

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 9th February 2026

The meeting of the Academic Council of R.J. College (Empowered Autonomous) was held on Monday, 9th February 2026 at 02.00 pm via Hybrid Mode from the Seminar Room of the College. Member Secretary, Maj. Pravin Nayak welcomed the VC Experts, Experts as Governing body Nominees, New members on BoS of new programs, Chairman of BoS in all existing subjects 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 (Leave of absence)
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

5. Dr. Neelambari Kulkarni -Nodal Officer NEP 2020 (Leave of absence)

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
20	Ms. Bharati Bhole	Information Technology
21	Ms. Anita Gaikwad	Computer Science
22	Dr. Nandini Jagannarayan	Banking and Insurance
23	Dr. Kalaiselvi Nadar	BMS, BBA & BFM
24	Dr. Laxmikant Kanojiya	BAF, BIA
25	Dr. Pooja Bhardwaj	BAMMC
26	Dr. Prasadhini Gautam	MAEMA

27	Mrs. Pallavi Sonwane	Psychology
28	Mr. Surbhit Manocha	Animation & VFX (Leave of absence)
29	Mr Kalpesh Keradia	Animation & VFX
30	Mr Jignesh Mistry	Animation & VFX
31	Ms. Ashwini Gawade	Fashion Design
32	Ar. Dr Donald D'souza	Interior Design
33	Mr. Sumit S. Kati	Healthcare (MLT & MIT)
34	Ms. Ankita Parab	Healthcare (MLT & MIT)
35	Ms. Sujata Kotian	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (Leave of Absence)
36	Mr Rahul Yadav	Member - BoS in DSAI
37	Ms Krunali Petkar	Member- BoS in DSAI
38	MS Sana Khan	Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (New Prog)
39	Mr Shivkumar Chande	Cyber Security and Digital Forensics (New Prog)

The following business was then transacted:

Item 1: To read and confirm the minutes of the meeting of Academic Council held on 06/10/2025

Resolution 1: Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council held on 6th October 2025 were read and confirmed.

Item 2: To present a report on the discussions held and the recommendations made in the respective BoS for starting the following **NEW UG, PG, PG-Diploma and Certificate programs and Additional division from the Academic Year 2026-2027.**

2a. Starting of New UG program in BSc in 'Cyber Security and Digital Forensics' and BSc Honor's in 'Cyber Security and Digital Forensics' from the Academic Year 2026-2027.

The newly constituted Board of Studies in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics consisting of senior teachers from existing IT and CS Departments and the industry experts from Cyber Security and Digital Forensics in its meeting held on 15th November 2025 deliberated and finalized their curriculum for new UG program in BSc and BSc Honor's in 'Cyber Security and Digital Forensics' under NEP2020 to start from AY 2026-2027 with the intake capacity of 60 students. This was also accepted by the BoS in IT. The eligibility criteria shall be Any student passed HSC (Std 12th) or equivalent (Science/Commerce) in one attempt through the Maharashtra Board or any recognized Board. Students without Mathematics must complete a 2 credit (30 hours) Mathematics course before completion of Sem I.

OR

Vocational stream where candidate must have passed HSC (Std 12th) with Vocational subjects and examination conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and passed in First attempt

OR

MCVC (Engineering Technology Group passed in First attempt)

OR

Candidate who passed second year examination of the Post – SSC Std 10th) **Three-year engineering Diploma** or Fourth Semester Examinations of the **6 Semester Engineering Diploma Course**, conducted and approved by recognized by affiliated to the MSBTE or any other equivalent boards.

Lateral entry - Second Year BSc Cyber Security and Digital Forensics

Eligibility:

A candidate who has passed Post – SSC (Std 10th) three-year engineering diploma is eligible for direct admission to the second year

OR

A candidate who has passed Post HSC Diploma (One year after Std 12th) approved by MSBTE/AICTE or other Government recognized Bodies in IT/CS/Engineering and Technology and allied branches.

The proposed fee structure of Rs 1,01,995/- per year for the first year for 2026-2027 (Sem I & II) will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for its approval.

This proposal for applicable curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure finalized in the BoS meeting held on 15/11/2025 was then placed in the Academic Council meeting of 09/02/2026 for its further approval.

Resolution 2a: The proposal for starting **New UG Program BSc in ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’ and BSc Honor’s in ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’** proposed by the BoS in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics in its meeting held on 15/11/2025 with curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure approved by the BoS and further placed in Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval be approved and passed unanimously. The following resolution was then passed.

“Resolved that Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti’s Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) be permitted to start a New program entitled BSc in ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’ and BSc Honor’s Program in ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’ with First Year curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure placed in front of Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 and be approved and passed for its implementation from the coming Academic Year 2026-2027”.

2b. New PG program – MSc in ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’

The newly constituted Board in the subject of ‘Cyber Security and Digital Forensics’ in its BoS meeting held on 15/11/2025, proposed a new PG Program - **Cyber Security and Digital**

Forensics' as per NEP 2020 from the coming Academic Year 2026-2027 with the intake capacity of 40 students and following Eligibility criteria shall be applicable for the program:

A candidate shall have passed the **BSc Degree** Examination in Computer Science/Information Technology/Data Science/Data Science and Analytics/Mathematics/ Statistics/ Physics/ BCS/ BCA/ BE (Any Branch) or any equivalent degree approved by the BoS as equivalence.

The proposed fee structure shall be 1,20,675/- for the first year for 2026-2027 (Sem I & II) which will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for its approval.

Resolution 2b: The proposal for starting New PG Program – MSc in '**Cyber Security and Digital Forensics'** proposed by the BoS in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics in its meeting held on 15/11/2025 with curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure approved by the BoS and further placed in Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval be approved and passed unanimously with the following resolution:

"Resolved that Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) be permitted to start a New PG Program MSc in 'Cyber Security and Digital Forensics' with curriculum for Semester I and II, curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure placed in front of Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 and be approved and passed for its implementation from the Academic Year 2026-2027"

2c: New UG program BCom in International Accounting (BComI) and BCom Honors' in International Accounting (BComI)

The Board of Studies in BAF in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 proposed a New UG program: BCom (BComI) and BCom Honors in International Accounting (BComI) to be started from the coming Academic Year 2026-2027 with the defined curriculum in alignment with ACCA UK, intake capacity, eligibility criteria, and fee structure. The BoS members agreed that with globalization of education it is the need of the day that the students would be better prepared for competitive examinations at the global level.

Intake Capacity: 60 students

Eligibility:

A student for being eligible for admission to the BCom and BCom Honor's in International Accounting (BComI) as per NEP2020 shall have passed XIIth Standard examination of Maharashtra Board of Higher Secondary or its equivalent with Science or Commerce Stream passed in one attempt.

OR

From the Vocational Stream, must have passed the HSC (XIIth) examination in one attempt with vocational subjects in commerce conducted by Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education or its equivalent

OR

MCVC with Commerce group passed in one attempt

Fees:

Rupees 1,50,000/- for first year for 2026-2027 Semester I and II, subject to the approval by the Finance Committee

Resolution 2c: The proposal for starting New UG Program **BCom in International Accounting (BComI) and BCom Honors' in International Accounting (BComI)** proposed by the BoS in BAF in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 with curriculum, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure approved by the BoS and further placed in Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval be approved and passed unanimously. The following resolution was then passed:

“Resolved that Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti’s Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) be permitted to start a New UG Program BCom in International Accounting (BComI) and BCom Honor’s in in International Accounting (BComI) with First Year curriculum (Semester I and II), intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure placed in front of the members of Academic Council in it’s meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed for its implementation from the Academic Year 2026-2027” and the same to be forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval.

Item 2d: Proposal for Additional division in BCom Management Studies

The Department of BMS in its BoS meeting held on 24/12/2025 proposed to start one additional division with a capacity of 60 students for the BCom Management Studies program. Considering the It was unanimously approved by the BoS members to start an additional division for BCom Management Studies from the Academic Year 2026-27 to cater to the demand for this study program as observed during the admission applications in the past two years.

Resolution 2d: The proposal by BoS in BMS in its BoS meeting held on 24/12/2025 for starting a new division for BCom Business Management from the coming AY 2026-2027 forwarded to Academic Council for the approval by the members in its meeting on 09/02/2026 be accepted and following resolution was then passed:

“Resolved by the Academic Council in it’s meeting held on 09/02/2026 that Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti’s Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) proposal for seeking permission to start an additional division in BCom Management Studies from the AY 2026-2027” with intake capacity of 60 students be approved and forwarded to the Governing Body for it’s approval”.

Item 2e. New PG Diploma program in ‘Drone Operations’

The Department of information technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 proposed to start **new PG Diploma program in ‘Drone Operations’** to be started from the coming AY 2026-2027 with intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure and curriculum framework as given below:

The PG Diploma program shall be of one year duration with Intake capacity of 40 students. The eligibility criteria shall be bachelor’s degree of any discipline. The knowledge partner shall be

International Institute of Logistic Studies (ILOS) and the certifying body shall be Logistic Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India. The draft program structure shall consist of eight course works plus 300 hours skill training in each semester. Trainers and training resources for Drone pilots, including simulators, will enhance the learning through program curriculum. The proposed fees shall be Rs 1.6 Lakhs which includes Rs 50,000/ for drone operation license cost, to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Resolution 2e. The proposal by the Department of Information Technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 to start **new PG Diploma program in 'Drone Operations'** from the coming AY 2026-2027 with intake capacity, eligibility criteria and the proposed fee structure and curriculum framework approved by the BoS and forwarded to the Academic Council for its approval be approved and passed unanimously with the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 that the proposal by Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) to start a new PG Diploma program in 'Drone Operations' from the AY 2026-2027 be approved and forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval".

Item 2f. New PG Diploma program in 'AI in Data Analytics'

The Department of information technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 proposed to start **new PG Diploma program in 'AI in Data Analytics'** to be started from the coming AY 2026-2027 with intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure and curriculum framework as given below:

The program shall be **One year PG Diploma** with Intake capacity of 40 students. The eligibility criteria shall be bachelor's degree of any discipline. The knowledge partner shall be International Institute of Logistic Studies (ILOS) and the certifying body shall be Logistic Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India. The draft program structure shall consist of course work in Real Time Transportation and Logistics plus Hands on Project Based Learning. Professional trainers and training platforms shall be resources offered through program structure. The proposed fees shall be Rs 1.2 Lakh which shall be forwarded to the Finance Committee for its approval.

Resolution 2f. The proposal by the Department of Information Technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 to start **new PG Diploma program in 'AI in Data Analytics'** from the coming AY 2026-2027 with intake capacity, eligibility criteria and the proposed fee structure and curriculum framework approved by the BoS and forwarded to the Academic Council for its approval be approved and passed unanimously with the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 that the proposal by Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) to start a new PG Diploma program in 'AI in Data Analytics' from the coming AY 2026-2027 be approved and forwarded to the Governing Body for its approval".

Item 2g. Certificate Program in 'Drone Operations'

The Department of information technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 proposed to start **new Certificate Program in 'Drone Operations'** of one-year duration to be started from the coming AY 2026-2027 with intake capacity, eligibility criteria and proposed fee structure and curriculum framework as given below:

The program shall be **one year Certificate Program in 'Drone Operations'** with Intake capacity of 40 students. The eligibility criteria shall be HSC (Class 12th Passed)/ bachelor's degree of any discipline. The knowledge partner shall be International Institute of Logistic Studies (ILOS) and the certifying body shall be Logistic Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India. The draft program structure shall include course work and skill training with the help of professional trainers and training platforms. The proposed fees shall be Rs 75,000/- subject to approval by the Finance Committee.

Resolution 2g. The proposal by the Department of Information Technology in its BoS meeting held on 20/12/2025 to start **new Certificate Program in 'Drone Operations'** of one-year duration from the coming AY 2026-2027 with curriculum framework, intake capacity, eligibility criteria and the proposed fee structure approved by the BoS and forwarded to the Academic Council for its approval be approved and passed unanimously with the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Academic Council meeting in it's meeting held on 09/02/2026 that the proposal by Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) to start a new one-year Certificate Course in 'Drone Operations' from the coming AY 2026-2027 be approved and further forwarded to the Governing Body for it's approval".

Item 3: 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.

and

Revision of syllabi of UG and PG under NEP 2020, if any.

Item 3.1 The BoS in the subject of Interior Design in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 suggested and approved the changes in the curriculum of some papers of undergraduate semesters. In Sem I, in OEC, under Soft Skill Development Curriculum, emphasis should be given on improving vocabulary by conducting open speech sessions for the students. In SEC, under Furniture Materials, the curriculum shall have incorporation of Human Ergonomics. In Sem III, the major practicals of 4 credits Studio Interior Furnishing – II, Multi-Function Desing to be added in the curriculum. In Modern Indian Languages of AEC, choices should be given between Hindi and Marathi. In Sem V, in DSC paper of 100 marks 4 credits should have evaluation of 40 internal and 60 external. The BoS further approved the methodology of CEP in Sem IV as Outdoor Living Lab which students shall through the Community Engagement study the public spaces, outdoor furniture etc. The deliverables studied and submitted by students shall be site analysis report, concept sheets and sketches of plans and any other allied drawings, orthographic drawings with details, 3D renders for visualization, scaled or full scaled prototype, presentation boards for execution and short reflective note. In Sem VI, the CEP shall focus on study and scope of layout

for neglected or under-utilized space below a flyover/bridge in the city and propose a small-scale design intervention that makes the area safe, inclusive and beneficial for the community. The Chairman also shared two installations raised by Interior Design students – Everest by Foaid and Kala Ghoda Festival (KGF). The installations were highly appreciated by the visitors and people of age group from 15 to 45 and age above, appreciated the impressive display by students. 84% of visitors described it as a unique installation. The changes in the UG curriculum discussed, deliberated and approved in the BoS meeting of interior design held on 20/12/2025 were then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.1: The changes in the curriculum of some papers of Undergraduate semesters of Interior Design approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.2: The BoS in the subject of Animation and VFX in its meeting held on XXXX approved the methodology adopted for FP of Sem III and V and CEP of Sem IV. In Sem III, FP would involve a short documentary film making which will include research, scripting, storyboarding and a final plan needed for shooting. FP of Sem V will orient around pre-production of 3D/VFX film project. Final submission shall be in the form of short film. In CEP of Sem IV, shooting a documentary will involve an interaction with relevant area personalities by students and ultimate submission for evaluation shall be well organized infographic documentaries using physical shoots and AI generated footages submitted by students. With due deliberations, BoS in the subject of Animation and VFX in its meeting held on XXXX approved the CEP and FP methodologies adopted by the department for strengthening the concept learning through field work and the approved methodologies were then presented in the Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.2: The protocols for FP and CEP completion for the students of Animation and VFX in their undergraduate level approved by the BoS in its meeting held on XXXX and further placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously.

Item 3.3: The Chairman of BoS in the subject of Commerce in its meeting held on 02/01/2026 got the approval of two papers of major DSC, one each, of Sem VII and Sem VIII which was pending while the remaining syllabus was approved by the last Academic Council meeting held on 06/10/2025 followed by the Governing body in its meeting held on 16th October 2025. Sem VII DSC II will be Advanced Excel for business wherein the modules taught will be Workbook options, Custom data formats and layouts, creating tables and operations with formulas and functions and advanced formulas, charts and tables. The curriculum for DSC II of Sem VIII on Power BI will include Data modelling and visualization, Data sharing and Data security and governance. With due deliberations, BoS in its meeting 02/01/2026 approved the detailed curriculum of DSC papers and then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.3: The curriculum for two papers of DSC, one each in Sem VII and VIII for the fourth-year honors' program in the subject of Commerce approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 02/01/2026 and further placed in Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 be

approved and passed unanimously for its implementation for the proposed fourth year in the AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.4: The BoS in the subject of BAF in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 approved the detailed curriculum of Sem VII & VIII constituting the fourth year of honor's program under NEP 2020. The core subjects for Sem VII shall be 'Advance Financial Account', 'Advance Cost and Management Accounting and 'Introduction and Overview of Financial Technology'. In Sem VIII, core subject papers will include 'Strategic Financial Management', 'Corporate Financial Accounting' and 'Business Ethics'. Electives offered in Sem VII will be Investment Banking, and Financial Modelling. Electives offered in Sem VIII shall be Operation Research and Wealth Management. Students shall select any one elective in each semester. In addition to the detailed curriculum of the DSCs and DSEs, BoS also deliberated and approved the minor research of 8 credits with evaluation pointers such as problem statement, methodology and outputs. BoS proposed to evaluate output in terms of published papers to students' credit, report writing and presentation. The fourth-year curriculum with reference to different verticals of NEP deliberated and finalized in the BoS of subject of BAF in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.4: The curriculum of fourth year honors degree under NEP 2020 in the subject of BAF approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 20/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.5: The BoS in the subject of English in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 approved the detailed curriculum of Semester VIII constituting second Semester of Fourth Year of honors program by research under NEP. Two DSC papers of 4 credit each shall be 'English for Academic Writing, Research and Business Communication' and second DSC on 'Political reading of Literature'. 2 credit DSC paper will be on '20th Century American Literature'. DSE will focus on Translation studies where students shall choose from Indian writing and foreign writing. 6 credit Research Project (RP) will be evaluated as per the following pointers- Concept and Relevance, Chaptalization with each chapter organized into introduction and conclusion and bibliography. Students shall give viva-voce and shall be evaluated by the experts. Suggestions by experts shall be incorporated before the binding of Thesis and a plagiarism check shall be mandatory for each submission. With due deliberations, BoS approved Sem VIII curriculum constituting the fourth-year honor's program by research in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 and then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.5: The curriculum for Sem VIII of fourth year honor's degree program by research in English under NEP 2020 approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously from the coming AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.6: The BoS in the subject of Marathi in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 discussed and approved the changes in Major Paper II of Semester I. To the existing units of '*Jahirat Lekhan*' and '*Vrut Lekhan*'; '*Prasiddhi Nivedan*' and '*Vachakacha Patra Vyavhar*' are additional units

proposed and approved by BoS. The BoS also approved the VAC (Value Added Course) on '*Natya Prayog Parikshan*' for 2 credits 30 hours. Unitization of the curriculum was '*Natak & Vaniprayog*' and '*Pragyoparikshan*'. The Chairman also placed in front of the BoS details regarding the MoU for the benefit of students under verticals of CEP and OJT. **Seva Sahayog Foundation, Thane** shall strengthen the hands of the department to obtain teaching assignments to teach the students of underprivileged sections of the society and also to impart these students with skills for content writing and content development where the language in its true nuances forms the foundation of the content. BoS approved the change in UG curriculum, VAC and MoU signed with positive outcomes benefiting students and proposed for its presentation in the Academic Council in its meeting to be held on 09/02/2026.

Resolution 3.6: The change in UG curriculum, VAC and MoU benefiting CEP and OJT verticals discussed, deliberated and approved by BoS in the subject of Marathi in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.7: The BoS in the subject of DSAI in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 approved the changes in UG curriculum for its implementation from coming Academic Year 2026-2027. In Sem I, core subject paper '*Financial Management*' to be restructured as '*Fundamentals of Financial Management*'. This would align the curriculum with foundational level learning outcomes. In Sem II, core subject of '*Business Ethics*' to be replaced with '*Financial Data Analysis and Data Visualization*'. This change would directly support industry-relevant competencies in financial analytics. A new subject of '*Principals of Artificial Intelligence*' is included in core subject learning with the purpose of preparing students for learning advanced AI and Machine learning courses in the later semesters. Introduction of new subject '*Machine Learning Fundamentals*' has been introduced in Sem IV to bridge AI fundamentals and advanced ML/DL concepts. The BoS members deliberated and gave their consensus to introduce new subjects in Third Year Sem V and Sem VI which are mainly new industry-oriented subjects. To name a few, topics are Large language models, Big data with programming, Introduction to deep learning, Digital marketing analytics, Data mining warehousing, Introduction to natural language processing, Agentic AI, Fundamentals of cloud computing, Health care analytics and Data protection & Cyber law. The curriculum finalized and approved by BoS of DSAI in its meeting held on 23/12/2026 was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.7: The changes in the UG curriculum of DSAI with the defined objectives that enhance the application-based learning for students discussed deliberated and approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 23/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2026 for their approval be passed unanimously for its implementation from coming AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.8: The BoS in the subject of Zoology in its meeting held on 24/12/2025 explicitly defined the electives that the department shall offer the students in each semester of fourth year honor's program under NEP 2020. Students will have a choice to select any one elective per semester. In Sem VII, the first choice shall be '*Comprehensive Physiology-I*' which shall orient around physiology of nutrition and excretion, physiology of neuronal system. In Sem VIII, the elective offered shall be '*Environmental & Applied Physiology*' encompassing aspects of

environmental stress and biochemical adaptations and Animal models & Diagnostic approaches in animal models. Both electives shall be practical based. The alternative electives that shall be offered in Sem VII as well as VIII will be 'Fundamentals of Oceanography-I' in Sem VII and in Sem VIII, 'Marine Resources and Pollution'. Sem VII curriculum of DSE shall be 'Geological & Physical Oceanography' and 'Chemical & Biological Oceanography'. In Marine Resources & Pollution in Sem VIII, students shall learn Ocean Resources, ocean pollution and bio deterioration of oceans. This curriculum was discussed deliberated and approved in the BoS meeting held on 24/12/2025 and was further placed in the Academic Council meeting to be held on 09/02/2026.

Resolution 3.8: The detailed curriculum regarding DSEs for the fourth-year honors program under NEP 2020 in the subject of Zoology approved by BoS in its meeting held on 24/12/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting held on 09/02/2026 for its approval be passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.9: The BoS in the subject of Physics in its meeting held on 16/12/2025 approved the detailed curriculum for Sem VII and Sem VIII for the Fourth-year honors program under NEP 2020. The proposed, deliberated and approved core subjects for Sem VII shall consist of 'Mathematical Methods for Physics', 'Quantum Mechanics-I' and 'Classical Mechanics'. 2 credits laboratory experiments will give students hands on training in these topics. DSE offered to the students in Sem VII shall be 'Solid State Physics'. For Sem VIII, core subject papers with laboratory experiments shall be on 'Advanced aspects of Mathematical Methods in Physics' and 'Quantum mechanics-II'. Machine learning shall be 3 credit separate course that will be taught in Sem VIII. Students will have a choice to make for one elective out of two. One elective shall be on 'Statistical Tools for Data Science' and the other DSE involving 'Laboratory experimentation and the Data Processing' through statistical tools of probability, probability-distribution and histogram. The curriculum in depth was discussed, deliberated and finalized in the BoS meeting held on 16/12/2025 and the proposal for approval was then placed in the Academic Council in its meeting to be held on 09/02/2026 for its approval.

Resolution 3.9: The curriculum for Sem VII and VIII constituting the fourth-year honor's program in physics under NEP 2020 approved in the subject BoS held on 26/12/2025 and further placed in the Academic Council for its approval in the meeting of 09/02/2026 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the coming AY 2026-2027.

Item 3.10: The Department of BMS in its BoS meeting held on 24/12/2025 presented a detailed curriculum of BMS for Semester VII and VIII constituting the Fourth Year of Honor's program under NEP 2020, syllabus for Second Year of BFM program under NEP 2020, syllabus for Fourth year Honor's (Sem VII & VIII) for BBA program (Non AICTE) under NEP 2020, Curriculum for Third Year of BCom in Management Studies for Sem V and VI, Curriculum of Third Year of BMS and BBA under AICTE for Sem V and VI and proposal for the closure of the BMS and BBA program with AICTE.

For the fourth year BMS, in Sem VII, the core subject papers shall be Four, two each with 4 credits and 3 credits. 4 credit core subjects shall be 'Data Management & Warehousing' and

'Green Business Strategy'. 3 credit papers shall be 'Design Thinking and Operations Management'. Verticals of DSE shall give three choices to students in selecting any one as an elective. These electives shall be Finance elective, Marketing elective and HR elective. In Sem VIII, core subject structure shall be three papers of 4 credits each and the papers shall be 'Corporate Etiquette and Image Management, Lean Management' and 'Six Sigma and Enterprise Performance Management. Remaining 2 credit core subject papers shall be on 'Game Theory and Applications'. DSC electives shall be 3 like Sem VII and as per NEP structure, 4 credit research methodology vertical of Sem VII will be replaced by OJT vertical in Sem VIII.

Curriculum for semesters III & IV constituting second year of BFM was discussed, deliberated and finalized by BoS with Sem III Major subjects being 'Financial Statement Analysis', 'Mutual Fund Management' and 'Depository Operations'. 'Equity derivatives' will be taught under Minor vertical and OEC offered by the Department shall be 'Corporate Law'. 2 credit VSC shall be 'Programming in FM' and Modern Indian Language under AEC will have two choices Hindi and Marathi. Investment planning shall be the field projects completed by students in Sem III. In Sem IV, core subjects shall be 'Corporate Restructuring', 'GST for Financial Markets and Research Methodology'. 'Commodity and Derivative Market' will be under Minor vertical and 'Behavioral Finance' shall be SEC. Department shall offer OEC of 2 credit 30 hr engagement in 'Cyber Law'. Financial Literacy of the community at large shall be central focus under CEP vertical.

In Sem VII of BBA program for the Fourth Year under Honor's Degree will have four papers of DSC with focus on 'Corporate Restructuring and Turn-around Strategy', 'New Technology Applications', 'Designs and Business Models', 'Operations Management and 'Multi variate data & time series Analysis'. Two electives under DSE will offer two choices to the student. Elective I – 'Supply Chain Analytics' and Elective II – 'Derivatives and Risk Analytics'. In Sem VIII, core subject papers will focus on 'Business Simulation', 'Strategic Performance Management', 'Data Mining and Business Analytics' and 'Generative AI & Prompt Design'. 'Consumer Analytics' as Elective I and 'Investment Analysis and Portfolio Analytics' as Elective II will be offered to students under DSE to choose any one of the two. As per the NEP2020 grid, Advanced Research Methodology and OJT shall form the credit structure of Sem VII and VIII respectively.

Curriculum of Sem V & VI of BCom program in Management Studies under NEP 2020 framework was discussed deliberated and approved by the BoS of BMS department. DSC papers proposed are 'Logistics & SCM' and 'Event Management'. DSE in connection with major vertical offers three choices, 'Project & Risk Management' from Finance Elective, 'Integrated Marketing Communication & Sustainability Marketing' from Marketing Elective and 'Stress Management & Performance Management & Compensation Planning' from HR Elective. Taxation, Sales, Advertising & Employee Welfare shall be covered in Minor vertical. In Sem VI, Major DSC course work shall include 'Operations Research', 'Business Simulation', 'Corporate Communication' and 'PR'. Elective choices shall be 'Invest Analysis' and 'Portfolio Management' (Finance), 'Brand Management and retail Management' (Marketing) and Leadership Development and Management in Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (HR). The vertical of Minor will focus on 'International Finance', 'International Marketing', 'Change Management and ODHRM in Global Perspective'.

The chairperson appraised the BOS members for their concerns with AICTE affiliation of the BMS and BBA program. She listed the following concerns:

1. Consistently low student admissions over the past few Academic Years. Late starting of the semester creates confusion among the learners. 2. The tedious and lengthy approval process, requiring significant administrative time and compliance efforts. 3. The substantial annual financial burden, including approval fees payable to AICTE and MHCET authorities. 4. The programs have become financially and academically unviable, resulting in continuous losses for the institution. In view of the above reasons all the members of the Board of studies unanimously agreed on being part of the proposal to be submitted to the Academic Council for the closure of BMS and BBA program with AICTE from the forthcoming Academic Year. As a procedural requirement the same shall be placed in front of the Governing Body post approval; the same shall be communicated to the CET cell and University of Mumbai for its perusal.

Resolution 3.10: The BoS meeting of BMS Department held on 24/12/2025 and approving the detailed curriculum of BMS for Semester VII and VIII constituting the Fourth Year of Honor's program under NEP 2020, syllabus for Second Year of BFM program under NEP 2020, syllabus for Fourth year Honor's (Sem VII & VIII) for BBA program (Non AICTE) under NEP 2020, Curriculum for Third Year of BCom in Management Studies for Sem V and VI, Curriculum of Third Year of BMS and BBA under AICTE for Sem V and VI and proposal for closure of the BMS and BBA program with AICTE and submitted to Academic Council for its approval in the meeting held on 09/02/2026 be accepted and passed for its further implementation from the coming Academic Year 2026-2027.

Item 4: Any other matter

The Chairman updated the house on promotion of teachers under CAS. In the month of April, Dr Rina Pitale Puradkar, Head Department of Philosophy and Dr Shubhangi Vedak, Librarian successfully defended their promotion from Associate Professor level 13A to Professor level 14. Their files upon receiving University Approval are at the Joint Director's office for Pay Fixation. The second schedule of CAS was completed on 20/09/2025 wherein Dr. Vaishali Raikwar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Dr Dan Bahadur Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany successfully defended for their promotion from level 12 to level 13A. The application, documents and interview report have been submitted to the Joint Directors Office for Pay Fixation.

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). The files of all candidates were then submitted to the Joint Director's Office on 11th February 2025 for Pay Fixation. It was completed for four teachers, but the remaining seven cases are still pending with the Joint Director's Office. The matter is being regularly followed up with the Joint Director's office Mumbai as well as Directorate Higher Education Pune. We hope the matter is resolved soon. While updating the house on Contractual appointments, the Chairman informed the members that under NEP 2020, for a given department, in addition to core subject teaching, more manpower is required to cater to the curriculum designing and delivery under the trans and inter disciplinary verticals. Our Management has been magnanimous in allowing to make new appointment of teachers on Contractual basis. In addition, there has been no NOC for non-teaching staff received by

Government for a long time. Hence a need also arises to make appointments in different sections of office, library and laboratory assistance.

In the current Academic Year 2025-2026, apart from 11 teachers and 4 non-teaching appointments made at the beginning of the year, 8 new appointments were made in SH 2025-2026:

Sr No	Name	Designation	Department
1	Mrs. Harshada Magar	Jr. Clerk	IT
2	Mr. Santosh Kadam	Peon	Office
3	Ms. Krunali Mahindrakar	Assistant Professor	BBA
4	Ms. Saaimah Patel	Assistant Professor	Biotechnology
5	Mr. Boddula Rajiv	Student Assistant	Gymkhana
6	Mr. Ganesh Gaikwad	Assistant Professor	BFM
7	Ms. Aarti D Patel	Assistant Professor	Fashion Designer
8	Ms. Avantika Vinod Jadhav	Jr. Clerk	

The Chairman appraised the members that from AY 2024-2025, BMS and BBA programs are shifted under AICTE. However, in two years, we realized that the expectations with AICTE affiliation are not fulfilled. The reasons to this effect are: Consistently low student admissions over the past two years, Late starting of the semester creating confusion among the learners, The tedious and lengthy approval process, requiring significant administrative time and compliance with FRA (Fee Regulatory Authority) and ARA (Admission Regulatory Authority) efforts, The substantial annual financial burden, including approval fees, affiliation fees, fees towards affiliation application, natural growth and continuation of affiliation fees payable to AICTE and MHCET authorities. The programs have thus become financially and academically non-viable, resulting in continuous losses for the institution. Management authorities in consultation with the department of Management Studies which coordinates the BMS and BBA program proposed to withdraw from the AICTE affiliation for the above said programs. The matter will be placed in front of the Governing Body for their comments and approval.

The Chairman informed the house that with NEP 2020 the student data on ABC portal is mandatory and the data in Digi Locker for an institute is to be made available from AY 2021-2022. Technical errors are still incurred uploading the data of 2021-2022. However, in the Digi Locker of the institute, in the last five years, 18,486 student data is available for UG Aided, 13,530 for UG Self finance, 670 for PG Aided and 6630 student data for PG Self finance. Overall, 39,316 student data is available on the NAD Portal. For the current Academic Year 2025-2026, student data shall be uploaded before the due date which could tentatively be in the month of June as per previous year deadlines.

The Chairman informed the members that AQAR 24-25 submission to NAAC office is pending due to portal being non-accessible. However, at our end data compilation, data approval and data verification is completed and the file with compilation of current data is ready for uploading.

The Chairman appraised the house that Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of RJC facilitated the conduct of Open Defence viva voce for Doctorate Programs for the students registered with RJC Research Centers in different subjects. The details are mentioned below.

Sr No	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Research Supervisor	Subject	Title	Date
1	Ms. Maya Singh	Prof. Neeta Chakravarty	English	THE POLITICS OF (DIS) EMBODIMENT: CORPOREAL FEMINIST READING OF THE SELECTED NOVELS OF GITHA HARIHARAN, ARUNDHATI ROY AND ANUJA CHAUHAN	01/08/2025
2	Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Dr. Mithilesh Sharma	Hindi	IKKEESAVEEN SADI MEIN MUMBAI KE HINDI LOKVRITT (PUBLIC SPHERE) KA BHASHIK ANUSHEELAN	16/08/2025
3	Mrs. Pooja Bharadwaj	Prof. Saraswathy Moorthy	Commerce	A STUDY ON IMPACT OF PROMOTIONAL MARKETING STRATEGIES OF FMCG SECTOR ON BUYING BEHAVIOUR OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN MUMBAI AND NAVI MUMBAI	24/11/2025
4	Satyajodha Subramanian Kaushik	Dr. Himanshu Dawda	Botany	ECO-RESTORATION OF MANGROVES OF MITHI RIVER	19/01/2026
5	Sanika Shailesh Gupte	Dr. Vaishali Soman	Zoology	ECOLOGICAL STUDY OF ANTS WITH REFERENCE TO LAND USE PATTERN IN AND AROUND MALE VILLAGE, MAHARASHTRA	03/02/2026

He further appraised the members that Ms. Nandini Jaganarayan- Department of BBI, Ms. Mala Goplani - Department of BBI, Mr. Lakshmikant Kanaujia- Department of BAF and Ms. Priya Singh -Department of Zoology completed their doctorate in this Academic Year.

The Chairman shared with the members that under NEP 2020, there many verticals in addition to core subject learning. inter disciplinary verticals of OEC/GEC, Inter- departmental work assignments for verticals like AEC which has CS and MIL, VEC for imparting environmental education, industry tie up for student OJT, definite hours of engagement with students in CEP and RP, has changed the teacher's role drastically. Teacher is not just a teacher but becoming a true mentor for students. The requirement of teachers to deliver all verticals successfully is very much needed. Also, majority of the verticals of NEP 2020 must be rooted through the Major subject and thus every department has its hands more than just full. Joint Directors office has taken note of this and so far, two workshops have been held wherein institutional workload in alignment with the student number has been submitted for scrutiny. Our institution has submitted all the details to Joint Director's Office.

The Chairman informed the members that as per University Academic Calendar 2025-26, summer vacation shall commence from 1st May 2026, and the college will reopen for the new Academic Year 2026-2027 on 13th June 2026. Semester end examinations of UG and PG will be completed before 30th April 2026 and results followed by admissions to higher grades shall be completed in the month of May 2026.

Vice Chancellor Nominee Principal Dr. Manali Londhe appreciated the meticulous planning of Fourth Year of Undergraduate Honor's Program by all the departments, especially the new departments of Interior Design and Animation-VFX. Her submission was that students of these study programs require a talent of conceptualization, visualization and characterization of the structured thought process which can be nurtured by the faculty who can provide them with robust curriculum that enhances their engagement and fosters their thinking ability. She congratulated the respective Chairman for the efforts taken. VC Nominee Principal Dr Pradnya Prabhu conveyed her congratulations to Interior Design department for their participation in prestigious Kala Ghoda festival. She further congratulated all the departments for their preparation for the Honor's Degree program at UG Level and the innovation adopted in identifying areas for student CEP and OJT.

Chairman thanked the experts for their positive remarks and stated that it motivates them to do better work academically and be socially relevant and useful.

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



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