

# Jamia postpones semester system

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Jamia Millia Islamia has decided to further delay the implementation of the semester system at the undergraduate level by a year. The chaos at Delhi University over the system could have possibly resulted in the project getting shelved at Jamia by a year. Though last year Jamia had implemented the semester system for the Masters, M Phil and other postgraduate courses and the implementation was smooth with no hiccups.

Earlier, Jamia had planned to introduce the semester system at the undergraduate level for the 2011-12 session.

Vice-chancellor Najeeb

Jung said recently, "Despite the fact that the semester system has been implemented smoothly for the Masters courses at Jamia, we feel that more revision work needs to be done before the courses can be introduced at the undergraduate level. We concluded after an extensive review that we still required another year to implement it."

Meanwhile, Jamia's PRO Simi Malhotra said, "The semester system was supposed to be implemented at the undergraduate level this year. But after the review was conducted, we discovered that a lot of revision work remains to be done on many courses. As a result, its implementation has been put off by a year. There are really many courses at the under-

graduate level and restructuring them to suit the semester system is both time-consuming and tedious. Also, the faculty involved in this task cannot be rushed as the future of numerous students is at stake."

Meanwhile, students at Jamia are excited about the semester system. Salim, a second year student at Jamia, said, "We were expecting the varsity to convert to the semester system this year, but it will happen now from the next year. We have had no problems at Jamia over the system. Many of us are looking forward to it as this is the international system and puts us on a par with many foreign varsities. I expect the transition to be smooth next year."