not only take advantage of the latest technology, but also ground themselves in our rich, pluralistic, multi-faceted spiritual and intellectual heritage. Offering seamless, industry-Linked, research-driven, technology-based education, thus embodies the core principles of NIIT University.”

“This green-field university being built by the creative team led by Rajendra S Pawar and his colleagues with the Aravali Hills in the background represents a new and innovative approach to knowledge in this 21st century. It is my hope and vision that one day this will become a unique centre of holistic learning, not only for India but for the whole world,” added Dr Karan Singh.

Set up with the vision of being the leading centre of innovation and learning in emerging areas of the Knowledge Society, NIIT University is dedicated towards building great careers and ensuring exceptional job opportunities to all its students. **The University has been developed as an institute of excellence based on the four core principles of providing industry-linked, technology-based, research-driven, seamless education.**

Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University and Chairman, NIIT Limited said, “This is indeed a very proud moment for all of us at the NIIT University. An eminent philosopher and a global thought leader of our time, Dr Karan Singh’s guidance is playing a key role in shaping NIIT University as an institution of excellence.”

“The vision and the core principles of the University will be carried forward by Dr Rajeev Shorey, President, NIIT University and his able colleagues. A PhD holder and a Gold Medalist from The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Dr Shorey embodies all the four core principles of NIIT University. He has been involved in research projects with leading global organizations in India and has over 50 research papers and 10 US patents to his credit, besides having served as an adjunct faculty at IIT, Delhi and as faculty at the National University of Singapore. His penchant for research, close industry linkage, exposure to cutting-edge technology and passion for seamless knowledge, makes him the ideal choice to steer ahead NIIT University and establish it as a centre for excellence.”

About NIIT University

The not-for-profit NIIT University has received recognition vide Government of Rajasthan Ordinance No. 4 of 2009 dated 14th October 2009.

Nestled in the foothills of Aravali, in Neemrana, Rajasthan, the picturesque 100 acres fully-residential green campus of NIIT University is equipped with state-of-the-art technology enabled teaching methodology backed by a strong research focused curriculum for facilitating a continuous process of learning and development.

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The NIIT University offers **BTech Programs** in Computer Science & Engineering, Information & Communication Technology and Biotechnology; **MTech Programs** in Computer Science & Engineering, Information & Communication Technology, Bioinformatics and Educational Technology. **PhD programs** in Computer Science & Engineering, Information & Communication Technology, Educational Technology and Bioinformatics & Biotechnology are available to students. The University also plans to offer **MBA Programs** in Marketing, Finance, Information Systems and Human Resources Management shortly.

These program offerings are positioned in areas of key strength for NIIT University. In the years to come, many new courses and academic areas will be established with an aim to help students build great careers across a wide range of emerging areas spanning the breadth of the Knowledge Society.

Vibrant social and recreational activities form the heart of Campus Life at NIIT University. A host of activities are interspersed along the shaded walking spine, including volleyball, golf/putting, basketball, gym and tennis. Furnished student hostels ensure comfortable temperatures year round with an energy-

efficient geothermal comfort cooling system which leaves minimal carbon footprint. Each room is positioned to offer a direct window view of the nearby Aravali Hills. The fully-residential NIIT University campus offers the clean air and safety of a small town, while being located remarkably close to major metros.

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