

**NELSON MANDELA CENTER FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA**

**Minutes of the Board of Management Meeting held on July 14, 2017**

The following members of the BoM were present:

- Mr Syed Shahid Mahdi, Former Vice Chancellor, JMI, officiated as Chairperson.
- Prof Shahid Ashraf, Pro-Vice Chancellor, JMI, Member
- Prof Anuradha M Chenoy, External Member
- Prof Rashmi Doraiswamy, JMI, Internal Member
- Prof Javed Ahmad Khan, JMI, Internal Member
- Prof Tasneem Meenai, Member Secretary
- Prof Kaushikee
- Dr Mahtab Alam Rizvi
- Dr Binish Maryam
- Dr Reshmi Kazi, special invitee

**I. Confirmation of minutes of the last Board of Management Meeting**

- The minutes of the last BoM meeting held on April 16, 2014 were confirmed.
- Suggestion was made that the Action Taken Report must be appended along with the confirmation of the last minutes.

**II. Report on the activities of the Center (2014-2017)**

- The Board was of the opinion that the activities of the Center are very impressive and substantial.
- A member was of the view that such centers are very important for the life of the country.

**III. Introduction of New Papers in the two-year M. A. Course in Conflict Analysis and Peace Building w.e.f. 2017-18:**

- The new syllabus for the two years Masters Course in Conflict Analysis and Peace Building was approved by all the members.
- The members approved new optional papers with few suggestions and modifications.
- The paper on **Issues of Conflict and Peace in West Asia and North Africa (WANA)** should include a topic on **Civil Society and Grassroots Movement** in the third unit.
- The paper on **Arms Control and Disarmament** should include **Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Current Debate** as a topic in the second unit and **International Peace Movements: Impact on Nuclear Proliferation** should be included as a section in the third unit.

- The title of the paper Security: Traditional and Non Traditional was **replaced with Traditional and Non Traditional Security**. Suggestions were made to revise and reorganize the contents and the readings of this paper.
- The paper on Understanding Gandhi should include a section on **Relevance of Gandhi in Contemporary World** in the third unit.
- The members also suggested changing MA Thesis from Compulsory to an Optional Paper.
- After incorporating the above given suggestions, the revised MA course in Conflict Analysis and Peace Building for the session (2017-19) onwards is as follows:

### **SYLLABUS FOR THE NEW BATCH OF STUDENTS (MA CAPB 2017-2019)**

#### **Semester I    Compulsory Papers**

1. **Conflict Analysis**
2. **State Citizenship and Governance**
3. **Multilateral Institutions and Conflict Resolution**
4. **Skills for Conflict Transformation (Skill Development Course)**

**CBCS Paper for Semester I: Conflict Analysis**

#### **Semester II    Compulsory Papers**

1. **Research Methodology and Field Work**
2. **Issues of Conflict and Peace in South Asia**
3. **Peacemaking**

**Optional Papers (Choose any one)**

1. **International Humanitarian Law**
2. **Religion, Violence and Peace**
3. **Nuclear Weapons and International Order**

**CBCS Paper for Semester II: Issues of Conflict and Peace in West Asia and North Africa**

#### **Semester III    Compulsory Papers**

1. **Peace Building (Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course)**
2. **Indian Strategic Thought**
3. **Colonialism, Modernity and Social Movements**

**Optional Papers (Choose any one)**

1. **South Asia: Selected Case Study**
2. **Arms Control and Disarmament**
3. **West Asia: Selected Case Study**

**CBCS Paper for Semester III: Arms Control and Disarmament**

**Semester IV    Optional Papers (Choose any four)**

1. **Development and Conflict**
2. **Media , Conflict and Peace**
3. **World Order, Globalization and Conflict**
4. **Humanitarian Protection**
5. **Gender, Conflict and Peace Building**
6. **M A Thesis**
7. **Issues of Conflict and Peace in West Asia and North Africa**
8. **Traditional and Non Traditional Security**
9. **Understanding Gandhi**

**CBCS Paper for Semester IV: Understanding Gandhi**

**IV. Academic Collaborations**

The members of the Board appreciated the new project of the Center under the title: Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Innovative Training Networks (ITN) H2020-MSCA-ITN-2016 funded by European Commission. The project is for four years (2017-2020) and has a funding of 3.8 million Euros.

Global India is a Horizon 2020 funded European Training Network. The network is based in Dublin City University but has 9 partners in 6 different EU countries as well as 9 partners in India. The NMCPDR is one of the Indian partners in the project. Prof. Tasneem Meenai is the Scientist Incharge for NMCPDR.

**Recommendations made by the Board Members:**

1. Board noticed constraints of space faced by the Center. The board greatly appreciated the work carried out by NMCPDR, their activism, their intervention, their focus on building skills for conflict transformation and on issues of conflict and peace in South Asia. Therefore they suggested that the Centre must be given a prominent place and space that it deserves.
2. Members were of the view that fieldwork is important for students of Peace and Conflict studies. Research, Methodology and Fieldwork is integral part of this study therefore funds of fieldwork for students be enhanced and brought back to parity at least.
3. The Board suggested that the university must expedite the process of appointment of a new Professor (With expertise in South Asia) in the Center.
4. Overall the funds of NMCPDR should be enhanced.

**Any other matter:**

- A member of the Board suggested that the Center should come up with journal which is peer reviewed and publication house like Sage and Routledge will be interested in taking it.

The meeting concluded with Prof Tasneem Meenai thanking all members for their time and valuable inputs.

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Copy to:

- All members of the Board of Management, NMCPCR.
- Controller of Examinations, JMI, for necessary action regarding revised MA (CAPB) Course.
- A. R. (Academic & Council Branch).
- Secretary to the Vice Chancellor, JMI.
- Consultant, Pro-Vice Chancellor's office, JMI.