*Press Note*

**Priyank Gothwal wins the prestigious** **Inlaks award for ‘Still Photography’**

*- Alumni of Shiv Nadar University, the artist is an emerging talent from Udaipur –*

**December 11, 2017, New Delhi:** Priyank Gothwal, resident of Udaipur and alumni of the Shiv Nadar University has won the prestigious Inlaks Award. The Award is worth ₹ 3 lakh (for a period of one year) and requires the awardee to attend an art residency programme within India for a period of 4 weeks during the course of the year. Founded by Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, the award intends to help young artists in their formative years to develop their creative talent by providing financial assistance in order to enable them to work independently anywhere in India.

Priyank’s expertise is in ‘stills’ (photography), along with all its genres such as archives, reprography and cinema graphs. He is an MFA alumnus of Shiv Nadar University, class of 2017.

**Sumantra Sengupta, Professor and Head, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University** said, “It is our constant endeavor to nurture the artistic expression of our students. What they capture through their camera lenses is an articulation of how they see the world. Priyank has shown a lot of promise and this award is a great recognition of his talent. This award is also encouraging for the whole department at the Shiv Nadar University and inspires us to push the boundaries and reach for more.”

***About Inlaks Foundation:***

*The Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation was created by Mr. Indoo Shivdasani in 1976 and registered as a Charitable Trust in Liechtenstein in the same year. The Foundation was created to incorporate the existing philanthropic work of the founder, and to provide a permanent independent body for the expansion of these activities. The Foundation also operates a Take-Off-Grant Scheme, under which it grants scholarships and awards to gifted young Indians to carry on their work within the country. In addition, the Foundation has established links with premier institutions, like the IITs and FTII and awards scholarships to students in these institutions. The Foundation also awards scholarships in Fine Arts, Music, Theatre, Film Studies and Sports within India. Inlaks Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees. All Indian operations and financial assistance are managed through the Inlaks India Foundation, set up according to the Indian financial regulations concerning charities operating in the country.*

***About Shiv Nadar University***

*Shiv Nadar University is a multi-disciplinary, student-centric research-focused university offering a full range of academic programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level. SNU’s integrated multi-disciplinary undergraduate curriculum provides students a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, natural sciences, technology and engineering studies, arts and communication and management, while enabling them to gain mastery of a subject of their choosing. Taught by world-class faculty, undergraduate education at SNU is designed to develop students with the breadth of vision, knowledge, skills and attitudes required to succeed in the careers of the 21st century. SNU is an institution set up and funded by the Shiv Nadar Foundation.*

***About Shiv Nadar Foundation***

*The Shiv Nadar Foundation (*[*www.ShivNadarFoundation.org*](http://www.ShivNadarFoundation.org)*) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a $7.5 billion leading technology and healthcare enterprise. The Foundation’s mission is to contribute to the process of national development and social transformation by establishing institutions and undertaking new initiatives in the fields of education and culture. The Foundation is committed to the creation of a more equitable, merit based society by empowering individuals to bridge the socio-economic divide through philanthropy based transformational education.*

*The Foundation set up the SSN Institutions (*[*www.SSN.edu.in*](http://www.SSN.edu.in)*) in 1996, comprising the SSN College of Engineering (already a highly ranked private engineering college in India), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The Foundation has also set up VidyaGyan, a residential leadership academy for meritorious rural children, at Bulandshar and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the Foundation runs the Shiv Nadar University (*[*www.snu.edu.in*](http://www.snu.edu.in)*), an international multi-disciplinary university with strong research orientation located in Greater Noida in India’s National Capital Region and the Shiv Nadar School (*[*www.shivnadarschool.edu.in*](http://www.shivnadarschool.edu.in)*), a network of progressive urban schools across India aimed to provide children with education that creates lifelong learners. The Foundation has also set up the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (*[*www.knma.in*](http://www.knma.in)*), India’s largest private philanthropic museum in modern and contemporary art with the vision to take art to the common public.*

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