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Nilekanis pledge to donate half of their wealth for philanthropy



Infosys co-founder and Chairman Nandan Nilekani and his wife Rohini Nilekani have decided to pledge half of their wealth for philanthropy.

With this, the Nilekani family has become the fourth Indian and second tech magnate from Bengaluru to join 'The Giving Pledge', the philanthropy movement started by U.S billionaires Bill Gates, his wife Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett in August 2010.

Nilekani family's net worth is currently pegged at \$1.7 billion (approximately Rs 11,000 crore).

Since resigning as chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India in 2014, the billionaire has been involved in various causes such as Ekstep, founded by the couple to address learning challenges in primary education.

Incidentally, all the other Indians in the list are based in Bengaluru.

Earlier, Wipro Chairman Azim H. Premji, Biocon Chairman and Managing Director Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, and PNC Menon of Sobha Developers have pledged half of their wealth for the cause.

The addition of the Nilekanis takes the total number of members of this elite network of donors to 171 from 21 countries.

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