



Press Release

NIIT UNIVERSITY COMPLETES ONE YEAR OF INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

- ***100-acre Green Campus at Neemrana takes off as a 'New Model in Higher Education'***
- ***Leading academicians and thought leaders converge at the NU campus for the Second Annual Lecture by Dr Karan Singh***

Neemrana, November 13, 2010: Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the not-for-profit NIIT University, today hosted the **Second Annual Lecture** by **Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon'ble Member of Parliament** at the NIIT University campus at Neemrana. **Dr Gurcharan Das, Acclaimed Author, Playwright and Former CEO, Procter & Gamble India** addressed the audience on ***The Importance of Being Humane***. Mr 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.

Since its inception in 2009, NIIT University is dedicated towards delivering education that would help build multifaceted careers in the growing areas of the knowledge society. Developed as an institute of excellence, NIIT University provides exceptional education based on four Core Principles that make learning industry-linked, technology-based, research-driven and seamless.

Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Hon'ble Member of Parliament congratulated Mr. Pawar and his team on successful completion of one year in their journey towards excellence in education. Dr. Singh stressed upon the holistic approach to knowledge and said that modern education system should be inter-disciplinary in approach whereby students will not only be exposed to the latest technology, but also get a glimpse of our rich, pluralistic, multi-faceted spiritual and intellectual heritage. He hailed NIIT University for adopting and implementing seamless, industry-linked, research-driven, technology-based education as its core principles. Dr Singh went on to add that *"NU gives a glimpse of what future educational institutions can be"*.

While talking to the audience **Dr Gurcharan Das, acclaimed Author, Playwright and former CEO of Procter & Gamble India** stressed on the role of education in shaping individual personalities. In a speech that has references from his latest book *The Difficulty of Being Good*, Dr Das said that true progress can be achieved only when we successfully marry our age-old moral and ethical structures with the modern



education system. Indian society today is plagued by corruption, moral and ethical failures at all levels. The need of the hour is to nurture individuals who can become responsible leaders in our modern society.

Mr Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University and Chairman, NIIT Limited said, *“In years to come India will be known for its innovation and research, hence the need of the hour is to look at the future requirements of the knowledge society and establish a new model of higher education. In this century of the mind, the country will gain pre-eminence owing to holistic and seamless education which is relevant to the society. NIIT University is a step in that direction. I am proud of the fact that in the short span of one year we have laid the foundation of an institute that we hope will nurture thought leaders of the future.”*

Dr. Rajeev Shorey, President, NIIT University and leading researcher & academician, said, *“It’s an honour to be associated with NIIT University during its formative years. It is heartening to see NU gain acceptance as a New Model of Higher Education, in such a short period. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Singh and Mr. Pawar for their vision and guidance. I am grateful to the industry leaders for their whole-hearted support. My heartfelt thanks to the eminent faculty, the students and all those involved in establishing NIIT University as an institute of excellence.”*

Nestled in the foothills of the Aravali in Neemrana, Rajasthan, the picturesque 100-acre fully residential green campus of NIIT University is equipped with state-of-the-art technology-enabled methodology that's backed by a strong research-focused curriculum for facilitating a continuous process of learning and development. The University offers BTech Programs in Computer Science and Engineering, Information and Communication Technology, Biotechnology and Electronic and Communication Engineering; MTech Programs in Bioinformatics, Educational Technology, Embedded Systems and Pervasive Systems; and PhD programs in all the above disciplines.

The University also offers an MBA Program based on the core principle of Industry-linkage, to help provide career-focused education to all its students. NU MBA is a comprehensive management program aligned to the needs of the industry, wherein every MBA student is guided and mentored by an eminent CEO and coached by an industry professional.

Over the last one year, several eminent personalities from Academia and the Industry across the world have visited NU and shared their knowledge and practical experiences with students through lectures organized at the campus. While Dr. K. K. Ramakrishnan, Fellow AT&T Research, USA; Dr. Shivakumar Kalyanaraman, IBM Research, India; Dr. G Venkatesh, CTO, SASKEN Technologies, India and Dr. P. Anandan, Director, Microsoft Research, India showcased the **research-driven & industry-linked** postulates of NU, the views of other eminent speakers like- Dr. P. S. Goel, President, Indian National Academy of Engineering; Prof. P. V. Indiresan, Former Director, IIT Madras; Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice-



Chancellor, Delhi University; Prof. A. H. Kalro, Former Director, IIM-Kozhikode; Prof. Sakti Srivastava, Stanford University, USA and Prof. Sajal Das, University of Texas at Arlington, USA, Jean-Pierre Lehmann, IMD, Switzerland; Sue Robson, Newcastle University, UK helped broaden the horizon of vision of the students.

In 2010, the University also hosted the British High Commissioner Sir Richard Stagg and the Mongolian Ambassador, H. E. Voroshilov Enkhbold along with several delegations from China, UK and Africa.

NIIT University, the Green Campus at Neemrana

Continuing its endeavor to create a sustainable campus, NIIT University has undertaken various initiatives to facilitate ecological resurrection and contain ecological degradation of its surrounding areas. NIIT University marks a unique initiative where a campus is established on a comprehensive long-term masterplan keeping environmental considerations at the centre.

Greening of the Hill - NU students have launched a drive called 'Shram-Daan' in an effort to convert the neighbouring barren 'Kali Pahari' to a fertile 'Hari-Pahari'. About ten-thousand trees of various varieties have been planted in the neighboring hills during the monsoons this year. **Drip-Irrigation** - NU has adopted about three hectares of nearby land for tree-planting. Almost 3,000 trees have been planted so far USING drip-irrigation. The district forest authorities have also appreciated this initiative. **Minimizing carbon footprint through Earth Air-Tunnels** - The NIIT University earth air-tunnels act as enormous self-regulating heat sinks for the campus, with little electricity required to cool or heat the air. The earth air-tunnel installation harnesses wind chimney for a natural ventilation effect. **Preserving natural resources with water-recycling** - NIIT University campus is being designed with rainwater harvesting facilities and water recycling system. The latter WILL BE 97% efficient, ensuring the maximum reuse of this precious natural resource for the benefit of all. **Containing illegal mining of rocks** - Blasting in surrounding ranges of Aravalis and illegal mining of rocks, earlier a rampant practice, has now been successfully curbed through a positive collaboration with local people. **Controlling Soil-Erosion** - NU highlighted the problem of washing away of fertile top-soil during monsoons by putting forth videos and pictures of soil erosion to mobilize public opinion. With the support of District authorities NU got over a dozen of large earthen dams created to contain the monsoon waters. **Nursery of local plant varieties** - NU started its own nursery in May 2010 with a wide variety of trees. The nursery is also home to the 'Jal Pilu' tree, a native plant which has now become extremely rare in the region. NU plans to plant more than one thousand Jal trees by the end of this year. **Minimizing fossil fuel consumption through 'Pedestrian Only Campus'** - The campus is comfortably explored on foot via the 'pedestrian promenade' that seamlessly unifies the campus and provides a daily meeting place for students, faculty and staff.



About NIIT University

*Set up with the vision of being the leading center of innovation and learning in emerging areas of the Knowledge Society, the not-for-profit NIIT University is dedicated to building great careers and ensuring exceptional job opportunities to all its students. It has been developed as an institute of excellence to provide exceptional education based on the **four core principles that make learning industry-linked, technology-based, research-driven and seamless.***

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Vibrant social and recreational activities form the heart of Campus Life at NIIT University, with a host of student activities interspersed along the central walking spine. The Campus provides students a wide array of sports activities like volleyball, basketball, tennis, a golf/putting range and gymnastics. Furnished student hostels make life comfortable for students. Temperatures are maintained at the Campus all year around using an energy-efficient, geothermal cooling system, with a minimal carbon footprint.

The NIIT University, has received recognition vide the Government of Rajasthan Ordinance No. 4, of 2009, dated 14th October 2009 and subsequently enacted by the Government of Rajasthan vide Act No. 5 of 2010, dated April 3, 2010.

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