RAMNARAIN RUIA AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE, MUMBAI-19

Minutes of the Board of Studies meeting of B. Voc Tourism and Travel Management

Date: 10th October 2026

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Google meet/DDU Kaushal Kendra

Members Present: -

Sr. No.	Name	Signature
1	Ms.Reshma Tamhane	Asst. Professor
2	Dr.Meher Mistry	Vice Chancellor Nominee
3	Ms.Manali Chavan	Subject Expert
4	Ms.Prapti Burumbadkar	Alumni
5	Mr.Sushant Pilankar	Industry Expert

Leave of absence was granted to Ms Reshma Rege (Subject Expert).

Ms.Reshma Tamhane welcomed all the members of the Board of Studies of the Department of B. Voc. Tourism and Travel Management.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1

To confirm the minutes of the previously held BOS meeting of 14th March 2026.

Resolved that

The members confirmed the minutes of the BOS meeting held on 14th March 2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2

To seek approval for the modalities of assessment of the Fourth Year UG Programmes (wherever applicable) with Honours as well as Research

Not applicable

AGENDA ITEM NO.3

To seek approval for the modalities of assessment of the PG Programmes (wherever applicable)

Not applicable

AGENDA ITEM NO.4

To seek approval for the new certificate courses (For Second Half of 2026-27 and year 2027-28), if any

Discussed that

Mr Sushant Pilankar strongly recommended the introduction of certificate courses in Eco Tourism, History and Culture, in collaboration with the relevant departments, to promote interdisciplinary learning and support the growth of the tourism sector.

Dr. Meher Mistry endorsed the suggestion and proposed collaboration with Departments in Sciences to explore the introduction of a certificate course on Indian Textiles and Dyes, with particular reference to India's Handloom Industry.

Ms Prapti Burumbadkar our Alumni, suggested introducing a certificate course focussing on lesser-known destinations and heritage sites associated with Indian art and culture in collaboration with the Department of History.

Ms. Manali Chavan also supported the proposal to introduce a certificate course focussing on India's diverse cultural heritage.

Resolved that

Ms Reshma Tamhane welcomed and acknowledged the recommendations put forth by the members. It was proposed that the Department explore the feasibility of introducing interdisciplinary certificate courses in Eco-Tourism, Indian History and Culture, Indian Textiles and Dyes, with a focus on the handloom industry; and lesser known cultural and heritage destinations, in collaboration with the relevant departments.

The proposals were noted for further discussion, feasibility assessment, and planning for implementation during the second half of the academic year 2026-27 and the academic year 2027-28, subject to the necessary approvals.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5

To seek suggestions for the implementation of the NEP 2020 with reference to the inclusion of the following features:

Industry academia collaborations

Internships

Discussed that

Mr Sushant Pilankar suggested strengthening collaborations with tourism boards and digital marketing professionals to enhance students' destination marketing skills.

Dr. Meher Mistry recommended collaborations with travel agencies to expand internship opportunities. Ms Reshma Tamhane informed the members about the Department's existing industry collaborations offering internship and placement opportunities.

Mr Sushant Pilankar further suggested visits to tourism boards, while Ms Manali Chavan recommended summer internships with Event Management Companies.

Ms Prapti Burumbadkar endorsed the suggestions.

Resolved that

The suggestions were acknowledged by Ms Reshma Tamhane. It was proposed to explore further industry collaborations with tourism boards, travel agencies, digital marketing professionals and event management companies to strengthen industry-academia engagement and enhance internship opportunities in alignment with NEP 2020.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Nil.

Ms Reshma Tamhane expressed her gratitude to all the members for their valuable time, suggestions and inputs.

Sd/-
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