# NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY (NFSU) OF INDIA AND ITS NFSU (I) UGANDA CAMPUS AT JINJA, UGANDA

**National Forensic Sciences University, India.** The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) of India is the world's first and the only forensics university. This unique university was envisioned and established in 2009 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi. In 2020, the Government of India has accorded it the coveted status of an “Institution of National Importance”. The credit for nurturing this unique institution goes to its Founder Vice Chancellor, Dr. J.M. Vyas, who is the senior-most Forensic Scientist of India with a rich experience of 52 years.

**NFSU (India) Uganda Campus, Jinja.** NFSU (I) Uganda Campus at Jinja is the first-ever overseas campus of NFSU and as such, the first forensics university campus in Africa. It is a unique initiative of the Govt. of Uganda and the Govt. of India. Its establishment and operations have been approved by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) under special framework. The campus has been setup at the beautiful and serene location within the Gaddafi Barracks of Jinja which includes well laid out classrooms, newly constructed and well-equipped laboratories, well-stocked library with access to e-resources, a dining hall providing sumptuous meals, and a well-furnished hostel, to name a few. While the campus is located within a military cantonment, all the programs are open to the young civilian students of Uganda as well as foreign countries.

**Areas of Activities**. This campus aims to conduct academic courses, undertake training for working professionals, and carry out research projects in different branches of Forensic Sciences and allied subjects. The core aim is to promote knowledge and skills in the use of advanced techniques and technologies amongst the youth aspiring to join variety of professions. In its inaugural academic year of 2025-26, the Campus is offering six PG programs in Forensic Science, Homeland Security and Cyber Security & Digital Forensics, maintaining the same high standards of NFSU in India. This includes 02 Master’s Degree programmes of two years duration, and 04 Post-Graduate Diploma programmes of duration one year. The teaching staff includes highly experienced faculty from India and expert lecturers from Uganda, mostly alumni of NFSU in India.

**Collaboration**. As per the MoU between the Governments of Uganda and India, the technical expertise in the form of experts, faculty, hi-tec equipment and tools, setting up of sophisticated laboratories, specialised books for the library, and maintaining high standards and NFSU syllabus at the campus, are being provided by the Ministry of External Affairs and NFSU of India, duly supported by the High Commission of India in Kampala. The administrative support in terms of staff, equipment, furniture, vehicles, infrastructure in the form of classrooms, labs, hostels, dining hall, etc. is being provided by Uganda’s Ministry of Defence & Veteran Affairs (MoDVA) and Uganda Peoples’ Defence Force (UPDF).

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