



Department of Defence & Strategic Studies
Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak
(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade)

Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:-

The Deptt. of Defence & Strategic Studies established in 1991 offers Masters course in Defence & Strategic Studies including research degree programmes. The admission in Master course is open to all the students from various streams. The Deptt. has been engaged in teaching and research, having as its primary focus India's National Security. The approach to the study of national security is interdisciplinary and as such encompasses such aspects like geopolitics and military geography, science and technology economics of defence, conflict management and conflict resolution, etc. The Deptt. also offers M.Phil course in Defence & Strategic Studies. The Deptt. is in league with all the major think – tanks on security matter including IDSA. The Deptt. holds special lecture including Seminars & Conferences to provide additional exposure to the students. The Deptt. also organizes various activities including educational trips/tours to defence establishments in the country.

VISION

The Deptt. of Defence & Strategic Studies is committed to provide quality and innovative education in the field of Defence and Strategic Studies at post graduate and research level. It is our earnest desire and deep commitment to intertwine academic studies, community involvement and progressive national, regional and global vision.

MISSION

- The Deptt. seeks to create, presence, and impart knowledge to build competitive capability, innovative thinking and high academic and professional standards.
- Commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative study alongwith pursuing opportunities for sharing knowledge, and also to contribute in the creation of a national Security culture.

STRATEGIC GOALS:

- Being an academic centre, the Department serves multiple requirements. It serves to build the capacity of younger generation in critical analysis of strategic issues and thus organize a pool of experts and national security from a largely Indian perspective, but with global insight. It serves as a robust platform for constant interacting between military professionals, strategic thinkers and academicians to develop a cross-domain strategic culture. The department and its faculty have actively offered consultancy services to strategic security think-tanks and the government on regional, national and international security related issues.

- The department also plays a direct vital service to the Indian armed forces as it provides academic and research inputs to the services through official collaboration.
- Being a unique centre for the study of national and internal security issues, the department focuses on the following areas as areas of focus:
 - National Security
 - South Asian Security Issues, Traditional and Non-Traditional
 - International Law
 - Defence Economics
 - Disarmaments & Arms Control
 - Issues of Nuclear Proliferation
 - International Terrorism
 - Maritime Security
 - Legal aspects of International Security
 - Theory and Practice of War
 - Evolution of Modern Strategic Thoughts
 - Area Study of Indian Ocean
 - Study of War
 - Other related areas.

SWOC Analysis

Strength

- In spite of limited resources and infrastructure, goals set by the department are met timely.
- Discipline is maintained both by students and teachers.

Weakness

- Shortage of physical space in terms of establishment of Library, Computer Lab, Faculty Rooms, and Class Rooms.
- Lack of ICT equipped class rooms.
- There is a dearth of audio-visual material
- The Dept has the absence of global exposure to the faculty and the students.

Opportunities

- The Department helps students in competitive exams.
- There is a relatively more demand for teachers and researchers with the establishment new university and educational institutes as per Govt. Policy.

Challenges

- To train the students for excellence in both academic and competitive examinations
- To strengthen communication skills among students coming from rural background

Action Plan

2018-19

- Ensure that students engage with all faculty members in all programs which includes the development of feedback culture that facilitate easier access to better communication about, face-to-face interaction with faculty members for students.
- Improving the quality of teaching services by focusing on the use of new teaching methods
- Promotion of research culture in the department in various relevant fields of Defence and Strategic Studies
- Organize various lectures of invited speakers to aware the students about the various relevant issues in national as well as well as global politics.
- Improve the right to study
- Promoting community awareness with regards to civil Military relations, Disaster Management, Civil Defence, Human Rights and importance and role of Civil Society in National Security of India.

2019-20

- Reform the M.A. Courses aiming at teaching and research programme.
- Development and standardization of curriculum, textbooks etc
- Reduce student drop-out rates, through aimed orientation and practical tutoring policy
- National Level workshop will be organized for the revision of Syllabi by inviting experts from across the country.
- Promote the interdisciplinary transaction with the collaboration of regional and global community.
- Efforts will be made to invite officers from armed / para-military forces to deliver lectures for inculcating defence security awareness among students and masses

2020-21

- Offer courses in collaboration with the other Departments of Social Sciences that foster inter-disciplinary thinking and research
- Participation in the system of validation and quality assurance and its implementation in order to ensure the quality of education and usefulness of the programs presented.

- Provide interdisciplinary and flexible programs with special attention to lifelong learning projects in the field of strategic studies
- Collaborate with other research institutions so that students can use the facilities from other universities or institute.
- supports the central role of students by extending dedicated services (right to study, libraries, and reading rooms and job placement)
- Arrange consultation programme and extension lectures to empower the civil society with knowledge of war, nuclear war, Terrorism related hazards and about counter measures to deal them.

2021-22

- Develop a practical environment in the classrooms by creating courses and workshops that evolve around discussing and potentially understanding of National and global strategic issues in the light of changing strategic environment.
- Provide the necessary facilities to empower the department and members
- Promote technological innovation, infrastructure and tools for excellence in research
- Students will be guided by their mentors for the qualifying NET-JRF exams etc.
- Fostering local and global awareness and sensitivity to the breadth and diversity of the human condition, including the roles of gender, race, ethnicity, religion and culture issues.
- Develop critical thinking, creativity and originality as they may foster excellence in teaching, research and services

2022-23

- Rethink the role of the department in teaching, research and public engagement so that its educational culture and research environment encourage students and researchers to address 21st century security challenges
- Expanding scientific and research collaboration by concluding a partnership agreement with various universities department and research centers at the national, regional and global levels.
- Ensure monthly presentation by research scholars and promote group discussions.
- Student's career counseling will be done by the faculty members.
- Campus / tours, visits will be organized to sensitize and educate students about strategic importance of countries different border areas.
- The Deptt. will conduct field visit of different Defence / Military stations to make the students aware about the function and duties of the Defence forces.

Activity Calendar (2018-19)

Month	Activity
Aug., 2018	The Dept. will organize the induction programme for the fresher students in the 1 st week of Aug.
Oct./Nov. 2018	The Dept. will invite resource persons from different universities from different specialized fields to deliver the extension lectures, in the last week of October and first week of November, which will be beneficial for students.
December, 2018	The Dept. will conduct field visits of different defence / establishment institutions to sensitize the students regarding various defence / National Security issues in the month of December
Feb., 2018	The Dept. will organized special lectures related to career counseling and guidance to explore the employability during the month of Feb.
March, 2018	The Dept. will organize the Parents Teacher Meeting (PTM) in the 1 st week of February.
April, 2018	The Dept. will organize the Alumni Meet in the month of April.