

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2014**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
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**UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION OF INDIA**

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1. Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the second meeting of the present Council. It is my privilege to present the report of the Institution for 2014. A copy of the report has been placed on the table and will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

### **Finances**

2. Audit Report, Revised Estimates for 2014-15, and Budget Estimates for 2015-16 are already with you. Balance Sheet has been placed on the table.

3. Due to fall in number of officers enrolling for courses there has been a fall in income. Some heavy expenditure was approved on account of replacement of two Air Handling Units and photocopier as also on account of repair of the office burnt in fire incident on 14 Aug 2014. As the Research Centres are still not able to meet their expenditure from their yearly income these are allocated money from the Corpus Fund annually as decided by the Council.

### **Membership**

4. The membership continues to grow at a steady rate. As on 15 Dec 2014 the membership state was as under:-

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
(a) Life Members	11,254
(b) Ordinary Members	2,917
(c) Associate Members	79
	<b><u>14,250</u></b>

### **USI Journal**

5. The Journal continues to be published uninterruptedly since 1871. The Journal is sent to all members. In addition, 463 copies are currently being subscribed, including 20 year subscription by 77 units.

### **Library**

6. During the period 01 Nov 2013 – 31 Oct 2014, 226 books were purchased, 43 received for review, and 225 received complimentary.

### **Seminars**

7. **Seminar on Afghanistan and Central Asia.** It was conducted on 11 – 12 Sep 2014 jointly with Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), NDU, USA. Participants from seven countries attended.



8. **Thirty Fifth National Security Seminar.** It was conducted on 13-14 Nov 2014 on "Indian Ocean Region : Emerging Strategic Cooperation, Competition And Conflict Scenarios". Admiral RK Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff delivered the Keynote Address. Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC, Chairman COSC & Chief of Air Staff also attended the Inaugural Session. Proceedings are being compiled for publication.

### **Lectures and Discussions**

9. **Twelfth Maj Gen Samir Sinha Memorial Lecture.** This was delivered by Rear Adm KR Menon (Retd) on 28 Jul 2014 on the subject "Concept and Application of Smart Power in Promoting India's National Interests and Strategic Objectives" and has been published in the USI Journal for Jul – Sep 2014.

10. **Eighteenth Col Pyara Lal Memorial Lecture.** This was delivered by Shri Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary, on 12 Sep 2014 on "Revamping India's National Security Architecture for Optimum Synergy in the Use of its Instruments of National Power". The text is being published in the USI Journal for Oct – Dec 2014.

11. **Thirtieth National Security Lecture.** This was delivered on 03 Dec 2014 by General VP Malik, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) on "A Comprehensive Response Strategy to a Collusive and Collaborative Threat from China and Pakistan". The text is being published in the USI Journal for Oct – Dec 2014.

12. **Other Lectures and Discussions.** List of these is at Appendix 'A' attached.

### **National Security Paper**

13. The Thirtieth National Security Paper on "China-Russia-India : The Making of a Strategic Partnership " is being written by Shri Ajai Malhotra, IFS (Retd).

### **Interaction With Foreign Institutions**

14. **Institute of Defense Strategic Studies and Institute for Defence International Relations, Vietnam.** A USI delegation led by Air Mshl AK Singh visited Vietnam from 25 to 31 May 2014.

15. **5<sup>th</sup> India – Japan – USA Trilateral Meeting : 18 – 19 Jun 2014.** The 5<sup>th</sup> trilateral meeting between the USI, Vanderbilt University, USA and Okazaki Institute, Japan was held at the Marine Corps University, Quantico, USA. The USI delegation also took this opportunity to participate in discussions at the Johns Hopkins University, and the Stimson Center, Washington D.C.



16. **Center for Strategic Studies, NDU, USA.** Dr Roger Kangas, Academic Dean alongwith his delegation visited the USI on 09 Sep 2014 and discussed modalities for continuing the dialogue between the USI and the NDU. The NDU jointly conducted a Seminar at the USI this year and would like the USI delegation to visit NDU in the year 2015.
17. **National Defence College, Muscat, Oman.** A delegation led by Brig Gen Awadh Bin Mohd Bin Said Al-Mashaikhi visited USI on 13 – 14 Oct 2014 and discussed USI-NDC, Oman Collaboration. It was decided that the USI will conduct some lectures at NDC, Oman and also participate in each other's seminars etc.
18. **Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) Dhaka, Bangladesh.** Maj Gen ANM Muniruzzaman, President BIPSS met the Director on 10 Nov 2014. He fondly recalled his earlier visit with BIPSS delegation to USI in 2009 and was happy to be back in USI to participate in the National Security Seminar 2014. He invited the USI delegation to visit Dhaka in 2015, details of which can be worked out.
19. **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) London.** Mr Rahul Roy Chaudhury, Senior Fellow for South Asia called on the Director on 11 Nov 2014 and discussed the ongoing joint USI / IISS nuclear workshop and to participate in each other's international workshops / seminars. The 3<sup>rd</sup> USI – IISS Nuclear Workshop will be held in 2015 at a mutually convenient date.
20. **Institute for Defence Strategy (IDS), Ministry of National Defence, Vietnam.** Lt Gen (Dr) Nguyen Duc Hai, Director General IDS alongwith Lt Col Nguyen The Hong, Head of Asia-Africa Division, IDIR called on the Director on 13 Nov 2014. They expressed great satisfaction at the relations between USI and the IDS and IDIR and hoped that the yearly bilateral visits and discussion will continue to grow in the coming years.
21. **National Defence College, Dhaka, Bangladesh.** Lt Gen MF Akbar participated in the USI National Security Seminar on 13 – 14 Nov and discussed future cooperation between the two Institutions. He extended an invitation to the Director to visit NDC, Dhaka and deliver a talk.
22. **Tamkang University, Taipei, Taiwan.** Dr Kaocheng Wang, Dean of College of International Studies Tamkang University visited the USI on 14 Nov 2014 and discussed the possibilities of cooperation between our two Institutions. He invited USI experts visiting Taipei to visit his college and deliver talks on subjects of mutual interest.
23. **China Institute of International Strategic Studies (CISS).** A delegation led by Maj Gen Zhu Da visited USI from 30 Nov to 04 Dec 2014. The delegation also interacted with Vivekanand Foundation and called on the CISC. Maj Gen Da extended an invitation to the USI delegation to visit China in 2015.



24. **Korea National Defense University (KNDU).** Dr Yong-Sup Han, Vice President of KNDU and President, Korea Nuclear Policy Society visited the USI on 17 Dec 2014 and discussed bilateral relations between KNDU and USI. He was happy that there was interaction between the two institutions but suggested that we participate annually in each others national seminars and if possible sign an MOU. The Director suggested that we could also jointly work on a research project which Dr Han agreed to and suggested that we work out the modalities for it.

25. **Indonesian Defense University.** An IDU delegation led by Air Vice Marshal Suparman Djapri, Vice Rector visited the USI to discuss modalities for cooperation between the IDU and the USI. After discussions, AVM Djapri expressed his desire that the USI conduct lectures and capsules for the IDU for which modalities can be jointly work out. The Director agreed to the proposal.

### **Participation in International Conferences**

26. The USI continued to participate in international conferences and seminars at the invitation of host institutions.

### **USI CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND SIMULATION (USI-CS3)**

27.: **Publications.** Following books were published during the year:-

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| (a) The Dynamics of Preventive Diplomacy.  | Shri RS Kalha               |
| (b) Drone Wars: Ethical, Legal and Strategic Implications.                       | Wg Cdr UC Jha               |
| (c) Enhancing India – Central Asia Engagement: Prospects and Issues.             | Ed – Dr Nirmala Joshi       |
| (d) China's Geostrategy and International Behaviour.                             | Col Akshaya Handa           |
| (e) Integrated Maritime Security.  | Dr P Paleri                 |
| (f) Inside ISI.  | Shri SK Datta               |
| (g) Himalayas: Mountains of Our Destiny .  | Col KS Dhami                |
| (h) Afghanistan Beyond 2014.   | Lt Gen PK Singh             |
| (j) Complexities and Challenges of Nuclear India.                                | Dr Roshan Khanijo           |
| (k) The Crimson Chinar – The Kashmir Conflict : A Politico Military Perspective. | Brig AS Cheema              |
| (l) Perspectives of Indo Pacific Region : Aspirations, Challenges and Strategy.  | Ed – Capt Sandeep Dewan, IN |

28. **On Going Research.** Presently the following research is under way :-

- (a) Central Asia Connect Policy.  
Maj Gen BK Sharma
- (b) Water Security.  
Col Vishal Murada

(c) Cyber Warfare.

Col Sanjeev Relia

(d) China's Emerging Cyber Operations Capabilities and Implications for India.

Col Rohit Mehrotra

(e) Growing Relations between China, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar and its implications for India.

Col SK Shahi

(f) Lowering the Threshold : Tactical Nuclear Weapons.

Dr Roshan Khanijo

(g) The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) : Method in the Madness.

Dr Adil Rasheed

(h) Chinese Maritime Strategy in IOR.

Cdr MH Rajesh

29. **Strategy Gaming Exercise, JOCAP – 14.** This was conducted at Army War College from 12 to 15 Feb 2014 on the theme of Indo-Pacific Region and IOR.

30. **Strategy Workshop for Foreign Service Institute, MEA.** The sixth workshop was conducted at USI from 17 to 21 Feb 2014. 22 officers attended.

31. **USI-CSIS, USA Joint Workshop.** The USI-CSIS Joint Workshop was conducted at the USI from 09-11 June 2014.

32. **Roundtable Discussion on “Recent Developments in Tibet” 23 Sep 2014** The discussion was led by Mr Claude Arpi and Maj Gen G Jaishankar, Army HQ.

33. **Strategy Gaming Exercise, NDC.** Two exercises were conducted from 07 to 09 Apr 2014 on the theme of Internal Security Dynamics (LWE) and from 29 Sep to 01 Oct 2014 on the theme of “Middle East and South Asian Developing Security Scenarios” respectively.

34. **USI-IISS, London, Nuclear Workshop.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> USI – IISS Nuclear Workshop was conducted on 11 Nov 2014 at the USI on “Defence, Deterrence and Stability in South Asia”.

35. **Workshop for HDMC, CDM.** It was conducted at the USI on 17 Dec 2014.

36. **Workshop for PG Students of University of Bombay.** Conducted at the USI on 18 Dec 2014.



37. **Training Modules at OP Jindal Global University.** A team from USI under the aegis of CS3 conducted two training modules spread over 13 / 14 lectures at the University as under :-

- (a) National and International Security : Jan – Apr 2014.
- (b) Insurgency, Terrorism and Counter Terrorism : Aug – Nov 2014.

38. **Talk at NDC Oman.** The USI will conduct four talks at the NDC, Muscat, Oman during the period Oct 2014 – Mar 2015.

39. **Royalty.** This year Rs.1.28 lakhs. Total so far Rs.11.68 lakhs for 66 books.

### **USI CENTRE FOR ARMED FORCES HISTORICAL RESEARCH(USI-CAFHR)**

#### **Publications**

40. **Following books were published during the year :-**

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| (a) Last Post : Indian War Memorials Around the World                                  | Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina                  |
| (b) Spitfire in the Sun – A History of the Supermarine Spitfire in IAF Service 1944-57 | Air Cmde Vikram Singh                   |
| (c) The Indian Corps on the Western Front – A Handbook and Battlefield Guide           | Mr Simon Doherty and<br>Mr Tom Donovan  |
| (d) India and The First World War :1914-18   | Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina                  |
| (e) India in World War-I – An Illustrated Story  | Maj Gen Ian Cardozo<br>Shri Rishi Kumar |

#### **Ongoing Research**

41. (a) Customs and Traditions of the Indian Armed Forces.  
Brig SP Sinha
- (b) History of Helicopters in the IAF.  
Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina
- (c) Alha-Udal Ballad Rendition of Western UP.  
Dr Amit Pathak
- (d) Battle of Chhamb 1971.  
Maj Gen AJS Sandhu

- (e) Military History of Bene Israel Jews in the Indian Army.  
Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina
- (f) Annotated Translation of Capt KK Rudra's Biography  
Prof Kaushik Roy
- (g) Battle of Longewala  
Air Mshl MS Bawa
- (h) Untold Story 1946 Naval Mutiny  
Lt Cdr GD Sharma
- (j) Air Power in Support of Op Pawan  
Air Mshl Bharat Kumar

#### **42. Events Connected with "India and the Great War" Centenary Commemoration Project**

43. Various events are planned over the period 2014-18, highlighting Indian contribution, in collaboration with various countries. The project is being supported by MEA amongst others. Following events have been conducted:-

- (a) **Jaipur Literary Festival.** A panel discussion was organised during the festival (17-21 Jan 2014) on WWI, wherein Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina highlighted the contribution of Indian Armed Forces.
- (b) **Talk at USI.** Ms Jody East, Curator of Royal Pavilion and Museum Brighton, gave a talk on 05 Feb 2014 on "The Royal Pavilion Brighton and its Indian Connection with the Great War".
- (c) **Talk at Chandimandir.** Talk by Ms Jody East at HQ Western Command on 07 Feb 2014.
- (d) **International Conference at Dhaka.** The conference and an exhibition was organised by Alliance Francoise de Dhaka on 24-26 Feb 2014. Theme was "War and Colonies 1914-18". Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina presented a paper on "Bhadralok Warriors: The Bengali Military Experience in the Great War". He also presided over a session.
- (e) **Media Discussion.** A media discussion was organised jointly by USI and Australian High Commission on 03 Mar 2014 on "A Century of Shared Defence Co-operations between Australia and India".



- (f) **International Conference at USI : 05 to 07 Mar 2014.** Various session themes were The Fighting Fronts, Military Labour/Officer Experience, Indian Army Regiments and Royal Indian Marine, Repercussions on Indian Society and Culture, and Indian State Forces. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India, and the Keynote Address was given by Fd Mshl Sir John Chapple, and Valedictory Address by Mrs Sujatha Singh, the Foreign Secretary. Papers were presented by participants from Australia, UK, Sweden, USA, Finland, Canada and India. Proceedings are being compiled as a book.
- (g) **Press Briefing.** Joint press briefing by CAFHR and UK High Commissioner on 14 Mar 2014 at High Commissioner's Residence.
- (h) **UK Research Trip.** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina, Secretary CAFHR undertook research trip to UK from 11 to 20 May 2014.
- (j) **UK Punjab Heritage Association (UKPHA).** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina delivered a talk on 10 Aug 2014 on "All the King's Men : The Great War's Forgotten Army" at a symposium organized by UKPHA at School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.
- (k) **Kasauli Literary Festival, 10-12 Oct 2014.** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina participated in session devoted to India and WWI.
- (l) **Seminar on Board the Belgian Ship, Leopold I in Mumbai.** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina participated in a Seminar on 13 Oct 14 on the subject "Remembering World War I and Exploring the Future of Non-violence;" held aboard the Belgian Navy Ship, 'Leopold I' in Mumbai.
- (m) **Talk at Indian Embassy in Brussels 22 Oct 2014.** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina gave a talk on the sterling contribution of Indian Soldiers in WWI.
- (n) **International Conference at Ypres, Belgium, 24-25 Oct 2014.** Theme was "Indians on the Western Front", Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina participated. Battle Field Guide A Joint USI-UK publication was released and a tour of the battle field was organised.
- (o) **Talk at Indian Embassy in Paris 26 Oct 2014.** Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina was invited to speak about the contribution of Indian Soldiers in WWI.

(p) **BBC World Service Show – “The War that Changed the World” 01 Nov 2014.** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina participated in a special episode on “India : Imperialism” on 01 Nov 2014, as part of the BBC World Service Show - “The War That Changed The World”.

(q) **Talk at UNESCO Paris 10 – 12 Dec 2014.** Sqn Ldr Chhina presented a paper, on the ‘Indian Contribution to the Great War’ at Indian Mission in UNESCO, Paris.

(r) **WWI War Diaries.** Presentation of digitized and Printed War Diaries of Indian Units and a reception was organized on 30 Oct 2014 at the British High Commissioner's Residence. After the presentation of war diaries, marble plaques of six VC awardees were unveiled. The function was also attended by Defence Ministers of India and UK and COAS. The Director presented the War Diaries to the Senior representatives of the Regiments / Corps.

### **Royalty**

44. This year Rs. 6,955 /-. Total so far Rs.2.79 lakhs for 7 books.

### **General Palit Military Studies Trust**

45. The Book “The Westland Wapiti in the IAF 1933-43 – A Complete History” by Shri PVS Jagan Mohan was published during the year.

46. Following research is under progress :-

Command and Organisation of the British and Indian Army during the Mesopotamian Campaign 1916 – 18, Mr Andrew Syk.

### **USI CENTRE FOR UN PEACEKEEPING (USI-CUNPK)**

47. **Courses.** During the year following courses were conducted :-

(a) **National Courses.** 4.

(b) **UNMOC-14.** Classes at IDSA.

(c) **UNMOCOC-13.** Classes and stay at a hotel.

48. As a consequence of a fire incident on 14 Aug 2014, CUNPK moved out from USI premises to Army HQ, RK Puram, and are now conducting their courses at a hotel.



### CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

49. Results of various examinations were as under :-

(a) Part B Examination Jul 2014.

- (i) No of Students enrolled - 482
- (ii) No Appeared in Exam - 467
- (iii) Percentage Passed :-
  - (aa) All Subjects - 39.18%
  - (ab) Part - 46.90%

(b) Part D Examination Oct 2014.

- No of Students enrolled - 526  
(Result awaited)

(c) DSSC Army Sep 2014 Exam.

- (i) No of Students - 546
- (ii) No appeared in exam - 508
- (iii) Nominated - 202 / 239
- (iv) Competitive Vacancies - 17 / 20
- (v) Reserve - 10 / 12

(d) TSOC Sep 2014 Exam .

- (i) Nominated - 57 / 80
- (ii) Reserves - 2 / 5

50. Contact Programme DSSC (Army). Three contact programmes were conducted this year from 30 Jun – 05 Jul, 14 – 19 Jul and 28 Jul – 02 Aug. 192 officers attended.

### GOLD MEDAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2014

51. 68 entries were received for Group A, subject being "Jointness in the Armed Forces : Existing Gaps and Desired Capabilities". 56 entries were received for Group 'B' subject being "Challenges of Leadership, Morals and Ethics in the Armed Forces and the Way Forward".

**CONCLUSION**

52. The USI continues to grow steadily in all fields of its activities and fulfills the aim and vision for which it was set up.

53. I would like to thank all members of the Council for their support. I would also like to compliment the Director and Staff for their dedication to the USI.