

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 06th October 2025

The meeting of the Academic Council of R.J. College (Empowered Autonomous) was held on Monday, 06th October 2025 at 11.00 am via Hybrid Mode from the Seminar Room of the College. Member Secretary, Maj. Pravin Nayak welcomed the VC Experts, Governing body Nominees and other members and requested Chairman Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda for further conduct of the meeting.

Following members were present:

Chairman - Dr. Himanshu Dawda

Experts Nominated by Governing Body.

1. Dr. Rajendra Singh - Trustee Entrepreneur
2. Shri. Umesh Singh - Industrialist
3. Prin. Dr. Madhura Kalamkar, HVPS College of Law, Ghatkopar.
4. Prin. Dr. Uma Shankar, Principal, SIES College, Sion, Mumbai.
5. Dr. Usha Mukundan, Director - Academics, HVPS

Vice Chancellor Nominee:

1. Principal Dr. Kishan Pawar, K.J. Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce,
2. Principal Dr. Pradnya Prabhu, K.J. Somaiya College of Science & Commerce
3. Principal Dr. Manali Manoj Londhe, S.I.W.S. N.R. Swamy College of Commerce & Economics
And Smt. Thirumalai College of Science.

Four Senior Teachers from the Teaching Staff:

1. Prof. Dr. Saraswathi Moorthy
2. Prof. Dr. Anil Avhad
3. Dr. Vaishnavi Sridhar
4. Dr. Deepali Pimple

Faculty Member Nominated by the Principal (Member Secretary):

1. Maj. Pravin Nayak.

Special Invitee

1. Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni (Nodal Officer NEP 2020)

Heads' & In-charge of various Departments (Chairman of Respective BoS)

(Listed on the next page)

Sr No.	Name	Department
1	Principal Dr. Himanshu Dawda	Botany
2	Mrs. Sanika Gupte	Zoology
3	Mr. Mandar D. Medhi	Chemistry
4	Dr. Devraj Pawar	Physics
5	Ms. Chhaya Pinge	Statistics
6	Mr. Indrasingh Saud	Mathematics
7	Dr. Subodh Barve	Commerce
8	Dr. Sucheta Joshi	Economics
9	Mr. Jeetendernath Jha	Accountancy
10	Dr. Baishakhi Dutta	Geography
11	Dr. Meher Mistry	History
12	Dr. Shashi Mishra	Sociology
13	Dr. Bhushan Arekar	Political Science
14	Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar	Philosophy
15	Dr. Sneha Deuskar	Marathi
16	Dr. Neeta Chakravarty	English
17	Dr. Mithilesh Sharma	Hindi
18	Dr. Sucheta Golwalkar	Biotechnology
19	Ms. Archana Bhide	Information Technology (Leave of Absence)
20	Ms. Bharati Bhole	Information Technology
21	Ms. Anita Gaiwad	Computer Science
22	Dr. Nandini Jagannarayan	Banking and Insurance
23	Dr. Kalaiselvi Nadar	BMS, BBA & BFM
24	Dr. Laxmikant Kanojiya	BAF
25	Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj	BAMMC

26	Dr. Prasadhini Gautam	MAEMA
27	Mrs. Pallavi Sonwane	Psychology
28	Mr. Surbhit Manocha	Animation & VFX
29	Ms. Ashwini Gawade	Fashion Design
30	Ar. Dr Donald D'souza	Interior Design
31	Mr. Sumit S. Kati	Healthcare (MLT & MIT)
32	Ms. Ankita Parab	Healthcare (MLT & MIT)
33	Ms. Sujata Kotian	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (Leave of Absence)

The following business was then transacted:

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2025.

Resolution 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2025 were read and confirmed.

Item 2: To present a report on the discussions held and the recommendations made in BoS meetings of different subjects for the Fourth Year Honors' Program by Papers/Research under NEP 2020.

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Item 3: To present revision in the syllabi of FY/SY/TY under NEP 2020, if any.

The Chairman informed the members that NEP 2020 document mentions about the provision to be made by an institute to offer Four Year Honors' program by Papers as well as by Research. The conditions to this effect have been explained in the NEP 2020 document. For Autonomous Colleges, current AY 2025-2026 is the Third Year under NEP 2020 and institutions are eagerly waiting from the University authorities for the final guidelines for the fourth year for the students who are willing to enroll for the Fourth-year Honors' program. In the present meeting, therefore, Departments with PG and PhD are presenting the draft/final curriculum of Fourth Year of Honors' Degree in their respective subjects. This curriculum has been approved by the respective subject BoS. for departments presenting only the draft of the curriculum will get help of BoS members who shall help in designing the curriculum in detail in the next couple of months and the final curriculum for its approval after the approval of the respective BoS will be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council. Departments shall also present change, if any, recommended by BoS in present FY/ST/TY curriculum under NEP2020 for the approval of Academic Council today.

Item 2.1: The Department of BAMMC in its BoS held on 23/08/2025 presented a draft syllabus of Semester VII and VIII which forms the Fourth-year Honors' Degree curriculum. Department shall offer two specializations, namely, Advertising and Journalism. Electives offered by the department shall focus on Film Appreciation, Documentary & Ad Film Making and Magazine Journalism. Use of AI and Impact of AI in Media & Communication as well as journalism has been a part of curriculum designing. Department also presented the curriculum of two Value

Added Courses – 1) Essentials of Magazine Journalism and 2) Social Media Marketing to be offered in the current Academic Year 2025-2026. The approved draft curriculum of fourth year and curriculum of 2 VACs in the BoS meeting held on 23/08/2025 was then placed in academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for their approval.

Resolution 2.1: The draft syllabus of fourth year under honors program and the curriculum of 2 VACs approved by the BoS of BAMMC in its meeting held on 23/08/2025 and placed in the academic council meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously.

Item 2.2: The BoS of HealthCare Department for MIT & MLT programs held on 03/09/2025 accepted the draft syllabus of fourth years honors program in MLT and MIT. In Semester VII core subjects shall deal with principles of radiation exposure, international radiology and biomedical instrumentation in radiology for MIT. Electives shall be Teleradiology and Telemedicine. For Semester VIII, for MIT, core subjects shall be Radiation Oncology, Pediatric Radiology and Clinical aspects in radio imaging. Electives for Semester VIII shall be advanced CT and advanced MRI. For MLT program, core subjects for Semester VII shall be Histopathology techniques, Advanced instrumentation in laboratory and serology. Electives for Semester VII shall be Recent Advances in Pathology and Telemedicine. Microbiology and Immunology shall be for the core subject of Semester VIII for MLT whereas electives shall be NABL and Cytogenetics. Department shall conduct one Value added course on 'Home Caregiver' for the students of MLT and MIT before in the current academic year. The curriculum of fourth year and the curriculum of VAC with due discussions approved by the BoS of health care department for MLT and MIT conducted on 03/09/2025 was then placed in the academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for the approval.

Resolution 2.2: The curriculum of fourth year honors program under NEP and the curriculum of VAC for 2025-2026 prepared and curated by BoS in healthcare department in its meeting held on 03/09/2025 and further placed in the academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the AY 2026-2027.

Item 2.3: The BoS in the subject of English in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 approved the detailed curriculum of Semester VII constituting first Semester of Fourth Year of honors program by research under NEP. Core subjects focus on Contemporary Indian English Fiction and Performing Arts. To inculcate reading habits in students at least at PG level, DSE is cleverly selected as a Reading of Shakespeare's Plays. Research methodology curriculum was also placed for BoS approval covering different aspects of research terms, research concepts, research methodology, research analysis and research writing. With due discussions, the curriculum approved by BoS in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 was then placed in academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.3: The curriculum of first Semester of fourth year honors degree program in English under NEP approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 and further placed in academic council meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously.

Item 2.4: The BoS in the subject of Hindi in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 presented detailed curriculum of Semester VII and Semester VIII for the fourth year honors' program under NEP. In Semester VII core subjects shall focus on '*Hindi katha aur nibandh sahitya*', '*Stree dalit avam adivasi vimarsh*' and '*Cinema- adhyana and lekhan*'. Elective papers for Semester VII shall focus on Contemporary Hindi literature with book of Mamta Kalia as creative writing. In Semester VIII core subject papers shall be on '*Hindi ka Pravasi Sahitya*', '*Aadhunik Bharatiya Sahitya*' and '*Jansanchar Madhyam*'. Elective papers will focus on modern Hindi literature with special focus on Folk literature in Hindi. Research methodology of 4 credits will mainly focus on writing of research proposal. With due discussions, the curriculum for fourth year was approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 and further placed in front of academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.4: the curriculum under NEP for the forth year Honors' program in the subject of Hindi approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 22/09/2025 and further placed in the academic council meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval is being and unanimously passed for its implementation from the Academic Year 2026-2027.

Item 2.5: The BoS in the subject of Marathi in its meeting held on 12/09/2025 discussed the revision of FY syllabus under NEP. The changes proposed were in Unit 3 of Compulsory Paper 2 in Semester I. Addition of '*Prasiddha Vruth Nivedan*' and '*VrutPathak Patra Lekhan*' (Readers correspondence) were proposed. The department also curated vocational skill course under the name '*Unicode tanklekaahann*' and '*Sanganak Marathi*'. With due deliberations, these changes were accepted by BoS in its meeting held on 12/09/2025 and further placed in academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.5: BoS in Marathi in its meeting held on 12/09/2025 approved the revision of compulsory paper in Semester I and curriculum of vocational skill course on Unicode and further placed in it in the academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 26-27.

Item 2.6: The BoS in the subject of Psychology in its meeting held on 04/09/2025 proposed changes in the curriculum of SYBA under NEP. The VSC vertical of Semester IV previously designed as '*Theories and approaches to counselling*' to be replaced by '*Industrial psychology*'. For fourth years Honors' program, in Semester VII and VIII, Core subjects shall be Biopsychology, Statistics, Introduction to criminal psychology. Psycho-diagnostic testing will be taught for 2 credits. Practical based DSE in Semester VII and VIII shall offer 2 choices- Cog Lab experiments and Intelligence test. The curriculum of VAC designed by the department for 2025-2026 shall be on '*Stress Management*' and '*Effective study habits*'. With due discussions, changes in curriculum of Second Year, newly designed curriculum of fourth year honors program under NEP and VAC were approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 04/09/2025 and then placed in academic council for its approval in its meeting held on 06/10/2025.

Resolution 2.6: BoS in psychology in its meeting held on 04/09/2025 approved revision in FY syllabus. curriculum of VAC, and curriculum of fourth year Honors' program under NEP and further placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 2.7: The BoS in the subject of Botany in its meeting held on 25/08/2025 approved the syllabi of Semester VII and VIII constituting fourth year of honors' program under NEP. The curriculum presented was for both by papers and by research. The core subjects in Semester VII consisted of, Functions of biomolecule & cellular organizations, Genetics and Computational biology including Bioinformatics. Electives for Semester VII shall be Bio analytical techniques and RDT. In Semester VIII, DSC papers will focus on System plant physiology, Ecology and Phytochemistry & Pharmacognosy. Environmental biotechnology and Agriculture biotechnology shall be the DSE for Semester VIII. Revision of PG program Semester I and II under NEP, was also placed in BoS for discussion and approval. The revised curriculum focused on applied aspects of the subject, learning of techniques and recent advances in the subject that would help students crack the national level entrance examinations for teaching and JRF positions. Placed in BoS was the curriculum of existing VAC 'Forensic Botany' to be offered again this year and a curriculum of new VAC on 'Plant based nutrition'. VAC shall be practical based for the students to have hands on training. With due discussions, the approval was given in BoS in its meeting held on 25/08/2025 for further placing the syllabus in academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.7: The syllabus of fourth years honors' program under NEP, revised syllabus of MSc Part I under NEP and VAC offered by the department approved by the BoS in Botany in its meeting held on 25/8/2025 and then placed in the academic council meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval be unanimously passed for its implementation from the academic year 2026-27.

Item 2.8: The BoS in the subject of Zoology in its meeting held on 20/09/2025 approved the syllabus of fourth year Honors' program under NEP. Semester VII Core subjects shall focus on Fundamentals of systematics and Core subjects of Semester VIII shall focus on Advances of systematics. 4 credit DSE in each Semester will have choice between Animal physiology and Marine Sciences. Department will do VAC on 'Basics of Biostatistics'. With due discussion, all syllabi were approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 20/09/2025 and further placed in the academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.8: The curriculum of fourth year Honors' program under NEP and curriculum of VAC curated and approved by the BoS in Zoology in its meeting held on 20/09/2025 and further placed in academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be unanimously passed for its implementation from the academic year 2026-2027.

Item 2.9: The BoS in the subject of Biotechnology in its meeting held on 12/09/2025 approved the syllabus of fourth year Honors' degree curriculum and revision of first year existing PG Program. Core subjects in Semester VII will comprise of Proteomics, Therapeutic Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology. In Semester VIII, it will be Computational Biotechnology, Genetic Engineering and Statistics in Biology. In DSE, students will have choice to make from Industrial Biotechnology, Immunopathology and Clinical studies. Any NPTEL course that enhances student learning from these electives will also be considered with due mentoring for the respective course by the departmental Mentor. Revised curriculum of MSc Part I will focus on advances in the field of biotechnology in terms of Bioinformatics, Immuno-pathology and Biophysics as a part of curriculum.

Resolution 2.9: The curriculum of fourth year Honors' program under NEP and revision of existing PG Sem I and Sem II approved by BoS in Biotechnology in its meeting held on 12/09/2025 and further placed in the academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and unanimously passed for its implementation from the academic year 2026-2027.

Item 2.10: The BoS in Information Technology in its meeting held on 04/09/2025 approved the syllabus of fourth year Honors' program under NEP both by Papers and by Research. Semester VII core subjects shall be Enterprise Cloud Concepts, Big data and data Mining and Block chain technology with soft computing. Semester VIII core subjects will have papers on Server virtualization, Data analytics and Wireless sensor networks with Digital supply chain management. In Semester VII, DSE choices shall be advanced AI or Image processing. Choices for DSE in Semester VIII shall be Security breaches & Counter-majors and Virtual and augmented reality. Curriculum for fourth year by research will have added topics of Advanced IoT. With due deliberations, the BoS approved the curriculum and recommended for approval of academic council in its meeting to be held on 06/10/2025.

Resolution 2.10: The curriculum under NEP for the fourth year Honors' program, both by Papers and by Research, approved by the BoS in Information Technology its meeting held on 04/09/2025 and further placed in academic council for its approval in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and unanimously passed for its implemented from Academic Year 2026-2027.

Item 2.11: The Department of Computer Science in its BoS meeting held on 23/08/2025 proposed the draft syllabus of Semester VII and Semester VIII comprising of fourth year honors degree under NEP. Apart from compulsory 4 credit vertical of research methodology in Semester VII and OJT in semester VIII, electives proposed were Software defined networks and Ubiquitous computers. Students shall choose elective of block chain or UIUX in semester VIII. Core subjects shall comprise of ADV Web programming, Offensive security and Large Language Models (LLMs) in semester VII and Capital DEV OPS, Micro services architecture and Generative AI in semester VIII. Cloud computing and simulation modeling will be offered as hands on training. Honors' degree by Research would focus on Applied machine learning, Foundation of AI Research, IPR, Analysis of algorithm as Core subjects and four electives for choosing any two from it. These electives shall be Social network analysis, ADV embedded systems, Bioinformatics and Cyber security. With detailed syllabus to be curated and placed in the next BoS, members of BoS in the present meeting approved the draft and proposed it to be placed in front of academic council in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.11: The draft syllabus of Semester VII and Semester VIII for fourth year Honors' program under NEP by both Papers and Research approved by BoS in its meeting held on 23/08/2025 and further placed in academic council in the meeting of 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously.

Item 2.12: Department of Physics in its BoS meeting held on 13/09/2025 proposed a detailed curriculum of semester VII and VIII constituting fourth year of Honors' program under NEP, revision of PG Semester I and II curriculum with amendment in eligibility criteria and revisions in FY, and SY curriculum under NEP for discussion and approval. The fourth-year Honors' program will focus on Material Sciences and the emphasis would be on Material Science and

Nano technology. Quantum mechanics, Solid state physics, Statistical mechanics shall also form the Core subject curriculum and Elective would mainly focus on practical based learning. Honors degree by research would have 8 credit research project with robust assessment process. In PG program, Semester I and II will have curriculum revision in the topic of Quantum mechanics. The Chairman further informed the BoS members that in the past several years there have been queries from the students with engineering degree for enrollment of PG program in Physics. To cater to this need, he proposed to have a procedure to be adopted to open our PG program for engineering graduates. He proposed to conduct an entrance test and/or an interview to test candidate's knowledge of basic physics. This test could be task based to gauge the aptitude and preparedness of the student to undertake MSc in Physics. Upon admission, hands of these students can be further strengthened by designing a Bridge Course through which they would acquire knowledge of basics of the subjects taught at UG level which can be applied at PG level. If the proposal is accepted, we would like to admit Engineering graduates from the coming AY 2026-2027 for our MSC program. In Semester I, Paper II on Fluid Mechanics, there shall be topics on Surface Tension With its Application. In Semester II, Paper I titled Thermodynamics will have additional topics of Thermal Pollution, Global Warming and Energy resources. In Semester III, core subject on Electricity and Magnetism will have inclusion of Electrostatics in Molecular Biology and Computer Printers, TV and Computer Monitors, Electro Cardiograms, Power in Household Circuits and Electrical Conduction in the Human Nervous System, Electric Hazards. With due deliberations BoS in Physics in its meeting held on 13/09/2025 approved the fourth-year curriculum of Honors' program under NEP, revision in UG curriculum, revision in MSc curriculum and change in eligibility criteria for MSc admissions.

R 2.12: The curriculum of fourth year Honors' program, revision of PG Sem I and II curriculum and eligibility criteria and changes in existing UG curriculum under NEP proposed and passed in the BoS meeting of Physics on 13/09/2025 and further recommended for its approval in the Academic council meeting held on 06/10/2025 be approved and unanimously passed for its implementation from AY 2026-2027 with the following resolution on amendment in Eligibility criteria that stats '**Resolved that the enrollment of students with basic degree in any branch of Engineering be allowed for MSc in Physics program from the academic year 2026-2027**'.

Item 2.13: The Department of Chemistry in its BoS meeting held on 10/09/2025 presented a detailed curriculum for Semester VII and VIII constituting of fourth year of honors' program and revision of existing first year UG curriculum under NEP. The Core subject papers in Semesters VII and VIII will have Advanced physical chemistry, Molecular symmetry & Material chemistry and Advanced frontiers of organic chemistry. Electives shall focus on Methods of separation, Methods of analysis. In curriculum of honors' program by Research, Advanced inorganic chemistry will also be accommodated in Core subject papers and in DSE, Frontiers of physical chemistry and Analytical chemistry will form the curriculum. At UG level, curriculum of Paper II in Semester I with inclusion of topic on 'Sampling' and curriculum of Semester II paper II with inclusion of 'Gravimetric analysis' was placed in front of BoS members for their approval. BoS members approved fourth year honors' program curriculum and revision of FY curriculum in its meeting held on 10/09/2025 which was further placed in the academic council in its meeting to be held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.13: The curriculum of fourth years honors' program and the revision of first year under NEP curriculum approved by BoS in its meeting held on 10/09/2025 and placed in front of academic council meeting of 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the AY 2026-2027.

Item 2.14: Department of Statistics in its BoS meeting held on 13/09/2025 proposed the detailed curriculum of Semester VII and VIII constituting Fourth Year of Honors' program in the subject of Statistics and Value-Added Course designed by the Department for this year. With 4 credit Research Methodology vertical compulsory, 3 DSC papers constituting 14 credits shall be Advance Probability Theory, Distribution Theory & its Applications and Linear Models & Regression Analysis. 2 credits Practical Coursework will be based on these topics. Semester VIII with 4 credit OJT vertical compulsory, 3 core subject papers of 4 credits each shall be Modern Statistical Inference, Multivariate analysis and its application and Designs of experiments & its application. 2 credit practicals shall be from these topics. DSE choices in Semester VII and VIII shall be topics like Sampling theory, R-programming, Python essentials, Data warehousing etc. Curriculum of Honors' degree by Research shall have mandatory 4 credit research project in Semester VII and research project of 8 credits in Semester VIII. Core subject and elective papers shall have more focus on applications of the subject. VAC designed by the department is SQL and Power Bi essential: A Hands-on Data Analysis. BoS approved the Fourth-Year curriculum and the curriculum of VAC in its meeting held on 13/09/2025 and further proposed it to be placed in the Academic Council in its meeting to be held on 06/10/2025.

Resolution 2.14: The curriculum of Fourth Year Honors' program in Statistics and VAC proposed by the Department and approved by BoS in its meeting held on 13/09/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting of 06/10/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the A.Y. 2026-2026

Item 2.15: Department of accountancy in its BoS meeting held on 25/08/2025 proposed, deliberated and finalized the curriculum of Fourth Year Honors' program under NEP. As per the grid, 4 credits Research Methodology in Semester VII and 4 credit Research Project in Semester VII will focus on Business Account. Students will explore more possibilities of application of accountancy through 8 credit Research Project in semester VIII. Core subject papers in Semester VII will focus on Entrepreneurship Development, Advance Excel for Business and Survey Design & Questionnaire Construction. Electives offered in Semester VII shall be Security Analysis & Portfolio Enhancement and Advance Auditing. In Semester VIII, Statistical Analysis of Business Research and Power BI shall be 2 core subjects of 4 credits each. Research Ethics and Academic Integrity shall be for 2 credits. 2 electives offered in Semester VIII are Mutual Fund Management and Personal Financial Planning. With due deliberations, BoS in Accountancy in its meeting held on 25/08/2025 approved the curriculum of Semester VII and Semester VIII constituting fourth year of Honors' program and recommended its approval to Academic Council meeting to be held on 06/10/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.15: The Curriculum of Fourth year Honor's program under NEP approved by BoS in Accountancy in its meeting held on 25/08/2025 and further placed in front of Academic Council meeting held on 06/10/2025 for its approval be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from A.Y. 2026-2027.

Item 2.16: BoS in the subject of Commerce in its meeting held on 04/09/2025 proposed the detailed Curriculum of the Semester VII and VIII constituting Fourth Year Honors' program under NEP. In Semester VII, core subject papers shall be strategic management, advanced excel for business and entrepreneurship development each of 4 credits with 2 credits course on business ethics. Electives for Semester VII to be offered to students are macro-economic aspects of India and Indian Banking & financial regulatory framework. In Semester VIII, core subjects with three 4 credits and one 2 credits will be e-commerce and retail marketing, power Bi and organization theory & behavioral science and sustainability marketing.

Resolution 2.16: The curriculum under NEP for the fourth-year honors' program in Commerce approved in its BoS meeting on 04/09/2025 and further placed in academic council for its approval in the meeting of 06/10/2025 be unanimously passed for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 2.17: Department of BMS in its BoS meeting held on 22/08/2025 proposed an amendment in the eligibility criteria for the first year BBA program which is now under AICTE. The Chairman informed the members that in view of AICTE affiliation to Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Program eligibility criteria should be revised from immediate effect i.e current A.Y 2025-2026 as follows: For AICTE governed BBA program, student eligibility to be considered is any student with HSC Arts/Science/Commerce/HSC Vocational (MCVC)/Diploma students from recognized boards equivalent to HSC and must have passed in First Attempt.

Resolution 2.17: The amendment in eligibility criteria for BBA program under AICTE proposed and passed in BoS of BMS program in its meeting held on 22/08/2025 and further placed in front of academic council for its approval in its meeting held on 06/10/2025 be accepted with the following resolution **"Resolved that the amendments made in the eligibility criteria for the admission to the first year BBA program under AICTE for student having passed their HSC conducted by recognized board in Arts/Science/Commerce/HSC Vocational (MCVC)/ Diploma students from recognized boards equivalent to HSC and passed in First Attempt be unanimously accepted to be effective from AY 2025-2026"**

Item 4: Any other matter

While updating the house on promotion of teachers under CAS, the Chairman informed the house that CAS schedule of 2 teachers delayed due to assembly elections aachar Shinta was completed on 23rd April 2025. Dr Rina Pitale Puradkar, Head Department of Philosophy and Dr Shubhangi Vedak, Librarian successfully defended their promotion from Associate Professor stage 14 to Professor stage 15. University approval has been received, and the files have been submitted to Join Director's office. Another schedule of CAS was completed on 20th September 2025. Dr. Vaishali Raikwar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Dr Dan Bahadur Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany successfully defended for their promotion from stage 3 to stage 4. Files have been submitted to the university.

While updating the house on vacancies filled against the NOC obtained from the Government of Maharashtra for the post of Assistant Professors (Aided), the Chairman informed the members that on 6th February 2025, University approval was received for 11 Assistant Professors (Aided) as per the following details.

Sr No	Name	Department
1	Ms. Aishwarya Parab	Botany
2	Dr. Karishma Tausif Khan	Botany
3	Ms. Priya Singh	Zoology
4	Mr. Harade Devidas	Chemistry
5	Dr. Suyash Mane	Chemistry
6	Dr. Dnyaneshwar Bobalade	Mathematics
7	Mr. Jaishankar Singh	Statistics
8	Ms. Priya Shetty	Accountancy
9	Mr. Nilesh Ghadge	Commerce
10	Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Hindi
11	Ms. Wilma Monteiro	Sociology

On 11th February 2025, the files were submitted to the Joint Directors office for stamping. The queries raised by the JD Office regarding the sanctioned post and the workload of each department under NEP were fully satisfied. The matter is being regularly followed up with Joint Director's office, Mumbai as well as Directorate Higher Education, Pune. We hope the matter is resolved soon as almost 12 months have lapsed after the due procedure being completed.

While updating the house on contractual appointments and CHB appointments, the Chairman informed the members that to meet with the increasing demands of teachers for some programs, industry relevant curriculum designing, different trans- and inter-disciplinary verticals in NEP 2020 and new programs started, need for teachers arise and our management has been magnanimous in allowing to make new appointment of teacher on contractual and CHB basis. No NOC is received by Government for non-teaching staff form a long time and hence a need also arises to make appointments in Non-teaching section. The current AY 2025-2026, 11 teachers and 4 non-teaching appointments have been made as follows:

Sr No	Name	Department
1	Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta	BMS
2	Ms. Utkarsha Sangale	BFM
3	Ms. Anjali Mishra	BMS
4	Ms. Shruti Samant	BBA
5	Ms. Gayatri Malvankar	Psychology
6	Ms. Shweta Satao	IT
7	Ms. Shweta Gupta	DSAI
8	Mr. Samarth Rathore	VFX
9	Mr. Mohan Das	VFX
10	Ms. Anushka Sawant	Biotechnology
11	Dr. Laxmikant Kanojiya	BAF
12	Ms. Pooja Vaibhav Govalkar	Jr. Clerk
13	Mr. Omkar Maule	Lab Technician
14	Ms. Trupti Kudva	Jr. Clerk
15	Mr. Bhagwant Ambre	Peon

CHB Appointments

Sr No	Name	Department
1	Mannelal Gupta	Philosophy
2	Varsha Nair	History
3	Poonam Chaurasia	Hindi
4	Poorva Karva	Marathi
5	Sunil Gupta	Accountancy

7 contractual appointments of the previous year were continued in the current academic year 2025-2026.

The Chairman informed the house that the LIC (Local Inquiry Committee) visit for research center in the subject of Mathematics was completed on 25th February 2025 but there has been no communication from the University authorities thereafter. We are looking forward to hearing from the University in this regard as our colleague Dr. Sanket Tikare who shall be supervising student for Ph.D. in Mathematics has already built his research base by having an international collaborations with USA, Australia France, Germany, Brazil, China and Egypt and is keen on having his Ph.D. students who shall derive benefit of his association with these universities.

The Chairman appraised the house regarding uploading of data of RJ students on ABC (Academic Bank of Credits) portal also called NAD (National Academic Depository) portal for the AY 2024-2025. The deadline for data uploading was June 2025. This process has been completed for 10931 students at UG level of which 5827 are of aided section and 5104 from self-financed program. Data of 2087 students at PG level have been uploaded and few students of UG and PG are pending due to technical reasons which the Controller of Examinations is trying to sort out.

Chairman informed the house that AQAR 2024-2025 document is in the last stages of its preparation and IQAC members are diligently going through the document and cross verifying the data with the departments. Uploading of the document shall take place as soon as the link is open by NAAC, unless any revision is meanwhile received, and new guidelines are released in connection with AQAR format and submission procedure.

The Chairman shared with the house that under NEP 2020, there are different verticals of core subject, trans and multi-disciplinary verticals, skilled based learning component, etc. this change has on one side transformed the teaching learning and evaluation of an HIE but on the other side, it has increased the total workload for a given department. This year, NEP 2020 has been implemented at the third year for an autonomous college and a bird's eye view clearly suggests that workload of individual teacher has increased. There has been no workshop on workload calculation conducted by Joint Director's office which used to be conducted earlier and was one of the best practices of their office. To bring uniformity and transparency in workload of teacher of all the colleges such workshops need to be conducted at the earliest.

Chairman appraised the house regarding the initiative of UGC called 'NEP SAARTHIs- Student Ambassadors for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India'. This initiative is to enhance students' participation and create awareness of the various reforms in higher education. UGC had invited nominations from Universities, Colleges and institutions for NEP

SAARTHIs who have an outstanding personality, excellent communication skills, organizational capabilities, creativity, a sense of responsibility and being a team leader for conducting outreach programs. RJ College has been one of the shortlisted colleges of Mumbai region and 6 of our students from different study programs and at different level of learning are the proud NEP SAARTHIs doing excellent work as ambassadors. UGC has given a monthly activity schedule to SAARTHIs covering broad range of activities like Career Fair, Poster Making, Quiz, Nukkad Natak, Panel discussions etc. To educate society at large and youth in particular regarding the changes in higher education across the country, mainly the envisaged transformation that would come through NEP 2020.

Principal Dr. Manali Londhe, VC Nominee congratulated Chairman for the nomination of the college as UGC SAARTHI college and appreciated activities completed by NEP SAARTHIs. She also appreciated the preparedness that PG department showed to draft curriculum for the Fourth Year Honors program under NEP 2020 wherein the final implementation guidelines are yet not received. She had a special mention of some departments which presented the curriculum of fourth year which in its complete sense appeared as an extension of existing third year preserving the essence of four-year honors program in totality.

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



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