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A. Introduction to the SVI

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Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) is an autonomous, multidisciplinary and non-partisan institution established in January 2013. It is a non-governmental and non-commercial organization administered by a Board of Governors under a Chairperson and administered by a Management Committee headed by a President / Executive Director.

SVI aims to promote strategic foresight on issues of national and international import through dispassionate, impartial, and independent research, analyses, and studies. SVI serves as a forum for discussion, deliberation and debate from diverse perspectives. The primary focus of the SVI is to provide a framework for professional expertise, doctrinal wisdom and vision that is indispensable for discreet decision-making and policy formulation. Its initial focus has been to address politico-economic, diplomatic, military and strategic dimensions of policies.

The rationale of the SVI originates from the imperative of cultivating adequate professional expertise to cope with the increasingly complex strategic environment for national, regional and international security.

SVI works on the premise that the continually changing nature and dynamics of strategic environment and international politics, rapid technological developments and revolution in military affairs engenders new paradigms of statecraft, global competition and security. It points to an absolute necessity of exercising prudence in policy planning, ingenuity in doctrinal articulation and proficiency in policy implementation. Strategic vision is inevitable in order to exist beyond mere instinctive survival to one with dignity, sovereign integrity and national honor.

1. SVI Objectives

Objectives of the SVI are to offer analyses, research and studies in the following fields:

- Strategic, Security and Policy Studies.
- Nuclear Studies: Nuclear Power and Policy, Safety and Security, Nuclear Doctrines and Deterrence, Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.
- Regional Peace, Security and International Stability.
- Energy Studies: Conventional, Nuclear and Non-Conventional (Alternate/Renewable sources of Energy, Solar/Wind etc.) Sources.
- Strategic Communications, Informatics and Mass Media Studies.
- Development Studies.
- Education and Literacy.

- Promoting respect and support for adherence to Constitution, Democracy, Fundamental Rights, Protection of the Underprivileged Persons, Women and Children, through Advocacy and Campaigns.
- Governance, Poverty Alleviation, Health and Social Welfare.
- Culture, Heritage and Arts Studies.
- Capacity Building and Institutional Development.

However, the initial focus of the SVI is on Media, Energy, Nuclear, Security and Strategic Policy Studies.

2. SVI Functions

- Production and promotion of literature to support the SVI objectives through research, analyses, and studies: writings, journals/magazines and books, organizing training workshops, seminars/conferences, carrying out analysis, consultancy and projects/feasibility reports.
- Dissemination of literature through a variety of available print, electronic and other mediums, except when any contractual obligations require otherwise.
- Undertaking Development Projects at communities, national and international levels: carrying out projects, study/feasibility reports and consultancies in all the above fields.
- Setting up educational facilities: teaching/training and research through academic institutions if it became feasible at some later stage.
- Development of database: (Data Collection, Processing, Analyses and Policy Recommendations).
- Building a better understanding of policies and actions that are not portrayed in their entirety on international media.

B. Year 2016: A Review

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1. SVI Academic Pursuits

In its fourth year, the SVI has maintained its reputation of producing an excellent impact factor and output in the year 2016. Throughout the year, its top front publication, Monthly Electronic Journal, SVI Foresight was distributed invariably on time, in the first week of every month to a large and rapidly growing readership. It also published the 3rd issue of its premier journal: *Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses*, a bi-annual publication, which it plans to upgrade into a quarterly. SVI's other publications which include books, conference proceedings, and reports are being disseminated widely and regularly to the universities, research institutes and governmental and non-governmental organizations. These publications are also available on the SVI website. SVI scholars have also been able to contribute to the creation of an academic culture through active participation in print as well as electronic media.

SVI held three national conferences, a three days capacity building workshop, three bimonthly seminars and eight in-house seminars during this year. The reports of these events of high quality academic and policy discussions are available on the SVI website. The media (print) coverage of the contents of all these discussions has been well received and recognized as an important contribution to rebuilding Pakistan's narrative in the selected policy areas.

C. SVI Events

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1. Conferences/Seminars

A brief description of the SVI Conferences is as under whereas a detailed report on these events can be seen at the following link: http://thesvi.org/conferences-seminars/

- SVI held a one-day special seminar on "India-Pakistan Impasse and Implications for Regional Diplomacy/Strategic Stability" and combined it with the introduction of a report: "Three Years of SVI: a Commemoration". It also utilized the occasion to officially launch its premier bi-annual journal, *Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses* (JSSA). The seminar was held on 27th January 2016 in the Islamabad Club.
- 2. SVI in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized a One Day National Conference on the "International Nuclear Order" on April 12, 2016 at the Marriott Hotel, Islamabad. The main aim of the conference was to identify the international nuclear order and its implications for regional politics. The conference also re-evaluated the global nuclear order in wake of the North Korean nuclear test and rising strategic capabilities.
- 3. SVI organized a one-day national conference on "Arms Control, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and International Security in 2016" on October 27, 2016 in the Marriott Hotel Islamabad. The objective was to assess the changing dynamics of global politics and challenges to nuclear non-proliferation that are ineffectively addressed. Most speakers highlighted the argument that differences continue to persist in the interpretation and application of article IV of the NPT on peaceful uses of nuclear technology. The Conference on Disarmament (CD) has remained deadlocked over the years. The Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, once considered as the cornerstone of international strategic stability, has been unilaterally abrogated while the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) has failed to enter into force. The other important element, Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT), has not yet been agreed

upon, which questions the very status of non-proliferation efforts. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopts an annual agenda to eliminate nuclear weapons and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), but has not reached any agreement on nuclear disarmament and related issues due to the refusal of the P5 to disarm their nuclear weapons. On the other hand, no consensus has been reached to conclude an international legal instrument on the Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS). All these developments demanded an in-depth evaluation of the above mentioned issues.

4. SVI organized a conference on "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Potentials and Prospects" on December 19, 2016 in the Marriott Hotel Islamabad. The aim of this conference was to discuss the opportunities and the promised potentials of the economic corridor. A special effort was made to analyze the ambiguities and misgivings surrounding this project. The conference also aimed at evaluating the impact of CPEC on global as well as regional politics and responsibilities of China and Pakistan as key players in the wider South Asian region.

2. Capacity Building Workshop

A brief description of the SVI Capacity Building Workshop organized in the year 2016 is as under whereas a detailed report of the workshop can be seen at the following link: http://thesvi.org/workshops/

1. SVI Three Days Capacity Building Workshop/Seminar May-June 2016 on: "National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia", held on 30 May - 01 June, 2016.

SVI organized a three day capacity building workshop/seminar on "National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia" from 30 May to 01 June 2016 in the Islamabad Club. Each day a seminar was held in the morning sessions from 9:30 hours to 13:00 hours and was followed by the participant's group discussion from 14:00 hours to 17:00 hours. The workshop/seminar was largely attended by mid-career media professionals, students, academic scholars, young civilian/military officers and other. The main aim of the workshop was to introduce the registered participants to the various dimensions of National Security of Pakistan, deterrence and strategic stability and train

them to analyze the issues related to the above areas from the perspective of Pakistan The workshop / seminar was also intended to apprise the participants on the nuclear equation between Pakistan and India in the wake of contemporary debates related to deterrence, doctrinal postures, nuclear policies, escalation control, Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) membership and the rising strategic capabilities in the region.

3. Bi-monthly Seminars / Panel Discussions

A brief description of the SVI Bi-Monthly Seminar/Panel Discussions organized in the year 2016 is as under whereas a detailed report of these events can be seen at the following link: http://thesvi.org/conferences-seminars/

"Contemporary Relations between Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia", held on March 30, 2016.

SVI in collaboration with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized a one-day panel discussion on the "Contemporary Relations between Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia." The panel discussion was held in the Islamabad Club on 30th March, 2016 to review Pakistan's cultural, economic and political relationships with Tehran and Riyadh.

2. "India's Strategic Objectives, Capabilities and Future Architecutre of the South Asian Security", held on August 17, 2016.

SVI organized a bi-monthly seminar on the topic titled: "India's Strategic Objectives, Capabilities and Future Architecture of the South Asian Security" held on August 17, 2016 in the Islamabad Club. Three speakers: Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal (Associate Professor, SPIR-QAU), Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema (President/Executive Director, SVI), and Mr. Syed Muhammad Ali (Senior Research Fellow, CISS) were invited along with the Chief Guest Ambassador (R) Khalid Mehmood (Chairman ISSI), to discuss and analytically review India's strategic doctrine and its objectives as well as the contemporary regional security architecture of South Asia and its future prospects. The seminar was chaired by Mr. Ross Masood Husain (Chairperson SVI).

3. "Emerging Security Paradigm and Deterrence Equilibrium in South Asia" held on October 20, 2016.

SVI organized a bi-monthly seminar on the topic titled "Emerging Security Paradigm and Deterrence Equilibrium in South Asia" held on October 20, 2016 in the Islamabad Club Two speakers: Dr. Mujeeb Afzal (Assistant Professor, Department of IR, QAU) and Brig. Zahir ul Haider Kazmi (Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs, SPD) were invited along with the Chief Guest Lt. Gen. (R) Syed Muhammad Owais (Secretary, Ministry of Defense Production, Rawalpindi). Three major messages to the international community were concluded from the seminar: First, we need to convince the international community that Kashmir continues to be a nuclear flashpoint where a flare-up can bring disaster and nuclear escalation. Secondly, we also need to convey the world that seventy years have passed and, despite our best efforts to solve the Kashmir issue, it is still unresolved. Consequently, the international community must make an intensive effort to bring the two parties together and to put all the pressure necessary to bring about the peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute. Third, we need to understand that now the field of conflict lies in economics and diplomacy.

4. In-House Seminars

A brief description of the SVI In-House Seminars is as under whereas a detailed report of these events can be seen at the following link: http://thesvi.org/in-house-roundtables/

1. "Nuclear Security Summits till 2016: An Analytical Review", held on February 25, 2016.

SVI organized an In-House seminar on the topic titled "Nuclear Security Summits till 2016: An Analytical Review" which was held on February 25, 2016 at the SVI premises. Two guest speakers, Brigadier Zahir ul Haider Kazmi, Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs (ACDA), and Colonel (R) Nasir Hafeez, Lecturer, Strategic and Nuclear Studies, National Defense University, were invited to provide an assessment of the achievements of three previous Nuclear Security Summits since 2009 and to discuss its future prospects in the wake of fourth and most likely the final forthcoming Nuclear Security Summit (NSS), to be held from March 31 to April 01 in Washington, DC. The discussion was chaired by Ambassador (R) Zamir Akram, Pakistan's former Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office, Geneva.

2. "Non Proliferation and Strategic Stability in South Asia: A Russian Perspective", held on May 16, 2016.

SVI held an in-house discussion on the subject of "Non Proliferation and Strategic Stability in South Asia: a Russian Perspective". The guest speaker was Dr. Petr Topychkanov, an Associate at the Non-Proliferation Program, Carnegie Moscow Centre. Amidst the everchanging international milieu with its serious implications in the South Asian region, this discussion was specifically organized to get enlightened about the Russian perspective on the subject, especially since the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference took place last year.

3. "The Ongoing Movement in Kashmir and Future Prospects", held on July 15, 2016.

SVI held a round table discussion on: "The ongoing Movement in Kashmir and Future Prospects", on 15th July 2016. The guest speakers for the discussion were Ambassador Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, Ambassador Salman Bashir (former Foreign Secretary), and Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Director and Associate Professor, School of Politics & IR, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. Amidst the changing situation in Kashmir and the recent violent uprisings having strategic implications for Pakistan, the event was organized to evaluate the way forward for a resolution of the Kashmir issue. SVI considered it timely to invite the experts to deliberate on the subject.

4. "Indo-US Nuclear Deal: Politics of the NSG and Its Implications for Pakistan", held on July 28, 2016.

SVI organized a monthly In-House seminar on the topic titled "Indo-US Nuclear Deal: Politics of the NSG & Its Implications for Pakistan" on July 28, 2016 at the SVI premises. Three guest speakers; Ambassador (R) Zamir Akram (Pakistan's Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office, Geneva), Brigadier Zahir ul Haider Kazmi (Director Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs, ACDA), and Dr. Shahid Bukhari (Assistant Professor, Bahauddin Zakariya University) were invited to discuss the US' support for India that flows from Indo-US strategic partnership, the deadlock over the entry of states not party to Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) into the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) at the last plenary session

of the nuclear cartel, the diplomatic efforts led by the US for India's entry into the NSG, and Pakistan's concerns over all these developments.

5. "Politics of NSG and Strategic Stability in South Asia", held on August 23, 2016.

SVI organized a monthly In-House seminar on the topic titled "Politics of NSG and Strategic Stability in South Asia" which was held on August 23, 2016 at the SVI premises. It was a closed door talk strictly based on Chatham House rules. Mr. Anton V. Khlopkov, Director Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) from Russia was the guest speaker. The discussion was chaired by Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema, President/Executive Director, SVI. He thanked and welcomed Mr. Anton V. Khlopkov for affording valuable time out of his busy schedule to speak on the subject. He also extended his thanks and welcomed the participants for gracing the occasion with their presence.

6. "Indian Strategic Culture and Force Posture Development in the Light of Current Tensions" held on September 29, 2016.

SVI organized a monthly In-House seminar on "Indian Strategic Culture and Force Posture Development in the Light of Current Tensions" which was held on 29th September 2016 at the SVI premises. Lt Gen. (R) Naeem Khalid Lodhi (former Pakistan's Defence Secretary), Amb. Fauzia Nasreen (former Pakistani Diplomat), and Dr. Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi (Professor, University of Peshawar), were guest speakers for the event. Executive Director of the Institute, Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema chaired the session, while Director Academics, Ms. Syedah Sadia Kazmi moderated the discussion.

7. "India's NSG Politics" held on November 8, 2016.

SVI organized a one day In-House Seminar on "India's NSG Politics" which was held on Tuesday 8th November 2016. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Associate Professor at the School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University and Mr. Muhammad Kamran Akhtar, Director General Disarmament (MOFA), were the guest speakers. The discussion was chaired by Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema, President/Executive Director SVI. Dr. Cheema in his opening remarks and welcome address thanked the guest speakers and participants for affording valuable time for the Seminar. He stated that it has been quite long now that the membership of NSG has become much contested, especially because of India and Pakistan's

interest in the NSG and particularly after 2008 when a waiver was given to India. At that time, Pakistan didn't seriously contest the waiver. However, now Pakistan is seriously pursuing its membership of the NSG. He stated that the irony of NSG politics is that the group was created after India's 1974 nuclear test and, instead of India paying a price for that, it is Pakistan which is being singled out by the West led by the US. Otherwise, this issue could have been resolved amicably by both India and Pakistan to become members of the NSG.

8. SVI In-House Seminar/Panel Discussion on "Politics of NSG and Ballistic Missile Tests" on December 29, 2016.

SVI organized an In- House Seminar/Panel Discussion on "Politics of NSG and Ballistic Missile Tests" on December 29, 2016. The aim of the In-House Seminar was to highlight the strict credentials being crafted for Pakistan's induction into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). A special effort was made to analyze the recent drafts being circulated to curtail Pakistan's nuclear related achievements. The In- House participants also analyzed the impact of recent Missile tests by India especially Agni V for the regional and extra regional states.

A detailed report on all the above events can be seen on the SVI Website: www.thesvi.org

D. Research & Analyses Activities of the SVI

1. Input of SVI Scholars in Print Media

There have been a number of publications by the SVI scholars in local and foreign academic journals, e-journals, blogs, News Papers and Magazines. The details of these are given below in a chronological order starting from the most recent.

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- I. Dr. Z. I. Cheema has appeared in various TV interviews and media appearances. A list of TV interviews and radio programs can be found below:
- a) Interview titled "North Korea Ballistic Missile Test and Afghan Peace Process" at VOA on 18 March 2016
- b) Interview on the "Nuclear Security Summit", at PTV World with Zubair Ghouri on 3 April 2016,
- c) Interview on "Pakistan Policy on Drone Attacks", at Iran TV, on May 5, 2016,
- d) Interview on the topic "Pak-Afghan Relations in the backdrop of Torkham Border Clash", at Iran TV with Muhammad Reza Shah on June 14, 2016.
- e) Interview on the "NSG Debate", for Dawn TV with Khawar Ghumman on June 18, 2016,
- f) Interview on the topic "Contemporary issues of NSG", at APP with Ejaz Shah on June 19, 2016,
- g) Interview on the "NSG Membership", to BBC on June 20, 2016,
- h) Interview on the "NSG & Pakistan", at PTV World with Khalid Latif on June 22, 2016,
- i) Presentation on "NSG and Non-proliferation", at Express Forum Abpara, organized by the Daily Express on June 23, 2016,
- j) Interview on "Afghanistan Pakistan Relations", at VOA with Radio on Tv "Jahan Rang" by Asad Hassan, June 26, 2016,
- k) Interview on "Saudi Explosion", at VOA with Radio on Tv "Jahan Rang" by Asad Hassan on July 10, 2016.
- I) Interview on "Tensions over LOC", at Voice of America on November 21, 2016.

- m) Interview on "Regional Security with special reference to Afghanistan and Nuclear South Asia" with Mr. Thomas Gutersohn, Swiss Radio and Television on November 26, 2016.
 - II. S. Sadia Kazmi had an interview on the topic "Saudi-Yemen Conflict in the Context of Human Right Violation," with Iran TV on October 7, 2016.

3. SVI Researchers' Presentations in conferences

A detail of SVI researchers' participation in conferences/seminars/workshop is given below:

a) National Conferences

- i. Dr Z. I. Cheema presented a paper titled "Politics of Non-Proliferation Regime and Global Nuclear Order," in a one day conference organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on "International Nuclear Order," 12 April 2016, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
- ii. Dr Z. I. Cheema presented a paper titled "Changing Nature of Deterrence Equilibrium and Strategic Stability in South Asia," in the bi-monthly seminar organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on "Emerging Security Paradigm and Deterrence Equilibrium in South Asia," 20 October, 2016, Islamabad Club, Islamabad.
- iii. Ms. S. Sadia Kazmi presented a paper titled "CPEC and Sino-Pak Strategic Partnership," in a three day International Conference at FJWU on "Peace and Security in South Asia and Central Asia," 22-24 Sep 2016, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.
- iv. Ms. S. Sadia Kazmi presented a paper titled "PAROS, Negative Security Assurances and Non Proliferation Issues," at a one day Conference organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on "Arms Control, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and International Security in 2016," 27 October 2016 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
- v. Ms. Maimuna Ashraf participated in a CSSPR-NPIHP International Conference and Workshop on "Comparative Nuclear History," held at University of Lahore. This was organized by Center for Security Strategy and Policy Research in collaboration with

- the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, 30-31 October 2016.
- vi. Dr Z. I. Cheema presented a paper titled "Membership of the NSG and MTCR," in one day workshop organized by Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) in collaboration with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) London on "Defence, Deterrence & Stability in South Asia," 13 December 2016 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
- vii. Ms. S. Sadia Kazmi presented a paper titled "CPEC and Sino-Pak Socio-economic Partnership," at a one day Conference organized by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI) on "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Potentials and Prospects," 19 December 2016 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
- viii. Dr Z. I. Cheema presented a paper titled "Politics of Nonproliferation and Pakistan's Civilian Nuclear Program" in a one day workshop organized by Islamabad Policy Research Institute on "Civilian Uses of Nuclear Energy in Pakistan: Opportunities and Prospects," 27 December 2016, Islamabad, Pakistan.

b) Foreign Presentations

- i. Dr Z. I. Cheema was officially invited by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow at the Forum on SCO in Sochi, Moscow. The subject was "On the Second Track: the Role of Civil Society and Public Diplomacy in the Future Development and Expansion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization," from April 19-21, 2016.
 - He was the guest speaker at the Carnegie Moscow Centre, Moscow on "Strategic Stability in South Asia" on 21 April 2016 at 4:00pm;
 - He held meetings with the Director in Russian Council of Foreign Affairs in which issues pertaining to Political and Strategic Dynamics in South Asia were discussed. The meeting also focused on improvement of Pakistan-Russia relations and Russia's role in strategic stability in South Asia on 22 April 2016 (morning);

- Dr. Cheema had a bilateral discussion on strategic and nuclear issues at Russian Institute of Strategic Studies, Moscow on 22 April 2016 (afternoon).
 From the Russian side, the Vice President and Head of the Sections on Middle East and South Asia participated. The Russian team was assisted by their senior research scholar;
- ii. Ms. Beenish Altaf participated in a Tabletop Exercise "Conflict Management and War Termination in South Asia," 2-5 May 2016, Bangkok, Thailand;
- iii. Ms. Beenish Altaf participated in Asia-Pacific Nuclear History Institute held at Seoul, South Korea from November 5–12, 2016 organized by the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP) hosted by Kyungnam University Institute for Far Eastern Affairs (IFES), South Korea and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC.



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The Nation

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Dawn

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Express Tribune

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Daily Times

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Al-Bab Institute for Strategic Studies http://www.jassimtaqui.com/2016/09/the-indian-force-posture.html

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Zeny Online

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Pakistan Observer

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F. Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses (JSSA)

Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses (JSSA) is a bi-annual premier research publication of the SVI. It primarily focuses on the contemporary issues of security and strategic studies with a multi-disciplinary perspective. JSSA conforms to the standard HEC guidelines/rules of publication and seeks to present high quality research papers and contributions as per the international standard. It aspires to become a top ranking HEC recognized journal. The quality aspect of the JSSA is and will always be the prime concern in careful selection of the manuscripts wherein the readers will be able to find a collection of well written and academically sound research papers that have attempted to methodically examine various strategic and security issues in detail.

Up till now the SVI has published three issues of its bi-annual journal:

Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses, winter 2015, Vol. I, No. 1; Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses, summer 2016, Vol. II, No. 1; Journal of Security and Strategic Analyses, winter 2016, Vol. II, No. 2.

JSSA-link: http://thesvi.org/journal-of-strategic-and-security-analysis/

G. SVI Foresight

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SVI Foresight is a monthly electronic journal. It has a multi-disciplinary perspective highlighting on the contemporary strategic and security studies. The Journal is envisioned to be a collection of policy-oriented articles written by its Research Associates, Visiting Faculty and professional experts. The objective is to provide the readership with a concise all-round and real-time policy oriented discourse on contemporary strategic regional and international developments, highlighting their relevance to Pakistan.

So far 18 issues of the SVI Foresight have been published since July 2015 to December 2016.

SVI-Foresight link: http://thesvi.org/svi-foresights/

H. SVI Website

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SVI Website is its most active portal that provides complete information about the institute, including a detailed organogram. In order to have a broader outreach, the website has been provided the option to be accessed in seven different languages, including Urdu, English, Chinese, Russian, French, German, and Arabic. It's easy to access interface contains clickable tabs from where the data on various academic events organized by the SVI can be acquired freely. The website also has a publication section from where public access is available to download books, Journals (JSSA and SVI Foresight), opinion articles, reports, and proceedings of the conferences, seminars, in-house meetings, and workshops. Anyone interested in contributing their research work to the SVI can also find a detailed editorial policy and guidelines for submitting the research articles. The website contains regular update of its events, information, and programs. It has improved considerably in a short time since 2013 as is evident from the increased web traffic. The SVI website displays research articles, short commentaries, opinions, analyses, research reports, coverage of contemporary issues related to peace, development, education, energy, nuclear security, non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament (AC&D), and strategic and security studies. It has a separate section detailing the print and media coverage of all the activities organized by the SVI. One can also find the Annual Reports of the SVI yearly output. The calendar available on the website provides information of upcoming events scheduled for the year. Regular job vacancies are also advertised on the website. It is frequently visited by policy makers, researchers, experts, and students inside and outside Pakistan. Renowned scholars are invited to contribute their writings for publication on the website on regional and international relations issues.

SVI-Website link: www.thesvi.org

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SVI-FB link: www.facebook.com/svicom



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