

**University of Delhi**  
**Ordinance XX (...)**  
**Centre for Tribal Studies (CTS)**

The Centre for Tribal Studies (CTS) shall be constituted under Ordinance XX (...) of the Ordinances of the University, as a multi-disciplinary centre, to facilitate studies on different tribes of India.

**1. Objectives**

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

- (i) To understand the term “Tribe” from India-Centric perspective including study of their social, cultural, linguistic, religious, economic, environmental diversity and commonalities.
- (ii) To study the role and contribution of tribal leaders in various eras of Indian history.
- (iii) To highlight role and significance of tribal leaders in India’s struggle for freedom, and bring out to prominence the unsung heroes among them.
- (iv) To study and document various *Lok* traditions of India’s tribes including their indigenous/traditional knowledge and work to disseminate such information to the public in general and to academia and students in particular.
- (v) To identify special problems and needs of Denotified and Nomadic tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with special reference to conservation, development and special health needs.
- (vi) To study the significance of forest-tribe relationship with special reference to stability of forest ecosystems and livelihood issues.
- (vii) To study contemporary issues relevant to the tribal communities which has a significant bearing on their present well-being and future progression in terms of overall developmental perspective.

**2. Governing Structure:** The governance of the Centre shall be carried out through the following bodies which shall function under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University.

- (i) Governing Body
- (ii) Research Committee

**2.1. Governing Body:** There shall be a Governing Body which shall function under the overall control of the Executive Council of the University, and in accordance with the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

**Composition:**

- (i) Vice-Chancellor or his Nominee - Chairperson
- (ii) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ex-officio member)
- (iii) Director, South Delhi Campus (Ex-officio member)

- (iv) Dean of Colleges (Ex-officio member)
- (v) Dean, Faculty of Science (Ex-officio member)
- (vi) Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (Ex-officio member)
- (vii) Dean, Faculty of Arts (Ex-officio member)
- (viii) Two External Expert members to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
- (ix) Three distinguished academicians from the University and its colleges to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
- (x) 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 shall meet at least twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings shall be half of the total approved strength of the Governing Body.

2.1.3 **Powers of the Governing Body:** The Governing Body shall exercise the following powers:

- (i) Provide overall supervision and guidance to the Centre.
- (ii) Make all the appointments of the Centre except those to be done by the University.
- (iii) Consider academic proposals, programmes and courses leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.
- (iv) Consider proposals of staff requirements and approve them.
- (v) Consider major requirements related to infrastructure of the Centre.
- (vi) Consider and approve annual report of the Centre.
- (vii) Consider budgetary and additional financial requirement and forward them to the University for approval.
- (viii) Consider and approve annual financial statement of the Centre.
- (ix) 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 **Research Committee:** 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.

**Composition:**

- (i) Director of the Centre - Chairperson
- (ii) Three distinguished academicians who shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from among the teachers of the University and its colleges.

(iii) Three members who are experts in the field to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from within or outside the University system.

(iv) Two representatives from among the Fellows associated with the Centre to be decided by the Research Committee.

(v) Joint Director - Secretary

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 half of the total approved strength of the Research Committee.

**2.2.3 Functions of the Research Committee:** 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.

(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 such departments, colleges, centres and outside institutions for furthering the objectives of the Centre. Proposals with major financial implications, or those with the outside institutions, shall be forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval.

(viii) Shall ensure holding memorial lectures in the names of prominent tribal heroes by eminent individuals every academic year and shall maintain proper documentation of such lectures.

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

### 3 Office bearers

#### 3.1 Director

(i) There shall be a Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among 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, whichever is earlier. 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) The Joint Director shall act as ex-officio Secretary of the Research Committee.

### 4. Faculty

All Fellows and Associates would constitute the Faculty of the Centre.

(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. Finance:**

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

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

#### **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 requirement of interpretation, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

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