Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting in Geography and Environmental Studies was scheduled on Friday September 23rd, 2022 at 11.00 am, through Zoom Platform.

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Following Members were present:

BOS MEMBERS OF GEOGRAPHY

- 1. Dr Anita Jaipal Awati (Vice Chancellor Nominee, University of Mumbai) Associate Professor& HOD, Geography, ICS College, Khed, Ratnagiri
- 2. Dr Nandkumar Sawant (Subject expert , University of Goa) Professor and Head Parvatibai Chowgule College, Goa
- 3. Dr Virendra Ramchandra Nagarale (Subject expert, University of Pune) Professor and Head of the Department, S.N.D.T Women's University, Pune
- 4. Mr Vimlesh Singh (Illustrous Alumini of BOS) Shri Ram Vidhya Mandir High School, Kandivali East
- 5. Mr Pravan Chintaman Raut (Corporate sector representative) of our Board of studies, Mahi Geoinformatics Consultancy (OPC), Vasai

BOS MEMBERS OF EVS

- 1. MR. D.G.Phondekar (Vice Chancellor Nominee, University of Mumbai) Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Vidya Vihar East, Ghatkoper East
- 2. Dr. Shyam Sunder Khinchi, (Subject expert, University of Rajasthan), Associate Professor, Head of Department of PG studies in Geography, Dr Bheem Rao Ambedkar Government College, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.
- 3. Mr. Aatif Ahmed Khan, (Illustrous Alumini, University of Mumbai) of BOS, Assistant Professor, Junior Advocate (Litigation), Sanpada College of Commerce and Technology, Mumbai.
- 4. Mr. Amey Deshmukh, subject expert (Corporate Sector Representative, Animal Equality)Managing Director, founding member, Trustee, Santa Monica Blvd.Ste.350, Los Angeles, USA

Agenda:-

AGENDA FOR GEOGRAPHY:-

- 1) Any changes in the syllabus FY/SY Geography
- 2) Value Added Courses for Academic year 2022-2023
- 3) Elective courses for SY Geography students
- 4) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

AGENDA FOR EVS:-

- 1) Any changes in the syllabus FY Environmental Studies
- 2) Value Added Courses for Academic year 2022-2023
- 3) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Suggestions given in the meeting:

SUGGESTION FOR GEOGRAPHY:-

- 1) The BOS members had no suggestion for changes in FYBA syllabus. All the members have approved of the examination pattern of blended mode. The Semester End Examination Pattern was also approved by the members.
- 2) The SYBA Syllabus was also discussed and no change was suggested. The paper pattern was also approved.
- 3) Some members stressed on initiating some topics in the syllabus pertaining to competitive examination. The members suggested some Discipline Specific Electives in SYBA as Environmental Economics, Digital Cartography, and Drone Technology etc.
- 4) The member suggested Exchange programmes for students and recommended for TYBA Geography.

SUGGESTION FOR EVS:-

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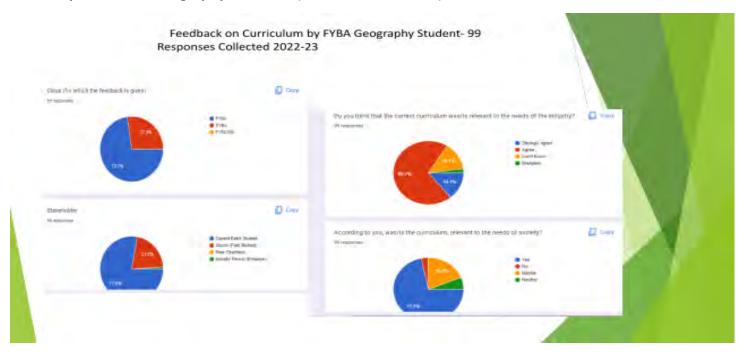
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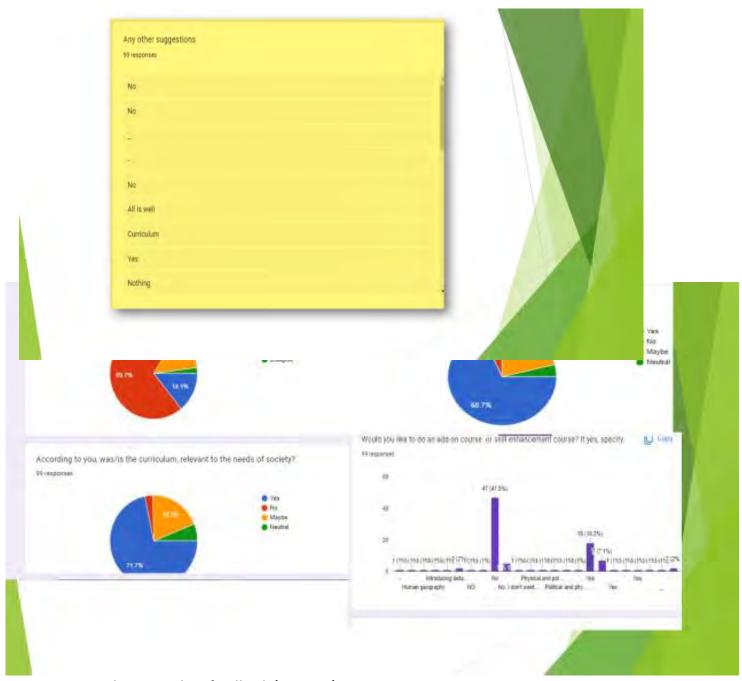
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- 1) The revised syllabus was discussed in details and following changes were approved by all the members.
 - In Semester I Map filling of the World in Module II, III and IV was omitted and the lectures allotted for map work has been adjusted internally.
 - In Semester II, Module II the subtopic on Tourism and Conservation of Environment has been added.
 - In Semester II Module III subtopic 3 is changed and new technologies like ISO 14000, 16000, EIA, Ecological footprints, Carbon Sequestration Technology etc. has been added.
 - Module IV which consisted of Geographical skills related to map interpretation has been replaced by Disaster Management with special reference to India.
- 2) The question paper pattern for Semester End Examination was discussed in total according to the course learning outcome. The modifications has been done accordingly.
- Members stressed on Value Added Courses for future careers. Members also stressed on the importance of the awareness of Environmental Instruments to develop life skills in students.
- 4) Workshops and Value Added Courses related to ISO Certifications, Carbon footprint calculation, Green Audit etc. was suggested.

CURRICULUM FEEDBACK ANALYSIS-

Department of Geography Feedback (2021-2022 / 2022-23):-





Geography Curriculum feedback (2022-23)

FYBA (2021-2022):-

73% of FYBA students (2021-22) filled the feedback form out of which 78% are Last year batch students and rest 22% constitutes Alumni (21%) and Industry (1%).

70% of the students agreed that the syllabus is relevant to the need of the Industry. 72% said yes to the relevance of syllabus for the need of the society. 69% of the students felt that the curriculum is concise.

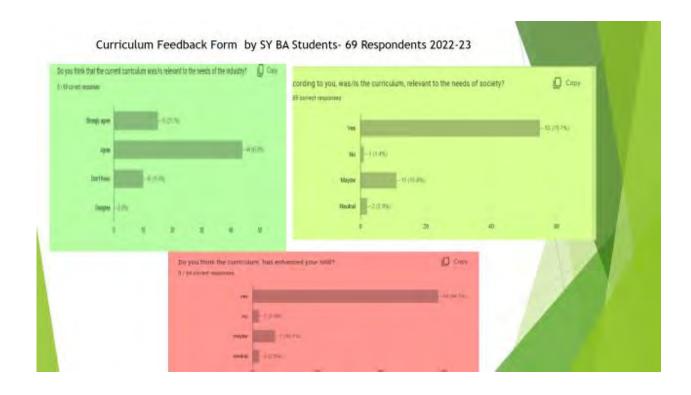
48% students do not want Skill development or add on Courses at this level. No concrete suggestions was received from FYBA students.

SYBA (2022-23):-

Feedback received from SYBA students (2022-23). For curriculum relevance to the need of industries 64% students agrees and 22% strongly agrees.

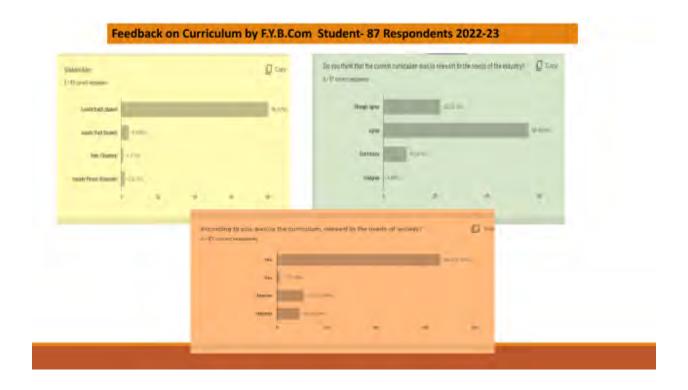
80% of the students acknowledge that the syllabus is relevant to the need of the society .

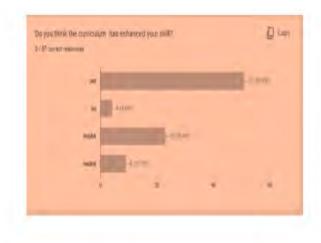
When it was asked about Skill enhancement 84% of the students says yes, 74% students agreed that the syllabus has updated their knowledge. 69% students have consented that the syllabus is concised. Strong recommendations have come from students to have more field trips and would like to have Geography in T.Y.B.A.

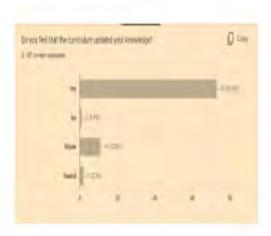


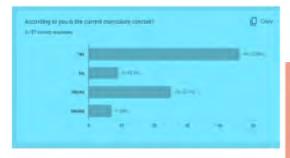


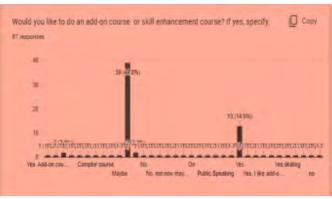
Department of EVS Feedback (2022- 2023):-













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EVS Curriculum feedback (2022-23)

93% of the stakeholders are the current batch students and 7% are the rest. 64% agrees and 25% strongly agrees that the curriculum is relevant to the society industry.

76% of the respondents agreed to the curriculum relevance according to social needs. 59% students feel that the syllabus has enhanced their skills and 84% agreed to have their Knowledge updated. 53% says that the curriculum is concise and 45% do not want any Add- on Courses. Suggestions put in by students include- Practical assignments, provisions of detailed notes, weekly revisions, and additional knowledge related to current topics.

The BOS Meeting was highly interactive and fruitful.

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