

Minutes of Board of Studies Meeting in Geography and Environmental Studies was scheduled on Saturday 8th Of April at 1.30 p.m, through Zoom Platform.

Zoom Meeting Link-

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Meeting ID: 918 8324 6296

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Following Members were present:

BOS MEMBERS OF GEOGRAPHY

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

BOS MEMBERS OF EVS

1. Dr Baishakhi Dutta, Associate Professor, Incharge of Geography, Chairman of BOS.
2. Mr. D.G.Phondekar (Vice Chancellor Nominee, University of Mumbai) Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Vidya Vihar East, Ghatkoper East
3. 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.

4. Mr. Aatif Ahmed Khan, (Illustrious Alumini, University of Mumbai) of BOS, Assistant Professor, Junior Advocate (Litigation), Sanpada College of Commerce and Technology, Mumbai.
5. Mr. Amey Deshmukh, subject expert (Corporate Sector Representative, Animal Equality) Managing Director, founding member, Trustee, Santa Monica Blvd.Ste.350, Los Angeles, USA
- 6 Advocate Aatif Khan, (Illustrious Alumina) of BOS

AGENDA FOR GEOGRAPHY:-

- 1) NEP preparedness and framing of Geography syllabus for generic electives if 4 credits for SEM I and SEM II for FYBA.
- 2) Skill enhancement course VAC and others.
- 3) Community development programmes.
- 4) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

AGENDA FOR EVS:-

- .1) NEP preparedness and framing of Environment syllabus for generic electives of 4 credits for Sem II for FYBA/Bcom/Bsc.
2. Skill enhancement course VAC and others
- 3) .Community development programmes
- 4) 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 SYBA syllabus for the year 2023-24. All the members have approved of the examination pattern of blended mode. The Semester End Examination Pattern was also approved by the members for SYBA Geography papers.
- 2) Suggestions for FYBA, Generic Elective was discussed by BOS Members and topics like Geography of Sustainable Development for Semester I and Urban Liveability for Semester II was initiated.
- 3) Other topics discussed were simple geography of maps, calculation of time, knowledge about Lithosphere, Atmosphere and Hydrosphere, Concept of Environment, Geography around us, Bio-Geo cycles, World Happiness Index etc.
- 4) For Skill Enhancement course contents like Basics of Maps, GIS Technology, Green Auditing, Ecological Footprint Assessment, EIA etc. can make the subject more valuable.

SUGGESTION FOR EVS:-

- 1) The revised syllabus was discussed in details and all members approved of it for the academic year 2022-23.
- 2) Discussion on NEP 2020 was taken ahead by pointing out to provide Environmental Education to be taken up as Generic Electives of 4 credits in Semester I in Bcom. Topics which can be taken up includes Ecology, Urban Health, Environmental Issues and Environmental Tools.
- 3) 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.
- 5) The Members stressed on to wait for university circular to make the syllabus concretely.
- 6) Semester II will have 2 Credits for Environment made compulsorily in BA/BCOM/BSC classes. UGC syllabus guidelines have to be followed.

The BOS Meeting was highly interactive and fruitful.

Dr. Baishakhi Dutta

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