

A pink lotus flower is in full bloom, positioned slightly to the right of the center. It has many layers of petals, with the outer ones being a deeper pink and the inner ones lighter. The background is a dense field of lotus leaves, all of which are tinted with a vibrant blue color. The leaves are of various sizes and are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is serene and elegant.

I believe education is the single
most powerful tool for individual
and social change.

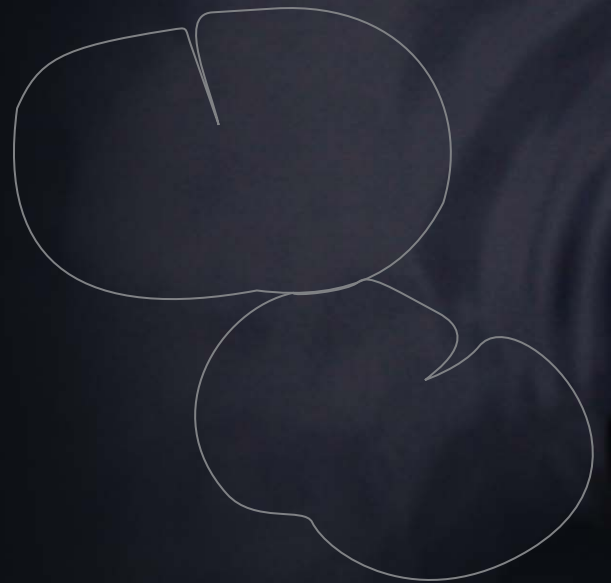
~Shiv Nadar


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As a lotus flower is born in water,
grows in water and rises out of water
to stand above it unsoiled,
so I, born in the world, raised in the world
having overcome the world,
live unsoiled by the world.



Buddha





A lotus grows in muddy waters, but because of its inherent aspiration for perfection, it blooms into a beautiful flower despite its murky surroundings. Similarly there are many aspiring minds that are born in less fortunate surroundings, but fail to flower into their full potential because of the lack of a nurturing environment.

Shiv Nadar Foundation came into being to nurture these early blooms of promise into full blossoms of beauty, through meaningful education and mentorship. We humbly seek the support of benefactors like you to make this world a veritable lotus garden.

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URBAN INDIA

72% of GDP

RURAL INDIA

70% of total population



Vision

Leadership for change.
Through transformational education.

Mission

Creating equitable opportunities for leadership, through focused philanthropy in research-led education, creativity and art.

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Dreams are not what you get while sleeping. Dreams are those that don't let you sleep. Since its inception, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has created a ray of hope for many children and is helping in making their dreams come true. Established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL, the foundation believes that creation of a more equitable society is possible only when you give deserving individuals an opportunity to benefit from world-class education. Keeping this in mind, the foundation has established many educational landmarks, including the 15 year old SSN Group of Institutions, Chennai, and the Vidyagyan School for rural underprivileged students. Many more initiatives have also been launched to fulfill its dynamic vision of creating leadership through and for change.

K-12 EDUCATION



Nurtures talented and underprivileged children from rural areas.

SHIV NADAR SCHOOL

A K-12 education initiative to educate students and nurture future leaders.

HIGHER EDUCATION



Ranked amongst India's top 10 private engineering colleges.

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

A 300 acre multi-disciplinary research-led university.



ART

Dedicated towards giving modern art the status and recognition it deserves.

What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge,
and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.

George Bernard Shaw







To build future leaders from rural India through high quality school education as a tool to bridge the rural-urban divide.

In 2009, the Shiv Nadar Foundation inaugurated its first VidyaGyan School in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. In 2011, the second school opened in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, and the third is planned for 2012.

VidyaGyan is a radical concept that aims to change lives. By selecting, inducting and transforming meritorious rural children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, VidyaGyan not only provides them with free education of international standards but also helps them transform into the leaders of tomorrow. The mentoring and nurturance given in these schools, give these students the strength and confidence that one would need, to take charge of their own and others' lives in the times to come.

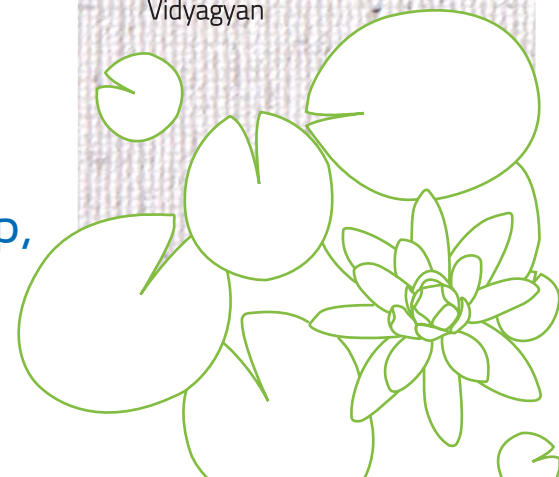


**Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds you plant.**

Robert Louis Stevenson

“ I come from a far-flung village. When I first came to Vidyagyan I knew very little about the subjects here as there was no guidance in my village. I was quite weak in Mathematics and English but after joining Vidyagyan I've improved a lot. I'm so happy that I scored 96 in Mathematics in my final exam. I feel great that I can speak English comfortably and don't shy away from it anymore. I've learnt many new things but what I like the most is the environment here. It is very different from my village. I feel very secure and happy here. ”

Priyanka (VII-A)
Vidyagyan





SHIV NADAR SCHOOL

To deliver educational excellence in concurrence with 21st century needs, producing lifelong learners who will be well adjusted and become the contributing citizens of our society.

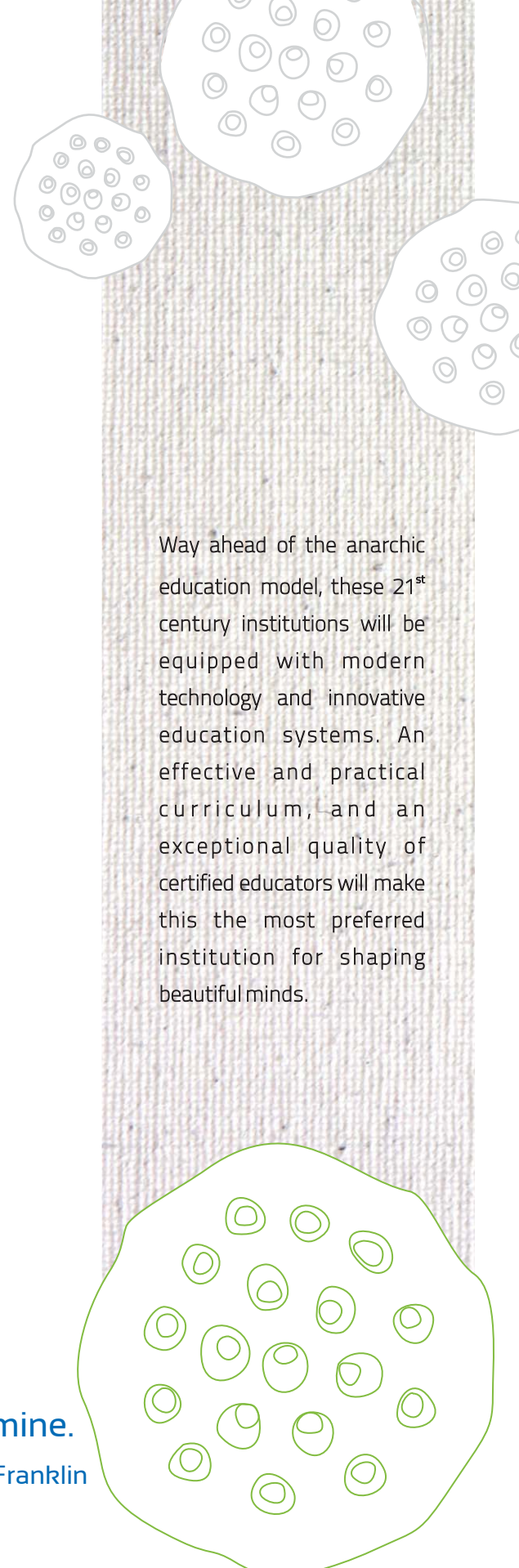
The 'Kindergarten-12' school with a difference is envisioned as an alma mater of future leaders. The Shiv Nadar School will nurture students through leadership development in a value driven culture. The first two schools will soon be launched in Noida and Gurgaon and will offer education through use of modern technology, innovative pedagogy and holistic systems in tune with the needs of tomorrow.



Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

Benjamin Franklin

Way ahead of the anarchic education model, these 21st century institutions will be equipped with modern technology and innovative education systems. An effective and practical curriculum, and an exceptional quality of certified educators will make this the most preferred institution for shaping beautiful minds.







To be an enduring knowledge institution enabling world-class scientific research and education for public good.

Set up in 1996, SSN Institutions came into being with the aim to encourage merit and provide access to global education for students across all sections of society. Today, the institutions offer one of the biggest merit-cum-means scholarship programs in India. The 250 acre state-of-the-art campus in Chennai, Tamil Nadu comprises the SSN College of Engineering, one of India's Top 10 private engineering colleges. The campus also houses the SSN School of Management and Computer Applications, the SSN School of Advanced Software Engineering and the SSN Research Centre. SSN's global partners include the Carnegie Mellon University, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan and the Aichi Institute of Technology, Japan.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



“My father is physically challenged and owns a telephone booth at the Chennai railway station. It was tough for us to make ends meet with his modest income, and pursuing higher studies and making a successful career as an engineer seemed a distant dream. It was a turning point in my life when the SSN management awarded me 100% scholarship at the SSN School of Advanced Software Engineering. And today, I'm working for Oracle, USA. Indeed, dreams do come true.”

Pradeep Kumar S.





SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

To create an enduring, research-led, inter-disciplinary university at par with premiere education institutions worldwide.

Building on the experience from successfully running the SSN Institutions, the foundation established Shiv Nadar University on a 286 acre campus in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The university gives students the flexibility to choose courses from inter-disciplinary programs across Engineering, Management, Social Sciences, Liberal Arts and Communication, and Performing Arts. Irrespective of what they choose, students are exposed to a vibrant campus life with strong emphasis on sports, social service and industry relevant projects.



"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

Albert Einstein

Research-led inter-disciplinary education, global educational standard and world-class learning environment is our vision to redefine higher education. Our emphasis is aimed at our core values creating honest, focused, committed, passionate, compassionate and open-minded citizens of the world.







To instill a deep appreciation and enjoyment of art, by making it visible and accessible to the global public in a state-of-the-art museum.

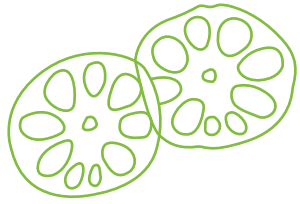
On January 23, 2010, the Shiv Nadar Foundation launched the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, India's first philanthropic private museum in a 15,000 sq. ft. space in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Sharing artworks passionately collected by Kiran Nadar, the mission is to function as a site of confluence rather than mere collection. A non-commercial, non-profit organisation, KNMA is a space for exhibiting modern and contemporary art from India and the subcontinent. It houses an extraordinary array of artworks that highlight the visual trajectories of Indian art of the post-independent decades, covering a wide spectrum of styles and expressions under one roof for simultaneous engagement. Besides organising art exhibitions, the museum focuses on several cultural and educational programs addressed to diverse kinds of audiences.



Having personally felt the power of good art, I wanted to share it not just for the sake of art itself, but for its positive impact on individuals, communities and society.

Kiran Nadar





Education, inclusive development and transformation will create an enabling environment for the underprivileged and drive India's sustainable growth and success.

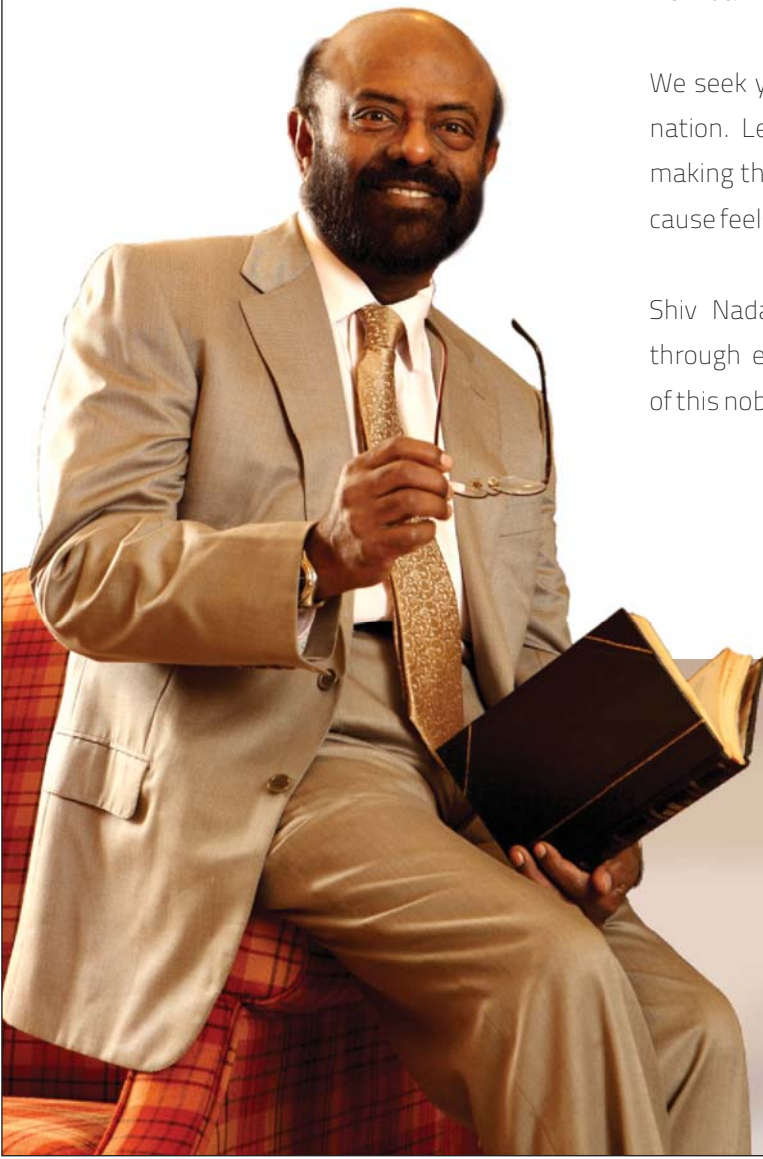
Shiv Nadar

Philanthropy is deep-rooted in Indian culture. And a value based education system is what our history has always endorsed. It's time we blend these two great notions to produce a nation of high intellectual prowess.

It's not about the education that enables. It's about the education that liberates. Let's attain liberation from darkness, from ignorance and most importantly, liberation from inequality.

We seek your generous contribution not merely to educate children but to fuel the growth of this nation. Let's embark upon a journey of enlightenment. Let's elect the leaders of tomorrow by making the right choice today. Let's teach the young minds, and learn how great giving for the right cause feels.

Shiv Nadar Foundation is, and always will be dedicated to the cause of transforming lives through education. And we would be pleased if you also participate with us for the fulfillment of this noble cause.



A society grows great when old men plant trees
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

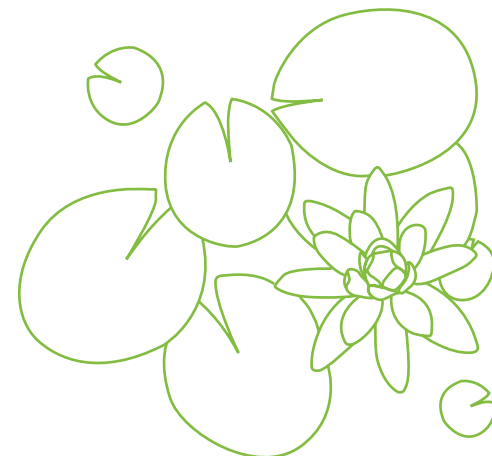
Greek Proverb

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PARTNER AND
TRANSFORM

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