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Respected Leadership and Heads of Faculties,

We note with disappointment your decision to convert the Muslim prayer area called the Jamat Khana(JK)into a multifaith prayer room.

The Muslim community pray 5 times daily after making ablution to cleanse one's self. Furthermore, shoes and other footwear in not allowed into this sacred area.

Women are allowed to pray separately from the men to maintain modesty, the status quo has been in place for years and we are disappointed that you are now targeting this area for a multifaith prayer area. The Jamaat Khana (Prayer Room) was established after much discussion with the powers that be years ago.

We urge you to have a rethink and establish the multifaith prayer area elsewhere.

We have no objection to a multifaith prayer area and in fact encourage it but not at the cost of the existing Muslim prayer area.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely

Solly Suleman

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