Press Note

Shiv Nadar University Signs MoU with CENJOWS

New Delhi, 26 July 2017: Shiv Nadar University and the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate academically on matters related to international relations, regional and global security. Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice Chancellor of Shiv Nadar University and Lt. Gen Vinod Bhatia, CENJOWS Director signed the MoU in the presence of Dr. S.N. Balakrishnan, Chancellor of Shiv Nadar University and Lt Gen D.B. Shekatkar (Retd) at the India International Centre, New Delhi on July 24. The event was attended by members of the Government, the armed forces and academia.

International security concerns as well as changing requirements in the light of technological breakthroughs necessitate rightsizing of the armed forces and efficient use of the resources. This was the dominant theme at a panel discussion which was organised prior to the signing of the MoU. The panel discussion comprised members of the Shekatkar Committee, which was created by the Government of India to suggest measures to enhance the combat capability of the armed forces and reforming the defence budget. The Committee submitted its report in December 2016 and several of its recommendations are reported to have been accepted for implementation.

In addition to Lt Gen Shekatkar and Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia, Lt Gen Sanjay Kulkarni and Mr. R. Chandrashekhar – also members of the Committee – participated in the discussion. The members talked about important aspects of the report. In his concluding remarks, Chancellor Dr. Balakrishnan reaffirmed the Shiv Nadar University's appreciation and gratitude to the armed forces for their services to the country. He also reiterated the University's philosophy and commitment to creating knowledge and solutions that serve national needs.

This was the first public discussion on the report and the members thanked Shiv Nadar University for taking the initiative to inform the general public about its importance. The MoU marks another effort from Shiv Nadar University to forge linkages with institutions of repute to collaborate on critical areas of societal needs.

Notes to the Editor

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) 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) 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 Bulandshahr and Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. In addition, the Foundation runs the Shiv Nadar University (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), 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), 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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