

Shri Akhilesh Yadav addresses inaugural batch of HCL 'IT CITY' Lucknow



Creation of 1000 jobs for Lucknow residents in a year

Lucknow, India, 13th April, 2016—Shri Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman – HCL & Shiv Nadar Foundation, today addressed the first batch of trainees at the state-of-the-art **HCL** campus coming up in Lucknow. The large gathering comprised of students, parents, faculty, HCL leadership, senior government ministers, officials and bureaucrats. HCL had earlier this year, announced the commencement of this initiative in Lucknow which will create 1000 local jobs in a year. These jobs will also potentially create indirect jobs of equal magnitude in the city.

HCL Lucknow will be based out of the 'IT City' at Chack Gajaria, Lucknow. Conceptualized as a 'Sustainable' IT City, the area is covered under special economic zone (SEZ) to boost IT investment. The IT City is one of the many ambitious plans of the State Government to develop Lucknow as the IT hub of the region and is expected to create thousands of job opportunities in the state.

Addressing the large audience, **Shri Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh** said, *"The Uttar Pradesh Government is committed to the economic development and providing more opportunities to the young workforce of the State. UP has the advantage of having the largest population, an asset that we want to convert into a highly productive workforce through initiatives such as this one with HCL. I would like to congratulate HCL on investing in the upskilling and employment of the local youth."*

Shiv Nadar, Founder & Chairman - HCL & Shiv Nadar Foundation said, *"All through the years, since inception of its business in Uttar Pradesh, HCL has been committed to furthering growth and progress of the State. Leveraging the skilled talent pool available in the city, we can make HCL Lucknow a*



pride of the IT industry, putting it on the global information technology map. I thank the government of Uttar Pradesh for their continued support in making this dream a reality."

The creation of HCL Lucknow is in line with HCL's strategic vision to expand and create opportunities in Uttar Pradesh. The initiative is driven by the availability of quality local talent and scalable infrastructure. HCL Lucknow aims to have a gender equal workforce, with at least 50% of the local hires being women. It will provide local residents an opportunity to pursue global careers in IT right from their own city.

Notes to the Editor

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 four companies - HCL Infosystems, HCL Technologies, HCL Healthcare and HCL Talent Care. The enterprise generates annual revenues of over US\$ 7 billion with more than 110,000 employees from 100 nationalities operating across 31 countries, including over 500 points of presence in India. For further information, visit www.hcl.com

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