

## Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Awarded to JNU

The European Commission has awarded the **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for European Union Studies in India (CEEUSI)** to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). This is one of the highest international recognitions for any European Studies programme. The CEEUSI at JNU will provide greater visibility to EU studies in India and South Asia.



Under the guidance of **Prof Gulshan Sachdeva**, Jean Monnet Chair, the Centre for European Studies (CES) at the School of International Studies, will administrate the project. With seven core faculty members and about sixty research scholars, the CES is already a leading Centre of European studies in India. It has already received three Jean Monnet Chairs (Prof Rajendra K Jain [2010], Prof Gulshan Sachdeva [2016], Prof Ummu Salma Bava [2017] and a Jean Monnet Module (Dr Sheetal Sharma, 2017).

The University Grants Commission has also recognised the CES as a leading department of European Studies through its special Europe Area Studies grant. Through its teaching and research, the exiting CES broadly covers contemporary European economic, political, social and foreign policy issues. With the establishment the CEEUSI network and its activities, the CES will be able to provide wider platform to other academic scholars and institutions in promoting EU related activities in India. Many CES alumni are teaching in prominent Indian universities. Apart from civil services and media, many CES scholars are actively engaged in Europe related research activities in prominent Indian think tanks and NGOs. The CEEUSI will encourage and coordinate their EU related activities. The main activities of CEEUI will be structured around traditional methods (conferences, seminars, workshops, roundtables) and resulting publications. These activities will also improve the EU component of CES teaching and research. The establishment of CEEUSI will help the CES in further strengthening its linkages with European universities and think tanks. Information about the three years project is available at <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/#project/600113-EPP-1-2018-1-IN-EPPJMO-CoE>