

About SNU Chennai

The Shiv Nadar University Chennai is established by an act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to promote, conceptualize and bring about a paradigm shift through the development of outstanding leadership, research, knowledge and ideas for education and allied development sectors. Shiv Nadar University Chennai is part of the Shiv Nadar Foundation that has a legacy of excellence of over 30 years in education with over 40,000 alumni and students and an investment of over Rs 10,000 crore in building world-class institutions.

Nestled in a dreamy and expansive campus, Shiv Nadar University Chennai is the place where hopes and dreams take shape. With programs designed to cultivate talent and nurture young minds to become world-class industry-ready professionals, the university strives to promote innovation, excellence, and social responsibility. The multicultural environment of the campus makes the learning experience enriching, engaging, and enjoyable. Students can interact with peers from different backgrounds, perspectives, and interests, and develop a global outlook and a respect for diversity. The campus also offers a range of facilities and services to cater to the needs and preferences of the students, such as modern classrooms, labs, libraries, sports facilities, clubs, cafeterias, hostels, and more.

The campus is a home away from home for the students, where they can feel safe, comfortable, and supported. The university offers a stimulating learning environment, rich in academic resources, research opportunities, and extracurricular activities. The university also fosters a culture of collaboration, diversity, and inclusion, where students can learn from each other and from the faculty of eminent scholars and practitioners. Shiv Nadar University Chennai is more than just an institution, it is a community of learners, thinkers, and doers who are committed to making a positive impact in the world. Driven by a belief in the need for all-round development, it is exactly the kind of place where one can discover one's true potential, pursue one's passions, and achieve one's goals.

Our Vision

A global University, focused on innovation, research, academic excellence and creativity to develop socially conscious leaders capable of addressing future challenges.

Our Mission

Creation of a centre of excellence in higher education at par with premier educational institutions across the world, and development of programs in niche areas to impact quality education through innovative research so as to produce knowledge leaders of tomorrow.

Message from Leaders

Chennai has been very dear to my heart, and one of the aspects that I appreciate most is the culture of excellence in education. The high density of brilliant minds makes it a logical home for a global institution. The philosophy of "simple living, high thinking" establishes an environment where solid academic rigour and boundless curiosity go hand in hand. Shiv Nadar University Chennai will draw strength from and strengthen this culture, and spread its light across the world.

Mr. Shiv Nadar, Padma Bhushan, 2008

Founder – HCL

Chairman Emeritus & Strategic Advisor to the Board – HCL Tech

Founder & Chairman – Shiv Nadar Foundation

Shiv Nadar University Chennai is our aspiration to deliver world-class academic opportunities to all sections of the society, including the most underprivileged. It aims to become a globally renowned institution of excellence, committed to nurturing future leaders of India. This university has been set up to meet the global standards of higher education, while addressing the demands of an ever-evolving world.

Shiv Nadar is the Founder of HCL Group and the Shiv Nadar Foundation. He is also the Chairman Emeritus & Strategic Advisor to the Board of HCL Tech, a \$13.4 billion global organization with 219,000 professionals operating from 60 countries.

Nadar is credited with being one of the pioneers of the computing and IT industry in India. Under his guidance, HCL has continued to ride the waves of the changing IT landscape for over 45 years and has remained at the forefront of every technological revolution since 1976. While HCL started as a hardware organization, manufacturing the country's first indigenous computers and introducing them to the Indian consumer, it eventually evolved into a more comprehensive software services organization. HCL is one of the few global IT companies founded in the 1970s that remains in existence to date.

Throughout his career, Nadar always acknowledged that successful institution-building depends on forging result-oriented partnerships and creating new knowledge. He steered HCL to create several valuable joint ventures and alliances that aided the organization's emergence as a global technology enterprise. His pioneering spirit and belief in engineering and research shaped the course of the organization and is the reason that today HCLTech boasts one of the largest IT Engineering and R&D divisions in the world.

Nadar started his career as part of the elite DCM management trainee system. It was at DCM that he met the people with whom he later started HCL in a Delhi Barsati "akin to a garage startup" with a compelling vision that the microprocessor would change the world.

Nadar credits his success to the education and scholarships that he received during his early years. He has always maintained that access to quality education is the most potent tool of transformation and therefore, in 1994, he established the philanthropic – Shiv Nadar Foundation. The Foundation draws heavily on Nadar's experience of building a world-class organization like HCL. It endeavors to create institutions of transformational education that will continue to influence and nurture the country's youth for decades to come. To this effect, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has established six institutions covering the entire spectrum of education, which aim to address the issue of quality in education, create lasting partnerships, and have a strong research orientation.

As of June 2024, Nadar has invested US\$1.5 billion through the Foundation, impacting over 39,000 students and alumni directly. However, the Foundation's ultimate aim is to nurture the next generation of leaders in the ideologies of symbiotic growth so that each of them may in turn aspire to affect a small change, creating a large multiplier effect. The impact of the Shiv Nadar Foundation institutions is today reflected in the aspirations of meritorious students who started their journeys from humble, geographically, remote backgrounds but are today pursuing their dreams in India as well as other countries.

In recognition of his pioneering role in business and philanthropy in India and across the globe, Nadar has received several honors and accolades, notable being the Padma Bhushan from the President of India in 2008.

Nadar is married to Kiran, an Asian Games medalist and internationally renowned bridge player. She is also one of the largest Indian Art collectors in the world and was honored with the prestigious Padma Shri in the Art category, which stands as one of the highest accolades for Indian civilians dedicated to making a positive impact in their respective fields.

Mrs. Roshni Nadar Malhotra

Chairperson, HCLTech
Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation
Founder & Trustee, The Habitats Trust

Leadership & Advisory Board

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 - Founding Director, Robotics Institute
 - Winner, ACM Turing Award

University Leadership

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