

## Brief Profile of Mr Harshavardhan Neotia

A Padma Shri recipient, an entrepreneur, a connoisseur of the arts, an enthusiast of Indian heritage — **Harshavardhan Neotia** is the **Chairman of Ambuja Neotia Group**, which operates across the realms of **Real Estate, Hospitality, Healthcare and Education**.

An alumnus of La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, and Harvard Business School, USA, he is a pioneer in India's social housing sector for which he was conferred with **Padma Shri in 1999**. He has also been bestowed with **Banga Bibhushan**, the highest civilian honour from the Government of West Bengal.

He is a recipient of the **YPO Legacy of Honour Award** and has been conferred the **D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)** by **Vidyasagar University**, West Bengal, by **Assam Royal Global University** and **XIM University, Odisha**. Additionally, he has been awarded the 'Honorary Life Fellowship' by the **All India Management Association (AIMA)**. An **active member**, he is also a **Past President** of both **FICCI** and **AIMA**.

He serves as a member of the **Board of Trustees** at the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts**, **Chairperson** of the **National Institute of Technology Mizoram**, and a **Council Member** of the **National Culture Fund**, Government of India. Additionally, he is a **Director** on the **Board of Invest India**, a **member** of the **West Bengal Heritage Commission**, and **Chairman** of the **CII-Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership**.

Mr Neotia has formerly been on the **Board** of **IIM Kolkata**, **IIT Kharagpur**, and a **member** of **The Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University**. He is the **Chairman** of **Ananta Centre, New Delhi**, that is focusing on **Leadership & Education** and **International Relations**. He heads **Jnana Pravaha**, a **Centre for Cultural Studies and Research** in **Varanasi**, as its **Chairman** and is one of the **Trustees** of **Shree Somnath Trust** that manages and maintains the **Somnath Temple** in **Gujarat**.

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