

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Press note

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M. Phil and PhD for IAF Officers in MU

MU Signed MoU with Indian Air Force

Mumbai - University of Mumbai has agreed to provide nominated officers of Indian Air Force for M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme in all subjects of Military Studies, Aviation, Aeronautics, Engineering, Management, Science and Technology, Legal Studies, Logistics and Supply, Social Science, Applied Science and Humanities and any other field of mutual interest for ten candidates every year. The nominated officers shall, however, appear in the Entrance examination at an exclusive centre designated for the Air Force.

Recently, The University of Mumbai and Indian Air Force signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Two Area Studies Centres namely Centre for Central Eurasian and Centre for African Studies took the initiative to facilitate the signing of MoU in order to train senior Indian Air Force officials.

According to Dr. Sanjay Deshpande Director Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, the basic objective is to disseminate The Knowledge of Eurasia which is the most happening area of the world.

Dr. Manendra Sahu Director Centre for African Studies explains that India's growing role in UN Peacekeeping is a major attraction for the IAF.

Following tentative Topic in Research

1. **Strategic** :

- AFRICOM and African Security
- Civil-Military relations in post-apartheid South Africa
- The factor of air power in anti-apartheid struggle in Southern Africa

2. **Peacekeeping** :

- The evaluation of UN Peacekeeping
- India's contribution to Peacekeeping in Africa
- Assessing African Union Peacekeeping structure

3. **Human Security** :

- Africa's new security threat : HIV/AIDS
- Climate change and human security and violent conflict

4. **Terrorism** :

- Terror networks in Africa
- Battling terrorism in the Horn of Africa
- The nexus among terrorist, narcotics, weapon proliferation and organized cr

5. **International Relations** :

- China's influence in Africa
- Shifting geopolitics of United States in Africa
- Understanding European interest in Africa

6. **Energy Security** :

- Global race for African hydrocarbons
- Resource curse in energy rich states in Africa
- Evaluating 'New' gas producer in East Africa

7. **India - Africa Relations** :

- India's resource diplomacy in Africa
- India-Africa Defence co-operation
- Analyzing India's Africa policy

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