



**Proposal for Establishment of the
Centre for Odia Studies**

University of Delhi

Brief Introductory Note

University of Delhi, a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in 1922 has traversed more than a Century of its existence and has been conferred the status of 'Institution of Eminence' on March, 2020 by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for excellence in teaching learning, cutting edge research, innovation and social outreach.

The University comprises of 16 Faculties, 86 Departments, 90 Colleges comprising of 68 Constituent Colleges and 22 Affiliated Colleges, 32 Centres & Institutions, 20 Hostels and 34 Libraries under the Delhi University Library System with more than 6.2 lakhs students which includes students pursuing regular studies, students belonging to the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and students pursuing distance education through the School of Open Learning.

The National and the International standing of the University is an indicator of the success of the University globally as an acclaimed institute of higher education which produces graduates in every sphere of knowledge, who have contributed significantly to the Nation building from the time of establishment of the University including participation in the historic freedom movement in the pre independence era.

The University has made its mark in various academic rankings, both at the National and International level. Notably, National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has ranked the University of Delhi at 5th among the Universities category. At the International level, QS Sustainability ranking 2024 has placed the University of Delhi at No.01 position in India. QS World University ranking has ranked the University among the Central University Category at No. 01 for consecutive four years starting from 2023.

These National and International University rankings are an indicator of the rich legacy of quality teaching-learning, cutting edge research and remarkable social outreach of the University being practiced for over a Century of its existence.

National Education Policy, 2020 envisages innovation, skill orientation and increase in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) among other noble objectives which will go a long way in educating the youth of our Nation, in the process take the demographic advantage in a global scale, in terms of availability of skilled manpower, which is only possible through expansion of existing academic infrastructure at the level of higher education.

On this backdrop, the University of Delhi proposes to establish a new Centre for Odia Studies under Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University.

The new Centre is expected to expand the horizons of deliberations on the Odia language, literature, culture, civilization and ethos both in posterity and also in contemporary perspective for a better understanding in this knowledge domain. This academic endeavour is expected to help in furtherance of this knowledge domain in future.

The Centre for Odia Studies shall be 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.

Objectives of establishment of a new Centre for Odia Studies:

The major objectives of the proposed Centre include the following:

- 1. To impart quality education at the Postgraduate Level as well as encourage quality research both at the level of Doctoral (Ph.D) and Postdoctoral Research in Odia Studies.**
- 2. To offer Certificate, Diploma as well as Postgraduate Programmes and offer Generic Elective in Odia Studies in the Undergraduate level through Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022 to popularise the rich Odia language, literature and culture in true perspective.**
- 3. To create a dedicated rich repository of ancient and contemporary reference materials to enhance knowledge of the Odia way of life, traditions and worldview.**
- 4. To trace the evolution of Odia language, literature, art, architecture, dance, traditions, philosophical practices, reformist movements, folklore, oral traditions in the historical perspective.**
- 5. To study the rich Tribal Culture of Odisha in the historical and contemporary perspective and identify linkages with the traditional Odia culture.**
- 6. To publish literature, preferably a journal dedicated to the expansion and popularization of Odia as a language among the youth.**
- 7. To academically co-ordinate with organizations with similar objectives to further reinforce the existing repository of knowledge and encourage quality research.**

- 8. To Internationalise Odia Studies through adequate linkages in the form of MoUs with various International Bodies, especially those situated in South East Asia for development of an International perspective on Odia Studies.**
- 9. To create and publish rich repository of research materials including archival contents and publish a journal dedicated to air the outcome of the research endeavours of the Centre.**
- 10. To encourage translation of historically significant texts from other languages to Odia Language and vice versa to expand the academic horizon of the Centre.**
- 11. In order to encourage multidisciplinary studies in line with the principles of NEP 2020, the Centre will encourage diverse knowledge domains to converge for a multi-dimensional approach.**

Governing Structure:

The governance of the Centre for Odia Studies 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**

Details will form part of the Ordinance XX of the Ordinances of the University.

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) **Dean of Colleges (Ex-officio member)**
- (iv) **Dean, Faculty of Arts (Ex-officio member)**
- (v) **Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (Ex-officio member)**
- (vi) **Two External Expert members to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor**
- (vii) **Three distinguished academicians from the University and its Centres to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor**
- (viii) **The Director of the Centre - Member Secretary**

NOTE:

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

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.**

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 Centres.
- iii) Three members who are experts in the field to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- iv) Three representatives from among the Faculties/Fellows associated with the Centre to be decided by the Research Committee.
- v) Joint Director –Secretary

NOTE:

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

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 Centres for association with the Centre in various capacities like Fellows, Interns, Associates, Visiting 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 Faculties, Departments, Centres and other Centres of the University, as well as from reputed academic/research/strategic institutions from outside, for collaboration or starting sub-units. It may also consider**

reaching out to such Faculties, Departments, Centres and other Centres of the University 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) It shall exercise such other functions which the Vice-Chancellor or the Governing Body of the Centre may decide from time to time.

Office bearers

Director

- i) There shall be a Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Professor and Associate Professor of this Centre for a term of three years or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, by rotation. 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.**

Joint Director

- i) **There shall be a Joint Director of the Centre to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Associate Professor and Assistant Professors of this Centre for a term of three years, or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, by rotation. He/she be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years.**
- 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.**

Faculty

- i) **Provision for Chair Professor: The University has established Bhima Bhoi Chair in the year 2022. The Bhima Bhoi Chair will form integral part of the Centre for Odia Studies. The Chair Professor is expected to academically enrich the Centre through encouragement of advanced studies and research in the realm of Odia Studies.**

- ii) Visiting Professor: A Scholar with proven academic credentials and relevant work in the field will be associated with the Centre as a Visiting Professor 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 the Vice-Chancellor.**

- iii) Fellows and Associates: Full time faculty members of the University and its Centres 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 Centres. 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.**

- iv) Post-Doctoral Fellows: There will be two positions of Post-doctoral Fellows in the Centre who will carry out research in line with the stated objectives of the Centre.**

Conduct of Teaching-Learning and Research

- i) The University would require following sanctioned posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor for sustained teaching-learning and research in the Centre in the ratio of 1:2:4.**
- ii) Further, subject to the availability of financial resources, the Governing Body with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Research Committee, appoint scholars from outside the University system for a fixed tenure and on such terms and conditions as may be decided in specific cases.**
- iii) Faculty members of the departments and Centres of the University, with proven credentials in the field, may be invited to be associated with the Centre in various capacities as per the prevailing norms of the University. In such cases, their workload at the Centre shall count towards their overall workload in the parent department/Centre.**
- iv) Fellows/ Visiting Fellows of the Centre may also be engaged in teaching. In such cases, their direct teaching hours shall count towards their overall workload in the parent department/Centre.**

- v) **Fellows/ Visiting Fellows, Associates, Research Scholars and others, associated with the Centre shall also assist in various works connected with smooth conduct of the academic and research programmes of the Centre.**

Sanctioned strength of students

The Centre will decide Enrolment/ Registration of students for various Programmes/ Courses which the Centre may run from time to time depending upon operational feasibility. However, initially a capacity of enrolment of 60 students will be made with the teacher student ratio of 1:15 for which 04 regular faculty members will be required.

Participating Departments

Following Departments from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Sciences shall be the participating departments in the teaching-learning and research activities of the Centre for Odia Studies.

- **All Departments under the Faculty of Arts**
- **Following departments under the Faculty of Science**
 - **Department of Anthropology**
- **Following Departments under the Faculty of Social Sciences:**
 - **Department of History**
 - **Department of Sociology**
 - **Department of Political Science**
 - **Department of Social Work**

Note: Other Faculties may also be co-opted by the Centre for teaching-learning and research in relevant areas of knowledge pertaining to the respective departments under various faculties of the University.

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.**

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.**

Requirement of Teaching and Non-teaching Manpower for the Centre for Odia Studies

Table 1: Proposed Postgraduate academic programme for the Centre for Odia Studies

| Name of the Programme | Duration of the Programme | Mode of Teaching-Learning | Total number of Students' Intake Each Year | Number of Years of the Programme | Total Number of Student for the Entire programme |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| MA in Odia | 02 years | Semester Mode | 30 | 02 | 60 |

NOTE: Initially the Postgraduate Programme will be for a duration of two years. Further modalities with respect to one year Postgraduate Programme in line with the four year Undergraduate Programme as per NEP 2020 will be decided later on depending upon operational requirement.

Table 2: Parameters of Calculation of Teaching Positions for the Postgraduate Programme in Odia under the Centre for Odia Studies

| Parameter | Calculation |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Teacher Student Ratio | 1:15 |
| Requirement of new Teaching Positions as per ratio | $60/15 = 04$ |

Table 3: Requirement of New Teaching Positions for the Postgraduate Programme in Odia under the Centre for Odia Studies

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Professor | 01 |
| Associate Professor | 01 |
| Assistant Professor | 02 |

Table 04: Parameters of Calculation for the Requirement of New Non-Teaching Positions for the Proposed Programme under the Centre for Odia Studies

| Parameters | Calculation |
|---|--|
| Ratio of teaching and non-teaching positions | 1 : 1.1 |
| Total number of non-teaching positions | 4x1.1= 4.4 (rounded to 4) |

Table 05: Composition of the Library Staff Required for the Centre for Odia Studies

| Designation | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Library Assistant | 01 |
| Library Attendant | 01 |
| Total | 02 |

Table 06: Composition of the Officers and Non-Teaching Staff for Centre for Odia Studies

| Designation | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Senior Assistant | 01 |
| Junior Assistant | 01 |
| Total | 02 |

Table 07: Provision of Post-doctoral Fellows for Centre for Odia Studies

| Designation | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Post-doctoral Fellows | 02 |
| Total | 02 |

Table 08: Provision of Visiting Professor for Centre for Odia Studies

| Designation | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Visiting Professor | 01 |
| Total | 01 |

Note:

- **Recruitment, Promotion, Pay Structure and Service Conditions of both the teaching and non-teaching staff would be regulated by the relevant provisions of the UGC Regulations 2018, 7th CPC recommendations and respective terms and conditions of other applicable rules from time to time.**
- **Recruitments would be carried out strictly as per the reservation policy of the Government of India as applicable from time to time.**
- **Payment of fellowship/ remuneration for the Visiting Professor and Post-doctoral Fellows will be done as per extant rules as applicable from time to time.**