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**Department of Philosophy**

Minutes of the Board of Studies meeting:

Date: 15th October 2026

Time: 4:00 pm

Mode: Online

Venue: Google meet

Members Present:

1. Dr. Himani Chaukar – Chairperson
2. Dr. Jyoti Waghmare – Member
3. Ms. Kaumudi Shah – Member
4. Dr. Radhika Jadhav – Subject Expert
5. Dr. Harish Navale – Subject Expert
6. Mr. Yogeshwar Joshi – Alumnus (Student Representative)

Dr. Milind Agarwal (Industry Expert) was granted a leave of absence.

The meeting of the Board of Studies in Philosophy commenced with a formal welcome and introduction of the members by the Chairperson, Dr. Himani Chaukar.

**Agenda No. 1: On-the-Job Training (OJT) Course**

The members discussed various possibilities for the OJT course for Semester VI for TYBA students. Dr. Himani Chaukar invited suggestions from all members. Dr. Radhika Jadhav shared one of their successful initiative for OJT. They collaborated with Wikisource, a platform which is digitalizing old philosophical texts. There students were trained to proofread digitised philosophy texts. The members appreciated the initiative as a meaningful OJT activity as well as it can be a meaningful FP idea according to Dr. Himani Chaukar.

Dr. Harish Navale suggested to check the university list of institutions/organizations for internship purpose. So that students can take up internship relevant to philosophy subject. Dr. Himani Chaukar while responding to that showed a concern that it won't be giving opportunities to all the students but the few. Hence, she is looking for a common OJT for all students in the department.

The Chairperson, Dr. Himani Chaukar, also informed the members about the department's proposed collaboration with Ankahi, a suicide prevention initiative of Samaritan Mumbai, as a possible OJT opportunity where students will get training and a task to complete 100 hrs. If the collaboration does not materialise, the department may introduce soft-skills-based training as an alternative for all students. A full-scale OJT model may also be considered for the

following academic year.

Further, Mr. Yogeshwar Joshi suggested exploring internship opportunities at IIT, as well as to be connected with IPN (Indian Philosophical Network) for more internship opportunities. Dr. Harish Navale also recommended connecting with NGOs to create internship opportunities for students.

**Agenda No. 2: Certificate Courses for the Upcoming Academic Year.**

The Board discussed ideas for introducing new certificate courses. The ongoing certificate course under the department is the Logic-Based Therapy (LBT) Self-Enhancement certificate course. There is another certificate course on the Bhagavad Gita had been approved by the Board earlier; however, it could not be commenced as the proposed resource person is based in Israel, and the due to the war situation has delayed its implementation.

Dr. Jyoti Waghmare proposed introducing a certificate course on Ethics focusing Professional Ethics emphasizing practical applications. She also suggested developing a course on Emotional Intelligence.

Dr. Radhika Jadhav suggested that such certificate courses could also be opened to the general public. She observed that many working professionals and lifelong learners are interested in philosophy but may not be able to pursue long-term academic programmes. Short-duration certificate courses would therefore have wider appeal.

Ms. Kaumudi Shah proposed a certificate course on Film and Philosophy, exploring the relationship between cinema and philosophical thought. Dr. Harish Navale suggested that, considering the growing importance of storytelling, the proposed course could also incorporate themes such as Philosophy, Storytelling, and Scriptwriting,

Conclusion

There being no further agenda, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all the esteemed members.

*Dr. Himani Chaukar*
*Associate Professor and Head,*
*Department of Philosophy*