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1. Name of the Department : **Centre for West Asian Studies**
2. Year of establishment: **2004**
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university? No;
Autonomous Higher Research Centre
4. Names of Programmes / Courses offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., etc.) Course Wise Strength

S. No.	Courses	Total Students
1	M.Phil (Regular)	26
2	PhD (Regular)	As per UGC norms

5. Interdisciplinary courses and departments involved None
6. Interdisciplinary courses and departments involved institutions, etc.
7. Details of programmes / courses discontinued, if any, with reasons NA
8. Examination System: Both courses follow Semester System
9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments
10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned and filled (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors)

S. No.	Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual
1	Professor/Director	2	-	-
2	Associate Professors	1	2*	2
3	Asst. Professors	2	2	2

*One Associate Professor, Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan, is shifted from Academy of International Studies in 2007.

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation and specialization (D.Sc./D.Litt./Ph.D./M.Phil., etc.)

S. No.	Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D. students guided for the last 4 years
2	Javed Ahmad Khan	PhD	Associate Professor	Arab Economies, Indo-Arab Economic Relations	22	03

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3	Shahid Jamal Ansari	PhD & D.Litt	Associate Professor	Political Thought and Development in West Asia	22	01
4	Hemyun Akhtar Nazmi	PhD	Assistant Professor	Culture and society in west Asia, Islamic movements and Saudi Arabia	08	01
5	Sujata Ashwarya Cheema	PhD	Assistant Professor	Arab-Israeli Conflict, inter-Arab relations, India's West Asia policy, politics and foreign policy of Iran, Iraq and Israel, and issues relating to democratization in the region,	11	02
6	Rafiullah Azmi	PhD	Research Associate	History of the West Asian (Middle East) region with a special focus on the evolution of the history of both sides of the Gulf from modern to contemporary period.	8	

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, faculty, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors

S. No.	Name of Visiting Professors	Duration	Areas
1	Mr. Qamar Agha	2007-2009	Indo-Arab Relations
2	Ambassador R.M Abhyankar	2009-2010	India's Foreign Policy in West Asia
3	Prof. Gulshan Deitl	February 2012 to January-2013	Politics and Governance in West Asia

13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty –

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programme-wise information

None

14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio (Consolidated)

M.Phil -(5:1)

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned and filled

S. No.	Administrative	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual
1	Stenographer	1	1	1
2	Library Assistant	1	1	1
3	Peons	2	2	2

16. Research thrust areas recognized by funding agencies

The scope of research includes society, economics, politics and culture of the West Asian region, including Turkey.

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a)

National

b) International funding agencies and

c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies and grants received project-wise.

National

Dr. Sujata Ashwarya Cheema (Assistant Professor)

- National: Two-Year Research Project of the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR): “Israel’s Natural Gas Discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Study of their Regional and Trans-regional Political-Economic Implications from the Perspective of Interdependence Liberalism” Grant Received: 8,00,000.00 (February 2015-January 2014). Granted in November 2014.
- National: Two-Year Research Project of the ICSSR: “Indo-Iranian Relations in the post-Cold War Period: A (Neo) Realist Analysis” Grant Received: 3, 54,750.00 (March 2011- February 2013)

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and grants received

a) All India collaboration b) International

N A

19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, etc.; total grants received.

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Period: A (Neo) Realist Analysis” Grant Received: 3, 54,750.00 (March 2011- February 2013).

Total Grants Received: Rs. 11,54,550.00.

20. Research facility / centre with NA
- State recognition
 - National recognition
 - International recognition

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies NA

22. Publications: See the Annexure Publications

* Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international)

S. No.	Item	Total Numbers
1	Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international)	12
2	Number of papers published in conferences	26
3	Monographs	-
4	Chapters in Books	27
5	Edited Book	4
6	Laboratory Manuals	NA
7	Articles in Magazines	3
8	Editorials	-
9	Books with ISBN with details of publishers	9
10	Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.)	
11	Citation Index – range / average	7 (of Dr. Sujata A. Cheema)
12	SNIP	
13	SJR	
14	Impact Factor – range / average	
15	h-index	1

Please see Annexure - ERD I: Publications

23. Details of patents and income generated: NA
24. Areas of consultancy and income generated: NA
25. Faculty selected nationally/ internationally to visit other laboratories in India and abroad

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26. Faculty serving in

- a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify)

None

27. Faculty recharging strategies

S. No.	Name of Faculty/Designation	Nos of UGC-ASC Refresher /OP Attended/Coordinated	Nos of Workshop/ Training Programs
1	Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan Associate Professor	Coordinated:4	2
2	Dr. Shahid Jamal Ansari Associate Professor	Attended: 1 Coordinated: 1	
3	Dr H.A Akhtar Nazmi Assistant Professor	Attended: 2 Coordinated: 2	
4	Dr. Sujata A Cheema Assistant Professor	Attended: 3	1
5	Dr. Rafiullah Azmi Research Associate	None	None

28. Student projects:

None

- Percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects
- Percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities /industry / institute

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty
- Doctoral / post doctoral fellows/Students

Faculty:

S. No.	Name of Faculty /Designation	Fellowships

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1	Dr. Sujata A Cheema, Assistant Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Research Fellow, Fellowship awarded by the Government of Israel-Ministry of Human Resource and Development (Government of India) for research at the Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, October 2011-February 2012. • Visiting Researcher, Department of Indian Studies, Faculty of World Studies, University of Tehran, Iran, 3-20 September 2011. • Indian Council for Social Science Research Travel Grant for participating in the 7th Pan European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, 9-11 September 2010. • Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme Fellowship, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and University Grants Commission, Paris, June 2009.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermes Post-Doctoral Fellowship awarded by Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, January-October 2007.

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

International & National

S. No.	Seminar	Co-Organizers And date	Funding Agencies	Participants.
1.	India and the Major Powers in Central and West Asia: Challenges and Opportunities	Prof. Anwar Alam; ATWS (AIS) 22-23/10/2008	UGC, ICSSR	Scholars from the West Asia and Central Asia
2	Post 9/11 World Order and Iran	Prof. Anwar Alam; 21/02/2008		20. Participants from Delhi
3	Indo-Turkish Relations Challenges and Opportunities	Prof. Anwar Alam; 25/03 2008	JMI Seminar Budget	5 Participants from Turkey; 20 national
4	“Civil Society, Democracy and State in West Asia	Dr. Sujata A. Cheema 21-22/01/ 2009	ICSSR	80
5	India-Iran Relations in Contemporary Times (1979-2009),	Prof. Anwar Alam 3-5/12/ 2009	UGC, ICSSR and ICHR	7 Participants from Islamic Republic of Iran

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6.	International Seminar on “Indian Archives and Libraries as source for the History of Arabian Peninsula”	Dr. H.A. Nazmi 6-8/10/2009	Saudi Cultural Centre	200
9.	The Arab Spring and the Region	Dr. H.A. Nazmi 15-17/02/2012	JMI, ICSSR, ICHR, MEA	150
10.	West Asia: The Changing Scenario	Dr. H.A. Nazmi 21/03/02013 & 22/03/2013	CWAS Seminar Budget	150
11	Contemporary West Asia: The emerging Scenario	Dr. H.A. Nazmi 25-26/02/2014	JMI Seminar Budget	100
12	Human Rights and Good Governance in India and West Asia	Dr. Rafiullah Azmi 25-26/11/2014	UGC & JMI Seminar Budget	150

Code of ethics for research followed by the departments

Anti Plagiarism

32. Student profile course-wise:

S. No.	Name of the Course (refer to question no.4)	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
			Male	Female	Male	Female
1.	M.Phil 2008	57	15	05	93	100
2.	M.Phil 2009	78	12	03	100	100
3.	M.Phil 2010	109	13	02	90	100
4.	M.Phil 2011	118	16	04	Continuing	
5.	M.Phil 2012	109	16	03	Continuing	
6	M.Phil 2013	156	12	06	Continuing	
7	M.Phil 2014	147	15	05	Continuing	
8.	PhD 2007	10	01		Nil	
9.	PhD 2008	09	03	02	Nil	
10.	PhD 2009	07	0	0	Nil	
11.	PhD 2010	24	08	05	O	100
12.	PhD 2011	09	01	02	100	0

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13.	Phd 2012	12	05	0	100	0
14.	Phd 2013	No vacancy			Continuing	
15.	Phd 2014	09	01	01	Continuing	

33. Diversity of students:

S. No.	Name of the Course (refer to question- no. 4)	% of students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
1.	M.Phil	69.3	15.4	46.2	-
2.	PhD	18.6	7.8	48.2	7.5

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise.

S. No.	Competitive Exams/ Fellowships	Numbers Cleared
1	Civil Services	1
2	UGC/JRF	13
3	UGC/NET	4
4	MANU Fellowship	6
5	Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship	4

35. Student progression

NA

S. No.	Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
1	UG to PG	
2	PG to M.Phil.	
3	PG to Ph.D.	
4	Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	
5	Employed • Campus selection • Other than campus recruitment	
6	Entrepreneurs	

36. Diversity of staff

S. No.	Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
1.	of the same university	0

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2.	from other universities within the State	75
3.	from universities from other States	25
4.	from universities outside the country	0

37. Number of faculty who were awarded Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period.
All faculty joined the Centre with PhD degree.

38. Present details of infrastructural facilities with regard to

S. No.	Nature of Facilities	Number
1.	Research Library	2369 books
2.	Internet	7 Terminals for Staff & Office
3.	Total Class Room	1

Research laboratories

NA

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates

Please see Annexure - ERD III: List of Doctoral, Post-Doctoral Students and Research Associates etc.

a) From other universities

NA

Post Doctoral Research Fellows

Dr. Shabbana Ghazzala (ICSST Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, 2012-2014).

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university.

NA

41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology.

Before the introduction of MPhil programme, the following was done in the order mentioned:

Individual preparation of courses – Deliberation in Workshop (participation of experts from JNU and AMU)

– Redesigning of courses in light of deliberations – Repeat Deliberations in CoS – Courses sent to the Academic Council for Approval – Triennial Internal Revision of courses.

42. Does the department obtain feedback from:

a. Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?

Center gathers opinion from faculty members on an yearly basis. Each faculty member makes an assessment of his/her courses and revises accordingly. The Center proposes revision of courses from the faculty every three years.

b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?

There is a routine evaluation by faculty to get picture how effective is their teaching method.

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The Center uses this feedback while assigning the faculty members a special task.

- c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback? NA

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10) NA

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts.

Please see Annexure - ERD IV: Details of Student Enrichment Programmes

45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.

Regular Taught Classes, Weekly Seminars and Tutorials

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?

The Center has adopted following methods to examine whether the programme objective are constantly met.

1. Student's feedbacks
2. Faculty Member's feedbacks

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities. Not as yet

48. Give details of "beyond syllabus scholarly activities" of the department.

1. Regular lecture/panel discussion/seminar series
2. Academic-cum-cultural events through Subject Association

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details. No

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

Through following academic activities, the Center contributes to generate the production of knowledge in the field.

1. Innovative Research
2. Local, National and International Conferences
3. Occasional Lectures
4. Policy Analysis
5. Publication of Seminar Proceedings and research papers

51. Detail any five Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Strengths

- Constant exploration of new Areas of research & issues
- Providing MPhil and PhD Courses
- Established reference library
- Wide Publication profile

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- Knowledge of basics of Arabic language.

Weaknesses

- Lack of field trips for researcher students
- Lack of funds for Monographs, Occasional Papers.
- Library has no books and Journals in West Asian Languages
- No Documentation Officer

Opportunities and Challenges

- Yet to enrich with the source material in Arabic and Persian languages on West Asian issues
- To establish collaborations with International Research Centers of West Asian Regions
- To start occasional papers and monograph series
- To bring a biannual journal on West Asia
- To create a network of faculties/institutes within India engaged in the studies of West Asian region with a view to foster a pooling of research and expertise

52. Future plans of the department.

Thrust Area of Researches for the Next Five Years

- Democratization and Reform in West Asia
- Issues of Conflict, Peace and Security
- Role of Evangelists in the US Foreign Policy towards West Asia
- Special Focus on Turkey and Iran
- Gender Issues and Women's Empowerment in the Arab World
- Arab countries 'Look East Policy' and its economic and political Implications for India
- Development of Islamic banking and finance in the Arab World