

## **REPORT OF INDIA'S FIRST LEADERSHIP TALK SERIES ON 'ART OF DECISION MAKING'**

Ministry of Human Resource Development Innovation Cell (MIC) - IIC organized India First Leadership Talk Series (IFLTS) on 19 March 2019 at 11:30 AM addressed by Shri Ajit Doval Ji, National Security Advisor, Government of India on the topic 'Art of Decision Making' broadcasted between 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Upper Auditorium at Parvatibai Chowgule of Art and Science, Gogol Margao Goa. A total number of 15 faculty and 30 students participated and attended the session. The crowd was welcomed by Shri V. Prabhakaran followed by Smt. Neeta Dhopeswarkar who introduced Shri Ajit Doval ji and the importance of 'Art of Decision Making'.

The interactive session by Ajit Ji addressed that its common to go through anxiety while taking big or tough decisions and there are few things one needs to keep in mind while taking a decision. First of all, one needs to ask oneself that if the things go wrong, are the consequences affordable? Once they know this, next is to start preparing for it and meanwhile, also have a backup plan, in case the decision fails. One needs to know that when tough decisions are taken, their consequences affects large number of people for a long period of time. Hence, to be more careful, one needs to figure out all the objectives, break them down into simpler forms and focus on each of them. Also, the objective analysis needs to be done immediately. After figuring out the objectives, one need to find out what are the various options or goals one can achieve. The most preferred option is the one, which is cost effective and of great use. Once the option is selected, one needs to strategically plan and start the preparations. He also said that one needs to be firm while making the decisions. Also, taking the decision is more important than making the decision right. He mentioned that believing in what one wants to do is very important for a solo operator. If you want to do something, figure out, research on the matter and make a firm decision. He said that he has developed many important characteristics on his way since he faced many situations he was never prepared for, which affected his psyche and helped improvise himself. Shri. Ajit Doval ji also stated that considering the minor factors, such as circumstances is important while making decisions. Knowledge, vision, commitment, belief and interests are some few of the most important elements to be considered while making a decision. He advised the student community to have a right progressive attitude to go along by identifying one's self-identity and broadening their arena of thinking as he believes that 'bigger minds have bigger identity'. In this way, the students benefited and acquired the decision-making skills.