

**Recommendations of the Committee constituted for establishment of the
Centre for Hindu Studies**

Meetings of the Committee constituted by the Competent Authority consisting of the following to deliberate upon establishment of a Centre for Hindu Studies within the structural framework of the University were held on 20.01.2023 at 02.00 PM and on 13.03.2023 at 4.30 PM at the Council Room of the University.

1. Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Director, South Delhi Campus - Chairperson
2. Prof. Payal Mago, Director, Campus of Open Learning
3. Prof. K. Ratnabali, Dean, Academic Affairs
4. Dean, Faculty of Science
5. Dean, Faculty of Social Science
6. Dean, Faculty of Arts
7. Prof. Seema Bawa, Head, Department of History
8. Prof. Sangit Kumar Ragi, Head, Department of Political Science
9. Prof. Anil Kumar Aneja, Head, Department of English
10. Prof. Ranjan Kumar Tripathi, Joint Dean of Colleges
11. Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Principal, SGTB Khalsa College
12. Prof. C Sheela Reddy, Principal, Sri Venkateswara College
13. Prof. A.K. Singh, Head & Dean, Faculty of Commerce
14. Prof. V.S. Negi, EC Member, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College
15. Dr. Aditya Gupta, Department of Philosophy
16. Dr. Purna Malhotra, Department of English
17. Sh. Jay Chanda, Joint Registrar (Academic)

The Committee extensively deliberated upon various aspects of establishment of a Centre for Hindu Studies in all its ramifications. This has also been discussed at various levels in smaller groups within the structure of the Committee.

In course of the discussions held in this regard, it was felt that it would be appropriate to develop the Centre as an independent entity within the overall structural framework of the University under the Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University with a defined objective, governance structure and other essential components for smooth functioning of the Centre.

The Centre for Hindu Studies will act as a multidisciplinary centre to focus on various facets of the Hindu civilization, its multiple dynamics, history, philosophy, worldview and emerge as a major resource and reference centre in due course of time.

The Centre for Hindu Studies will function as a constituent of the Faculty of Arts in order to facilitate the curriculum design and implementation of the academic programmes as well as enrolment of the students for the doctoral studies:

The major objectives of the proposed centre, inter alia, may include the following:

- (i) To initially offer Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes in Hindu Studies followed by certificate, diploma and other such programmes depending upon operational feasibility of the Centre.
- (ii) To offer, as part of the Postgraduate programme, Minor courses with Hindu Studies as Major in the knowledge domains of Computer Science, Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Graphic Design & Animation, Management and Commerce.
- (iii) To involve all the stakeholders including the enrolled students to think critically as well as analytically and evolve a Bharat centric perspective beyond theoretical explanation.

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- (iv) To create a dedicated rich repository of ancient and contemporary reference materials concerned with enhancing the values and knowledge of the Hindu way of life, culture, traditions and worldview.
- (v) To engage in comparative study with other belief systems, spiritual values and cultural traditions with a focus on Hindu spirit and ethos.
- (vi) To study inter-connectedness existing among different Hindu sects, philosophical practices, historical issues, statecraft, law, arts, architecture, literature, musical and dance traditions.
- (vii) To trace the evolution of reformist movements and practices, evolving nationalist ideas, and study their multiple dynamics.
- (viii) To publish in due course of time a journal dedicated to deep research on topics related to Hindu Studies.
- (ix) To coordinate with institutions in the same knowledge domain for better academic enrichment and research propagation.

The draft Ordinance-XX of the Ordinances of the University for establishment of the Centre for Hindu Studies, which broadly incorporates the administrative, operational and functional aspect of the Centre has been prepared alongwith a concept note which brings out the essence of establishment of the Centre for Hindu Studies in the University. The committee recommended that the proposal may be placed before the Competent Authority for approval.

The above proposal is submitted for kind approval.