

Press Release

NIIT University (NU) highlights ‘The Growing Relevance of Vedanta’ at the 10th Annual Lecture

- Dr Karan Singh talks about the significance of Vedanta to a congregation of Scholars & Prominent Citizens from various walks of life

Neemrana, November 19, 2018: 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) hosted the **10th Annual Lecture** by Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NIIT University and Former Member of Parliament. Dr Singh spoke on **‘The Growing Relevance of Vedanta’ at the annual event held at NU campus, Neemrana** on 17th November 2018.

On the occasion of the 10th Annual Lecture at NU, scholars congregated to deliberate upon the importance of Vedanta for the all-round development of the present generation. In today’s time, young people often find themselves at cross roads owing to the growing complexities of modern life, hence it is important for higher educational institutions to establish the ‘connect’ to help create holistic human beings who can pursue happiness through logical and systematic exposition of eternal truths. Vedanta, a reflection of ideas that emerged from the speculations and philosophies contained in the Upanishads, can guide us through today’s uncertain times.

Congratulating the founders and the team on the successful completion of 9 years of excellence in education, **Dr Karan Singh, Chairperson NU and Former Member of Parliament** talked about the oneness of existence, the divinity of the soul, and the harmony of all religions that is the essence of Vedanta, a philosophy central to true education and learning. Relevance of Vedanta emanate from core of these ideas, which means each one of us has innate capabilities under any given circumstances. Vedanta enables the search and discovery of these capabilities. Dr Singh highlighted the commendable job that NU has done by introducing young minds to seamless and holistic education, encouraging them to think critically, helping them discover their true abilities, and apply that knowledge to everyday lives. He congratulated Mr Pawar and team NU for creating a successful model of higher education that focuses on creating leaders who will apply knowledge critically to build a better tomorrow.

Mr Rajendra S Pawar, Founder, NIIT University and Chairman, NIIT Limited said, *“As a higher education institution with a difference, at NU we believe that at the core of true education lies discovering one’s true potential. Over the last 9 years we have successfully created a new model of holistic higher education that focuses on innovation and critical thinking.”*

NU provides exceptional education based on the Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven and Seamless. NU, 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.

Prof V S Rao, President, NIIT University, said, *“It has been our continuous endeavour at NU to set global standards in higher education and encourage innovation and research centric approach. Over the years we have shaped young minds who can work towards sustainable development of the society at large.”*

Over the years, NU has been building extensive linkages with the industry – it has active collaborations with leading organizations like: Microsoft Research, IBM, WNS and PwC. NU also brings futuristic programmes from NIIT to design a B. Tech CSE program that is aligned to what the IT industry today needs. Students from NU have excelled in global platforms like Hackathons, World Robotics Olympiads etc.

Recently, NU awarded Shri F. C. Kohli its first honorary doctorate during the 8th Convocation Ceremony. Shri F. C. Kohli is the father of Indian software industry and the founder and first CEO of Tata Consultancy Services. Dr. K Kasturirangan, Former Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

More than 500 students were awarded degree certificates for successful completion of various programmes, including B. Tech, M. Tech (Business Analytics) MBA, PG Diploma (Banking & Finance) amongst other during the 8th Convocation Ceremony. The students have been successfully placed in renowned organizations like IBM, Sapient, PwC, Reliance Jio, Zomato, ZS Associates, ESRI India, MapMyIndia, Fortis, National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) and Thales Group etc.

Many unique initiatives carried out by NU have found their recognition by bodies that evaluate educational institutions. Recently, NU was recognised as one of the cleanest campuses in the country at Swachhata Ranking Awards 2018 by MHRD for higher educational institutions, for its environment friendly and sustainable Green Campus at Neemrana. Additionally, NU has won many more awards including- the 'Best Infrastructure of the Year Award' at the Indian Education Congress & Awards 2017; the 'Best Institute for promoting Industry – Academia interface Award' at the 10th ASSOCHAM Higher Education Summit, 2017; the 'Greenest Campus Award' at India Today Aspire Education Summit 2012 amongst others. NU aspires to continue to develop young minds who can lead the industry in the new age technologies.

About NU:

Established in 2009, NIIT University (NU) is a not-for-profit University covered under section 2(f) of UGC Act and notified by the Government of Rajasthan. A premier institution of higher learning and research, NU seeks to create original thinkers who will lead the knowledge society of the future. The University inherits three decades of rich expertise and global know-how of its principal sponsor, the NIIT Group.

Nurtured by some of the foremost thought leaders and corporate-practitioners of the country, the multi-disciplinary University focuses on emerging areas of technology and management. NU is a part of a 100-acre campus at Neemrana, Rajasthan, 90 minutes from Delhi Airport.

Nestled in the Aravali hills, the fully residential green campus offers an idyllic and intellectually vibrant environment for pursuing higher education and research. Set up with the vision to be the role model of learning, research, innovation and sustainability, for the knowledge society, NU 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 its Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven and Seamless.

NU offers the entire spectrum of academic programs. At the undergraduate level, it offers B.Tech (Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication, Biotechnology), 4-year Integrated MBA (Marketing & Marketing Analytics, Family Business & Entrepreneurship, Finance, Banking & Fintech, Business Analytics, Communication & Media Studies and Digital & Social Media Marketing),



4-year Integrated M.Sc (Computer Science), 5-year Integrated M.Tech and M. Tech (Educational Technology and Geographic Information Systems). NU also offers a 5-year dual degree B.Tech & M.S program (In collaboration with University of Missouri, Kansas City) wherein students undertake academic work at NU for 3.5 years and then continue at UMKC for 1.5 years. In addition, NU also offers MBA, Ph.D programs and several Industry Sponsored Programs.

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