

'We are a bridge between security setup and society'

**GNLU Director
Prof Bimal Patel
Re-Appointed
To NSAB**

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Ahmedabad: The re-jigged National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), a body working directly under the PMO and the national security advisor (NSA), has retained Prof Bimal Patel, director of Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), for a second term. The first meeting of the re-constituted board took place on January 10.

The board, headed by former ambassador P S Raghavan, also includes A B Mathur, Admiral Anil Chopra, Lt Gen S L Narsimhan, Lt Gen Subrata Saha, Asif Ibrahim, Tilak Devasher, Amar Sinha, and Prof V Kamakoti.

Prof Patel was chosen as an international law expert. "The new format is leaner and aims at taking a multi-disciplinary approach to address issues related to national security, ranging from neighbours to

cyberspace. One of the primary aims of the board is to work as a bridge between the security establishment and society," he said.

He added that the role of the NSAB is ever-evolving in response to mid and long-term security challenges. "One of the recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) was to establish centres for security and strategy studies to contribute to the understanding of the field. At GNLU, we facilitated one such centre for

the western region," said Patel, adding that they will strengthen strategic communication with various stakeholders.

One of the decisions taken at the first meeting was to expand the

NSAB's reach beyond New Delhi and to reach out to various parts of the country for public engagement, media reports stated.

The board has military experts, policy experts, external affairs experts, a former IB director and a professor working on artificial intelligence and emerging IT technologies.



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