

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 has been conferred the *D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)* by *Vidyasagar University*, West Bengal, as well as by *Assam Royal Global University*. 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*. He also holds the position of *Honorary Consul of Israel* in West Bengal.

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.