

**University of Delhi**  
**Ordinance XX (...)**  
**Centre for Independence and Partition Studies**

The Centre for Independence and Partition Studies (CIPS) shall be constituted under Ordinance XX (..) of the Ordinances of the University. The Centre for Independence and Partition Studies, as a multi-disciplinary centre, shall focus on different facets of the struggle for freedom and the reasons and impact of Partition and emerge, in due course of time, as a specialized resource centre to facilitate such studies. For the purpose of launching academic programmes, designing curriculum, research programmes etc., the Centre for Independence and Partition Studies (CIPS) shall be constituent of the Faculty of Social Science.

**1. Objectives**

The major objectives of the Centre would include, inter alia, the following:

- (i) To promote the study of those people and events that are mostly disregarded and forgotten or have received a biased and prejudiced treatment in history-writing, and thereby highlight such stories, including in Indian languages (under the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India) and local dialects, that seldom find space in mainstream historical narratives. This should include the role played by unsung tribal heroes, leaders of marginal groups and women in the freedom struggle.
- (ii) To facilitate a full investigation of the intense politics surrounding Partition.
- (iii) To study and research the invasions, and consequent sufferings and slavery that occurred in the past 1300 years.
- (iii) To undertake an exercise to map the location and other details of Partition victims including their routes of migration and to include narratives about their sorrows, challenges and triumphs.

(iv) To revisit the lives of these victims by conducting interviews and creating a repository of oral history transcripts.

(v) To collect and preserve the private papers of individual leaders, academics and diplomats who have left behind valuable and related writings. To include institutional papers wherever relevant.

(vi) To undertake research, collaboration and develop linkages including MoUs with similarly placed or related research centres and academic institutions.

(vii) To set up a comprehensive library dedicated to the study on the subject.

(viii) To create a strong digital and electronic database, and make it open-source wherever feasible, for larger dissemination of knowledge in the field.

(ix) To carry out publications of reports, books and journals in the relevant area matching high professional standards.

## **2. Governing Structure**

The governance of the Centre shall be carried out through the following bodies functioning under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University.

(i) Governing Body

(ii) Research Committee

2.1. There shall be a Governing Body, functioning under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University, and in accordance with the Statutes and Ordinances of the University. Its composition would be as follows:

(i) Vice-Chancellor or his Nominee: Chairperson

(ii) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ex-officio)

(iii) Director, South Delhi Campus (Ex-officio)

(iv) Dean of Colleges (Ex-officio)

(v) Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (Ex-officio)

(vi) Dean, Faculty of Arts (Ex-officio)

(vii) Three Expert members from outside the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor

(viii) Three scholars from the University and its colleges to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor

(ix) The Director of the Centre, Member Secretary

2.1.1 Except for the ex-officio members, all other members of the Governing Body shall have a term of three years.

2.1.2 The Governing Body should meet at least twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings should be 50 percent of the total membership.

2.1.3 The Governing Body shall exercise the following functions:

(i) Provide overall supervision and guidance to the centre

(ii) Shall approve all appointments recommended by the Research Committee

(iii) Shall approve academic proposals, programmes and courses leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.

(iv) Shall consider proposals of staff requirements and approve them.

(v) Shall consider major requirements related to infrastructure.

(vi) Shall consider and approve annual report of the centre.

(vii) Shall consider budetary and additional financial requirement and send them to the University for approval.

(viii) Shall consider and approve annual financial statement of the centre.

(ix) Shall consider and approve the recommendations of the Research Committee for major and long term collaborations with other institutions and/or bodies to facilitate the objectives of the centre.

2.2 There shall be a Research Committee, functioning under the overall control of the Governing Body of the centre, to guide research and other academic activities of the centre. Its composition would be as follows:

- (i) Director of the centre- ex-officio Chairperson
- (ii) Joint Director
- (iii) Three members of the Governing Body who have been nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the teachers of the University and its colleges.
- (iv) Three members who are experts in the field to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from within the University system or outside, and who are ordinarily resident in the NCR region.
- (v) Two representatives of the Fellows or Scholars associated with the centre to be decided by the Research Committee in its initial meeting.

2.2.1 Except for the ex-officio members, all other members of the Research Committee shall have a term of three years.

2.2.2 The Research Committee should meet as and when required, but not less than twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings should be 50 percent of the total membership.

2.2.3 Subject to the overall control of the Governing Body of the centre, the Research Committee shall exercise the following functions:

- (i) Periodically monitor and assess various academic and research activities in operation and consider fresh proposals.
- (ii) Consider proposals for starting new academic and research programmes and courses, for approval of the Governing Body of the centre.
- (iii) Formulate guidelines for further consideration of the Governing Body regarding involving faculty members and students of the University and its colleges for association with the centre in various capacities like Fellows, Interns, Associates, Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty etc.
- (iv) Evaluate the performance of fellows/interns and other academic members/faculties and research scholars associated with the centre.

(v) Consider and approve proposals for holding major seminars and conferences.

(vi) Formulate major guidelines for further consideration of the Governing Body regarding creation of repositories and such other significant research and academic activities of the centre.

(vii) Consider proposals from departments, colleges and other centres of the University, as well as from academic/research/strategic institutions from outside for collaboration or starting sub-units. It may also consider reaching out to the such departments, colleges, centres and outside institutions for furthering the objectives of the centre. Proposals with major financial implications or those with outside institutions shall be forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval.

(viii) Shall ensure holding Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel memorial lectures by eminent individuals every academic year and shall satisfy that proper documentation with regard to such lectures is maintained (including videos and oral transcripts). Memorial lectures can also be organized in the names of other prominent individuals and leaders who suffered partition but went on to shape the destiny of Independent India.

(ix) It shall exercise such other functions which the Vice-Chancellor or the Governing Body of the centre may from time to time decide.

### **3 Office bearers**

#### **3.1 Director**

(i) There shall be a Director of the centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the University for a term of three years or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. This assignment would be in addition to his/her existing responsibilities in the Department. He/she shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years.

(ii) He/she shall be responsible for efficient management and supervision of the centre including diligent handling of its finances, in accordance with the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, rules and regulations of the University.

(iii) The Director shall coordinate various academic and research activities of the centre.

(iv) The Director shall act as ex-officio Member Secretary of the Governing Body, and ex-officio Chairman of the Research Committee.

### 3.2 Joint Director

(i) There shall be a Joint Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Professors/Associate Professors of the University and its Colleges, for a term of three years, or till he/she attains the age of 65 years. He/she be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years. This assignment would be in addition to his/her existing responsibilities in the University/College.

(iii) He/she would generally assist the Director in all his academic and administrative responsibilities, and in the absence of the Director perform all such functions and discharge all such responsibilities which are vested with the Director under this Ordinance.

## 4. Faculty Members

### (i) Visiting and Adjunct Professors

Scholars with proven academic credentials and relevant work in the field can be associated with the Centre as Visiting/Adjunct Professors on the recommendation of the Research Committee and with the approval of the Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor. The terms and conditions of such association can be decided by the Research Committee generally and in individual cases with the approval of Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor.

### (ii) Fellows and Associates

Full time faculty members of the University and its Colleges with relevant experience and research interest may be appointed as Fellows for a period of three years. Research Scholars of the University can be appointed as Associates on similar terms and conditions. This engagement would run concurrently with the Fellow's existing responsibilities in the University or its Colleges. Appointment of Fellows and other terms and conditions necessary for the smooth operation of Fellowship may be decided by the Research Committee with the approval of Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor.

(iii) Post-Doctoral Fellows: In specific cases, the Research Committee of the Centre may consider the request of individual scholars for carrying out their Post-Doctoral Fellowships at the centre with financial assistance from government/non-government sponsoring agencies. This research should be of relevance to the specified objectives of the Centre.

## **5. Finances**

(i) All expenditures of the Centre such as those on the conduct of seminars, research projects, teaching, publications, administration, equipments and other support activities shall be made in accordance with the allocation, and in accordance with GFR and other prevailing rules and regulations.

(ii) Additional financial support can be sought from various government agencies, or through collaborations with national and international agencies as per the requirements.

## **6. General Conditions**

(i) Subject to the provisions of the Act and Statutes, the issues not covered in this Ordinance, or in the event of the differences of interpretation, the Vice-Chancellor may take a final decision.

(ii) No financial and/or administrative responsibility in the Centre shall be given to any person beyond the age of 65 years.