

## Press Release

### Renowned U.S. Professor Visits REC

This well-kept campus in rural India is very inspiring: Prof. McNamara

**New Delhi, 17/07/2016:**Dr. Patrick McNamara an authority on International Studies and Conflict Resolutions visited Ramrati Education Complex (REC) on July 16, 2016 and interacted with the students and teachers of the institutes. "I was glad to see such a beautiful education campus with state of the art facilities in a remote area of India. I have visited many countries but never seen an institute like this. You all should take advantage of this facility in building up your career", he said in his discussion with the students. Dr McNamara visited the complex along with Mr BK Goswami, Member Board of Governors of VGCF, a Retd IAS and former Chief Advisor to Govt of UP and J&K.

REC is run by Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation (VGCF), a non-profit organization. The complex comprises of Bill Clinton School, Hillary Clinton Nursing School and Ramrati Institute of Technology in a sprawling campus with state of the art facilities. Soon, Hillary Clinton Institute of Paramedical Sciences is to be added in the list.

"It is beyond imagination that VGCF has undertaken this noble initiative to impart quality education in this remote area. They have been focusing on upliftment of unprivileged youth especially girl child living in far-flung places," he stated. He also stated that Bill Clinton School and Hillary Clinton Nursing School is a great example of bridging the gap and between America & India. I am very impressed with infrastructure, Students, Teachers and Principals and President of the Complex. As a friend of Mr. Vinod Gupta in Omaha, Nebraska, I know how proud he is of the many accomplishment achieved here. It is a legacy to his mother and father and honours their memory to see such great things happening.

He also went around various campuses of REC and interacted with faculty and staff members. He thanked and congratulated Mr Vinod Gupta, Founder Member, Mr AshutoshDayal Sharma, Chairman, Board Members of VGCF and Mrs RajkamalSaxena, President, REC for their selfless contribution and hard work.

Dr Patrick McNamara serves as Director of the International Studies at University of Nebraska, Omaha, U.S.A. He teaches in the areas of conflict resolution and negotiation, sustainable development and civic leadership. He has expertise is in facilitating multi-party stakeholder processes with a growing focus on the intersection between public policy and natural resources management. He serves as Executive Vice Chairman of the Borad for Initiatives of Change - USA, part of an international interfaith nongovernmental network which is 'building trust across the world's divides."

#### ----- **About Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation**

Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation, in short VGCF, is an amalgam of devoted hands and strong minds for providing outstanding quality education to the next generation. The overarching aim of the foundation is to empower women and girls of marginalised groups through sustainable initiatives in the field of education, which will enable them to be economically and socially secure. It was started as a society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1960 in Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1997. The foundation is first in introducing non-technical education in IIT, Kharagpur. Vinod Gupta School of Management and Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law are such significant projects set up by the foundation in IIT, Kharagpur. Besides this, many educational institutions were established and run through charity activities of the foundation. While Ramrati Education Complex at Rampur Maniharan in Saharanpur Dist is run by the foundation itself, Dr GiriLal Gupta School for Public Health and Dr ShankerDayal Sharma Institute of Democracy in the campus of Lucknow University were established by the foundation and subsequently handed over to the university. The foundation is named after its founder Mr Vinod Gupta, an NRI and now a well established

entrepreneur in United States of America. He was born on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1946 in Rampur Maniharan, Uttar Pradesh and after completing his B tech from IIT, Kharagpur, he left for America to pursue his higher education and then permanently settled there. The Board of Governors of the foundation comprises of eminent people. The Chairman, Mr AshutoshDayal Sharma is the Chairman of Quest V.C Pvt Ltd and son of former President of India Dr ShankerDayal Sharma, and Mr BK Goswami, Member Board of Governors and its first Chairman, is a Retd IAS and former Chief Advisor to Govt of UP and J&K.