

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL - 2016**



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**UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION OF INDIA**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2016**

1. Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the fourth meeting of the present Council. The USI is a unique, autonomous Institution with unequalled expertise in the field of National Security and matters pertaining to the Defence Services. It has built an outstanding reputation over the last 146 years. It is my privilege to present the report of the Institution for the year 2016. A copy of the report has been placed on the table and will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

2. The Institution began with a membership of 215 members. When it moved to its present premises in 1996, the membership stood at about 3500 and today it is 14,111 Life, Ordinary, Associate and Course Members. It is heartening to report that during the current year 245 new Life Members were enrolled. This continuous growth exemplifies the support and trust the Institution enjoys.

### **FINANCES**

3. The Institution does not get any grant / aid from the Ministry of Defence or the Services. It continues to carry out all its activities from the resources generated within. Since the USI Centres {Center for Strategic Studies and Simulation (CS3) and Center for Armed Forces Historical Research (CAFHR)} are not able to meet their annual expenditure, they are allocated resources from the Corpus Fund. Further, our building and equipment being more than two decades old, now require greater allocation of funds for their renovation and upkeep. The USI CUNPK building has been completely renovated post fire accident in 2014 and now CAFHR is fully functional in that location.

4. The Audit Report and Balance Sheet for 2015-16, Revised Estimates for 2016-17 and Budget Estimates for 2017-18 are already with you. These have been recommended by the Finance Sub Committee and the Executive Committee for approval. The Committee has also recommended that we consider approaching the Service Headquarters and the Ministry of Defence for a grant to the Corpus so as to sustain our activities in all fields.

### **USI JOURNAL**

5. Having had uninterrupted publication since 1871, it is the flagship publication and pride of the USI. The articles from its archives are still sought by the scholars and researchers the world over. The articles reflect a sense of the 'times' in respect of issues related to strategy, national security, Defence Forces and international relations. In the recent issues, our articles have received wide appreciation. The Journal, not infrequently, also carries well researched articles from foreign scholars and experts. During the last one year, 29 latest books have been reviewed in the USI Journal in the form of review articles and short reviews.

### **USI LIBRARY**

6. The USI library with a collection of over 65,000 books, some dating back to 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries is a storehouse of knowledge and archival material. During the period Nov 2015 – Nov 2016, a total of 600 books have been added to the library.

7. The library has Army Lists since the days of the Presidency Armies dating back to 1793 (Bombay Army List) and are sought after by many to locate service details of their ancestors. Under the Universal Digital Library Project partnered by the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, in India (through Indian Institute of Technology, Allahabad), we have been able to scan nearly 700,000 pages of rare books including USI Journals since 1871 and these are now available on the internet for use by scholars and researchers the world over. The following links can be used to access this rare material:-

(a) [www.new.dli.ernet.in](http://www.new.dli.ernet.in)

(b) [www.dli.gov.in](http://www.dli.gov.in)

8. As part of the Information Service for its members, the library is putting out 'news highlights' on daily basis from the Indian print media and internet news portals. These can be accessed on the USI website by clicking on 'News Highlights' on the left hand side of the home page under 'Library'. A monthly 'Information Alert' is also compiled and made available as a ready reckoner on various subjects for use by members and researchers. The popularity of our website is evident from the fact that it received a total of 6,00,003 hits during the months of Sep – Nov 2016.

## **USI ANNUAL EVENTS**

9. **Thirty Sixth National Security Seminar.** It was conducted on 03-04 Nov 2016 on “Strategic Balance in the Indo-Pacific Region: Challenges and Prospects”. The Seminar continues to attract international participation and this year we had 21 foreign participants.

10. **Thirteenth Maj Gen Samir Sinha Memorial Lecture.** This was delivered by Lt Gen Arun K Sahni, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd) former GOC-in-C South Western Command on 06 Apr 2016 on the subject “Development of Tactical Nuclear Weapons by Pakistan and Implications for South Asia”. This has been published in the USI Journal for Apr - Jun 2016 and also as a monograph.

11. **Nineteenth Col Pyara Lal Memorial Lecture.** This was delivered by General NC Vij, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (Retd), former Chief of the Army Staff on 28 Sep 2016 on “The Role of Higher Defence Organisation in India’s National Security Architecture” The text has been published in the USI Journal for Jul - Sep 2016.

12. **Thirty Second National Security Lecture.** This was delivered on 07 Dec 2016 by Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, IFS (Retd), former Foreign Secretary & NSA on “China, India and Pakistan”. General V P Malik, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) former COAS presided. The text is being published in the USI Journal for Oct – Dec 2016.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY PAPER**

13. The thirty third National Security Paper on the subject “Power is a Dynamic Concept: Challenges to India’s Strategic Autonomy in the Coming Decade and How We Can Shape the Strategic Environment?” has been written by Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), former Vice Chief of the Army Staff. This security paper has been published as a monograph.

## **ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITIONS**

14. **Gold Medal Essay Competitions 2016.** A total of 83 entries were received for the Group A competition, the subject being “Managing Civil-Military Relations: How to Bridge the Gap?” A total of 66 entries were received for the Group B competition, the subject being “Transforming our Armed Forces to face Challenges of Jointness”. It is recommended that the Service Headquarters encourage more officers to participate in these competitions.

15. **Lt Gen SL Menezes Memorial Essay Competition 2016.** This competition commenced in 2015 but this is the first time that participants were permitted to select a topic related to Indian military History, from any era, related to any aspect of India's military past, on ground, sea or air. A total of 115 entries were received. This is encouraging and we expect greater participation in the years ahead.

#### **PUBLICATION OF BOOKS AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

16. Our focus on research leading to publication of books / monographs continues unabated. Since the year 2009 we have published over 101 books which include 21 published during the current year. Details of the books published in the current year are covered later in the report. In addition to publishing books, we also held book discussions during the year. Details are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

(a) Book Discussion on "Men and Dreams in the Dhauladhar" by Cdr Kochery C Shibu (Retd) - Author in conversation with Capt Alok Bansal (Retd) on 15 Jan 2016.

(b) Book Discussion on "China's Approach Towards Territorial Disputes: Lessons and Prospects", by Ms Sana Hashmi, on 09 September 2016. The event was chaired by Shri RS Kalha, IFS (Retd).

(c) Book Discussion on the book "The Battlefields of Imphal: The Second World War and North East India" by Mr Hemant Katoch on 15 Sep 16. The event was chaired by Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina, Secretary CAFHR.

(d) The book "In Memoriam – The Fallen Air Warriors" by Air Mshl Bharat Kumar (Retd) was released by the Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh, DFC on 15 Dec 2016.

#### **THE 'INDIA AND THE GREAT WAR' CENTENARY COMMEMORATION PROJECT**

17. The USI Centre for Armed Forces Historical Research (CAFHR) commenced a four year project on 'India and the Great War' Centenary Commemoration Project in 2014 and has kept at it as planned. For this project, the following foreign scholars have worked with the Centre:-

(a) Prof Peter Stanley (Australia).

(b) Mr Dominiek Dendooven (Belgium).

- (c) Mr Harry Fecitt (Portugal).
- (d) Mr Tony McClenaghan (UK).
- (e) Mr Tom Donovan (UK).

18. The CAFHR undertook a number of activities and publications during the year 2016 as part of the 'India and the Great War' Centenary Commemoration Project.

19. Two symposiums titled 'Meeting of the Minds' were jointly organized in the UK by the USI CAFHR, Imperial War Museum (IWM), Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove, and the Golden Tour Foundation (GTF). The symposiums were held in May (at Brighton) and October 2016 (in London), respectively. They brought together a steering group of like-minded individuals and organisations to discuss, collaborate and create a collective remembrance of the contribution of Indian soldiers in the two World Wars.

20. To represent the Indian participation in the Battle of the Somme centenary commemoration USI members took part in the midnight vigil organized by the British High Commission at the Delhi War Cemetery on 30 June 2016. Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina (Retd), Secy, CAFHR, read an extract from a poem by Rabindranath Tagore during the ceremony. In addition the Secy CAFHR gave a talk detailing India's contribution to the Great War at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, on 5th October. In continuation of our projects a large and well-illustrated coffee table book titled 'Les Hindous: Indian Army on the Western Front – 1914-1919' was published by the CAFHR jointly with the MEA, for which the President of India very kindly wrote the Foreword. This book was launched on 22 November 2016 at the French Embassy jointly by the Belgian and French Ambassadors.

#### **'INDIA REMEMBERS' PROJECT**

21. In order to institutionalise a culture of remembrance in the country, USI-CAFHR conceived and initiated the 'India Remembers' project in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Bengaluru-based Flags of Honour Foundation. This holistic project seeks to enable communities across India to honour, remember and commemorate the valour and sacrifice of Indian servicemen who served and died in various pre and post-1947 military operations in the service of the nation. The project was launched on 14 July 2016 at the USI. At the project launch a book titled 'Bravest of the Brave:

The Extraordinary Story of the Indian VCs of World War I' written by Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM (Retd) was released by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd). The project launch was covered in the national press and by the BBC Radio.

#### **BILATERAL / MULTI-LATERAL INTERNATIONAL INTERACTIONS**

22. **USI - IAAU, Kyrgyzstan Meeting** - The USI hosted a Round Table Discussion (RTD) on 05 Feb 2016 with the visiting delegates from Silk Road Research Center of International Ataturk Alatau University (IAAU), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on "Developments in Central Asia: India-Kyrgyzstan Relations".

23. **USI - Sichuan University, Chengdu, China.** The meeting was hosted by the Sichuan University, Chengdu, China from 08 to 10 March 2016. The USI was represented by Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) and Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd).

24. **USI - AISS, Afghanistan.**

(a) The USI hosted 1<sup>st</sup> "Afghanistan – India Security Dialogue" with the visiting delegates from Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS), Kabul, Afghanistan on 14 and 15 March 2016.

(b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> "India-Afghanistan Security Dialogue" was hosted by AISS at Herat Afghanistan from 14 to 16 Oct 2016. The USI was represented by Lt Gen PC Katoch, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SC (Retd) and Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd).

25. **USI – Daniel K Inouye Asia – Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii Workshop.** A joint workshop was held at the USI on 'Transnational Threats and Border : Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Security' from 26 to 28 April 2016. Participants were from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Pakistan and India.

26. **USI - Sichuan University, Chengdu, China.** The USI hosted a RTD with the visiting delegates from Sichuan University, Chengdu, China on 07 June 2016; on "Developments in Tibet & its Impact on Sino-Indian Relations" and "Sino-Pak Relations & its Impact on Sino-Indian Relations".

27. **USI – RUSI Meeting.** Meeting was held on 19 Jul 2016 with Mr Raffaello Pantucci, Director International Security Studies RUSI and Brig Mark Goldsack, British DA to discuss possibilities of the two institutions working on projects of mutual interest.

28. **USI – Pathfinder Foundation (PF) Colombo Meeting.** Meeting with Mr Milinda Moragoda, Founder, PF and Ambassador Bernard Goonetilleke, Chairman PF was held at the USI on 28 Jul 2016. It was decided that the two institutions should collaborate. Subsequently Admiral Colombage (Retd) visited the USI to carry forward the dialogue. The Director while participating in the Galle Dialogue at Colombo also had a meeting with Senior members of the PF on 28 Nov 2016 where it was decided to explore the possibility of enlarging the bilateral meeting to a trilateral meeting by including Sichuan University, Chengdu, China with which USI already has an MOU.

29. **USI – IDIR, Vietnam Bilateral Meeting.** The USI hosted a bilateral RTD with the visiting delegates from Institute for Defence International Relations (IDIR), Vietnam held on “Situation in South China Sea and its Implication on Regional Stability” and “India-Vietnam Relations – Challenges and Prospects” on 02 Nov 2016.

30. **USI – CIISS Meeting.** The CIISS delegation visited the USI and participated in the National Security Seminar on 03 – 04 Nov 2016.

31. **USI – NDC Oman Tie Up.** Three rounds of discussions between the USI and NDC, Oman in 2013 have resulted in a tie up under which the USI conducts lectures at the NDC Oman since 2014-15. Four lectures were conducted during 2015-16 and the next set of three lectures for 2016-17 have been planned.

#### **BILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

32. We enlarged our bilateral partnership by signing five MOUs during the year with the following Institutions :-

- (a) International Ataturk Alatoo University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- (b) Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- (c) Pathfinder Foundation (PF), Colombo.
- (d) Christ University, Bengaluru.
- (e) Center for Military Research and Monitoring (CMRM), Kabul, Afghanistan.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

33. The USI continued to participate in international conferences and seminars at the invitation of host Institutions. During the year we



participated in the following conferences/seminars/workshops (CS3 and CAFHR events are listed at paras 44 & 55) :-

- (a) “Indo-Bangladesh Cooperation Dialogue 2016” at Bangkok, Thailand, 04-06 Feb 2016.
- (b) “Partners in Reform : Rising Powers and UN Peace Operations” at New York University, New York on 23 Mar 2016.
- (c) “The 2015 UN Reviews : Informal Asian Regional Consultation and Implementation” at the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Shanghai, China.
- (d) “International Track II Conference of SCO” at Sochi, Russia
- (e) “Regional Conference on Consortium of South Asia Think Tanks on Refugees in South Asia” at Kathmandu, Nepal from -1 – 03 May 2016.
- (f) “Challenges Forum Workshop and Partners Meeting” at New York from 08 – 10 May 2016.
- (g) “Rising Powers and Peacebuilding Workshop” at Istanbul, Turkey on 23 – 24 May 2016.
- (h) “15<sup>th</sup> IISS Asia Security Summit – The Shangrila Dialogue” at Singapore, 03 – 05 June 2016.
- (i) “Workshop on “Rising Powers and Peacebuilding” at Vesalius College, Brussels, Belgium on 24 Aug 2016 and at the Institute for Rule of Law at The Hague, Amsterdam, Netherlands on 25 Aug 2016.
- (j) Participate in “Taiwan PLA Studies International Program 2016” at Taipei, from 29 Aug to 09 Sep 2016.
- (k) “5<sup>th</sup> Seol Defense Dialogue” organised by the Ministry of National Defense, ROK at Seol, from 07 to 09 Sep 2016.
- (l) “7<sup>th</sup> Xiangshan Forum on “International Terrorism : Threats and Response” hosted by CIISS and CAMS at Beijing from 10 – 12 Oct 2016.
- (m) “5<sup>th</sup> Herat Security Dialogue at Herat”, Afghanistan on 14 – 15 Oct 2016.
- (n) “10<sup>th</sup> High Level IISS – NESA South Asia Security Conference” at Muscat, Oman, 21 – 23 Oct 2016.

(o) Challenges Forum “Workshop and Partners Meeting” at Bali, Indonesia on 10 – 11 Nov 2016.

(p) Conference on “Assessing China’s Military Reform” jointly organized by CAPS, Taiwan – RAND – NDU at Washington DC on 18 – 19 Nov 2016.

(q) “Galle Dialogue 2016 – International Maritime Conference” at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 28 – 29 Nov 2016.

#### **TALKS / DISCUSSIONS / INTERACTIONS**

34. As part of its activities, the USI hosts talks, discussions and interaction on a wide range of subjects. It is customary for us to invite Ambassadors accredited to India to speak on subjects of contemporary interest. This year HE Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan in India and Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, former US Ambassador to Afghanistan spoke/interacted at the USI. We also had RTD with Mr Philip Dunne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement of the UK and his delegation. Some of our other distinguished speakers were General Nicholson, Commander, Resolute Support and United States Forces – Afghanistan; Dr Daniel Pipes, President, The Middle East Forum, USA; Dr Alexander Lukin, Executive Director, Western-Caucasus Research Centre, Russia; Prof MD Nalapat, Director, Deptt of Geopolitics and Intl Relations, Manipal University; Dr Rajiv Kumar, former Director & CEO, ICRIER; Lt Gen NC Marwah (Retd), Member NDMA; Lt Gen KJ Singh GOC-in-C Western Command, Air Mshl Arjun Subramaniam, Senior Directing Staff, NDC, India and Vice Adm Satish Soni (Retd).

35. The details of talks, discussions and interactions are at **Appendix.**

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

36. The focus continued to be on quality research, conduct of strategic gaming exercises, scholar presentations, publication of books and on its outreach programme. Research scholars continued to be sent abroad to participate in international events and show the USI Flag. Scholars were also encouraged to write for the “Strategic Perspective” and the “Blog” which are put up on our website.

37. **Ongoing Research.** Presently the following research is under way :-

(a) Chinese Maritime Strategy in IOR and Implications for the

India's Maritime Security Engagement in the Region - Cdr MH Rajesh.

(b) Integrating Information Warfare (IW) Operations with Kinetic Means for achieving War Objectives: Impact on Force Structuring and Operational Doctrine – Col Anurag Dwivedi.

(c) Critical Appraisal of China's Internal Fault Lines; Impact on China's Rise and Lessons for India – Brig Sandeep Jain.

(d) A Comparative Analysis of China & India's Space Capabilities Implications: Challenges and Response - Col Sanjay Kumar.

(e) Impact of Tactical Nuclear Weapons on Indo-Pak Nuclear Balance – Col IS Panjra.

(f) India's Afghanistan Policy – Challenges and Prospects – Dr Raj Kumar Sharma.

(g) An Appraisal of Strategic Stability in South Asia with particular reference to Af-Pak Region: Implications for India – Col Zubin Bhatnagar.

(h) India-China and Strategic Balance in South Asia – Gp Capt S Tewari, VM (Retd).

(j) Net Assessment of Nuclear Balance of India and Pakistan – Dr Roshan Khanijo.

38. **Publications.** The following books / monograph / occasional papers / articles were published :-

**Books**

(a) India's Water Security Challenges – Myths, Reality and Measures” – Col Vishal Murada, Senior Research Fellow.

(b) “China's One Belt One Road – Initiative, Challenges and Prospects” – Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) & Dr Nivedita Das Kundu.

(c) “The Indo-Pacific Region – Security, Dynamics and Challenges” – Gp Capt Sharad Tewari, VM (Retd) & Dr Roshan Khanijo.

(d) “Developments in Central Asia – India-Kyrgyzstan Relations” – Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) & Dr Nivedita Das Kundu.

(e) “Geopolitics, Security and Bilateral Relations - Perspectives from India and South Korea” (2016) – Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) & Cdr MH Rajesh.

**39. Occasional Papers / Monograph**

(a) “Nuclear Security Summit – The Challenge Continues” – Dr Roshan Khanijo.

(b) “Analysis of China’s Military Reorganisation” – Major General BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd), Brigadier Sandeep Jain & Dr Roshan Khanijo.

(c) “India and United Nations Peace Operations: Security Sector Reform” – Ambassador Asoke Mukerji, IFS (Retd) & Lieutenant General Chander Prakash, VSM, SM (Retd).

(d) “Does India Need to Review its Nuclear Doctrine?” – Dr Roshan Khanijo.

(e) “India’s SCO Membership – Challenges and Opportunities” – Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) & Dr Raj Kumar Sharma.

**40. Articles published in Journals/Books**

(a) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) published a paper in USI Year Book - 2015-16 on, “Building Comprehensive Deterrence Capability For India – Some Thoughts”.

(b) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd) published a paper on “Geopolitical Trends in Indo-Pacific: Implications for Regional Security” in the Book “Geopolitics, Security and Bilateral Relations – Perspectives from India and South Korea”.

(c) Dr Roshan Khanijo published a paper on “Decision Making Process Dictated by Political Interests” in Indian Foreign Affairs Journal (Jul-Sep 2016, Vol-II, No. 3).

(d) Dr Roshan Khanijo published a paper in USI Year Book - 2015-16 on “Role of Weapons of Mass Destruction in India’s Strategic Security Calculus”.

(e) Dr Roshan Khanijo published an article on “Role and Modernisation of China’s Second Artillery” for Meerut University (2016).

(f) Dr Roshan Khanijo published a paper on “Nuclear Security Issues: Challenges and Opportunities” in the Book “Geopolitics, Security and Bilateral Relations – Perspectives from India and South Korea”

(g) Cdr MH Rajesh published an article on “Continuing Evolution of Chinese Armed forces - A Review of recent Organisational Changes” (Jan Mar 2016 Vol II No. 2).

(h) Cdr MH Rajesh published an article on “South China Sea in Retrospect - A Post Tribunal Verdict” for USI Journal (Jul Sep 2016 Vol-II, No. 3).

(i) Cdr MH Rajesh reviewed a book in Special Edition of India Book Review “India’s Approach to Asia, Strategy Geopolitics and Responsibility”.

(k) Cdr MH Rajesh wrote a Chapter on “Maritime Silk Road” in the Book “China’s One Belt One Road Initiative Challenges and Prospects”.

(l) Cdr MH Rajesh published an article on “Multi-party Democracy in the Maldives and the Emerging Security Environment in the Indian Ocean Region (USI Journal).

(m) Cdr MH Rajesh published an article on “An Indian Ocean Perspective on New Regional Security – Indian and South Korean Perspectives” in the Book “Geopolitics, Security and Bilateral Relations – Perspectives from India and South Korea”.

41. **USI Strategic Year Book.** The second edition titled “USI Strategic Year Book 2017” with 32 articles on contemporary issues will be published shortly.

**42. Participation by Scholars in International Events**

(a) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) presented paper on “Tibet Issue & Boundary Disputes” at Sichuan University, China from 08 to 10 Mar 2016.

(b) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) presented paper on “Developing Security Scenario in Afghanistan” (Afghanistan-India Security Dialogue between United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi and Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS), Kabul held at USI on 14-15 Mar 2016.

(c) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) presented paper at SCO Conference on “Jihadi Terrorism in the Afghanistan – Pakistan (Af-Pak) region and its Implication for regional stability” on 18-21 Apr 2016.

(d) Brig Sandeep Jain, Senior Research Fellow attended “Taiwan PLA Studies International Program 2016” at Taipei, Taiwan, from 29 Aug 2016 to 09 Sep 2016.

(e) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) attended Herat Security Dialogue –V and presented paper on “Role of External Players in Peace-building in Afghanistan” at the USI-AISS-Bilateral Security Dialogue Organised by Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies at Herat (Kabul) from 14-16 Oct 2016.

(f) Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow attended 7<sup>th</sup> Xiangshan Forum held at CAMS & CISS, Beijing, China on “International Terrorism : Threats and Response” from 10-12 Oct 2016.

**43. Participation by Scholars in National Events**

(a) Gp Capt S Tewari, VM (Retd), Senior Research Fellow was a Keynote Speaker on “Terrorism in South Asia – Issues, Challenges and Options” at Gorakhpur University on 13 & 14 Feb 2016.

(b) Dr Roshan Khanijo was a panellist in the Round Table Discussion on “Nuclear Dynamics in South Asia” on 23 Feb 2016 in USI.

(c) Dr Roshan Khanijo was a panellist in the International Seminar on “India’s Role in Global Nuclear Governance” in IDSA on 24 Feb 2016.

(d) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) delivered lecture on “India in China’s Strategic Calculus” at Eastern Command Kolkata on 07 May 2016.

(f) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) delivered a lecture on “India in China’s Strategic Calculus” at USI on 17 Jun 2016. (g) Cdr MH Rajesh, Research Fellow presented paper on “A Perspective on Indian Ocean Region” with the visiting Sri Lankan Defence Services Staff College delegation at USI on 03 Aug 2016.

(h) Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM (Retd) presented paper on “Dynamics of Indo-Pak and Sino-India Border Disputes and its Implications on Stability of South Asia” at USI National Security Seminar on 03-04 Nov 2016.

(j) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) presented paper on “Pak-China Strategic Nexus” at CSOI on 06 Nov 2016.

(k) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) presented paper on “Indian Perspective on Pak-China Strategic Relations” on 09 Nov 2016 at Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).

#### **44. USI Team Presentation**

(a) Seminar on “Analysis of Growing Pak-China Linkages, Its Effects on India’s National Security and Options / Measures to Mitigate the Same” at HQ South Western Command (Jaipur) on 13 Jan 2016. Papers were presented by the Following team members :-

##### **Team Members.**

(i) Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Director USI chaired the presentation.

(ii) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) on “Proposed Land Forces strategy to mitigate a two front threat in a future conflict scenario”.

(iii) Ambassador Meera Shankar (Retd) on “Role of USA in Sino-Pak relations”.

(iv) Ambassador Satyabrata Pal (Retd) on “Determinants of Pakistan-China strategic nexus, genesis and future trajectory and implications for India – From Pakistan perspective”.

(v) Ambassador RS Kalha (Retd) on “Determinants of Pakistan-China strategic nexus, genesis and future trajectory and implications for India – From a Chinese perspective”.

(v) Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia, PVSM, AVSM, SM (Retd) on “Determinants of Sino-Pak military collaboration and possible military scenarios in a future conflict”.

(iv) Dr Roshan Khanijo, Senior Research Fellow & Research Coordinator on “Pakistan-China nuclear collaboration, genesis and future cooperation and implications for India”.

(b) Workshop on “Developments in Afghanistan and its Implications on Regional Security” with the visiting delegation from International Ataturk Alatoo University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan at USI on 05 Feb 2016 :-

**Team Members.**

(i) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) on “Terrorism in the Afghanistan-Pakistan (Af-Pak) Region and its Implications on Regional Security”.

(ii) Ambassador Reena Pandey, IFS (Retd) on “India-Kyrgyzstan Relations”.

(iii) Dr Nivedita Das Kundu, Senior Research Advisor on “Role of Great Powers in Central Asia”.

(iv) Dr Raj Kumar Sharma, Research Fellow on “Afghan Factor in Security of Central Asian Republics”.

(c) Joint workshop with Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies held at USI on Transnational Threats and Border: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Security on 26-28 Apr 2016 :-

**Team Members.**

(i) Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Director USI.

(ii) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) – Mentor.

(iii) Gp Capt Sharad Tewari, VM (Retd) – Moderator.

(d) Presentations given at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) on 08 Sep 2016 by the following :-

(i) Maj Gen PJS Sandhu (Retd), Dy Director & Editor on “Border Disputes and Tibet Factor in Sino-Indian Relations”.



(ii) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) on "Pak-China Strategic Nexus and Implications for India".

(iii) Cdr MH Rajesh, Research Fellow on "Contestation at South China Sea and Prognosis Post Hague Verdict".

(e) Presentation given at USI for HQIDS, on "CPEC Overview and Economic Factors" on 07 Oct 2016 :-

**Team Members.**

(i) Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), Deputy Director (Research) on "Overview of CPEC".

(ii) Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM (Retd) on "Security of CPEC".

(iii) Cdr MH Rajesh on "Economics of CPEC".

(iv) Dr Roshan Khanijo on "SWOT of CPEC".

(v) Dr Raj Kumar Sharma on "Political and Diplomatic issues of CPEC".

45. **Scholars Presentations :-**

(a) Col SK Shahi, Senior Research Fellow– "Growing Sino-Nepal Relations and Options for India" (06 Jan 2016).

(b) Col SK Shahi, Senior Research Fellow– "Growing China's Strides in Myanmar and Implications for India" (04 Apr 2016).

(c) Col Rohit Mehrotra, Senior Research Fellow– "China's Emerging Cyber Operations Capabilities and Implications for India" (11 Jul 2016).

(d) Cdr MH Rajesh, Research Fellow– "Chinese Maritime Strategy in IOR and Implications for India's Maritime Security Engagement in the Region"(20 May 2016).

(e) Brig Sandeep Jain, Senior Research Fellow– "Critical Appraisal of China's Internal Fault Lines; Impact on China's Rise and Lessons for India" (30 Sep 2016).

(f) Col Sanjay Kumar, Senior Research Fellow– "A Comparative Analysis of China & India's Space Capabilities Implications: Challenges and Response" (27 Oct 2016).

**46. Internship Programme**

(a) Internship Programme for Christ University, Bangaluru - 18 Apr to 20 May 2016. 12 students participated in the month long programme. The capsule comprised lectures on Research Methodology, Historical Research and important strategic topics by various renowned retired diplomats, military officers and academicians. A visit to national museum/archives was also organised.

(b) Internship Programme Delhi University - Mr Shantanu Roy-Chaudhury, on the topic: "The Rise of ISIS: Implications for India" from 23 May 2016 to 20 Jul 2016.

(c) Internship Programme Jindal Global University, Sonipat (Haryana) - Ms Sunidhi Gupta, on the topic "Socio-Economic and Geo-political Implications of the Open Border Regime between India and Nepal" from 01 Jun 2016 to 31Jul 2016.

**47. Strategic Gaming Exercises.** A total of four Strategic Gaming Exercises were conducted during the year:-

(a) Strategic Gaming Exercise I at NDC, on "Insurgency in North Eastern States" from 29-31 Mar 2016.

(b) Strategic Gaming Exercise II at NDC, "Strategic Competition in West Asia & Af-Pak Region" from 12-15 Sep 2016.

(c) Strategic Gaming Exercise "Sampoorna Drishti" at Army War College, 17-18 Feb 2016.

(d) Strategic Gaming Exercise "Koot Niti" at Army War College, 22-23 Jul 2016.

**48. Strategic Workshops for Foreign Diplomats.** Three workshops were conducted for the foreign diplomats attending course at the Foreign Service Institute :-

(a) 61<sup>st</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) on 03 May 2016.

(b) 62<sup>st</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) on 17 Aug 2016.

(c) 10<sup>th</sup> Special Course for Asian Diplomats on 04 Oct 2016.

**49. Projects Undertaken for HQIDS.**

- (a) SWOT Analysis for Bangladesh (Feb 2015).
- (b) Scenario Building and Scenario Analysis of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) (Nov 2016).

50. **USI Strategic Perspective and Blog.** We continue to encourage our scholars to write for the USI Strategic Perspectives and Blog. During the year a total of 94 articles were posted on our Blog and 28 articles on Strategic Perspectives.

51. **Raisina Dialogue 2016.** The USI partnered ORF in the conduct of the Raisina Dialogue, 2016.

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

52. **Publications.** The following books were published during the year :

- (a) Les Hindous: Indian Army on the Western Front – 1914-1919 – Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina, (Retd) :-
- (b) Lt General Bilimoria His Life and Times - Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM (Retd).
- (c) The Bravest of the Brave: The Extraordinary Story of Indian VCs of World War I - Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM (Retd).
- (d) Gorkha Hat And Maroon Beret: Everyman an Emperor, - Lt Gen Chandra Shekhar, PVSM, AVSM (Retd).
- (e) Air Battle of Longewala – Air Marshal MS Bawa, PVSM, AVSM, VM (Retd).

**53. ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**

Articles of Mr Adil Chhina, RA CAFHR, titled 'India and the Great War Centenary Commemoration Project – An Update published in USI Journal.

**54. ONGOING RESEARCH**

- (a) Customs and Traditions of the Indian Armed Forces-Brig SP Sinha, VSM (Retd).
- (b) A History of Helicopters in India – Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd).

- (c) Alha-Udal Ballad Rendition of Western UP – Dr AmitPathak.
- (d) India in World War I – Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM, (Retd).
- (e) Indo-Pak Air War of Dec 1971 – Air Cmde Vikram Singh, VSM.
- (f) Tank Warfare in the 1965 War – Sqn Ldr Sameer Joshi (Retd).
- (g) Joint USI-CWGC research project on the 30,000 Indian war dead on the Basra Memorial – Mr Adil Chhina.
- (h) Famous Artillery Battles – Major General A J S Sandhu (Retd).

**55. EVENTS 2016**

- (a) **4 Feb 16:** Talk by Sqn Ldr Chhina on the history of Maratha Light Infantry at the Regimental Day of the Maratha Light Infantry.
- (b) **3 March 16:** Interview given by Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina to a South Korean network called EBS (Educational Broadcasting System) for a documentary on WW1.
- (c) **5 Mar – 31 May 16:** Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina taught a course on India's participation in WW1 at the Shiv Nadar University. The classes were spread over the duration of one semester. This course was first of its kind being offered by a university in India.
- (d) **24-26 May 16:** A symposium titled 'Meeting of the Minds' organised jointly by the USI Centre For Armed Forces Historical Research with the Imperial War Museum (IWM), Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove, and the Golden Tour Foundation (GTF) in Brighton, UK, to get like-minded individuals and organisations to come together to discuss their work on the role of Indian Soldiers during WW1 and WW2.
- (e) **30 Jun 16:** To represent the Indian participation in the Battle of the Somme centenary commemoration the Secy CAFHR read an extract from a poem by Rabindranath Tagore during the midnight vigil organized by the British High Commission at the Delhi War Cemetery.

**(f) 14 Jul 16:** USI Centre for Armed Forces Historical Research in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Flags of Honour Foundation launched the 'India Remembers' project to encourage communities from a broad spectrum of society to Remember, Honour and Commemorate the sacrifices made by Indian servicemen and women in the service of the nation.

**(g) 14 Jul 16:** Launch of a book titled 'Bravest of the Brave: The Extraordinary Story of the Indian VCs of World War I' written by Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM (Retd) and released by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd).

**(h) 7-9 Sep 16:** Sqn Ldr Chhina visited Dhaka along with a Museum Gallery Design Consultant for discussions with the Indian High Commission and the Bangladesh authorities regarding providing artefacts and assistance for the proposed Bangladesh Liberation War Museum.

**(i) 15 Sept 16:** Book Discussion on the book titled 'The Battlefields of Imphal: The Second World War and North East India' between Mr. Hemant Katoch (author) and Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina, moderated by Maj Gen PJS Sandhu

**(j) 26 Sept 16:** An India Remembers commemorative event was organised at the CWGC Delhi War Cemetery with Smile Foundation, a project community group. The event was held to mark the three significant events that fell at the end of the month (23 September: marked the end of the 1965 Indo-Pak War; as well as the capture of Haifa by the Jodhpur and Mysore Lancers, 15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry Brigade during WW1 in 1918; and 26 September marked the date the first Indian troops landed on European soil during WW1.

**(k) 5 Oct 16:** Sqn Ldr Rana TS Chhina (Retd) gave a lecture detailing India's contribution to the Great War at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune on 5th October.

**(l) 19 Oct 16:** Joint USI Centre For Armed Forces Historical Research with the IWM, Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove, and the GTF, organised a symposium titled 'Meeting of the Minds II' in London, UK to get like-minded individuals and organisations to come together to further discuss their work on the role of Indian Soldiers during WW1 and WW2.

**(m) 23 Oct 16:** The Secretary CAFHR was previously appointed an honorary consultant on military issues at the Punjab State War Memorial and Museum (PSWHMM) and represented the USI at the inauguration of the PSWHMM held on 23rd October.

**(n) 26 Oct 16:** A talk by Dr Graham R Winton, Ph.D, F.R.G.S, F.R.H.S, titled "The Equine Forces and Services of the Indian Army prior to and during First World War, 1914-1919" was held at the USI on 26th October. It was chaired by Lt Gen AJ Singh, VSM, Directorate General Remount Veterinary Services.

**(o) 5 Nov 16:** An India Remembers community group from Pune Pedal Power Foundation organised a commemorative event with Kendriya Vidyalaya, BEG, Pune at the Kirkee War Cemetery to raise awareness among the students about the contribution of Indian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and their places of commemoration.

**(p) 6 Nov 16:** As a part of the India Remembers project towards inculcating a culture of remembrance in their community, a community group from Darjeeling, the Anugyalaya Darjeeling Diocese Social Service Society felicitated retired defence personnel from their community and also organised an inter-school drawing competition.

**(q) 12 Nov 16:** An India Remembers community group from South Sikkim, St Stephen's Primary School, organised a commemorative event where students from various schools participated in a drawing competition on the theme of 'Remembering Indian servicemen and women'. At the event the school honoured and offered their gratitude to retired servicemen from the locality for their service rendered to the nation.

**(r) 12 Nov 16:** As part of the India Remembers project, Armed Forces Preparatory School, Mohali, conducted a seminar titled 'Know the Armed Forces'.

**(s) 13 Nov 16:** India Remembers community groups from Delhi participated in a commemorative event organised by the British High Commission at the CWGC Delhi War Cemetery. On the same day a remembrance mass was held by St Paul's School in Darjeeling.

**(t) 16 Nov 16:** As part of the 'India Remembers' project, Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM gave a talk at Ahlcon International

School, Mayur Vihar on the theme of Remembrance and the role of the Indian Armed Forces in the service of the nation.

**(u) 22 Nov 16:** Launch of coffee table book titled 'Les Hindous: The Indian Army on the Western Front 1914-1919' jointly by the French and Belgian Ambassadors at the French Embassy.

**(v) 28 Nov 16:** Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina chaired a lecture by Prof Radhika Singh, Senior Fellow, NMML titled 'Coolie, Convict, Colonist: Indian Labour in Mesopotamia – 1916-1921' at the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library.

**(w) 7 Dec 16:** India Remembers community groups mark the culmination of the pilot project by undertaking commemorative activities/events in their respective regions. Activities include: visiting local war memorials or war museums, felicitating retired defence personnel from their respective regions with marigolds, etc.

**(x) 11 Dec 16:** An India Remembers community group, Pedal Power Foundation, Pune, organized a cycle rally in association with the governing body of Apshinge military village and Soldiers Welfare Board, Satara, to honour and commemorate the participation and sacrifice of Indian personnel in various pre and post-independence military operations. The rally began from the CWGC Kirkee War Cemetery and ended at the Apshinge military village, completing a distance of 130 km. The villagers organized a reception for the cyclists and other members of the rally.

**(y) 19 Dec 16:** Squadron Leader Rana TS Chhina (Retd) Secretary, CAFHR has been honoured by the British Government with the award of Honorary MBE in recognition of his services and contribution to Indo-UK relations and for work on the Great War (1914-18) Centenary Commemoration.

#### **GENERAL PALIT MILITARY STUDIES TRUST**

56. A project on the History of the Indian Frontier Administrative Service (IFAS) based on oral recordings and archival records by Maj K C Johrey and Mr Mayank Singh.

57. A research project on Veterinary and Remount Services in India; and on the Mechanisation in the Indian Army, is being undertaken by Dr Graham Winton, Ph.D, F.R.G.S, F.R.H.S

## **USI PEACEKEEPING/PEACEBUILDING ACTIVITIES**

58. Following the decision of the Army Headquarters to delink the Centre for UN Peacekeeping from the USI in April 2015, a need was felt that the issues related to peace operations including peacebuilding and Responsibility to Protect needed to be studied and addressed at strategic and policy level. The expertise in terms of many of its members having served in the UN in senior positions could be fruitfully utilised to provide meaningful inputs. Accordingly, Lt Gen Chander Prakash (Retd) was requested to undertake work related to peace operations which includes peacemaking, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and peace enforcement and related issues. In this connection, the representatives of the USI had already been actively interacting with the UN Section of the MEA.

59. The USI, during the year, continued to strengthen its linkages with partner institutions at the international level. To this end, members of USI have participated/conducted large number of activities, details of which are covered in subsequent paragraphs.

### **60. Challenges Forum.**

(a) USI, being the founding partner of the Challenges Forum (International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations) since 1997, has been actively involved in activities conducted by the Forum. The purpose of the Challenges Forum has remained steadfast over its 20 years history. The partners explore and develop thinking and concepts for better planning, conduct and evaluation of multidimensional peace operations.

(b) On 8-9 May 2016, the Challenges Forum marked 20 years of its cooperation in support of UN peace operations with the event 'United Nations Peace Operations 2020: The United Nations Reviews and their Implications for Tomorrow's Missions'. This report is the result of the global dialogue on how to enhance planning and conduct of modern peace operations. Deliberations drew on the findings and recommendations of the 2015 High-Level and expert reviews related to UN peace operations, and considered recent progress made on their implementation as well as obstacles yet to be addressed. USI had provided meaningful inputs and held discussions with the High Level Panel at the USI on 05 Feb 2015, which were taken note of by the High-Level panel and incorporated in their recommendations.



(c) Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Director USI and Lt Gen Abhijit Guha (Retd) attended the Challenges Forum Workshop and Partners Meeting at New York in May 2016.

(d) Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd) represented the USI at the Challenges Forum Workshop on “Entering 2017: Strengthening Collective Preparedness for Future UN Peace Operations “ hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia in Bali on 10 - 11 November 2016. At the workshop, Lt Gen Chander Prakash was invited to provide the perspective from the field and spoke on “Recent Developments on Capabilities Generation and Ensuring Capacity-Building Requirements that Need to be Addressed”.

61. **Peace Capacities Network.**

(a) This is a group of research institutes (Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and Norway) that collectively analyse the growing influence of these countries in the fields of international peacekeeping and peacebuilding. The aim of the network is to get an insight in these arenas from the perspective of these important actors, and to raise greater awareness of and engagement with important themes in contemporary peace operations. USI is an active and sought after partner of this network.

(b) USI has participated in the following activities of this network:-

(i) Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) and Lt Gen Abhijit Guha, AVSM (Retd) attended workshop on “New Approaches to Peacebuilding: Practices and Politics from the Global South”, organised by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs at the Indonesian Permanent Mission to the UN, New York.

(ii) “Partners in Reform: Rising Powers and UN Peace Operations” conference held at New York University, New York. Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) and Lt Gen Abhijit Guha, AVSM (Retd) participated.

(iii) “The 2015 UN reviews: Informal Asian Regional Consultations”, at Shanghai Institute for International

Studies, Shanghai. Mr Asoke Mukerji, IFS (Retd) participated.

62. **Enlarging Partnership.** EU Institute of Strategic Studies at Paris has expressed interest in undertaking joint projects related to peace operations with USI. This year there have been number of visits of representatives in the second half of 2016 with a view to explore the areas of common interest and cooperation.

**63. Publications and Research Projects.**

(a) “Peace Capacities Network Synthesis Report Rising Powers and Peace Operations”, a study overseen and edited by Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow USI and Dr. Cedric de Coning of Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and ACCORD has been published.

(b) “Peace Operations, Civilian Capacity and Security Sector Reform in a Changing World Order” is a Peace Cap Network research project whose objective is to explore how rising powers influence peace operations, security sector reform and civilian capacities. Maj Gen AK Bardalai and Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd) of USI have undertaken research and made contribution to this project.

(c) “India and United Nations Peace Operations: Security Sector Reforms”, USI Occasional Paper authored by Mr Asoke Mukerji IFS (Retd) and Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd).

(d) “Rising Power and Peacebuilding: India’s Role in Afghanistan” by Shri Shakti Sinha.

**CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

64. Professional advancement of serving officers has always been an important activity of the Institution. As far back as 1903, the Institution offered to assist officers preparing for examinations in tactical fitness for command and for promotion. In 1910 we began assisting candidates in their preparation for the Staff College examination. The Correspondence Courses for DSSC, TSC and promotion examinations commenced in 1968 and have continued ever since. The courses

continue to be well subscribed and during the current year the number of officers who participated in various programmes were :-

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| (a) DSSC (Army)            | - 603 |
| (b) DSSC (Navy)            | - 65  |
| (c) DSSC Contact Programme | - 326 |
| (d) Part 'D'               | - 439 |
| (e) Part 'B'               | - 678 |

65. **Result of DSSC and TSOC Examinations.** The performance of the Officers who undertook our Correspondence Courses / Contact Programmes for the DSSC and TSOC entrance examinations continues to be outstanding. This is a great source of satisfaction for us and the Chief Instructor and the faculty deserve to be complimented for their dedication in guiding our young officers in their professional growth. The results for this year are :-

|   | <b><u>Total<br/>Vacancies</u></b> | <b><u>Vacancies secured by<br/>USI course students</u></b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| (a) <u>DSSC</u>                             |                                   |  |
| (a) Competitive                             | 20                                | 18   |
| (ii) Nominated                              | 239                               | 208  |
| (b) <u>TSOC</u>                             |                                   |  |
| (i) Nominated                               | 80                                | 67   |
| (c) <u>Reserves for DSSC &amp;<br/>TSOC</u> | 17                                | 16   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                          | <b>356</b>                        | <b>309</b>   |

### **CONCLUSION**

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

67. I would like to thank all members of the Council for their support during the year. This being the last meeting of present Council I wish to put on record my appreciation for your valuable contribution and wish outgoing members the very best in all their endeavors and request their continued support and guidance in the affairs of our Institution. I would also like to compliment the Director and the staff for their steadfast dedication and devotion to the USI.

**Appendix**  
**(Refers to para 35)**

**EVENTS / TALKS / DISCUSSIONS / INTERACTION – 2016**

1. 05 Jan 2016 Meeting with Mr Jung Kee Chyuan, Director, Liaison Affairs, Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
2. 06 Jan 2016 Scholar Presentation - "Growing Sino-Nepal Relations and Options for India". Col SK Shahi
3. 07 Jan 2016 Talk at NDC, Oman, by Director on "Security environment in the Indian Sub-Continent".
4. 13 Jan 2016 **USI-SWC Seminar at Jaipur.** "Sapta Shakti Project-Analysis of Growing Pak-China Linkages, Its Effects on India's National Security and Options/Measures to Mitigate the same".
5. 14 Jan 2016 Meeting with Capt (NN) Ayo Olugbode, DA Nigerian High Commission, New Delhi.
6. 15 Jan 2016 Book Discussion - "Men and Dreams in the Dhauladhar" by Cdr Kochery C Shibu (Retd) – Author in conversation with Capt Alok Bansal (Retd)
7. 18 Jan 2016 Talk cum presentation "Strategies of Stalemate" by Mr Arzan Tarapore.
8. 18 Jan 2016 Meeting with Shri Samir Saran and Shri Ashok Malik, of ORF, New Delhi.
9. 20 Jan 2016 Seminar/Talk at USI attended by 25 Chinese Students of Jindal University Sonapat.
10. 21 Jan 2016 Talk at USI "Geopolitics of Eurasia and Russia's Role in It". Dr Alexanader Lukin, Executive Director, Western-Caucasus Research Centre, Russia.
11. 23 Jan 2016 Director participated in 'Task Force on India's Defence Diplomacy'.
12. 27-28 Jan 16 Delegation from Nigeria Army Research Centre, Abuja (Nigeria) visited USI.
13. 28 Jan 2016 Meeting at Thai Embassy with Mr Paitoon, Minister Counselor, Thai Embassy.
14. 01 Feb 2016 Visit: DIAT, Pune delegation. Presentation cum discussion on "Make in India: Bottlenecks

- and Challenges as relevant to the Defence Sector”.
15. 02-04 Feb 16 Director attended CTC National Seminar at Jaipur.
  16. 03 Feb 2016 RTD on “Strategic Defence and Security”.
  17. 04-06 Feb 16 Director attended ‘Indo-Bangladesh Cooperation Dialogue 2016’ at Bangkok, Thailand.
  18. 05 Feb 2016 Seminar – “India-Kyrgyzstan Bilateral Cooperation: Present Status and Way Ahead” attended by delegation from Kyrgyzstan.
  19. 05 Feb 2016 RTD on “The Evolving Dynamics in Pakistan and Afghanistan and Role of USA & India towards Greater Stability and Peace in the Region.” By Ms Lisa Curtis.
  20. 08 Feb 2016 Evolving Situation in the Middle East with Focus on Syria and ISIS. Dr Daniel Pipes, President, The Middle East Forum, USA
  21. 09 Feb 2016 Talk by Dr Dilip Hiro on “India-Pakistan Relations: A Holistic Assessment”.
  22. 09 Feb 2016 Meeting of Commonwealth Graves Commission and CAFHR.
  23. 10 Feb 2016 Meeting with Ms Arti Shukla (BBC) Monitoring, New Delhi.
  24. 12 Feb 2016 Meeting with Mr Rudrendra Tandon, JS (UNP), MEA.
  25. 13 Feb 2016 Meeting with ORF regarding Raisina Dialogue 2016.
  26. 13-14 Feb 16 “Terrorism in South Asia Issues, Challenges and Options” at Gorakhpur University (UP) lecture delivered by Gp Capt Sharad Tewari, VM (Retd).
  27. 17 Feb 2016 RTD on “Situation in Afghanistan.”
  28. 17-18 Feb 16 Conducted Strategic Decision Game Exercise – “Ex Sampoorana Drishti” at Army War College, Mhow.
  29. 18 Feb 2016 RTD on “India and the UK – The Strategic Defence Partnership” by Mr Philip Dunne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement of the UK.

30. 18 Feb 2016 Commencement of Internship Programme for Christ University, Bangalore.
31. 22 Feb 2016 RTD/Visit by three delegation members from NIDS, Japan :—  
 (a) Col Kenji Shimizu, Head of Military Strategy Division, Research Deptt., NIDS.  
 (b) Dr Hiroyasu Akutsu, Senior Fellow/Prof at NIDS.  
 (c) Ms Marie Yoshioka Izuyama, Head of Asia and African Studies, Regional Studies Deptt., NIDS.
32. 22 Feb 2016 Meeting with HE Mr Gonchig Ganbold, Ambassador of Mongolia.
33. 23 Feb 2016 RTD on “Nuclear Dynamics in South Asia” by Dr Priyanjali Malik.
34. 24 Feb 2016 Meeting with Dr Sanjaya Baru, former Media Advisor to PM Manmohan Singh and Board Member of IISS, London.
35. 24 Feb 2016 Meeting with Amb P Stobdan.
36. 24 Feb 2016 Meeting with Mr Gopal Baglay, IFS, JS (PAI).
37. 25 Feb 2016 Meeting with Mr Shambhu S Kumaran, JS (PIC).
38. 25 Feb 2016 Meeting with Dr Paul F Walker, Intl Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability (ESS) Program at Green Cross Intl in Geneva, Switzerland and Washington, DC USA.
39. 26 Feb 2016 Meeting with:- i) Dr Asihld Kozi, Pener Research Institute Oslo, Norway. ii) Dr Steinar Hoibraten, Chirt Scientist, Norway Defence Research Establishment. iii) Dr Maika Skjonsberg, visiting Researcher at REPI, University of Brussels, Belgium.
40. 29 Feb 2016 Scholar presentation on “A Comparative Analysis of China & India’s space Capabilities Implications: Challenges and Response” by Col Sanjay Kumar
41. 29 Feb 2016 Meeting with:- i) Mr Pradip Chopra, Chairman, iLED (Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Security Studies)ii) Meeting with Mr Manohar Parrikar, Defence Minister of India.

42. 01-03 Mar 16 The Raisina Dialogue 2016 – USI partnered the event with ORF.
43. 05 Mar 16 –31 May 16 Shiv Nadar Univ (SNU) programme conducted by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, USI-CAFHR.
44. 07-09 Mar 16 USI delegation participated in a joint Symposium on ‘Sino-India Relations’ at Chengdu, organised by Sichuan University, China.
45. 08 Mar 2016 RTD on “India-Japan Relations” Dr Lavina Lee.
46. 11 Mar 2016 Meeting with Mr Plailly, Director General of Strategic International Affairs, French MOD, CD Fredric French DA and Cdr Loic Bizot, Dy DA.
47. 14-15 Mar 16 Inaugural session of Afganistan-India Security dialogue at USI, jointly organised by USI and the Afghan Institute of Security Studies (AISS).
48. 16 Mar 2016 Meeting with Amb Cameron Munteu, President & CEO, East West Institute, New York, USA.
49. 18-19 Mar 16 Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina participated in “Mil-Lit Festival” at Kasauli to commentate 1965 Ops.
50. 22 Mar 2016 Lt Gen PK Singh and Lt Gen Abhijit Guha attend workshop on “New Approaches to Peacebuilding: Practices and Policies from the Global South”, organised by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs at the Indonesian Permanent Mission to the UN, New York.
51. 22 Mar 2016 Scholar Presentation – “Critical Appraisal of Internal Fault Lines: Impact on China’s Rise ad Lessons for India” by Brig Sandeep Jain.
52. 23 Mar 2016 “Partners in Reform: Rising Powers and UN Peace Operations”. Lt Gen PK Singh and Lt Gen Abhijit Guha participated at New York University, New York.
53. 23 Mar 2016 “The 2015 UN Reviews: Informal Asian Regional Consultation and Implementation”. Ambassador Asoke Mukerji, former PR PMI participates at the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Shanghai.

54. 28 Mar 2016 Meeting with Shri Rudrendra Tondon, JS (UNP).
55. 29-31 Mar 16 Conducted SGE on "Security in NE Region" at NDC, New Delhi.
56. 04 Apr 2016 Scholar Presentation – "Growing China's Strides in Myanmar and Implications for India" attended by Col SK Shahi.
57. 06 Apr 2016 **14<sup>th</sup> Samir Sinha Memorial Lecture 2016** – "Development of Tactical Nuclear Weapons by Pakistan and Implications for South Asia" by Lt Gen Arun K Sahni, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)
58. 07 Apr 2016 Meeting with Maj Gen (Retd) LK Gupta, AVSM, Chairman, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi.
59. 08 Apr 2016 Meeting with Mr Rahul Rai Chaudhary, Senior Fellow, IISS, London.
60. 12 Apr 2016 Talk by HE Kenji Hiramatsu, Amb of Japan on "Japan's Perspective on the Evolving Geopolitical Situation in the Asia-Pacific".
61. 13 Apr 2016 RTD on "International Humanitarian Law and Challenges to Terrorism" by Dr Kunt Dormann, ICRC.
62. 19-20 Apr 16 Maj Gen BK Sharma, DDR, attended "International Conference on Track-II Summit" of Shanghai Cooperation organisation at Sochi, Russia.
63. 20 Apr 2016 Director attended interaction with Nisha Biswal, US Asstt Secy, Amb Verma (US Ambassador), Amb Kashap (Sri Lanka) Amb Bernicat (Bangladesh), Amb Tiplitz (Nepal) and DCM Michel Pelletiu (Nepal) at ORF, New Delhi.
64. 24 Apr 2016 Meeting with Prof Dan Sonyer Yu, Director, Center for Trans Himalyan Studies, Yunnan Minzu University, Kunming, Yunnan, China.
65. 26-28 Apr 16 A workshop on "Transnational Threats and Borders: Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Security". Jointly organised by USI and Daniel K Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI-APCSS) with participants



- from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Pakistan and India.
66. 27 Apr 2016 DDE attended "Heads of Think Tank" meeting at ICWA, New Delhi.
  67. 01-03 May 16 Director participated in Regional Conference of Consortium of South Asia Think Tanks on "Refugees in South Asia" at Kathmandu, Nepal.
  68. 03 May 2016 Strategic Panel discussion for "61<sup>st</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD)" of FSI, New Delhi.
  69. 04 May 2016 Meeting with Capt (NN) A Olugbode, Defence Attaché, Nigerian Embassy.
  70. 05 May 2016 RTD on "Mauritius and Chagos Archipelago", Shri Milan Mehtarbhan, Mauritius.
  71. 06 May 2016 Meeting with Mr Rudrendra Tandon, JS (UNP), MEA.
  72. 07 May 2016 "India-China Seminar 2016" organised by HQ Eastern Command at Kolkata, attended by Maj Gen BK Sharma, DDR USI.
  73. 08-14 May 16 (a) **08-10 May 2016**
    - (i) "Challenges Forum Workshop & Partners meeting at New York."
    - (ii) "Interacted with Global Centre for R2P and CIC, New York Univ for the International Seminar proposed for Dec 2016".

(b) **11-14 May 2016** Meetings/discussions with American University, CSIS and Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC.
  74. 11 May 2016 Conducted RTD for Nigerian NDC Course on "Information Communication Technology (ICT) and National Development in India: Lessons for Nigeria".
  75. 11 May 2016 Talk by Dr Rajiv Kumar, former Director & CEO, ICRIER on "The Current Economic Scene in India".
  76. 15 May 2016 Maj Gen SB Asthana, Chief Instructor, USI, interviewed by South China Morning Post on

- issues involving “East Asia and South China Sea”.
77. 17 May 2016 Meeting with Mr Rudrendra Tandon, JS (UNP), MEA.
  78. 18 May 2016 Talk by Lt Gen KJ Singh GOC-in-C Western Command on “Managing Islamist Extremism with Smart Power”.
  79. 19 May 2016 Meeting with Mr Chihlung Sheng, Director, Liaison Affairs Section, Taipei Economic & Cultural Center.
  80. 20 May 2016 Scholar Presentation – “China’s Maritime Strategy in IOR & Implications for the India’s Maritime Security Engagement in the Region”. Cdr MH Rajesh.
  81. 23 May 2016 RTD with Japanese Delegations on “Developments in South China Sea and Indo-Pacific Region”. Mr Yoshiya Muto, Dy Director General, DIH.
  82. 23 May 2016 Meeting with Dr Davood Moradian, Director, AISS Kabul and Ms Homayra Urdin Etenmadi, Political Secretary to HE Hamid Karzai, former President of Afghanistan.
  83. 23-24 May 16 “Rising Powers and Peacebuilding Workshop” at Istanbul, Turkey. Event was hosted by American University; NUPI Norway; and Istanbul Policy Centre, Sabanci University Istanbul, Turkey.
  84. 24-26 May 16 A symposium titled ‘Meeting of Minds’ in Brighton, UK, jointly organised by USI (CAFHR) with the Imperial War Museum (IWM), Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove, and the Golden Tour Foundation (GTF).
  85. 26 May 2016 RTD with Amb Shivshankar Menon at IIC on “India’s China Conundrum”. Director participated.
  86. 28 May 2016 NSA’s Interactive Session with members of the Strategic Community on “China and Pakistan” at NSCS, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi. Director participated.
  87. 30 May 2016 Meeting with Taiwan Delegation.

88. 01 Jun 2016 Visit of Higher Defence Course of the Royal Military Education college of Morocco (CREMS).
89. 02 Jun 2016 Meeting with Lt Gen Sanjiv Kulkarni, PVSM, AVSM, SC(Retd), Ex DG Infantry.
90. 03 Jun 2016 RTD with Mr Koo Ming Yew Matthew, a graduate studying Political Science at the University of Chicago on "The External Relations of Armed Groups in South East and South Asia."
91. 03-05 Jun 16 15<sup>th</sup> IISS Asia Security Summit – The Shangri La Dialogue at Singapore. Director was invited to participate.
92. 07 Jun 2016 RTD with delegation from Sichuan University, Chengdu, China.
93. 08 Jun 2016 Meeting with Mr Kunal Verma - Discussion for Research Project.
94. 10 Jun 2016 Meeting of Advisory Group of National Remembrance Day Project – Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MP, Ms Shivani Sharma Dasmahapatra, Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, Brig KP Singh Deo, Secy CAFHR, Ms Bhanushali Gahlot, RA, CAFHR, DD(Adm), USI.
95. 11 Jun 2016 Gp Capt Sharad Tiwari, VM (Retd) CS3, visited The Advance Research Institute for Defence & Security Studies (**ARIDSS**) Meerut (UP) for inauguration of Research Methodology Workshop.
96. 13 Jun 2016 Meeting with Ms Sujata Mehta, Secy (West) MEA for discussing peacekeeping/R2P projects. (Lt Gen PK Singh, Director, USI, Lt Gen Chander Prakash & Amb Asoke Mukerji)
97. 15 Jun 2016 Meeting with HE Mr Esala Weerakoon, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka.
98. 15 Jun 2016 Meeting at USI with Amb Jayant Prasad, DG IDSA, Mr JK Rao, Addl Secy, MOD & Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina, Secy CAFHR.
99. 15 Jun 2016 Meeting with Amb Zalmay Khalilzad, former US Amb to Afghanistan and Iraq.

100. 17 Jun 2016 Talk by Maj Gen BK Sharma on "India in China's Strategic Calculus".
101. 22 Jun 2016 RTD on "Implications of Pakistan-China Strategic Nexus and India's Strategic Response".
102. 23 Jun 2016 Interaction with Committee of Experts (Lt Gen DB Shekatkar Committee) to Recommend Measures to Enhance Combat Capability and Rebalance Defence Expenditure of the Armed Forces.
103. 24 Jun 2016 Director's visit to HQ South Western Command for discussion with the Army Cdr regarding "Sapta Shakti" Project.
104. 25 Jun 2016 Meeting with Col Rajindra Kumar, GM, Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI).
105. 29 Jun 2016 Talk by Air Mshl Arjun Subramaniam on "A Perspective on India's War Through the Prism of Military History".
106. 30 Jun 2016 Meeting with Capt Arun Nayar, Director, Human Resource Administration, Facility & HSE, SAFRAN Engineering Services, Bangalore.
107. 30 Jun 2016 To represent the Indian Participation in the Battle of the Somme Centenary Commemoration the Secy CAFHR read an extract from a poem by Rabindranath Tagore during the midnight vigil organised by the British High Commission at the Delhi War Cemetery.
108. 30 Jun 2016 Maj Gen SB Asthana, Chief Instructor, USI, was appointed Honorary Advisor, International organisation for Education Development, New Delhi.
109. 01 Jul 2016 Meeting with Mr Kunal Verma.
110. 02 Jul 2016 RTD with Amb Zalmay Khalilzad, former US Amb to Afghanistan, Iraq and UN.
111. 05 Jul 2016 Meeting with Mr JRK Rao, Addl Secy, MOD.
112. 06 Jul 2016 DDE's Meeting at USI with Lt Gen JS Matharu, VSM, DGIS.
113. 11 Jul 2016 Scholar Presentation by Col Rohit Mehrotra, Sr Research Fellow, USI-CS3 on, "China's

- Emerging Cyber Operations, Capabilities and Implications for India” (USI-CS3 Event).
114. 13 Jul 2016 Talk at USI on “National Perspective on Disaster Management” by Lt Gen NC Marwah, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Member NDMA.
115. 13 Jul 2016 Presentation by Mr Shantanu Roy Chaudhary, a student of Delhi University and Intern, USI-CS3 on “The Rise of ISIS : Implications for India”.
116. 14 Jul 2016 USI (CAFHR) in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Flags of Honour Foundation launched the “India Remembers” project to encourage communities from a broad spectrum of society to Remember its veterans.
117. 14 Jul 2016 Launch of a book titled “Bravest of the Brave; the Extraordinary Story of the Indian VCs of World War-I” written by Maj Gen Ian Cardozo, AVSM, SM (Retd) and released by Lt Gen Ajai Singh PVSM, AVSM (Retd).
118. 18 Jul 2016 Meeting with Dr Mandeep Singh, Dean of Studies, School of Planning and Architecture & Secy CAFHR (Mtg in Dir’s Office).
119. 19 Jul 2016 Meeting with Prof Nirmala Joshi.
120. 19 Jul 2016 Discussion with Maj Gen RS Mehta, on War Museum in Amritsar.
121. 19 Jul 2016 RUSI-USI Meeting - Brig Mark Goldsack, British Defence Advisor, Mr Raffaello Pantucci, Director, International Security Studies, Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, represented RUSI.
122. 20 Jul 2016 Discussion on Indian National Defence Univ (INDU) Draft Bill at USI.
123. 22 Jul 2016 Panel Discussion on “The 7<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission Implications on Serving Soldiers and Veterans” at Deputy Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, Opp INS, New Delhi. Maj Gen PJS Sandhu, DD&E was a panelist.

124. 22-23 Jul 16 SGE-II at Army War College, Mhow.
125. 28 Jul 2016 Meeting with Mr Milinda Moragoda, founder of the Pathfinder Foundation and Mr Bernard Goonetilleke, Chairman, Pathfinder Foundation.
126. 28 Jul 2016 Meeting with Chiefs of Staff Committee in Room No. 129 C, South Block on "Common Veterans" Day for the three Services and National Remembrance Day. Attended by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina, Secy CAFHR.
127. 02 Aug 2016 Closed Door Round table discussion on "Tibet" by Mr Claude Arpi, a well known analyst on Sino-Tibet Issues, Mr Thubten Samphel, Director, the Tibet Policy Institute & Dr Rinzin Dorjee, Visiting Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute.
128. 03 Aug 2016 Visit of delegation from Sri Lankan Defence Service Command and Staff College.
129. 05 Aug 2016 Mr Chihlung Sheng, Director, Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre.
130. 08 Aug 2016 Meeting with Amb Sanjay Singh, Dr Sanjaya Baru, Amb Asoke Mukerji, Lt Gen Chander Prakash regarding workshop on "Intl Laws & Foreign Policy."
131. 09 Aug 2016 Meeting with Brig Srinivasan, 261 Arty Bde.
132. 09 Aug 2016 Meeting with Mr Rajan Arya, CEO, Pentagon Press.
133. 10 Aug 2016 Meeting with Brig Ajay Sethi.
134. 12 Aug 2016 Meeting with Dr Priyanjali Malik, Consultant, IISS, London.
135. 16 Aug 2016 Meeting with Mr Andrew ND Yang, Secy Gen, Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies (CAPS), Taipei.
136. 17 Aug 2016 RTD on "Evolving Security Situation in SCS/ ECS and its Implications on Regional Peace and Stability" with Mr Andrew ND Yang, Secy Gen, Chinese Council of Advanced Studies (CAPS), Taiwan.
137. 17 Aug 2016 Strategic Panel Discussion with 28 participants of 62<sup>nd</sup> Professional Course (PCFD) for foreign Diplomats at USI.

138. 23 Aug 2016 Panel Discussion at USI on “Supreme Court Order of 08 July 2016 on AFSPA and Connected Issues”. Panelists :—  
 (a) Lt Gen Ata Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM(Retd), former GOC 15 Corps  
 (b) Dr Ajai Sahni, Executive Director, Institute for Conflict Management & South Asia Terrorism Portal.  
 (c) Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia, PVSM, AVSM, SM (Retd), former DGMO and now Director CENJOWS  
 (d) Maj Gen Nilendra Kumar, AVSM, VSM (Retd), former JAG and now Director, Amity Law School. (e) Dr Menaka Guruswamy, Amicus Curiae appointed by the Supreme Court.
139. 24 Aug 2016 Meeting with Air Marshal Sri Ram (Retd), Rear Admiral R.M. Purandare, VSM, Advisor (Defence Banking), State Bank of India, Sansad Marg, New Delhi and Mr Ramesh Bhat, alumni of Sainik School, Bijapur to collect motivation material about the Indian Armed Forces and World War I for setting up a motivation hall in their school.
140. 24 Aug 2016 Workshop on “Rising Powers and Peacebuilding” hosted by Vesalius College, Brussels, Belgium (Dir & Lt Gen Chander Prakash attended)
141. 25 Aug 2016 Workshop on the “Role of Rising Powers and Peacebuilding” hosted by Knowledge Platform on Security and the Rule of Law at Hague, Amsterdam, Netherlands. (Director & Lt Gen Chander Prakash attended)
142. 29 Aug 2016 Meeting with Mr Sachin Gaur, Director Operations, Innovation Curis & Dr VK Singh.
143. 02 Sep 2016 Meeting with Mr Amit Luthra, Chartered Accountant.
144. 03 Sep 16 Lecture at Civil Services Officers Institute on “Global Terrorism and Its Impact on India” by Lt Gen PC Katoch, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SC (Retd), chaired by Director, USI.

145. 05 Sep 16 Meeting on conference on R2P with Lt Gen Chander Prakash and Amb Asoke Mukerji.
146. 07-09 Sep 16 5<sup>th</sup> Seoul Defense Dialogue organised by the South Korean MOD at Seoul, attended by Director.
147. 07-09 Sep 16 Visit by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina, Secy CAFHR and Mr Aduthrai R Ramanathan, Gallery Design Consultant to Dhaka to interact with Indian High Commission and the Bangladesh Authorities in connection with the proposed India Gallery of the Bangladesh Liberation War Museum.
148. 08 Sep 2016 Lecture on "Pak-China Strategic Nexus and Implications for India" at JNU, New Delhi by Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM\*\* (Retd), Dy Director (Research)
149. 08 Sep 2016 Lecture on "Contestation at South China Sea and Prognosis Post Hague Verdict" at JNU, New Delhi by Cdr MH Rajesh, Research Fellow
150. 08 Sep 16 Panel discussion at JNU by panel of DDE, DDR & Cdr MH Rajesh, Research Fellow, USI-CS3 on "Recent Developments Related to China."
151. 09 Sep 16 Book discussion on "China's Approach Towards Territorial Disputes: Lessons and Prospects", by Ms Sana Hashmi, Chaired by Ambassador RS Kalha.
152. 12,14 & 15 Sep 2016 Conduct of SGE-II at NDC, New Delhi on "Strategic Competitions in West Asia and Af-Pak Region".
153. 15 Sep 2016 Book Discussion on "Battlefields of Imphal: The Second World War and North East India" by Hemant Singh Katoch, book published by Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, London & New York, 2016. Author in conversation with Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy USI-CAFHR.
154. 26 Sep 2016 Smile Foundation, an India Remembers community organised a commemorative event at the CWGC Delhi War Cemetery as part of the project. The event was organised to mark



- the three significant events that fell at the end of this month - 23 Sep: Marking the end of the 1965 Indo-Pak War, 23 Sep - marked the capture of Haifa by Jodhpur and Mysore Lancers, 15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry Brigade during WW1 in 1918 and 26 Sep: The first Indian troops landed on European soil during WW1.
155. 27 Sep 2016 Meeting with Mr John-Joseph Wilkins of EU Institute of Security Studies, Paris, France. (Follow up of meeting in EU HQ in Aug 2016).
  156. 28 Sep 2016 Colonel Pyara Lal Memorial Lecture at USI on "The Role of Higher Defence Organisation in India's National Security Architecture" by General NC Vij, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM (Retd), former Chief of the Army Staff.
  157. 30 Sep 2016 Scholar Presentation at USI by Brig Sandeep Jain, Sr Research Fellow, USI-CS3 on "Critical Appraisal of Internal Fault Lines: Impact on China's Rise and Lessons for India."
  158. 30 Sep 2016 Second Scholar Presentation by Brig Sandeep Jain, Senior Research Fellow on "Critical Appraisal of Internal Fault Lines; Impact on China's Rise and Lessons for India".
  159. 04 Oct 2016 Conducted Strategic Panel Discussion for participants of 10<sup>th</sup> Special Case for ASEAN Diplomats of FSI at USI.
  160. 05 Oct 2016 Talk at USI by Prof MD Nalapat, Director, Deptt of Geopolitics and Intl Relations, Manipal University, on "India-USA China : Challenges & Prospects", Chairman – Shri Lalit Mansingh, IFS (Retd), former Foreign Secy of India.
  161. 05 Oct 2016 Meeting with Mr Mahmud Khalili, CEO. Green core solutions, Kabul, Afghanistan and author of the book "Afghanistan Decoded".
  162. 05 Oct 2016 Talk by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy USI-CAFHR on "Role Played by India in the First World War" at NDA, Khadakwasla, Pune.
  163. 07 Oct 2016 RTD at USI on, "Alternate Futures of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its Implications for India" (USI-CS3 Event).

164. 10-12 Oct 16 7<sup>th</sup> Xinagshan Forum in Beijing, Co-hosted by China Institute for International Security Studies (CIISS) & China Association for Military Science (CAMS) – attended by Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, USI-CS3, on behalf of USI.
165. 14-15 Oct 16 Fifth Herat Security Dialogue at Afghanistan – attended by Lt Gen PC Katoch, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SC (Retd), USI Council Member and Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), DDR, USI-CS3 on behalf of USI.
166. 16 Oct 2016 USI-AISS Dialogue at Afghanistan - attended by Lt Gen PC Katoch, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SC (Retd), USI Council Member and Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), DDR, USI-CS3, Ms Jyoti Malhotra, Journalist, Ambassador Manpreet Vohra, Ambassador of India to Afghanistan.
167. 18 Oct 2016 Mtg with CWGC at UK (Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy USI-CAFHR and Ms Bhanushali Gahlot, Research Assistant, USI-CAFHR attended the meeting).
168. 19 Oct 2016 Seminar on “Meeting of the Minds II : Remembering the Legacy of Indian Soldiers Contribution in World Wars and its Impact in Modern Times” at London (a joint event by Golden Tour Foundation (GTF), USI, Imperial War Museum (IWM) and Royal Pavilion & Museums Brighton & Hove) – Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina, Secy CAFHR & Ms Bhanushali Gahlot, Research Assistant, USI-CAFHR attended.
169. 20 Oct 2016 Meeting with Dr Jose C.C., Director, Department of International Relations, Christ Univ, Bangalore (Mtg in Dir’s office). Discussed cooperation between University & USI and signed MOU.
170. 21-23 Oct 16 10<sup>th</sup> High Level IISS-NESA South Asia Security Conference at Muscat, Oman – Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, USI-CS3 attended on behalf of USI.

171. 23 Oct 2016 Dedication ceremony of the Punjab State War Heroes Memorial and Museum at Ranjeet Avenue, Amritsar – Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy CAFHR attended.
172. 26 Oct 2016 Talk at USI by Dr Graham R Winton, PhD, FRGS, FRHistS on, “The Equine Forces and Services of the Indian Army 1914-1919”, Chairman – Lt Gen AJ Singh, VSM, Dir Gen, Remount Veterinary Services (RVS) (USI-CAFHR Event).
173. 27 Oct 2016 Scholar Presentation by Col Sanjay Kumar, Sr Research Fellow, USI-CS3 on, “A Comparative Analysis of China & India’s Space Capabilities Implications: Challenges and Response.” (USI-CS3 Event).
174. 02 Nov 2016 RTD with delegation from IDIR, Vietnam.
175. 02 Nov 2016 Reception at USI to welcome participants of the USI National Security Seminar 2016 on “Strategic Balance in the Indo-Pacific Region: Challenges and Prospects.”
176. 03-04 Nov 16 USI National Security Seminar 2016 on “Strategic Balance in the Indo-Pacific Region: Challenges and Prospects” at USI.
177. 06 Nov 2016 Talk at Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI) by Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM & Bar (Retd), DDR, USI-CS3 on, “China-Pakistan Economic Corridor & its Implications for India”, Chairman – Ambassador Suresh Goel.
178. 08 Nov 2016 Meeting with Lt Gen (Dr) VK Saxena, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd).
179. 09 Nov 2016 Meeting with Adm (Dr) VK Singh (Retd), Mr Sachin Gaur, Innovative Curis and Mr Jan Rembowski, Intl Delegate, EURECOM.
180. 10 Nov 2016 Talks cum Presentations at USI on “Impressions of Recent Visits to China and Afghanistan” by USI Delegates, Maj Gen RPS Bhadauria, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, USI-CS3 and Maj Gen BK Sharma, AVSM, SM&Bar (Retd), DDR, USI-CS3.

181. 10-11 Nov 16 Challenges Forum Workshop on “Capacity Building for UN Peace Operations” at Bali, Indonesia – attended by Lt Gen Chander Prakash, SM, VSM (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, USI-CS3 on behalf of USI.
182. 16 Nov 2016 RTD with UK Staff Team accompanying their Permanent Secretary for Defence and the CGS.
183. 16 Nov 2016 Talk at JNU on, “War As Revolution 1904-1923” attended by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, USI-CAFHR, Ms Bhanushali Gahlot, Research Associate, USI-CAFHR and Ms Mingma Lhamu, Research Associate, USI-CAFHR.
184. 16-17 Nov 16 Conference on, “Future Armoured Vehicles India” at Manekshaw Centre – attended by Maj Gen PJS Sandhu (Retd), Dy Director & Editor, USI (invitation from CENJOWS).
185. 18-19 Nov 16 Conference on, “Assessing China’s Military Reforms” at Washington, DC, organised by CAPS, Taiwan-RAND-NDU.
186. 22 Nov 2016 Book Launch at the France Embassy by H.E. Mr Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France in the presence of HE Mr Jan Luykx, Ambassador of Belgium. Title of the book – “Les Hindous: The Indian Army on the Western Front: 1914-1919” by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, USI-CAFHR. (USI Publication).
187. 25 Nov 2016 RTD with Taiwanese Delegation –  
 (a) Dr Shen, Ming Shih, Director & Associate Prof, War College, NDU, Taipei.  
 (b) Col Chen Yung-Chuan, Director of Strategy Analysis Section, War College, NDU, Taipei.
188. 26-27 Nov 16 Times of India Literary Festival at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi – Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, USI-CAFHR participated as a Panel Discussant on a book by Dr Vikram Kapur.

189. 28-29 Nov 16 “Galle Dialogue 2016 – International Maritime Conference” at Colombo, Sri Lanka. Director participated.
190. 28 Nov 2016 Talk at USI on “India, the Indian Ocean and the PLA Navy” by Professor John Garver, Georgia Institute of Technology, Chairman – Ambassador RS Kalha, IFS (Retd).
191. 28 Nov 2016 Lecture on ‘Coolie, Convict, Colonist: Indian Labour in Mesopotamia 1916-1921’ by Professor Radhika Singha at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, Chairman – Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, USI-CAFHR.
192. 29 Nov 2016 Principal Personnel Officers’ Committee (PPOC) Meeting at South Block. Agenda Point – National Remembrance Day (attended by Sqn Ldr RTS Chhina (Retd), Secy, CAFHR).
193. 08 Dec 2016 Panel Discussion and Release of Chanakya Journal of CCSS. Director addressed the participants.
194. 08-09 Dec 16 USI participated in the First India-China Think Tank Forum on the theme “Towards a closer India-China Developmental Partnership”.
195. 11 Dec 2016 Final event of CAFHR projects ‘India Remembers’ ; A Commemorative Cycle Rally organized at Pune
196. 15 Dec 2016 “In Memoriam: The Fallen Air Warriors’ authored by Air Mshl Bharat Kumar, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), released by Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh, DFC.
197. 16 Dec 2016 Meeting with Mr. Jamil Williamson, Head Unit for Relations with Arms Carriers, ICRD, Geneva, Switzerland
198. 19 Dec 2016 Sqn Ldr Rana Chhina (Retd), Secretary, CAFHR honoured by the British Government with Award of Honorary M.B.E.
199. 20 Dec 2016 Talk by General JW Nicholsan, Commander Resolute Support and United States Forces – Afghanistan on ‘2016 Campaign in Afghanistan : Way Forward’.

