

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY held on 29<sup>TH</sup> April, 2023

A meeting of members of Governing Body of R J College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), also known as Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) affiliated to the University of Mumbai was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 10am via hybrid mode.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. Rajendra Singh (Management, Chairperson of the meeting)
2. Prof Dr. Namita Singh (UGC Nominee)
3. Principal Dr. Sonali Pednekar (University Nominee)
4. Dr. Keshav Tupe (State Government Nominee)
5. Shri. Alok Kumar Saboo (Management Nominee)
6. Shri Chandra Mohan (Management Nominee)
7. Shri. Umesh Singh (Management Nominee)
8. Shri. Rajdeep Singh (Management Nominee)
9. Dr. Usha Mukundan (Management Nominee)
10. Shri. Aditendra P. Sengar (Industrialist-Member)
11. Dr. Amita Valmiki (Senior Teacher of the College- Member)
12. Dr. Shashi Mishra (Senior Teacher of the College- Member)
13. Dr Bhushan Arekar ( IQAC Coordinator)
14. Dr. Himanshu Dawda (Principal of the College)

The following business was then transacted:

**Item1:** Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022 were read.

**Resolution 1:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022 were confirmed and passed.

**Item 2:** The recommendations made by the respective Board of Studies in various subjects with regards to the curriculum revision, new programs, grid for UG study program commencing from 2023-2024 in alignment with NEP2020 and further approved by the Academic Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and in the Special Academic Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 were presented by the Principal.

**Item 2.1:** Starting of new program BBA- Business Analytics and Management from the academic year 2023-2024

Principal apprised the members with the starting of the new program BBA- Business Analytics and Management from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 students on self financing basis. The proposal of new program along with its curriculum for the first year in alignment with NEP2020 was approved by the Board of Studies in BMS with invited subject experts from Business Analytics in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and was further approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The Finance Committee in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 approved the fees structure of the program and was then placed in front of Governing body for its approval.

**Resolution2.1.** The following resolution was passed – 'Resolved that The proposed new program of BBA- Business Analytics and Management to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with

intake capacity of 60 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee unanimously passed for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.2:** To approve the starting of new program BSc- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence from the academic year 2023-2024.

Principal apprised the members about the starting of new program BSc- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 students on self financing basis. Board of Studies in Information Technology with invited subject experts from Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 approved the proposal and the syllabus for first year study program for the said new course in alignment with NEP2020. It was further approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and the fees structure was approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. It was placed in front of Governing body for its approval.

**Resolution2.2.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc-Data Science & Artificial Intelligence to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 60 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee unanimously passed for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.3:** Starting of new program BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 and to approve its fees structure.

Principal apprised the members about starting of new program BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 students on self financing basis. The same was approved by the Board of Studies in Biotechnology with invited subject experts from the proposed program in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. The proposal and the curriculum designed in alignment with NEP2020 was further approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The fees structure was approved in the Finance Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and was then placed in front of the Governing body for the approval.

**Resolution2.3.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc- Medical Laboratory Technology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.4:** Starting of new program BSc- Medical Imaging Technology from the academic year 2023-2024

The members were apprised by the Principal about the starting of the new program BSc- Medical Imaging Technology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 students on self financing basis. The Board of Studies in Biotechnology with invited subject experts from the proposed program in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 approved the proposal and finalised the curriculum in alignment with NEP2020. It was then recommended to the Academic Council which approved it in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The fees structure was approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.



**Resolution2.4.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc- Medical Imaging Technology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 50 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.5:** Starting of new program BSc in Animation and VFX from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Principal regarding the starting of the new program BSc in Animation and VFX from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. The Board of Studies in Computer Science with invited subject experts from the proposed program in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 approved the proposal and finalised the curriculum for the first year in alignment with NEP2020. It was then approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and further approval was received of the Finance Committee for the fees structure in the meeting of the committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. It was placed in front of the house for its due approval.

**Resolution2.5.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc in Animation and VFX to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.6:** Starting of new program BSc- Fashion Design from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Chairman about the starting of the new program BSc-Fashion Design from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. The duly constituted Ad hoc board of studies in its meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 approved the starting of the new program and also designed the curriculum under NEP2020. The same was then approved by the academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 followed by the approval of Finance Committee for the fees structure in the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The proposal was then placed in front of Governing body for the approval.

**Resolution2.6.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc Fashion Design to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.7:** Starting of new program BSc- Interior Design from the academic year 2023-2024.

Principal apprised the members about starting of the new program BSc- Interior Design from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 students on self financing basis. The duly constituted Ad hoc board of studies in its meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 approved the starting of the new program BSc- Interior Design and also discussed, deliberated and designed the syllabus as per NEP2020 and approved the same. The detailed syllabus for Sem I and Sem II was then approved in Academic Council in its meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the fees structure was then

approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The proposal was then placed in front of Governing body for the approval.

**Resolution2.7.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new program of BSc Interior Design to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 120 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item2.8.** Starting of new program MA Psychology with specialization in ‘Clinical Psychology’ from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised by the Principal about the starting of new PG program in MA Psychology, with specialization in Clinical Psychology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 30 students on self financing basis. The proposal as well as the syllabus for the new program was approved by the BoS in Psychology in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and further approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Finance Committee after due deliberation approved the fees structure in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The proposal was then placed in front of Governing body for the approval.

**Resolution2.8.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved that The proposed new PG program in MA Psychology, with specialization in Clinical Psychology from the academic year 2023-2024 with intake capacity of 30 at the entry level with the curriculum grid in alignment with NEP2020 approved by the Academic Council and fees structure approved by the Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item2.9.** Starting of new Post graduate Diploma program in Medical Laboratory Technology from the academic year 2023-2024.

The members were apprised about the starting of new program of Post graduate Diploma in ‘Medical Laboratory Technology’ from the 2023-2024. The syllabus of the Diploma program was approved by the BoS in Biotechnology in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 where the members deliberated, finalized and approved the curriculum. The same was placed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and was approved. It was then placed in front of Finance Committee for the approval of fees structure in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The Finance Committee approved the proposed fees structure. The proposal was then placed in front of Governing body for its approval.

**Resolution2.9.** The following resolution was passed – ‘Resolved The proposed new PG Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology to be started from the academic year 2023-2024 approved by the Academic Council and Finance Committee to be passed unanimously for its implemented from the academic year 2023-2024’.

**Item 2.10**

BoS in Zoology in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 approved the changes in the curriculum of MSc program with specialization in Oceanography for accommodating the applied aspects of the subject and use of technological innovations in the study of underwater life. The Board also approved the proposal to incorporate Internship for the students of MSc program . the proposal was approved by



the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and was placed in front of Governing body for their approval.

**Resolution 2.10** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS in Zoology for the revision of syllabus of MSc in Oceanography and incorporation of internship approved by the Academic Council be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.11**

BoS in Accountancy in its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed changes in the curriculum of MCom Part I and Part II for the incorporation of new topics which enhances the financial literacy for the students. The said recommendations were approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. It was then placed in front of Governing Body for its approval.

**Resolution 2.11** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS in Accountancy for the revision of syllabus of MCom program for the incorporation of new topics as approved in the Academic Council be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.12**

BoS in Commerce in its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of the curriculum of TYCom papers with incorporation of case studies in the paper of Marketing from the academic year 2023-2024 which was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

**Resolution 2.12** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Commerce and further approved by the Academic Council for the revision of syllabus of TYBCom paper on Marketing for the incorporation of case studies from the academic year 2023-2024 be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.13**

BoS in History in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 proposed revision of changes in the curriculum of TYBA and also proposed to have a new paper on General Knowledge and Current Affairs to be introduced in Sem VI the curriculum from the new academic year 2023-2024. This was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023a and placed in front of Governing body for their approval.

**Resolution 2.13** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of History and further approved by the Academic Council for the revision of syllabus of TYBA History curriculum and introduction of new paper on 'General Knowledge and Current Affairs' in Sem VI be unanimously accepted and passed for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.14**

BoS in Psychology in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 recommended the addition of practicals, small scale research, experiments and psychological tests in the curriculum of TYBA Psychology from the academic year 2023-2024. The same was approved for its implementation by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Resolution 2.14** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Psychology for the incorporation of, practicals, small research projects, experiments and psychological tests in the

curriculum of TYBA and further approved by the Academic Council be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.15**

BoS in Computer Science in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for the incorporation of additional unit in each paper and recommended its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024. This was further approved in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Resolution 2.15** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Computer Science for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of additional unit as accepted and approved by the Academic Council be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.16**

BoS in Biotechnology in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for the incorporation of additional unit in each paper under core subject ability enhancement corresponding to the additional academic credits from the academic year 2023-2024. This was further approved by the academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

**Resolution 2.16** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Biotechnology for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of additional unit and accepted by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.17**

BoS in Mass Media in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 proposed revision of TY syllabus for introducing Electives in TY papers under core subject ability enhancement of credits. This proposal was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and placed in front of the Governing body for its approval.

**Resolution 2.17** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of Mass Media for the revision of TY syllabus with incorporation of Electives approved by the Academic Council be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.18**

BoS in BAF in its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 proposed addition of two new courses (papers), each of 3 credits in TY Curriculum under migration from 120 to 132 academic credits for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024. The same was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Resolution 2.18** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS in BAF for the addition of new papers (courses) in TY syllabus as approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.19**

BoS in BMS in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 proposed revision of syllabus of TY, specially the paper on 'Event Management' with incorporation of capstone projects. This was approved by the



Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Resolution 2.19** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of BMS for the revision of TY papers on Event Management and incorporation of capstone projects AS APPROVED BY THE Academic Council be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item 2.20** Principal apprised the members of Governing body that under NEP2020, all aided study programs in Arts, Science and Commerce shall adopt DSC grid and for self-financing courses SSC or DSC will be adopted as per the requirement of the department while preparing curriculum under 6 verticals of NEP2020. This was approved in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 Maharashtra Govt. GR communicated the revised and the final draft of the grid under NEP2020 to be implemented from the academic year 2023-2024. In compliance to adoption of the revised grid, a special meeting of was convened on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. Academic Council members in its Special meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 approved the new grid.

**Resolution 2.20** It was resolved that the recommendations made in the BoS of BMS for the revision of TY papers on Event Management and incorporation of capstone projects AS APPROVED BY THE Academic Council be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Item3:** The minutes of the Academic Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Academic Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 were presented for the approval by the members of Governing Body.

**Resolution 3:** The members of the Governing Body unanimously approved and passed the minutes of the Academic Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and the minutes of the Special Academic Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Item 4:** The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 were presented to the Governing Body members for its approval.

**Resolution 4:** The members of the Governing Body unanimously approved and passed the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Item 5:** To present report of IQAC for the period of Nov 2022-April 2023, update on AQAR 2021-2022 and SSR submission.

While presenting report of IQAC for the period of Nov 2022 to April 2023, the Principal informed the members that the vibrant IQAC of RJC meets first Thursday of every month to plan activities ahead and take a follow up of activities previously planned. He mentioned that the policy adopted by IQAC is very inclusive wherein each department, every association, every teacher and every student play an equal role in the academic pursuit of the college.

He presented highlights of IQAC activities during last six months. In association with RAC, for the second consecutive year, IQAC organised classic paper presentation activity for the students of all three faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce. Activity of student project evaluation was organized

under the name *Anveshan* and the students and teachers were encouraged to participate in the Research Convention of the Mumbai University *Avishkar* and selected candidates were further groomed for the presentations at higher level rounds.

IQAC in association with the Placement Cell of the College organised pre-placement training for the final year students, organised sessions on Studies abroad, invited expert to present job scenario overseas and made efforts in the direction of obtaining the internship for PG students.

The Central Library of the college organised a virtual tour of the library for students so that students understand the 'book wealth' of the college library. Two day library book exhibition was also organised on campus on account of Baba Sahed Ambedkar Jayanti. Best Library User Award is given annually by the library as an initiative of IQAC to encourage students to read. Library Foot fall is regularly monitored and new arrivals are displayed strategically for students to get attracted to visit the library. A week long National Level workshop for the benefit of library support staff which is organised by the R J Library for the past 14 years was also organised this year during the Christmas vacation.

IQAC in coordination with the departmental associations, celebrated *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* and *Samvidhan Diwas* Every department had their annual festival in the month of December and the college Annual Gathering called 'Reflections' was organised during this period. Cyber security awareness program, Granth Dindi, Heritage walk, Marathi Bhasha Samwardhan Pakhwada, session on Financial Security for Women, workshop on Human Values and celebration of International Womens' Day were some of the programs successfully completed under IQAC flagship.

Several other remarkable activities completed by IQAC during this period. This included Water Audit in association with the *Pavo* nature club of the Botany department of the college, 'Learn a new sport- Fencing' in association with Fencers Sports Foundation and College Gymkhana, Beach cleaning drive in association with BMC, Awareness session on adoption of stray and abandoned animals in association with *Pavo* Nature Club, One week residential NSS Camp to Shantiwan at Wakad, Cycle Expedition by NCC Cadets to promote use of bicycle as eco-friendly mode of transport, Awareness session for new voters and their registration camp arranged in the college in association with NSS and DLLE units of the college, Workshop on Kitchen Gardening in association with *Pavo* nature club, Annual Academic Prize Distribution function, Annual intercollegiate Sports day in association with college gymkhana, Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony for 2021-2022 batch, Collection of MLP under Plastic –Free Campus Abhiyan of *Safai Bank* and DSE offered by the department of Botany for all flower lovers on 'Aesthetics of Flower Arrangement'.

Principal apprised the members about the successful submission of AQAR 2021-2022 and further informed the members that the preparation of AQAR 2022-2023 is in the process and will be submitted by June 2023 followed by the submission of SSR before the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of NAAC in December 2023.

#### **Item 6: Update on promotion of Teachers under CAS**

Principal informed the members that in the second half of academic year 2022-2023, total Twenty Five teachers successfully defended for their promotion under CAS. Four Teachers from level 31A to 14, Four teachers from level 12 to 13A and remaining Seventeen Teachers in level 10 to 11 and level 11 TO 12 under CAS. He further informed the members that all files are submitted to the University for the Approval.



**Item 7 :** Update on vacancies in teaching and non-teaching staff, Grant-in-aid, contractual and CHB appointments.

The Principal informed the members that from 2016, there has been no NOC given to any college and as a result, 39 out of 99 sanctioned posts in teaching staff and 44 out of 124 in non-teaching staff in our college are vacant. As a stop gap arrangement, those many numbers of contractual appointments have been made by the management for the smooth functioning of academic activity. With the sanctioning of posts under CHB received under Joint Director's office, Mumbai region, following the formal procedure for the appointment, 14 CHB appointments were made in different departments which included Botany, Physics, Statistics, Commerce, Accountancy, Sociology, Hindi and English. He further informed the members that in self financing programs all sanctioned posts are filled and approval is obtained for the same.

**Item 8:** Constitution of RDC, ABC Cell, Institutional IC, SGRC, NO for NEP2020 and PO for CNR

Principal informed the members that as per UGC notifications of 2023, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the college has been renamed as Research Development Committee (RDC). Under Chairmanship of Prin Dr Himanshu Dawda and RAC Convenor Dr. Kiran Kolwankar now as the Director, The subcommittees, namely, Finance & Infrastructure; Research Program & Policy Development; Collaboration & Community; Product Development, Monitoring & Commercialization and IPR, Legal & Ethical matters have been formed which will oversee all aspects of research related finance, collaborations, infrastructure and ethical issues. He further informed the members that an important mandate under NEP2020 is Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). As notified by UGC, the college has constituted ABC Cell which will complete the process of ABC registration, student ID generation, mark list uploading and awareness regarding ABC among the students. Principal informed the members that Student Grievance Redressal Cell (SGRC) of college will also now have its visibility and access on college website where student can post his/her complaint to which quick and satisfactory response can be given online. He further informed the members that for successful implementation of NEP2020 at R J College, Dr Neelambari Kulkarni, Associate Professor, Department of Marathi and a senior member of IQAC has been appointed as a Nodal Officer. He further informed the members that for conservation of water and curtailing the water wastage as well as the protection of natural resources, activities such as solid waste management, composting, recycling of used water etc are being carried out by the college under its green initiatives. These activities will be now carried out under supervision of two Program Officers Dr Anil Avhad, Associate Professor, Dept of Botany under CNR-Conservation of NATURAL Resources.

**Item 9:** Update on UGC funds allocated under Autonomy

Principal informed the members that the UGC funds under autonomy have not been received from 2020.

**Item 10:** Results

Principal informed the members that the qualifying examinations of Semester II, IV and VI results of UG and Semester II & IV PG for academic year 2022-2023 will be declared in the month of May 2023 followed by the admissions to higher classes.

**Item11:** Strategic Plan 2023-2032:

Principal placed in front of the house the Strategic plan of the College for 2023-2032 with SWOC Analysis. Explaining the salient features of the Strategic Plan, he informed the house that currently the College is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee year and ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of NAAC in December 2023. The vibrant IQAC has taken every measure to comply by the suggestions given so far by the NAAC Peer Teams during their visits and keeping in line with the Mission and Vision statement of the

College, progress has been made in imparting quality education to all. Over the years, College has complied by the UGC Quality Mandate, 17 Sustainability Development Goals, has made efforts towards becoming the Digi-campus, ensured the digitalization of library services, developed Robust feedback mechanisms, offering Inclusive campus and making it a hub for innovation. He further stated that with implementation of NEP, the college will be able to achieve its dream of transformation of higher education on its campus by offering multiple professional verticals to the students. He shared with the house the institutional willingness to accept additional responsibility of online education as well as Integrated BEd study program on campus if permission is granted by UGC. He expressed that in the coming decade; the college would like to emerge as the College of Choice for every Learner and would like to become the degree awarding institute.

**Item 12: Any other matter:**

Principal also gave update on college compliance in timely submission of academic reports to the higher authorities. He informed the house that AQAR 2021-2022 is submitted to NAAC Office, AISHE 2021-2022 data is filled, NIRF Overall and NIRF College 2023 (2021-2022) is filled, Audit Report 2021-2022 is submitted to the University of Mumbai, External Peer Team Review Report for the IQAC 2021-2022 is submitted and Progress Report under First Three Years under Autonomy is submitted to UGC Head Office & Regional Office, Joint Director's Office and University of Mumbai.

Principal further informed the members that the College will close for summer vacation on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and shall reopen for the new academic year 2023-2024 on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023. He further informed the members that the admissions to UG classes of SY & TY and PG classes will happen during this period and as soon as college reopens, after *Deeksharambh*- the Induction program for students, the lectures and practicals for these study programs will commence.

Vice Chancellor Nomine Principal Dr. Sonali Pednekar appreciated the preparedness of the College for NEP2020 Implementation and inquired about the credit distribution grid for the 6 verticals of NEP for the subject of Commerce. She also expressed a view that for the faculties of Arts and Science, it would be more challenging to counsel students in making the correct choice of one Major subject at the first year level at the time of admission. The Principal informed the house that the admissions though happen by online mode, this year students will be invited for the offline counselling session before proceeding for online admission that they can do from campus itself. Dr Pednekar also appreciated the road map for the institute for the next 10 years put forth by the Principal and suggested that it should be called Institutional Development Plan (IDP) instead of Strategic Plan.

UGC Nominee Prof Dr. Namita Singh appreciated the progress made by the Institute under 5 years of autonomy is heading in the right direction in transforming the higher education on its campus by making it more accessible, applicable and result oriented with time. She expressed a view that NEP will further open doors for offering students interdisciplinary programs and through IKS will further strengthen their hands in acquiring knowledge about India's rich cultural heritage and ancient knowledge system with long lasting relevance. She expressed a concern over no new recruitment of Teachers that can in time to come significantly impact the successful implementation of NEP under its all 6 verticals.

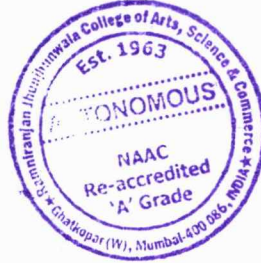
At the end, the Principal whole heartedly thanked the outgoing UGC Nominee on the Governing body of the College, Prof Dr Namita Singh who participated in every meeting and gave valuable suggestions in setting way forward for the college in its academic pursuit. She appreciated every new initiative taken by the College under autonomy and also gave some wonderful suggestions on more empowerment of girl students while they still studying at undergraduate level and bringing in the concept of Internship which is at PG level to UG level as well. The Chairman Dr Rajendra Singh thanked Dr Namita Singh Madam and requested her to continue guiding R J College with her



expertise. The UGC Nominee madam thanked the management of R J College for being proactive, cooperative and visionary in delivering to the society the quality education at low cost with the excellent support from the Principals office and all teachers and non-teaching staff of the College.

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date: 29/04/2023



  
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