

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

An Online meeting of the members of BOS in History was held on August 18, 2021.

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Present the revised syllabus of FYBA and SYBA implemented from 2021 – 22 to the BOS members.
2. Discuss revision of TYBA syllabus to be implemented from 2022 – 23.
3. Invite suggestions for electives to be introduced in 2022 -23 under new UGC guidelines.
4. Present analysis of feedback forms on the curriculum.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Following are the minutes of the meeting:

The following members were present at the meeting.

1. Dr.Meher Mistry- Chairperson, BOS and Head, Department of History.
2. Prof. Snehal Nagtilak- Faculty Member, Department of History
2. Prof. Swarupa Kamat- V. C nominee
3. Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar- Subject Expert from outside University
4. Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay- Subject Expert from outside University
5. Prof. Darshana Buch- Alumni Member
6. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar–Industry and Allied Disciplines expert

- The Chairperson introduced and welcomed the members of the newly constituted Board of Studies for the Years 2021-23. On our request, Prof. Swarupa Kamat, the V. C nominee of the previous BOS joined the meeting as approval of current V.C nominee from the University was still pending. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalay joined the Board as Industry Expert. Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar Associate Professor, Department of History and Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, P. N. Doshi College joined the Board as subject experts from an outside University. Prof. Darshana Buch, Assistant Professor, Smt. M.M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce(Autonomous) SNDT Women's University was inducted as alumni member.
- The Chairperson presented the Revised Syllabi of FYBA and SYBA History and Applied Component of SYBA- Travel and Tourism before the Board members. This

Syllabus was passed by the previous BOS in the last meeting and approved by the Academic Council in February 2021 and is being implemented from 2021-22.

- The Chairperson informed the BOS members about the designing of subject specific electives for SYBA recommended by the UGC to increase the overall credits from 120 to 132 credits. Suggestions were invited from the BOS members. There was a suggestion about making the students aware about other contemporary world civilizations while understanding the Harappan Civilization of India. The Chairperson suggested that in future there could be a Value Added Course or a subject specific elective to study Ancient World Civilizations.
- The Department had gathered feedback on the curriculum of FY, SY and TY History and SY Travel and tourism from students, alumni, teachers and industry experts. There were 39 responses from Alumni, 24 from current batch students. 7 History professors responded as Teachers, 3 Industry experts for History and 3 for Travel & Tourism respectively. Analysis of the feedback was presented to the Board by Prof. Snehal Nagtilak and there was a discussion about the feedback received. Dr. Mrinalini Jamkhedkar pointed out the need for creating more awareness among the students about the scope of employment opportunities for History Graduates. It was noted that students should pursue a professional course along with a graduation in History to be ready for job market. Prof. Darshana pointed out the need to expose students to the avenues in fields of social and cultural history for research. Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar suggested organizing the modules and subtopics of SYBA History Paper III Ancient India according to themes such as urbanization and social systems rather than political dynasties. The suggestion was discussed. Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay pointed out that such an organization may not be suitable for an undergraduate course as the students had to first develop a grasp of political history.
- The BOS members were also informed that the TYBA syllabus was to be changed and a new syllabus was to be approved at the next BOS meeting. The members were requested to study the present syllabus sent to them by email and offer their suggestions so that a new syllabus could be drafted and approved at the next BOS meeting. Suggestions given in the feedback forms by students, alumni and teachers with regard to syllabus change were discussed. Students wanted to learn about the History of other countries and that would be considered while revising Paper VIII – Contemporary World History Paper. The Board agreed that suggestions given in feedback with regard to introducing Historiography to students should be considered while revising syllabus for TYBA.
- The Chairperson also briefed the BOS members of the activities of the Department and the Value Added Course in Research Methodology in History conducted by the Department for its TYBA students in the month of May 2021.

- The meeting ended with an official vote of thanks to all the members for their active participation and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M N Mistry". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent. The signature is oriented diagonally, sloping upwards from left to right.

Dr. Meher Mistry

Head, Department of History