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Strategic Vision Institute

VISION

VISIONARY INSIGHTS INTO THE STRATEGIC INQUESTS OF NATIONS

Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) is an autonomous, multidisciplinary and non-partisan organization established in January 2013. SVI aims to project strategic foresight on issues of national and international import through dispassionate, impartial and independent research, analyses, and studies.

The dynamics of strategic environment, rapid technological developments, emerging new paradigms of statecraft and global competition require a prudent observation and policy input for the national discourse. SVI envisions research and policies for strategic national inquest, realizing the significance of traditional and non-traditional security challenges.

As an organization for interactive consultation, the SVI aims to stimulate discussion, deliberation and debate on cross cutting strategic issues at national, regional, and international level. Research studies and opinion papers, seminars and workshops, advocacy and consultancy are the major instruments employed by the SVI to provide a framework for professional expertise, doctrinal wisdom and vision that is indispensable for decision-making and policy formulation.

OBJECTIVES

The prime objective of the SVI is to develop a comprehensive understanding and promote a broad based, multidisciplinary strategic vision and perspectives on emerging realities relating to significant strategic issues, national and international security challenges, primarily stemming from regional issues of peace and stability.

SVI aims to promote a holistic approach based research on the subjects interplaying with the national security challenges like foreign and internal threats, strategic stability and deterrence equilibrium, energy security, socio-economic development, environmental/climate change, peace & conflict, cultural harmony, constitutional development, protection of human rights, gender, and other related issues.

The Institute encourages policy initiatives, reform processes, institutional responsiveness and substantial measures to protect the people's right to life and fundamental freedom. The SVI endeavors for institutional development, capacity building, good governance, and human resource development.

SVI aims to design and lead advocacy campaigns on a range of issues pertaining to Pakistani state, community, and society.



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The aforementioned description of objectives is enumerated as follows:

- Strategic, Security, and Policy Studies.
- Regional Peace, Security, and International Stability.
- Energy Studies: Conventional, Nuclear and Non-Conventional (Alternate / Renewable sources of Energy, Solar / Wind etc) Sources.
- Nuclear Studies: Nuclear Power and Policy, Safety and Security, Nuclear Doctrines and Deterrence, Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.
- China-Pakistan Relations, CPEC and OBOR.
- Strategic Communications, Informatics and Media Studies (Print and Electronic Media).
- Development Studies.
- Education and Literacy.
- Promoting respect and support for adherence to Constitution, Democracy, Fundamental Rights, Protecting of the Underprivileged Persons, Women and Children, through Advocacy and Campaigns.
- Governance, Poverty Alleviation, Health, and Social Welfare.
- Capacity Building and Institutional Development.
- Culture, Heritage and Arts Studies.

FUNCTIONS

For significant strategic input on national policy matters, the SVI team carries out research projects, organizes seminars, workshops, policy dialogues and discussions, writes opinion papers, press releases in print media, and organizes appearance on national TV. Interdisciplinary interaction, consultancy and advocacy on important issues with the concerned stakeholders are also important features of the Institute that helps in developing a better understanding of vital national policies and actions. Further, the SVI in affiliation with other important think tanks and academic institutions provides unique opportunity for learning, experience sharing and capacity building for the researchers, scholars, and policy makers. The SVI promotes research and analyses on domestic and international affairs of strategic importance by:

- Supporting studies that foster independent research in line with the objectives of the Institute
- Enabling the researchers and scholars to produce articles, reports, studies, and books.
- Introducing contemporary and emerging developments on discourses.
- Liaison development with reputable international scholars and institutions to project national and international perspectives on different security matters.



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- Providing strategic foresight through opinion articles from diverse circles of strategic community.
- Organizing roundtables, conferences, seminars, workshops.
- Dissemination of knowledge & information management through a variety of available resources including print, electronic and other mediums, except when any contractual obligations require otherwise.
- Developing academic & research database development, collection of books, research articles, national security archives, conference proceedings, seminar reports, policy briefs, concept notes and opinion articles etc.



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PUBLICATIONS

Publications are recognized as important tools for information dissemination, knowledge sharing, and conducting of research studies in the fields of strategic and security studies. Following are the three regular publications by the SVI:

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY SVI

1. *Shifting Dynamics and Emerging Power Equilibrium in South and Central Asia Around Post 2014* (Islamabad, SVI, 2014).
2. *Energy Crisis and Nuclear Safety and Security of Pakistan* (Islamabad, SVI, 2014).
3. *Matrix of Regional and National Security in South Asia and its Post 2014 Dynamics* (Islamabad, SVI, 2014).

JOURNAL OF SECURITY AND STRATEGIC ANALYSIS (JSSA) is a quarterly research journal that publishes manuscripts addressing policy developments, phenomena and issues with a distinct standpoint. JSSA particularly encourages innovative policy research papers based on a multi-disciplinary approach and projects policy oriented research based on a standard academic research methodology.

SVI FORESIGHT is a monthly electronic journal that publishes short volume of policy opinions on topical issues of significance from national, regional, and international perspectives. It provides updates about various developments and produces scholarly works carried out by its own research associates as well as professional experts from outside.



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REPORTS are the documents issued on regular basis covering different subjects and activities conducted by the Institute. Main documents are annual reports, proceedings of conferences, round table discussions and transcript of delegations exchanges. These reports are not only widely disseminated but are also available on the SVI website.

LIBRARY

The SVI library contains a range of classical and contemporary collection of books in the fields of security & strategic studies, and nuclear energy & security. There are also limited volumes on politics, history, political economy and terrorism. The library also subscribes to several renowned national and international journals and keeps an updated collection of national and international reports.

The library renders the following services:

EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATION: SVI exchanges books, journals and its studies with a network of organizations, think tanks and academic institutions.

DOCUMENTATION: The journals/magazines/periodicals, clippings, handouts, pamphlets, and other text materials of old and new issues are documented for consultation by researchers and policy makers.

RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES: The library also offers technical support services in conducting research projects especially to the new researchers.

ACCESS TO LIBRARY: The library is open to researchers, scholars, opinion makers and is fully air-conditioned. The research material can be consulted only within the SVI premises.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Having accomplished important milestones since its inception in 2013, the SVI team aspires to expand its activities in the areas of development studies, education and literacy, governance, poverty alleviation, health and social welfare. The leadership of the SVI is inspired to play an important role in the capacity building of national organizations in association with the experienced policy makers, scholars and consultants who can contribute effectively in the development of Pakistan by bringing in their knowledge and expertise. With their unique input, research and advice the SVI seeks to launch training for: (1) specialized certificate courses and (2) policy research, advice & consultancy services from 2017 onwards.

CERTIFICATE COURSES/ DIPLOMAS

SVI envisages training for Certificates and Diplomas on a range of courses with multidisciplinary approach for the young and mid-career professionals in the fields of strategic studies, international relations, international law, nuclear studies, CPEC, and other subjects pertaining to socio-political landscape of Pakistan.

SVI conceptualizes this initiative by organizing

- Capacity building Programs for the public and private sector officials working at the important organizations that directly affect the socio-political and economic stability of Pakistan.
- Professional development of human resources in the fields of security, media, society, politics, development, governance, and education.

The certificate courses / diplomas will be offered as stand-alone or collaborative projects with other national and international academic institutions. Three to four week certificate courses are going to be the first priority feature of SVI's academic activities. Initially the SVI is planning to offer certificate courses in two fields: Foreign, Security and Strategic Policy, and International Nuclear Regimes. The Institute is also making endeavors to offer on-campus and online services for which a special online portal will be created with a full studio support for digitization of course contents.

INTERNSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Institute supports students to help them realize their innovative research ideas by inducting them in internships. This will provide them with opportunities to work with the scholars and research fellows. SVI envisions initiating Strategic Vision fellowships and Honorary Membership to the distinguished students and young scholars for their outstanding contribution in the areas of SVI mission and objectives. These awards will be granted on competitive basis by the approval of an independent committee / jury.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Research & Policy Advice is an important expertise of the Institute. The professionals working at the Institute also hold years of experience of working in diverse national and international organizations. SVI plans to collaborate with the selected institutions in order to pool in new ideas and programs, and to explore contemporary developments. The Institute also aims to offer sustainable solutions for the complex problems facing our state and society.

SVI is a non-governmental and non-commercial organization monitored by a Board of Governors (General Body) supervised under a Chairperson and administered by a Management Committee headed by a President / Executive Director.

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SVI WEBSITE

SVI website covers all the activities conducted through SVI's platform. It incorporates the latest developments and trends. The website also shows the calendar of past and upcoming events. Website can be accessed at www.thesvi.org Following are the contents and features of the website.





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SVI FACEBOOK PAGE

SVI Face Book page is its social media interface. It shares the coverage of SVI events and activities. To like the SVI face book page, please visit www.facebook.com/svicom





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CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDS

Strategic Vision Institute is an autonomous non-governmental organization. It welcomes grants from individuals, corporations, research foundations and governmental institutions. It also looks forward to expand its services at national, regional and international level through signing MoUs with like-minded organizations and institutions.





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