



## Press Release

### **NIIT University creates careers for emerging knowledge economy through extensive industry linkages and a research oriented approach**

- *Awards degree certificates to 236 students at NU's 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation*
- *Commences successful placement season with students getting placed in leading organizations across India*

**Neemrana, November 3, 2014:** 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 (NU) today hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony at its Neemrana campus. Mr. K Ramkumar, Executive Director ICICI Bank was the chief guest on this occasion. Also present were Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman, NIIT & Founder, NIIT University; Mr. Vijay Thadani, CEO, NIIT & Co-founder, NIIT University; and Dr. Rajendra Pandey, President, NIIT University.

On this occasion, 236 students were awarded degree certificates for successful completion of various programs at NU by Mr. K Ramkumar, Executive Director, ICICI Bank. Seven students received gold medals for exemplary performances in their respective fields. The University commenced a successful placement season with students getting placed in leading corporates across India like Pricewaterhouse Coopers, KPMG, Amazon, IBM, SAP Labs, MakemyTrip, Ibibo Group, PayU India, SMU Singapore, Cognizant, Fortis, Innovaccer, ICICI Bank etc.

Speaking at the convocation, **Mr. K Ramkumar, Executive Director, ICICI Bank** said, *"I heartily congratulate all the students and wish them success in the years to come. I am confident that industry aligned and research focused training that they have received at NIIT University will help them carve winning careers."*

*"I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Pawar and his team for creating an institution of excellence that imparts industry focused holistic education and fosters innovation, critical thinking and research culture. ICICI Bank is happy to be associated with NIIT University and we will continue to extend our support for this pioneering endeavor."*

Over the years, NU has focused on building extensive linkages with the industry through active collaboration with leading organizations like: ICICI Bank, Microsoft Research, IBM Research, Ruckus



Wireless (India and USA), Alcatel-Lucent, Bell-Labs Research, SASKEN Communication Technologies and Research in Motion. It has also added Industry-linked courses like the **MTech (GIS) in collaboration with ESRI** and the **MBA (Finance & Banking) in partnership with ICICI Bank**.

**Mr. Rajendra S Pawar, Chairman, NIIT & Founder, NIIT University** said, *“Our vision of developing superior talent through partnerships with industry and society is turning into a reality.”*

Out of 236 students passing out of NU this year 173 completed MBA, 36 completed M Tech, while 27 students successfully completed B Tech Program at the University. All the students have ample industry exposure through Industry Practice and Internship programs that are intrinsic part on NU’s curriculum.

The industry-linked M-Tech GIS (Geographic Information System) program, offered in collaboration with Esri Inc., the world leader in GIS, has been designed to enable students to pursue the degree alongside their work. The program is delivered through both On-campus projects- which allows one to gain valuable hands-on experience in NU’s labs, and through Virtual Classrooms- which uses fully-equipped web conferencing studio to deliver video lectures and one-to-one student mentoring. All students undergo a paid internship in leading geospatial companies in India. After completion of the internship, NU offers placement assistance to M-Tech GIS graduates, in these organizations.

The MBA (Finance & Banking) in collaboration with ICICI Bank combines conceptual rigour with experiential learning through a unique collaboration between the domain expertise of the University, and the functional expertise of the banking industry. The students also undergo an industry-linked internship at ICICI Bank during the course duration. On successful completion of the program the students directly assume middle-management responsibilities in ICICI Bank.

**Dr. Rajendra Pandey, President, NIIT University** said, *“This is a proud moment for all us to witness our students take the first step successfully in the real world. At NIIT University we believe that the process of education is continuous and our aim is to prepare our students for life-long learning. I thank my eminent colleagues who are doing a commendable job in developing our students as the leaders of the future.”*

NIIT University, acknowledged as the Greenest and the most environment-friendly campus in India, is well poised for meeting the emerging needs of the knowledge economy through its focus on building strong industry linkages and a research oriented approach. Since its inception in 2009, NIIT University has made significant progress in research and innovation in curriculum development and design in areas such as Biotechnology, Mobile Healthcare, Cognitive Radio, Educational Technology, and Next Generation Networks, backed by a team of experienced and qualified faculty. Conceptualized as an institution of excellence, NIIT University provides exceptional education based on **four Core Principles that make learning industry-linked, technology-based, research-driven and seamless**.



### **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 excellent 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.***

*The NIIT University offers **BTech Programs** in Computer Science and Engineering, Biotechnology and Electronic and Communication Engineering; **MTech Programs** in Educational Technology, Embedded Solutions and Convergence, Computing and Communications and in Bioinformatics; and PhD programs in all the above disciplines. The University also offers MTech Program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS).*

*Dual degree integrated **MTech Programs** in Computer Science and Engineering, Electronic Communication and Biotechnology are also offered by NU. These contemporary and industry-relevant programmes are customized to prepare skilled professionals and researchers for high-end mobile computing and wireless, communication technology and biotechnology jobs. Highly qualified faculty, state-of-the-art laboratories, associations with research labs and research universities in USA and UK, strong wireless stimulation, performance and modeling concepts are other unique features of these programmes.*

*The University also offers an **MBA Program** (NU- MBA) designed to help aspiring professionals build meaningful connections to the real world of business and become successful leaders of the future. Through the Mentorship Program, each MBA student will be mentored by an eminent CEO and coached by an industry professional. NU- MBA trains future CEOs to deal with the challenges and opportunities thrown up by emerging economies such as China and countries in Africa through its International Immersion program. The University has also launched an industry-linked program in **MBA (Banking & Finance)** in collaboration with ICICI Bank.*

*NIIT University has entered into a partnership with Autodesk to promote '**Design Thinking**' as a course across all disciplines of BTech programs. Further, a design oriented post graduate program will be launched by NU shortly. **The Asian Lens Forum** has been set-up at NIIT University to sensitize young generation and to create a sense of pride in Asian/Indian heritage, culture, history and values amongst youth. The Forum will also act as a launching pad for the faculty and student bodies of NU to undertake research and disseminate knowledge about achievements and role of Asia to the world.*

*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 minimal carbon footprint. For further information please visit [www.niituniversity.in](http://www.niituniversity.in).*

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