

## Press Release

### IIT Kharagpur confers Honorary Doctorate on Shiv Nadar for his contribution to Indian IT



**Shiv Nadar** (right) receiving the DSc Honoris Causa from Minister **Kapil Sibal**, as **B Muthuraman**, President, IIT Kharagpur and former Managing Director, Tata Steel; and Professor **Damodar Acharya**, Director, IIT Kharagpur look on.

Kharagpur, 17 July 2010: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, one of India's most prestigious and globally acclaimed technology institutes, awarded the Honoris Causa Doctorate of Science (D. Sc.) to Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL and Chairman, HCL Technologies and Shiv Nadar Foundation - for his outstanding contribution to computer hardware and software domain in the country.

The award was presented to Shiv Nadar on the 56<sup>th</sup> annual convocation ceremony of IIT Kharagpur by the Hon'ble Union Minister of HRD, Shri Kapil Sibal, amidst distinguished science and technology luminaries. With this award, Shiv now joins the league of luminary recipients including Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Mother Teresa, Ratan Tata and Satyajit Ray, who have been conferred this award earlier.

The Honoris Causa Doctorate by IIT is meant to acknowledge and felicitate distinguished personalities in the country who have made commendable contributions in the field of science, engineering, entrepreneurship and academics. Shiv Nadar's name was selected by the Senate, the Board of Governors and the President of India, the Visitor of IIT Kharagpur due to his commendable contribution as Engineer Entrepreneur.

Shiv Nadar said, "The IITs are responsible for positioning Indian engineering and technology prowess across the globe. Receiving the Doctorate of Science from the IIT Kharagpur therefore is a true honour. IIT Kharagpur is also the first buyer of any HCL product ever. My fellow founder Arjun Malhotra (Chairman, Headstrong) is also an IIT Kharagpur graduate and installed IIT Kharagpur's first HCL computers as well. It just makes coming back to Kharagpur special in a more personal sort of a way".

The IIT Kharagpur Doctorate of Science incidentally follows an earlier November 2007 Honorary Doctorate Degree in Science from the University of Madras, also for Shiv's contribution to not just the IT industry in India, but also for his "transformation of technological culture globally". Shiv now increasingly spends his time on the philanthropic initiatives of the not for profit Shiv Nadar Foundation, and to map its vision for social transformation through education - to India's higher education needs.

#### **About HCL**

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