

## Research Projects of the Centre for West Asian Studies

**DR SUJATA ASHWARYA**, Associate Professor in the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, has been awarded a two-year major research project by the ICSSR under its Research Programme Scheme, 2017-18. The ICSSR has granted a sum of Rupees 15 lakh to pursue research on the topic entitled “**Understanding Turmoil and Instability in West Asia [Middle East]: Implications for India’s ‘Look West’ Policy**”. This is the only grant given to a Jamia faculty by the ICSSR in the year 2017-18. Dr Mujib Alam, Associate Professor in the Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, is the Co-Programme Director for this research project.

Earlier in August 2017, **Dr Ashwarya** completed her two-year (2015-17) research project titled, “**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**,” sponsored by the ICSSR and worth a sum of 8 lakh. She is now working on a book with a similar title to be published in 2019.

During the years 2011-2013, **Dr Ashwarya** worked on her first ICSSR-sponsored project titled, “**Indo-Iranian Relations in the post-Cold War Period: A (Neo) Realist Analysis**.” With a research grant of 3.54 lakh, Dr Ashwarya was able to travel to Iran for fieldwork and publish a book, *India-Iran Relations: Progress, Problems and Prospects*, published by Routledge in 2017.