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## **DELHI POLICE SIGNS LANDMARK MoU WITH NFSU**

On 19th January, 2021, Delhi Police signed a landmark MoU with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU). This will facilitate services of NFSU trained forensic experts to the Delhi Police as 119 Forensic Assistants or Senior Forensic Assistants in different fields of Forensic Science will be inducted to help in various kinds of criminal investigation. Shri Amit Shah, the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Government of India, who graced the occasion, appreciated the effort to strengthen the forensic capability. Dr. J.M. Vyas, founder Vice Chancellor of NFSU and foremost forensic scientist of the country, called this agreement a historic achievement.

While laying out the vision to strengthen the forensic capability in the country, Shri Amit Shah explained that crime control requires large skilled manpower in the field of forensic science in the country. Remembering how this process was initiated in Gujarat by establishing GFSU, now NFSU, Shri Shah informed that the National Forensic Science University was established when Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat and he was the State's Home Minister. It was a very ambitious project of the Prime Minister to establish the world's first Forensic Science University in Gujarat. Now, the Union Home Minister said that he has spoken with Chief Ministers of several states and they all want to set up affiliated colleges of the National Forensic Science University in their respective states. Many of them want to set up Center of Excellence in different fields of forensic science.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Home Secretary Shri Ajay Bhalla, V.C. of NFSU Dr. J.M. Vyas, Commissioner of Delhi Police, Shri S.N. Shrivatava, Gujarat Campus Director of NFSU Prof.(Dr.) S.O. Junare, and various other senior dignitaries were present.

Excerpts of Shri Amit Shah's address can be accessed at https://youtu.be/Ii3NJQakb6I



## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

#### **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION AT NFSU**







As has been the tradition, the Republic Day was celebrated at NFSU with great nationalistic fervour. The event was held at the lawns of Gandhinagar Campus and was attended by the Hon. V.C. Dr. J.M. Vyas, Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) S.O. Junare, Executive Registrar Shri C.D. Jadeja, Deans of various schools, faculty members, staff and research scholars. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, unlike previous occasions, the students were not present. The function began with Dr. J.M. Vyas hoisting the national flag and a squad from Gujarat Police presenting a smart national salute.

Speaking on this auspicious occasion, Hon. Dr. Vyas began with congratulating everyone and conveying his greetings and best wishes on the 72nd Republic Day. He explained the importance of the Republic day and paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who played a stellar role in drafting the Constitution of India which has emerged as not only the longest constitution in the world but one of the finest too. In particular, he drew everyone's attention to the rights and responsibilities of the citizens enshrined in the constitution, and reminded that while everyone is conscious about their rights, it is equally important to ensure that one fulfills the duties as envisaged and expected. While highlighting on the custom of saluting the national flag, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor touched upon the significance of the national flag as well as its design and colours. He emphasised that the national flag is a symbol of the nation, representing the sovereignty of the nation, and as such, saluting the flag amounts to paying respects to the nation. He further elaborated that paying respects to own country amounts to paying obeisance to the mother earth - *Matru Bhumi*, and all this is essential to maintain the national spirit. Hon. Dr. Vyas urged everyone to remember the sacrifice of all those who contributed as well as laid down their lives for the freedom of the country, and paid glowing tributes to them.

In the end, the Hon. Vice Chancellor, brought out that as GFSU has been upgraded to be the NFSU from 1st October 2020, and this is the first Republic Day since then, it is time to re-dedicate ourselves to meet the expectations of a national level institution – time to change over from being a consumer to contributor! He exhorted everyone to take a pledge to contribute towards enhancement of the university's standard with honesty, sincerity and discipline which will be a true service to the nation. The event ended with a national anthem followed by tea and refreshment. Dr. Astha Pandey, Associate Professor, conducted the entire event smoothly with her appreciable flair in Hindi and English.

#### FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY DAY CELEBRATED



The Forensic Psychology day was celebrated at NFSU on 21st January, 2021. This online event was inaugurated by Hon'ble VC, NFSU, Dr. J.M.Vyas. The event began with an expert talk delivered by Shri Keshav Kumar IPS & Special Director ACB, Gujarat, who shared his experiences of ACB with LVA and Psychological Profiling. This was followed by a key note address by Mr. Amir Liberman, CEO, Nemesysco Ltd. He spoke on 'LVA: Past, Present and Future'. Subsequently, Dr. Hema Acharya, Assistant Director, DFS, Gandhinagar shared views on 'The Users Perspective: Challenges in LVA'. Thereafter, Prof. Emeritus Dr. C.R. Mukundan, a renowned forensic psychologist and neuropsychologist, shared his valuable thoughts on this Forensic Psychology Day-2021. On this occasion, other dignitaries present, Dr. S.O. Junare, Campus Director NFSU,

Dr. Amita Shuukla, Dy. Director, DFS Gandhinagar and Brig (Dr.) K.K. Tripathi, Dean SBS, NFSU, also shared their views on celebration of the Forensic Psychology Day. The event ended with a closing address by the Hon'ble V.C., Dr. J.M. Vyas who shared his insightful thoughts and congratulated all for successful conduct of online webinar on the occasion.

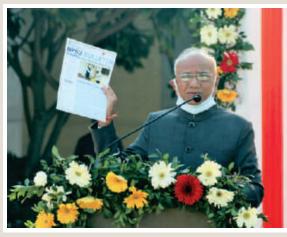
#### NFSU JOINS INVESTIGATION ON VIOLENCE DURING FARMERS' RALLY AT NEW DELHI



In a case of major disturbances at Red Fort area in New Delhi during the Farmers' Tractor Rally on the Republic Day, 26th January 2021, NFSU faculty members were invited to investigate the incident and offer their expert opinion for scientific investigation. Dr. J.M. Vyas, the Vice Chancellor of NFSU, promptly responded to the request and launched a 6-member core team, selected considering domain expertise, subject knowledge and working experience in the relevant areas. The team comprised Dr. Digvijaysinh Rathod, Dr Surbhi Mathur, Mr. Nilay Mistry, Mr. Kushal Master, Mr. Ramya Shah and Mr. Kritarth Jhala.

The main task of the team was to provide technical guidance to resolve the issues pertaining to the identity of the miscreants. In the process, the team undertook a mammoth task of analysing and interpreting digital evidences collected from as much as 42,000 of footage from CCTV and traffic cameras. But their effort and expertise yielded desired results as large number of perpetrators were identified. This daunting task was accomplished by the team with round-the-clock working, spread across 18 days.

#### 'NFSU BULLETIN' LAUNCHED ON THE REPUBLIC DAY





'NFSU Bulletin', a newsletter of the National Forensic Sciences University, was launched by the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. J.M. Vyas on the Republic Day–2021. Prof. (Dr.) S.O. Junare, the Campus Director and Shri C.D. Jadeja, the Executive Registrar, also joined on the stage in releasing the inaugural issue of 'NFSU Bulletin'. The Hon. Vice Chancellor congratulated Prof. (Dr.) Junare for this initiative to start a bi-monthly newsletter. He informed that it will serve as a platform to chronicle all the activities of the university, future plans of the NFSU, and achievements of its faculty, staff and students. Besides that, it will also be a medium to highlight the progress made by the university amongst reputed institutions within as well as outside the country. Expressing his happiness over launching of the newsletter, Dr. Vyas urged everyone to contribute wholeheartedly and make suggestions for improvement in quality as well as the content. He also declared that shortly, a Research Journal to publish Research Papers by the faculty and students of NFSU as well as other institutions, will be launched. In the end, the Hon. Vice Chancellor conveyed his good wishes and congratulated the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. (Dr.) Junare, Editor, Air Commodore K.R. Thaakar, and members of the Editorial Team for the excellent effort.

#### **VISIT BY DELEGATION FROM CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL**



A delegation from the Consulate General of Israel at Mumbai visited NFSU on 23 February, 2021. Mr. Sagi Itcher, Consul for Trade & Economic Affairs led the delegation of the Consulate General of Israel. NFSU team was led by the Hon. V.C., Dr. J. M. Vyas, and Comprised the Campus Director Prof. (Dr.) S.O. Junare, Executive Registrar Shri C.D. Jadeja and other senior faculty of NFSU. D.G. and Special Director of ACB, Shri Keshav Kumar IPS and Director, DFS Shri H.P. Sanghvi, also attended the meeting. Hon. Dr. Vyas gave an overview on various activities being undertaken at the university with

special emphasis on Cyber Security, Drone Technology & Forensics, and Homeland Security. The visiting delegation assured to join hands in various projects.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **INAUGURATION OF LANGUAGE LAB AT NFSU**







NFSU established a 'Language Lab' on 28th January, 2021. A unique lab to teach French, German and Chinese languages to the students as well as the faculty, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. J. M. Vyas.

#### NFSU TO PROVIDE E-SHIELD TO MUMBAI FIRM



With ever increasing threat of cyber attacks, a Mumbai based multi-million dollar pharmaceutical industry has signed a MoU with NFSU to protect its assets. The university will set up security operations centre

and emergency operations centre at the firm to provide e-shield comprising cyber security monitoring, audit and analysis.

## NFSU AT 'VIRTUAL HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR' IN KUWAIT

National Forensic Sciences University participated in the 'Virtual Higher Education Fair' organized by the Indian Community School, Kuwait which was held on 5th February and 6th February 2021. Around 20,000 students from 21 countries visited this virtual fair which focused on career talks and virtual meetings by the Indian and Foreign Universities.

#### **NFSU TEAM VISITS ETHOPIA**









Prof. Naveen Kumar Chaudhary, Head of Centre for International Relations, represented NFSU at Study in India (SII) Programme organised by EDCIL, Ministry of Education, India at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia from 9th February to 12th February, 2021. More than 400 students visited NFSU stall setup in the Embassy of India premises at Addis Ababa. The local students took keen interest in enquiring about the options available at NFSU for higher studies. Shri Robert Shetkintong, Ambassador of India in Ethiopia also visited NFSU stall on 10th February 2021 and expressed happiness with the wide ranging activities being conducted by the university. Later, Prof. Chaudhary visited Oromia Police College, Ethiopia on 12th February 2021 where he gave a presentation on various activities of NFSU. Later, he held a detailed discussion on possible collaboration in the areas of mutual interest with the Head of Oromia Police College and the Police Commissioner, Mr. Tolcha Megersa. Thereafter, he visited the Defence University, College of Engineering at Bishoftu, Ethiopia. A joint meeting was held with Dr. Bisrat Yoseph, Academic Dean, Lt Colonel Gennetu Yohannes, Dean ICT, and Capt Solomon, HoD Computer Engineering Department at Bishoftu. The team was briefed about academic programmes conducted at NFSU as well as the research and consultancy activities being undertaken at the University. The Ethiopian team expressed their interest to collaborate in the domain of Cyber and Ballistics, and sponsoring their students for higher studies at NFSU.

#### **NFSU TEAM VISITS BANGLADESH**





Dr. Digvijaysinh Rathod, Associate Dean, School of Cyber Security & Digital Forensics, and Mr. R. N. Guna, Deputy Director (Training) of NFSU visited Bangladesh from 25th February to 2nd March, 2021 to strengthen academic collaboration with various law enforcement agencies and institutions. The team interacted with the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, DIG FSL, and senior officers of Bangladesh University for Professionals, Dhaka.

## **KNOWLEDGE SHARING**

#### MoU Signed with VAMNICOM, Pune



The NFSU signed a MoU with the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), Pune (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India) in a virtual mode on 26th February 2021 for conducting joint training and research in various fields of cooperative sector, especially Cyber Security. VAMNICOM is a national level nerve centre for the cooperative movement which undertakes management development through training, education, research and consultancy. The MoU was signed by the Director VAMNICOM, Dr. K.K. Tripathi, IES and the Campus Director of NFSU, Prof.(Dr.) S.O. Junare in the presence of Dr. J.M. Vyas, Vice Chancellor of NFSU.

#### MOU SIGNED WITH NIRMA UNIVERSITY

The NFSU signed a MoU with Nirma University, Ahmedabad on 27th January, 2021 for collaboration in teaching, research and extention. In particular, both the universities agreed to undertake joint research, recognise each other's laboratories as approved Research Centres, conduct joint seminars and conferences, and assist each other in designing syllabus, amongst many other activities. The MoU was signed by Dr. Anup K. Singh, D.G. Nirma University, and Dr. J.M. Vyas, V.C. NFSU. Prof. (Dr.) R.N. Tekwani, Director, Research & Innovation at Nirma University and Prof. (Dr.) S.O. Junare, Campus Director NFSU were also present.

## **WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS / CONFERENCES**

#### **COURSES ON FORENSIC EXAMINATION IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES**



Delhi campus of NFSU, the erstwhile LNJN NICFS, conducted six online Special Training Courses on Forensic Examination in Sexual Assault Cases as envisaged under the National Mission for Safety of Women launched by Govt. of India in which 237 officials including Medical Officers, Judicial Officers, Prosecuting Officers, Police Officers and Forensic Scientists participated. During these courses the issues regarding to medico legal provisions in Sexual Assault Cases, medicolegal examination of survivor and accused using standard protocols and kits prepared by Delhi campus of NFSU, and other related topics were discussed.

#### **WEBINAR ON 'PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS'**



A special webinar on 'Pursuit of Happiness: Science, Morality and Spirituality' was organized on 21st Jan. 2021 by NFSU. The Keynote Speaker, Dr. Sudhir V. Shah, a renowned neurologist and a Padma Shri awardee, touched upon the causes of grief and threw light on the scientific research towards alleviating the personal sufferings. He insisted that the sure path to happiness lies in daily practice of Yoga, meditation, prayers, maintaining physical fitness, keeping cordial relations, upholding moral values, and leading altruistic life. On this occasion, Hon. Vice-Chancellor of NFSU, Dr. J. M. Vyas

explained that mostly, people desire happiness out of worldly possessions but it cannot make a person happy, only the inner state of mind can bring happiness. This is because the despondency is not an innate human nature, but happiness is inherent to human nature. As such, happiness should become the second nature of a person. In the end, Prof. (Dr.) S. O. Junare, the Campus Director, NFSU thanked the distinguished speakers for valuable insights.

## **GUEST TALKS**

#### **GUEST TALK BY NFSU ALUMNA OF HOMELAND SECURITY**



Ms. Chandni Singh, a GFSU / NFSU alumna and a Gold Medalist from the 2017 Batch of M.Sc. (Homeland Security & Anti-Terrorism) delivered a Guest Talk on security-related operations in the corporate sector on 9th February 2021. An accomplished Security Executive who earned the award for 'Top Indian Women Influencers of Security for 2020', shared her experience and motivated the students of Homeland Security. She also discussed the expectations from security professionals in corporate sector and recommended certain topics for inclusion in the syllabus during a separate meeting with Air Commodore K.R. Thaakar and other faculty members of Homeland Security. Later, Ms. Chandni Singh also met Hon. V.C., Dr. J.M. Vyas and gave valuable suggestions for Homeland Security studies.

## TRAINING AND PRESENTATIONS

#### TRAINING OF FOREST OFFICERS IN INVESTIGATION OF WILDLIFE CRIMES





In a training program organized by the Gujarat Forest Department and Enprotec INDIA Foundation for the frontline Forest Officers of Gujarat on "Habitat Management and Protection Work" at Junagadh from 22 February to 25 February, 2021, Dr. Malay A. Shukla, Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences, was invited as a guest speaker. Dr. Shukla, who has been involved in the training of the forest officers with an exclusive component of investigation of wildlife crimes, delivered a talk on "Wildlife Crime Scenario in India and its Investigative Parameters". His exemplary work and didactic lecture were well appreciated.

## **EXPERT TALKS BY NFSU FACULTY**

Dr Naveen Kumar Chaudhary, Professor and Dean, School of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, delivered a keynote speech during the inaugural session of workshop on 'Digital Literacy and Online Safety Programme' on 4th January 2021. The event was organised by Central University of Gujarat.

Dr. Mahesh Vasava presented a research paper titled "In silico investigation and biological screening of novel 1,4-dihydropyrano [2,3-c]pyrazole derivatives" at International Conference on "Recent Trends in Pharmaceutical, Medical and Applied Sciences for Global Development (RTPMASGD-2021)" on January 28-29, 2021. The conference was organised by Sanskriti University, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Dr. Smita Pandey Associate Dean, SBS-NFSU, was invited as a Judge for the program "Power of Boredom", Hislop College, Nagpur, Maharashtra on 27 Feb, 2021 in an online meet.

Mr. Partik S. Patel, Assistant Professor, School of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, delivered an expert talk on "Drug Trafficking through Dark Web and Dark Net" on 11th Feb 2021 in the e-ITEC Forensic and Technical Course on Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances for Sri Lankan Police, organized by the Central Academy for Police Training (CAPT), Bhopal.

Mr. Raihan Patel, Assistant Professor, School of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, delivered an expert talk on 'Use and Contribution of Mobile Forensic in Tracking of Narcotic Drugs' on 11th Feb 2021 in the e-ITEC Forensic and Technical Course on Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances for Sri Lankan Police, organized by the Central Academy for Police Training (CAPT).

Mr. Ramya Shah, Assistant Professor, School of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, delivered an expert talk on 'Know Your Mobile Device: From an Eye of Digital Forensic Professional' on 11th Feb 2021 in the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Program on Cyber Security Organized by Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra. Later, Mr. Ramya Shah delivered an expert talk on 'Crypto-Currency, Money Laundering & Terror Funding' on 13th Feb 2021 in the e-ITEC Forensic and Technical Course on Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances for Sri Lankan Police at Central Academy for Police Training(CAPT), Bhopal.

Dr. Deepak Raj Rao G., Assistant Professor (Computer Forensics), delivered an online lecture on "Cyber Security" to the officers and staff of the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 17th Dec 2020 and took couple of sessions on "Prevention of Cyber Security Breaches and Incident Response Procedure" for the officers of BSF on 26th Feb 2021.

#### NFSU STAFF ATTENDS TRAINING AT SPIPA, AHMEDABAD



Administrative staff of Gandhinagar Campus of National Forensic Sciences University participated in a training programme on Office Administration at the prestigious Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration at Ahmedabad from 10th February to 12th February, 2021. A 3-day EDP oriented programme to improve administrative efficiency was attended by Mr. Dipen Vaghani, Ms. Pareen Joshi, Mr. Digpalsinh Bihola, Mr. Nirav Kariya and Ms. Shubham Chandel.

## **PUBLICATION OF BOOKS / CHAPTERS / PAPERS**



A book titled "Lean Management: Various Lean Tools to Advance the Production" is written by Mr. Pranav Dave (Research Scholar, National Forensic Sciences University), (ISBN NO. 978-620-3-30345-2).



A book titled "THE PERSPECTIVE OF FLUORESCENT MATERIALS" is written by Mr. Pranav Dave (Research Scholar, National Forensic Sciences University) and Mr. Altaf Rajani (Masters Student, School of Engineering & Technology, National Forensic Sciences University), (ISBN NO. 978-93-90471-24-9).

Dr. Bhargav Patel, Assistant Professor at NFSU and Mayuri Ganguly Soni have contributed a chapter, "Oral Microbes: A hidden yet powerful evidence for futuristic forensic investigation" in a book "Forensic DNA Typing: Principles, Applications and Advancements" (ISBN: 978-981-15-6654-7) published by Springer-Nature.

Mr. Nilay R Mistry, Assistant Professor, SCSDF, NFSU and Coordinator, CDFS, NFSU published a chapter "Security and Privacy Aspects Using Quantum Internet" in the book titled "Limitations and Future Applications of Quantum Cryptography" published by IGI Global.

Research article on 'Deltamethrin modulates the native structure of Hen Egg White Lysozyme and induces its aggregation at physiological pH" by Dr. Satish Kumar, Mr. Neelkant Varma and Abhishek Singh of NFSU was published in Elsevier journal "Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces", (Impact Factor 4.389).

Research Article on Fluorescent Gold Cluster Based Saccharide Sensing was Published by Mr. Jaydev Thakarda (Research Scholar, School of Engineering & Technology) in Journal of Fluorescence, 2021, (DOI: 10.1007/s10895-020-02672-2).

Research article by Dr. Nandita Chaube, Asst, Prof. SBS, NFSU in association with Mishra, K. (Alumna of SBS, NFSU) and Misra, N. (Associate Director of public interface at Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Headquarters, New Delhi) on 'Expressive arts therapy for subjective happiness and loneliness feelings in institutionalized elderly women: A pilot study' in Asia Pacific Journal of Counseling and Psychotherapy, vol. 12, issue 1, Page 38-57 (2021). (Taylor & Francis Journal).

Research on 'Right-Wing Authoritarianism, Ethnocentrism and War Attitude among University Students of India' is published by Mr.George Felix, M.Sc. Clinical Psychology student & Dr. Nandita Chaube Asst Professor, SBS at NFSU in the International Journal viz., Wutan Huatan Jisuan Jishu, 17,2, 49-68, (2021).

A article is published on "GSM FLAWS IN CONCERN WITH IOT" in GAP INDIAN JOURNAL OF FORENSICS AND BEHAVIOURAL SCINCE by Pratik S. Patel, Assistant Professor, School of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics.

Research article comments published by Dr. Ravikesh Tripathi, Asst. Prof., SBS, NFSU & Dr. Deepak Salvi, Faculty, Dept. of Clinical Psychology, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India on "Development of a battery to assess perceptual-motor, cognition, language, and scholastic skills among Bengali children with neuro developmental disorders" in Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine, contribution in the clinical domain within the country. 42:1 (https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0253717620945130).

Research article published by Dr. Ravikesh Tripathi, Asst. Prof., SBS, NFSU in association with other collaborators viz., Bagepally, B. S., Balachandar, R., Kalahasthi, R., Tripathi, R., Haridoss, M. on 'Association between Aluminium exposure and cognitive functions: A systematic review and meta-analysis' contributed immensely in unraveling significant association between Aluminium exposure and lower global cognitive scores. Chemosphere, 128831. Science Direct, Elsevier Journals (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0045653520330290).

Research article published by Dr. Proshanto Kr. Saha, Asst. Prof., SBS, NFSU in association with Ms. Shreya Mohapatra, a student & Ms. Anukampa Sharma, a Ph.D. scholar at NFSU on 'Until Tomorrow:The Behavioural and Neural Correlates of Procrastination' in Journal of Humanities & Social Science Studies, Volume 10, Issue 1, (2021).

13. Research article by Dr. Nandita Chaube, Asst, Prof. SBS, NFSU in association with Gothwal, P., Sharma, B.D., Luqman, N. on 'Impact of Covid-19: A Special Focus on Education is accepted in book entitled 'Cyber- Physical Systems: AI and COVID-19' to be published by Elsevier.

14. Research article published by Dr. Nandita Chaube, Asst, Prof. SBS, NFSU in association with Krishnapriya, V.K. (Alumna of SBS, NFSU) on "Effectiveness of Vedic chanting on cognitive impairments in ADHD child: Case study" in Spirituality in Clinical Practice (APA Journal with an an advance publication).

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **NFSU TO MARKET TECHNOLOGY TRANSLATION**



NFSU Research team from School of Engineering and Technology commercialized and exported laboratory tools to help pharmaceutical companies. To mark the success, the Research Team handed over the export ready consignment to the Hon'ble V.C., Dr. J.M. Vyas. NFSU also started commercial export of the same to some of the South East Asian nations.

#### **SELECTION FOR SOIC RESEARCH PROJECT FUND**

Research team from School of Engineering and Technology (Food Forensics) is selected for special research funding by Government of Gujarat under SOIC scheme, for late phase development of 'On-The-Spot' quality testing sensor for food and agri products.

#### **LEGAL DESIRE AWARDS-2020 FOR NFSU DEPARTMENT & FACULTY**

NFSU's Faculty of Forensic Odontology, a super specialised department in which dentists are trained for the criminal investigation and identification of individuals, has recently received recognition. Legal Desire, an online platform involved in the propagation of Law, Medico-Legal studies and Forensic Science, has presented an award for "Emerging Forensics Department" during the Legal Desire Awards-2020 event held in a virtual mode on 31st January, 2021. The award was in recognition of Forensic Odontology department's significant contribution to the academics, research and promoting forensic dentistry in India. During the same event, Legal desire also presented awards for excellence to the following Faculty Members and Research Scholars of NFSU:-

- (a) Dr G. Rajesh Babu, Centre Head, International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics and Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences, was presented 'Academic Excellence Award (Humanitarian Forensics)' for his contribution and academic excellence in the field of humanitarian forensics.
- (b) Dr. Pooja P. Ahuja, Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences, was presented 'Academic Excellence Award (Forensic Physics)' for her contribution and academic excellence in the field of forensic physical sciences.
- (c) Ms. Shalvi Agarwal, a Research Scholar under Dr. Astha Pandey, Associate Professor at NFSU, was presented 'Best Research Scholar Award (Forensics)' for her excellence as a research scholar in forensic sciences.

#### **BEST PAPER AWARD FOR NFSU FACULTY**

Dr. Kalgi Shah, Assistant Professor, School of Management Studies was awarded with the "Best Paper Award" for her paper on "Influence of Social Media Admits in COVID 19 Pandemic", presented in the Bodhi International Online Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Economics, Commerce And Management', on 28th February 2021.

