## **Press Release**

## NIIT University (NU) hosts Educatomic- a webinar on 'Education - when the future is now: Realities from across the world"

Invites eminent speakers like Prof. Sugata Mitra, Mr.Yaacov Hecht, Mr. Javier Bronchalo Perada, and Prof. Mabel Quiroga.

**New Delhi**, **3**<sup>rd</sup> **December**, **2020**: Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the not-for-profit NIIT University (NU) conducted a webinar on '*Education - when the future is now: Realities from across the world*'. Eminent speakers like **Prof. Sugata Mitra**, Million Dollar TED award winner, accompanied by speakers **Mr. Yaacov Hecht**, Founder & Chairman Democratic Cities, **Mr. Javier Bronchalo Perada**, Chief Global Estrategist and **Prof. Mabel Quiroga**, Director and Founder of Self organized learning environments(SOLE), joined the discussion.

The Educatomic webinar is all about challenging the boundaries of education and finding 21stcentury solutions. Replacing traditional teaching-learning methodology with immersive technopedagogical approaches. It is a series of interactive webinars hosted by world leaders and educationists.

During the webinar, Prof. Sugata Mitra shed light on the current scenario of the education system and how it has been a breakthrough amongst educators across the Globe.

The education system has witnessed a wave of change that the pandemic forced us into. COVID-19 pandemic is expected to cause a fundamental change in the ways higher education institutions will operate in the foreseeable future. As social – distancing and self - quarantine will become a new reality for a long time, affecting the sudden shift in our educational institutions.

The speakers talked about the opportunities that an adverse situation like the current pandemic can bring forth; the increased collaboration among teachers, schools, students and parents to identify best practices that the new education system is witnessing. They also spoke about adapting to improved learning through peer support, self-directed learning and need for participation in community-based learnings.

The Webinar streamed live on NIIT University's YouTube, Facebook and Twitter handles.

**Prof. Sugata Mitra,** spoke about the need for rethinking about assessment and examination systems. He stressed that assessment and examinations drives the way education systems work.

Conceptualized as an institution of excellence, NU provides exceptional education based on the Four Core Principles that make learning **Industry-linked**, **Technology-based**, **Research-driven and Seamless**. NU is well poised for meeting the emerging needs of the knowledge economy through its focus on building strong industry linkages and a research-oriented approach

## About NU:

Established in 2009, NIIT University (NU) is a not-for-profit University covered under section 2(f) of UGC Act and notified by the Government of Rajasthan. A premier institution of higher learning and research, NU seeks to create original thinkers who will lead the knowledge society of the future. The University inherits four decades of rich expertise and global know-how of its principal sponsor, the NIIT Group.

Nurtured by some of the foremost thought leaders and corporate-practitioners of the country, the multidisciplinary University focuses on emerging areas of technology and management. NU is a part of a 100-acre campus at Neemrana, Rajasthan, 90 minutes from Delhi Airport.

Nestled in the Aravalli hills, the fully residential green campus offers an idyllic and intellectually vibrant environment for pursuing higher education and research. Set up with the vision to be the role model of learning, research, innovation and sustainability for the knowledge society, NU is dedicated to building great careers and ensuring excellent job opportunities for all its students. It has been developed as an institute of excellence to provide exceptional education based on its Four Core Principles that make learning Industry-linked, Technology-based, Research-driven and Seamless.

NU offers the entire spectrum of academic programs. At the undergraduate level, it offers BTech (Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication, Biotechnology), 4-year Integrated MBA (Marketing & Marketing Analytics, Entrepreneurship, Finance Banking & FinTech, Business Analytics, Communication & Media studies, Digital & Social Media Marketing), 4-year Integrated MSc (Computer Science), 5-year Integrated MTech and M. Tech (Educational Technology and Geographic Information Systems). In addition, NU also offers MBA, PhD programs and several Industry Sponsored Programs.

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