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Vision Document for coming 5 years:

As the second decade of 21st century is in progress, the need for more serious thinking about the theoretical and practical aspects of Security and Developmental programmes have become self-evident. Now, Geo-economics has become more important than Geo-strategy. In the changed strategic scenario, non-traditional security threats have become more important than traditional security threats. In realizing the goals of security and development as two faces of a single coin, the Department of Defence & Strategic Studies at this University, like some other important centre of higher learning, finds a special role rather a duty to play. Academic strategists, like their professional counterparts, have the opportunity to think in long term perspective and take hold of problems of national and international life, which very few policy makers have a chance to think about.

Keeping in view the job prospects, consistent efforts have been made to start new courses suggested under UGC guidelines. One such effort was to start a postgraduate diploma course in Disaster and National Security Management in 2004-05.

In future the department plans to conduct in-depth studies and research along with policy formulation in the following areas:

- Disaster Management.
- Non-traditional Security Threats
- Disarmament and Arms Control
- Maritime Affairs etc.

During the next five years the department has a plan to establish one regional study centre according to UGC guidelines. It may be South Asia, South-east Asia or Central Asia.