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NFSU (INDIA) CAMPUS

JINJA, UGANDA

Academic Building of NFSU (I) Campus

Inauguration of NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja on 12th April 2023

Administrative Building of NFSU (I) Campus

INFORMATION BOOKLET

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, INDIA

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) is the world's first and the only university dedicated to Forensic Sciences and allied subjects. This unique university was envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, as the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat State in 2008 to meet the huge shortfall of experts across the world. It was established as a State University on 11th February, 2009 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India with the appointment of Dr. J.M. Vyas as its first Director General. On 1st October 2020, the Government of India elevated the university to be a National University through an Act of Parliament and accorded the status of "Institution of National Importance" (INI). The Headquarters of the NFSU continues to be located at its ultra-modern and lush green campus at Gandhinagar, the Capital of Gujarat. In addition, NFSU has established number of campuses in India and its first off-shore campus at Jinja in Uganda.

The University consists of number of schools spread across wide ranging academic disciplines of Forensic Science, Cyber Security, Digital Forensics, Police Science, Homeland Security, Behavioural Forensics, Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Management, Medico-Legal Studies, Law, Forensic Justice, Doctoral Studies & Research, Open Learning, etc. Presently, the University Offers 72 post-graduate courses as well as Bachelors - Masters integrated courses. Besides this, it undertakes a variety of short-term training programmes for the officers from diverse fields such as police, judiciary, prosecution, armed forces, academics, finance, banking, etc. As a result, NFSU has trained over 27,000 officers, including around 4500 foreign officers from 83 different countries. In order to harness the latest knowledge, advanced technologies and best practices, NFSU has entered into academic collaboration with more than 200 multi-disciplined institutions including nearly 90 international organisations. One of the unique features of NFSU is that it offers expert consultancy in setting up or upgrading various laboratories in the country as well as abroad. Yet another unique feature is that it undertakes actual investigations and all its faculty members have been legally declared as Government Scientific Experts. The University undertakes extensive R&D through its state-of-the-art Centres of Excellence for DNA Forensics, Cyber Security, Digital Forensics, Ballistics, Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS), and Forensic Psychology to name a few. In addition, NFSU has Centres for Forensic Innovation, Futuristic Defence Studies, Multi-Media Forensics, Humanitarian Forensics, etc.

NFSU is progressing under the dynamic leadership of its Founder Vice Chancellor, Dr. J.M. Vyas, an eminent and senior-most Forensic Scientist of India with a rich experience of more than 50 years. He has recently been bestowed with one of India's highest civilian awards, 'Padma Shri', by the President of India. He is assisted by the Directors of various campuses of NFSU, and by the Executive Registrar of the university. The highest body of this autonomous institution is the Board of Governors with the Vice Chancellor as its Chairman.

Signing of MoU between MoDVA of Uganda and NFSU, India during first Convocation of NFSU at Gandhinagar, India on 28 August 2022

Uganda Delegation lead by Hon'ble Minister of MoDVA and senior UPDF officers to NFSU at Gandhinagar, India in August 2022

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of NFSU briefing the Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence, Uganda during visit to NFSU in October 2022

MESSAGE FROM

DR. J. M. VYAS

HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR
NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
INDIA

The relationship between India and Uganda is centuries old. The two nations have shared ancient maritime links, torrid times of colonial rule, the independence movement, non-aligned paths during the Cold War, emergence of new opportunities that followed, and now the aspirations of today's youth.

The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in India takes great pride that since its inception, the university has considered Africa as a top priority partner in all spheres of its activities. Along the way, it has established state-of-the-art research facilities in Forensic Science, DNA Finger Printing, Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, etc. in different African countries. More than hundred students from African nations join NFSU every year for a 2-year Master's Degree programme in varied subjects. In addition, number of African officers, including Uganda, undergo short term training at NFSU.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, had clearly outlined his vision for Uganda during his address to the Parliament of Uganda on 25th July 2018 when he stated that "India is ready to work with Uganda in the fields of capacity building, HRD, skill development, and innovation." Accordingly, once NFSU was mandated in October 2020 to set up campuses across the world, a team of NFSU faculty visited Kampala in November 2021 to explore the feasibility of setting up a campus, followed by a number of high-level visits despite COVID-19 fear. As such, it is no coincidence that NFSU's first overseas campus has been established not only in Africa but that too in Uganda. In fact, NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja in Uganda is India's first-ever campus abroad for any public university.

The NFSU (I) Campus has been established with wide-ranging aims, in sync with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. It aims to conduct academic courses, train officials, provide consultancy, undertake joint research projects, and overall, help in capacity building in various branches of Forensic Science and allied subjects. I am glad that NFSU (I) Campus is being received well, both within Uganda and in other African countries. In the years to follow, we are confident as well as determined to make this campus a shining beacon of knowledge, wisdom and fulfillment. This will be NFSU's humble contribution in helping the young, aspirational and friendly nation of Uganda to achieve greater heights.

My very best wishes for all the future endeavours of NFSU (I) Campus in Uganda.

22 February, 2024

(Dr. J. M. Vyas)
Vice Chancellor
NFSU
Gandhinagar, India

MESSAGE FROM

AIR COMMODORE K. R. THAAKAR

CAMPUS DIRECTOR
NFSU (I) CAMPUS, JINJA, UGANDA

Welcome to the National Forensic Sciences University (India) Campus at Jinja, Uganda - The First International Campus of the World's First and the Only Forensics University !

Forensic Science and its related subjects are absorbing areas of study. The changing times of the 21st century has substantially changed our traditional understanding of Crime and its Investigation with the rise in dreaded threats like organized crimes, terrorism and complex cyber-attacks. This calls for smart, young and tech-savvy executives in the Armed Forces, Police, Intelligence Community, Corporate Sector and Industries of Uganda as well as other friendly countries. It is with this vision that our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. J.M. Vyas, has chosen Uganda for establishing the first-ever campus abroad of not only NFSU but also of India.

NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja is offering highly specialized two-year long Master's Degree Courses and a year-long Post Graduate Diploma Programmes. Initially, these programmes are being launched in Forensic Sciences, Cyber Security and Homeland Security studies, but we soon intend to embark upon other subjects too. In all the programmes, besides focusing on concepts, scientific knowledge, skills, and case studies, the main emphasis will be on application of contemporary as well as state-of-the-art technologies. This is essential as it has become abundantly clear that today's professionals need to be highly tech-savvy to remain a step ahead of the events, be it crimes, cyber-attacks, terrorist strikes or even natural disasters.

It has been my privilege to be associated with the NFSU (I) Campus since the time its very idea was mooted to the senior leadership of Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (UPDF) at Kampala in November, 2021. Since then, I have seen how carefully this campus has been evolved with deep involvement of both the Governments, UPDF and NFSU. And hence, I am certain that this campus will help students realize their dream of becoming an expert. We will hand-hold the students through a rich and transformative journey where one will grow personally, academically and socially to become not only a sound professional but also a contributor in nation building.

This information booklet has been prepared to provide an insight into its extensive training areas. I earnestly believe that this brochure will encourage the students to avail the opportunities of undergoing different programmes at NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja. My very best wishes to each of the future participants.

20 February, 2024

(Air Commodore K.R. Thaakar)
Director
NFSU (I) Campus
Jinja, Uganda

NFSU (I) CAMPUS, JINJA, UGANDA

NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja in Uganda is a campus of the National Forensic Sciences University of India. It is India's first-ever campus abroad for any public academic institution. Its inauguration on behalf of the Hon'ble President of Uganda on 12th April, 2023 by the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister, Ms. Lukia Isanga Nakadama, and the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar, was a landmark event in the long history of Indo-Ugandan relations. It's broad aim is to strengthen the criminal justice delivery system in Uganda as well as other friendly foreign countries.

The seeds of this Campus were sown in November 2021 when the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of NFSU, Dr. J.M. Vyas, asked the NFSU team visiting Africa to explore the feasibility of setting up a campus in Uganda. As such, on 14th November 2021, Air Commodore K.R. Thaakar of NFSU and Group Captain Vivek Gupta of the Indian Military Advisory & Training Team in Uganda, called on the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), General Wilson Mbadi, at Mbuya Hill in Kampala, and gave a presentation on NFSU and proposal to set up a campus to the CDF and a team of senior officers of UPDF. At the end of a 2-hour meeting, the CDF not only agreed 'in principle' to set up the NFSU campus but also identified Forensic Science, Cyber Security and Homeland Security as the initial areas for training. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Minister of Defence & Veteran Affairs, Mr. Vincent Ssempijja, led a visit of senior UPDF officers to NFSU in India in August 2022 and communication took place at the highest level from both the countries. Later, Prof. (Dr.) S.O. Junare and Dr. Nilay Mistry of NFSU visited Uganda in September 2022, discussed various arrangements and even had an audience with the Hon'ble President, General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. This led to detailed planning for setting up the campus as guided by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. J.M. Vyas. Thereafter, the project rapidly took shape with the whole hearted support from the UPDF and India's Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs.

The campus aspires to achieve its aim of capacity building by conducting academic courses, undertaking training for working professionals, providing consultancy services, carrying out research, and assisting in setting up new laboratories and associated infrastructure in the fields of Forensic Science and related areas. The broad objective is also to instill forensic culture and promote knowledge and expertise in the use of forensic techniques and technologies amongst police, defence forces, judiciary, prosecutors, security agencies, and associated departments.

Presently, temporary campus has been established at the Gaddafi Barracks in Jinja. It comprises well-equipped Classrooms, Laboratories, Dining Hall and Administrative Building. Permanent campus is expected to come up on a 130-acre plot alloted near Jinja Airport. The campus is headed by Air Commodore K.R. Thaakar as the Campus Director. He is assisted by number of faculty and administrative staff from NFSU in India as well as staff deputed by UPDF.

NFSU (I) Campus at Jinja, Uganda

Road leading to NFSU (I) Campus from Jinja Tower of Jinja

Dining Hall and Kitchen of NFSU (I) Campus

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