**Harshavardhan Neotia Brief Profile**

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 was conferred the **D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) by the Vidyasagar University**, West Bengal, and ‘**Honorary Life Fellowship’ by AIMA**(All India Management Association). He is an **active Member and Past President of FICCI** and also **Past President of AIMA**.

He has formerly been **on the board of IIM Kolkata, IIT Kharagpur, and a member of The Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University**.  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.