



HCL Signs MoU with Government of Andhra Pradesh to Open IT and Training Centre in Vijayawada

Noida, Vijayawada, March 30, 2017: Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman, HCL & Shiv Nadar Foundation, today signed an MoU to open a state-of-the-art Global IT Development and Training Centre at Vijayawada. The ceremony was attended by senior Government officials and the leadership team of HCL.

HCL aims to hire, employ and train 5000 local residents in the region with a plan to leverage a gender equal work force. The selected candidates will undergo a rigorous training program by industry experts on skills required for working for global customers of HCL. The centre will also work on developing innovative high-end technologies for global clients. The centre is a part of the State Government's ambitious plan to promote holistic growth and boost IT investment within the state.

Gracing this occasion, **Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh** said, *"The Andhra Pradesh Government is committed to economic development and providing more opportunities to the young workforce of the State. The HCL IT and Training Centre will offer a great platform to local talent in cities like Vijayawada by providing them growth opportunities and ultimately helping contribute to our vision of becoming the best state in the country by 2029. I would like to congratulate HCL on being a part of this important journey and investing in the upskilling and employment of the local youth"*

Commenting on the occasion, **Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman - HCL & Shiv Nadar Foundation** said, *"HCL has always been at the forefront of bringing new opportunities to the Indian populace. This is an innovative initiative to reach out to the local talent, refine their skills and make them future ready for IT careers. By leveraging the skilled talent pool available in the city through the HCL Global Centre we can help put Vijayawada on the global IT map. I thank the Government of Andhra Pradesh for their continued support in realizing our goals."*

The creation of Global Centre at Vijayawada is in line with HCL's strategic vision to expand and create opportunities in non-metro cities. HCL has successfully launched similar initiatives in Lucknow and Madurai in the past and their success has further strengthened this strategic initiative, which is now expanding to Vijayawada.

HCL's foray into these cities is driven by the availability of quality local talent and scalable infrastructure. At the same time it provides opportunities to local youth in pursuing global careers with the comfort of working from their home cities.

About HCL

Founded in 1976 as one of India's original IT garage start-ups, HCL is a pioneer of modern computing with many firsts to its credit, including the introduction of the 8-bit



microprocessor based computer in 1978 well before its global peers. Today, the HCL Enterprise has a presence across varied sectors that include technology, healthcare and talent management solutions and comprises three companies - HCL Infosystems, HCL Technologies and HCL Healthcare. The enterprise generates annual revenues of over US \$7 billion with more than 115,000 employees from 140 nationalities operating across 32 countries, including over 500 points of presence in India. For further information, visit www.hcl.com

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