

**BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING IN THE SUBJECT OF HISTORY,
FACULTY OF ARTS**

Online meeting of the members of BOS in History was held on January 29, 2022

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Welcome of the new Vice Chancellor nominee to the BOS.
2. Brief overview of the activities of the Department for academic year 2020 -2021.
3. Present minutes of the BOS meeting held on August 18, 2021.
4. Discuss proposed curriculum of Subject Specific Electives to be implemented at SYBA in 2022 – 23.
5. Discuss Value Added Courses of the Department.
6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

The following members were present for the meeting:

1. Dr. Meher Mistry, Head, Department of History
 2. Prof. Snehal Nagtilak, Faculty Members, Department of History
 3. Dr. Hemali Sanghavi – VC Nominee
 4. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar–Industry and Allied Disciplines expert
 5. Prof. Darshana Buch- Alumni Member
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- The Chairperson welcomed Dr. Hemali Sanghavi, Dean of Arts & Head, Department of History to the Board. She received a warm welcome from the rest of the board members.
 - A brief overview of the activities conducted by the Department for academic year 2020 – 2021 was given by the Chairperson. Dr. Sanghavi appreciated the Department's efforts of organizing such events in the online mode.
 - The Chairperson presented the minutes of the BOS held on August 18, 2021. The Board was conveyed that Department wishes to change the syllabus of TYBA in the academic year 2023 – 24. .
 - The syllabus of Subject Specific Elective 'Indian Maritime History: The Sea and Us' to be introduced at SYBA from academic year 2022 -23 was thoroughly discussed. Dr.

Mrinalini Jamkhedkar and Ms. Darshana Buch expressed the need to demarcate a period of study for the paper. Chairperson opined that assigning a specific period would reduce its scope and several topics will be left out. Hence, it was agreed that period of study will not be specified in the title of the paper. As Module II A – Indigenous Maritime Powers covered period before the arrival of European powers it was appropriate to title it as ‘Maritime Powers in Early Modern India’. Dr. Hemali Sanghavi suggested including trading communities as a separate topic in the syllabus. The Chairperson explained how the communities would be studied as a part of development of ports and trade connections. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar reiterated Dr. Sanghavi’s views and suggested that the topic of ‘Piracy’ could be dealt in such a fashion and communities could be done in detail as a separate topic. Thus ‘Piracy’ was replaced by ‘Seafaring Communities’ as Module III B and its title was decided as ‘Maritime Centres’. Dr. Hemali Sanghavi put forth the possibility of including Maritime archaeology in the syllabus. The Chairperson reasoned that the topic is not directly connected with the topic could not be considered for study in the paper. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar suggested the inclusion of trade unions as a topic. The Chairperson mentioned that it would be discussed as a part of study of communities. Therefore, it was agreed not to put it as a separate topic. The syllabus was thus finalized. The Chairperson informed the Board that this syllabus could be further discussed and approved in the next meeting after the College directs the Department to launch the Electives.

- The syllabus of Value Added Course in ‘Cultural Heritage of India’ to be conducted in the present academic year was also discussed. The Chairperson informed that Course will be open to all undergraduate students of RJ College. She also expressed that the term ‘Art’ would encompass all art forms such as paintings, artefacts, coins, sculpture and so on. Therefore, Module II A was renamed as ‘Art’ instead of ‘Paintings’. She suggested that it was appropriate to include ‘Textiles and Costumes’ as part of Module II – Tangible Heritage. Thus it was placed as Module II C replacing “Coins & Artefacts”. ‘Oral Traditions’ was introduced as Module III C. Prof. Darshana Buch and Dr. Hemali Sanghavi suggested a few reference books for the Course. With all changes the syllabus was finalized and approved by the Board.
- The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chairperson.