

Dr. J.M. Vyas,
Padma Shri Awardee, Vice Chancellor,
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Director General of Directorate of Forensic Science

Dr. J.M. Vyas is the founding Vice Chancellor of a unique and highly specialized, **National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)**, Gandhinagar which has been recognized as an Institution of National Importance by the Government of India. He has been holding this position since 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Besides, Dr. Vyas is heading the **Directorate of Forensic Science (DFS)** of Gujarat, Gandhinagar for the past 28 years. He has become the Director General of DFS since 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. With his vast experience in the field and 48 years long service, Dr. Vyas is the most senior Forensic Scientist currently serving the country.

Dr. J.M. Vyas has received a number of international recognitions, including -

- (a) "Distinguished International Forensic Scientist Award" in recognition of leadership and excellence in forensic science and education to the international community, conferred by The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, University of New Haven, West Haven, USA, in October 2018;
- (b) "Lifetime Achievement Award" for outstanding contribution in the field of Forensic and Investigative Sciences at the international level by the International Association of Police Academies (INTERPA), Turkey, in February 2019; and
- (c) "Humanitarian Forensic Award" in recognition of exceptional services in the field of Humanitarian Forensics by the International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF) in September 2019.

Among many other national recognitions, Dr. Vyas was the awardee of "Padma Shri", one of the highest civilian awards, on the occasion of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day (Year 2022), for his extraordinary, distinguished and commendable services in the field of Science and Engineering.