

## Sikkim VC appointed as the member of National Security Advisory Board



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Prof Mahendra P Lama, Vice Chancellor of Sikkim University has been appointed as a Member of the prestigious National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) by the National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister. NSAB is an important element of the National Security Council system with the main function of advising the Government on security related issues. It is a multi-disciplinary body comprising a Chairman and persons of eminence from outside the Government with expertise in the fields of foreign affairs, defence, economics, science and technology, intelligence, internal security, media and related areas.

Prof Lama a development economist by profession is the youngest member of the NSAB. He has been invited to be a member of the Board in view of his long experience in dealing with issues which are critical for national security mainly from the economic and financial perspectives.

There are 28 members drawn from various professional backgrounds in the NSAB. They include Shri KS Bajpai, former Foreign Secretary (Chairman), Prof Shankar Acharya, former Chief Economic Advisor to the Govt of India, Ms Sobhana Bharatia, Chairperson, Hindustan Times, Shri Naresh Chandra, former Cabinet Secretary, Shri HK Deka, former

Director General of Police, Assam, Dr Nitin Desai, former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Organization; Shri HK Dua, Chief Editor, The Tribune; Dr Prodipto Ghose, former Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests; Prof PS Goel, Indian Space Research Organisation; Vice Admiral KK Nayyar; Shri SC Mehta, former Special Director, Intelligence Bureau; Admiral Arun Prakash, former Chief of Naval Staff; Prof V Ramamurthy, Chairman, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi; Dr P Rama Rao, Member, Atomic Energy Commission, Gen Aditya Singh formerly the GOC of Southern Command; Former Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi and Shri PKH Tharakan former Secretary (R&AW).

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