

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in History

Date: September 26, 2024, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Mode: Online (Google Meet)

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare (Chairperson, BoS)

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil (Subject Expert VC Nominee)

Prof. Dr. Hitendra Patel (Subject Expert)

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar (Alumni)

Faculty Members: Dr. Sagar Karkhanis, Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar and Ms. Hemadri Ludbe were present for the meeting.

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare. He addressed and welcomed all the Board members.

AGENDA

Agenda Item No. 1:

To confirm the minutes of the previously held BOS Meeting.

Discussed that: The minutes of the last BoS meeting held on 28th February 2024 were discussed by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare.

Resolved that: The minutes were approved and confirmed by all the BoS members.

Agenda Item No. 2:

To seek approval for the changes in the syllabi as per NEP2020 structure for FY/SYBA/SYBSc/SYBVoc (Semester II and IV for the year 2024-25), MA/MSc (Part I/II for the year 2024-25) and TYBA/BSc/BVoc Semester VI (Non-NEP)

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare gave an overview of the changes in the syllabi as per the previous BoS Meeting for FYBA History Discipline Specific Core (DSC) papers titled 'History of Modern India (1857 C.E. – 1947 C.E.)' for Semester I and 'History of Modern India - Society and Economy' for Semester II under NEP 2020. The same paper was introduced

to students as an Optional Elective. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained that papers focusing on Modern India were introduced to train the students for competitive exams and preparation.

Similarly, for SYBA the DSC (Major) paper titled 'Landmarks in Global History (1350 C.E. – 1919 C.E.)' for Semester III and 'Landmarks in Global History (1919 C.E. – 1945 C.E.)' for Semester IV were introduced for the academic year 2024-25. For Major and Minor students, the DSC paper titled 'History of Ancient India (From Earliest Times to 300 B.C.E.)' for Semester III and 'History of Ancient India (300 B.C.E. to 1000 C.E.)' for Semester IV were introduced for the academic year 2024-25.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened up the discussion for further changes in the syllabi as per NEP2020 structure for FYBA Semester II, SYBA Semester IV and TYBA Semester VI (Non-NEP).

Resolved that: All BoS members approved and confirmed that all changes have been incorporated well in the syllabi. They further noted that no more changes are required to the syllabus.

Agenda Item No. 3:

To seek approval for the changes in the Modalities of assessment, if any.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare elaborated on the various modalities of assessment for students and explained that suggestions from the previous BoS meetings were incorporated and no new changes in the modalities of assessment were introduced.

Resolved that: All BoS members approved and confirmed that no further changes are required.

Agenda Item No. 4:

To seek suggestion on Field Projects/CEP (Community Engagement Programs) to be conducted in Semester III and IV (2024-25)

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained the inclusion of Field Projects in Semester III and CEP (Community Engagement Program) in Semester IV and elaborated on the credit structure. Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar further added on the response of the students to the Field Projects. She elaborated on how as a part of FP, students engaged in exploring the socio-cultural history of Mumbai, worked on Documentation projects of heritage structures and

marketplaces, and stressed on the interdisciplinary nature of the FP conducted by the students, especially in terms of Culinary History and Heritage Tourism. Dr. Sagar Karkhanis also explained the experience of Field Project of SYBA Marathi medium students.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened the discussion for suggestions from the esteemed BoS members for CEP to be introduced in Semester IV for SYBA students under NEP2020. Ms. Navmee Goregaonkar shared the possible aspects on which CEP can be conducted by students, and sought suggestions from the Board members about how oral history and local history can be incorporated in it.

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar made suggestions on ways to incorporate oral traditions and celebrations, as well as ways of Temple worship as a part of oral history projects for CEP. She also added that interviews could be taken of industry experts like architects and conservators who are involved in the conservation and restoration to understand the contemporary issues, challenges and potential of the field. Dr. Bhatawadekar elaborated on documenting environmental conservation to highlight the protection of natural heritage in urban planning. For the same, she suggested that organisations and NGOs working around heritage conservation could be engaged with.

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil appreciated the Field Projects and made suggestions. He suggested that history of cricket grounds and institutions like Matunga Gymkhana could be studied as CEP. He also suggested engaging with the Ruia Alumni and student community of Matunga region who have been part of the student activism in the past. Further, Dr. Gadgil suggested that the early issues of the Ruite magazines could be studied as an archival source.

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar also suggested that community awareness programmes with posters and exhibitions open to the public and in the neighbourhood could be organized to take this research to the people for greater awareness about our history and heritage.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare also agreed that students would greatly benefit by extending the boundaries of CEPs beyond college and city premises and involving different communities and sections of Mumbai. He accepted the suggestions and elaborated on participation of workers, migration of workers after 1982 Strike, changing nature of employment after 1991 Economic Reforms and their impact on society, economy, both organised and unorganised sectors, history of local areas and regions from where current students travel like Thane, Kalyan etc.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 5:

To seek approval for the new certificate courses, if any (for 2024-25)

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare discussed the two Certificate courses that will be conducted in the second term for the academic year 2024-25 that would benefit the students in terms of acquiring co-curricular credits.

He explained the department activities which are planned for the coming months including the certificate courses focused on Archive Management, and Heritage of Mumbai/Maharashtra.

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar appreciated the range of activities planned for the Semester.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 6:

Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened the discussion for any other matter. No further topics were to be discussed.

Ms. Hemadri Ludbe ended the meeting with a formal vote of thanks.



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Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Studies in History

Date: March 27, 2025 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mode: Hybrid (Board Room, Senior College + Google Meet)

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare (Chairperson, BoS)

Prof. Kishor Gaikwad (Subject Expert outside parent University)

Prof. Hitendra Patel (Subject Expert outside parent University)

Dr. Gaurav Gadgil (Subject Expert)

Ms. Vrunda Pathare (Industry Expert)

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar (Alumni Representative)

Faculty Members: Dr. Sagar Karkhanis, and Ms. Hemadri Ludbe were present for the meeting.

The Board of Studies meeting began with a formal address by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare. He welcomed all the Board members and introduced the credit structures for FY/SY/TYBA History and the proposal for the implementation of NEP at TYBA level.

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Agenda Item No. 1:

To confirm the minutes of the previously held BOS Meeting.

Discussed that: The minutes of the last BoS meeting held on 26th September 2024 were discussed by Dr. Pradeep Waghmare.

Resolved that: The minutes were approved and confirmed by all the BoS members.

Agenda Item No. 2:

To revise and approve the syllabi for TYBA for the academic year 2025-26 under NEP.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare gave an overview of the changes in the syllabi as per the previous BoS Meeting for TYBA History for the upcoming academic year. He explained

about the new papers to be introduced as well as the changes made in the existing papers as per the NEP structure. At TY level, three Discipline Specific Core (DSC) papers are to be introduced for 4 credits each, namely History of Medieval India – Sultanate Period (1000 C.E. to 1526 C.E.) as DSC I, History of the Marathas – Royal Period (1600 C.E. to 1707 C.E.) and Introduction to Archeology as DSC III for semester V. The same papers will be continued as History of Medieval India – Mughal Period (1526 C.E. – 1707 C.E.) as DSC I, History of the Marathas – Peshwa Period (1707 C.E. – 1818 C.E.) as DSC II, and Introduction to Museology and Archival Science as DSC III in semester VI.

Further, two choices will be provided to the students for selecting their Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course – either History of Contemporary World (excluding Asia) (1945 C.E. – 2000 C.E.) as DSE in semester V and History of Asia (1945 C.E. – 2000 C.E.) as DSE in semester VI, or History of Contemporary India (1947 C.E. – 2000 C.E.) as DSE in semester V and History of Maharashtra in the 20th Century as DSE semester VI. All of the above mentioned courses will be of 4 credits each.

Along with this, the History major students will be offered Research Methodology in History as a Vocational Skill Course (VSC) of 2 credits in semester V, to enhance their analytical skills and train them in historical research, and will be assigned a Field Project for 2 credits. Whereas in the semester VI, they will be getting two choices for the 4-credit On-the-Job-Training (OJT) – this will include either working with the industries or completing 2 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) related to the OJT, one of which will be provided by the college (for 2 credits) and second will be Introduction to Library Science (for 2 credits) provided by the department. Dr. Waghmare added that this availability of choices will provide students with the opportunity to work and train with industries and institutions from the social sciences or to acquire essential skills that will prepare them for working in these sectors.

Additionally, for History Minor students, the papers History of Indian Cinema in semester V and General Knowledge and Current Affairs in semester VI would be offered to ensure that students acquire skills for employability as well as for the preparation of competitive exams and further studies.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened up the discussion for further changes in the syllabi and requested suggestions of possible industries and institutes to collaborate with for providing OJT to the students. Prof. Hitendra Patel suggested to keep a predetermined time-frame for the paper on History of Indian Cinema, to understand the changes in Indian cinema during the

Colonial and Postcolonial era. Dr. Gaurav Gadgil seconded his suggestion, further adding that the post-Globalization changes should be highlighted in the discussion with the students. He also recommended a possible collaboration with the Ruia Film Society to organize film screenings and discussions to actively involve the students in this paper. Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar further added that the relation between Indian Cinema and International Cinema can be highlighted. Ms. Vrunda Pathare appreciated these suggestions and suggested additional references to be provided to the students for the better understanding of the topics and themes already incorporated in the proposed syllabus.

Dr. Shraddha Bhatawadekar further suggested discussion-based approach for the paper Introduction to Archaeology. Dr. Waghmare added that the department has been regularly organizing guest lectures for the students in which national and international experts, alumni, and numerous scholars in the field of Archaeology have guided the students. Prof. Hitendra Patel suggested to include recent developments in Indian Archaeology, which was seconded by Dr. Gaurav Gadgil.

Resolved that: All BoS members provided valuable suggestions in the proposed syllabi for TYBA History under NEP 2020. The esteemed members of the BoS further noted that no more changes are required to the syllabus.

Agenda Item No. 3:

To decide on the changes in the modalities of assessment, if any, which includes the question paper pattern, for internal and external examination for FY/SY/TY.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare explained the program outline for Bachelor of Arts in History, the semester-wise credit structure for FY and SY as well as the existing structure and proposed credit structure for TY under NEP. Suggestions were invited on the various modalities of assessment for students. Dr. Waghmare highlighted that the suggestions from the previous BoS meetings were implemented successfully in the form of introducing Field projects, surveys, field visits and interactive model making and organizing exhibitions as a part of internal assessment of students- these models were also incorporated as a part of the Exhibition based on the Indian Knowledge System organized for the the NAAC Peer Team Visit at the college.

Dr. Pradeep Waghmare added that the students have worked with NGOS for conducting surveys on various issues of social importance as a part of Community Engagement Programme. He explained that the students were also encouraged and guided by the faculty members to develop this assignment for intercollegiate seminars including Aavishkar Research Convention of the University of Mumbai. Dr. Pradeep Waghmare shared that the department intends to continue the same assessment patterns for the next academic year. All the members of the BoS appreciated the innovations in the modalities of assessment and no new changes were introduced.

Resolved that: All BoS members approved and confirmed that no further changes are required.

Agenda Item No. 4:

To discuss our own Certificate Courses and approve 2-4 credit Certificate Courses offered by NPTEL Swayam /MOOC.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare elaborated on the two Certificate courses that were conducted in the second term for the academic year 2024-25 – a certificate course on Archive Management in collaboration with Godrej Archives, and a certificate course on the Heritage of Maharashtra, which was conducted in hybrid format, organizing both online and offline lectures from experts of national and international repute, supported by museum visits and heritage walks at the places on historical importance in Mumbai. Dr. Waghmare shared that the courses have benefitted the students in terms of acquiring co-curricular credits.

The members of the BoS appreciated the nature and scope of the certificate courses and their alignment with the assessment pattern as well as the current demands in the employment sector.

Resolved that: All the BoS members unanimously approved and confirmed the suggestions.

Agenda Item No. 5:

To review the feedback of students on the Curricula.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare elaborated on the system of acquiring feedback from the students on the teaching-learning process as well as the curriculum through the circulation of feedback forms which are shared by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college. Dr. Waghmare also added that along with the feedback forms from the IQAC, the faculty members of the department conduct discussions during the classroom lectures to

understand the opinions of the students on the existing curriculum and seek their suggestions for the changes in the curriculum, which provides the students with an informal stage to share their ideas.

Resolved that: All the BoS members appreciated and approved both the formal and informal methods of the feedback system and no further suggestions were provided.

Agenda Item No. 6:

To review Questions Papers of previous exams.

Discussed that: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare shared the printed as well as soft copies of the question papers of FY/SY/TYBA History papers from the odd semester exams for review and suggestions from the members of the BoS.

Resolved that: The question papers of the previous exams were reviewed and approved by the all the members of the BoS without any changes.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Discussed That: Dr. Pradeep Waghmare opened the discussion for any other matter. As there were no further topics to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Ms. Hemadri Ludbe ended the meeting with a formal vote of thanks.



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