

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 19th April 2025

The meeting of the Academic Council of R.J. College (Empowered Autonomous) was held on Saturday, 19th April 2025 at 10.00 am via Hybrid Mode from the Seminar Room of the College. Member Secretary, Maj. Pravin Nayak welcomed the new team of VC Experts and thanked the outgoing team of VC Nominee Experts. He then 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 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. Prof. Dr. Kiran Kolwankar
4. Dr. Vaishnavi Sridhar

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 (Elevated as HOD in January 2025)
4	Dr. Devraj Pawar	Physics
5	Ms. Chhaya Pingre	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	Mr. Bhushan Arekar	Political Science
14	Dr. Rina Pitale Puradkar	Philosophy (Elevated as HOD in January 2025)
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	Ms. Nandini Jagannarayan	Banking and Insurance
23	Ms. Kalaiselvi Nadar	BMS & BBA
24	Ms. Rekha Shetty	BAF

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

The following business was then transacted:

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2024.

Resolution 1: Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2024 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 Third Year curriculum of UG study programs under NEP and starting of new programs from the Academic year 2025-2026.

The Chairman informed the members that this is the second meeting of Academic Council in the current Academic year 2024-2025 and many departments have already received approval of their new curriculum of TY under NEP in the last Academic council meeting held on 22nd October 2024. Hence, they shall not be giving any presentation today. Some departments needed more discussions with their BoS members before they finalize the functionality of NEP verticals such as FP, CEP and OJT which all appear with considerable credit weightage in TY. Their fruitful discussions which resulted in finalization of these verticals and hence they shall be making their presentations today. Some departments had obtained approval for only the semester V curriculum in the last Academic council and hence they would place today the curriculum of Semester VI for the approval of the Academic council. Departments of BMS, IT and Health care propose to start new UG, PG and diploma/ certificate courses to which effect they shall make the presentations seeking approval of the academic council.

Item 2.1: Approval of New programs

Item 2.1.1. The BoS in the **subject of BMS** in its meeting held on 25/02/2025 recommended starting of **new UG program, Bachelor of Commerce in Financial Markets (BFM)** with an intake capacity of 60 students at the entry level with HSC or equivalent in Commerce as the eligibility criteria. The proposed fees structure at First Year level shall be Rs. 32,045/-. The BoS in BMS

also designed the detailed curriculum for Semester I and II of this new BFM program under different verticals of NEP such as Major, Minor, OEC, VSE, SEC, VEC, AEC and CC. The proposal for starting this new program with a detailed curriculum was passed in the BoS meeting of BMS held on 25/02/2025 and was placed in front of the academic council for their approval in its meeting held on 19/04/2025.

Resolution 2.1.1: The proposal for starting a new UG program called Bachelor of Commerce in Financial Markets (BFM) with an intake capacity of 60 students at entry level and recommended by the BoS in BMS was approved and unanimously passed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its implementation from Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.1.2: The Chairman BoS in **Department of Health Care** in its meeting held on 04/01/2025 proposed starting of **new PG program called Masters in Hospital Administration (MHA)** with intake capacity of 60 at the entry level. Any student who has completed his/her graduation in any stream from any UGC recognized university shall be eligible for this program. The proposed fee structure for the First Year shall be Rs 62,175/-. The curriculum has been designed as per NEP with OJT per year corresponding to 6 credits. CEP, OJT, group projects shall form an integral part of the training. The department has partnered with NMMC Hospital, ST. George's Hospital, Fortis Hospital, MCH hospital, VVMC hospital for the OJT completion of the students. The BoS approved the curriculum of new program, eligibility criteria and preparedness of the department for student CEP and OJT in its meeting held on 04/01/2025 and submitted the proposal to Academic council for their approval in its meeting to be held on 19/04/2025.

Resolution 2.1.2: The proposal for starting a new PG program in MHA from the AY 2025-2026 with defined eligibility criteria, detailed curriculum with specific electives, proposed fee structure and preparedness of the department for student CEP and OJT approved by the BoS in Healthcare in its meeting held on 04/01/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the coming AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.1.3: The Chairman **BoS in Information Technology** in its meeting held on 28th February 2025 proposed starting of **new PG Diploma in 'Drone Operations in Logistics'** in association with Logistics Sector Skill Council of India with intake capacity of 40. Any student with a bachelor's degree in any discipline shall be eligible for this diploma. Program structure shall include 8 course work papers and 300 hours of skill training each semester. The proposed fees shall be Rs 1,60,000/-which includes Drone License fees.

Resolution 2.1.3: The proposal for starting a new PG Diploma in 'Drone Operations in Logistics' from the AY 2025-2026 with defined eligibility criteria, program structure and proposed fees structure by the department of Information Technology approved by the BoS in the subject in its meeting held on 28th February 2025 and placed in front of Academic council in its meeting on 19th April 2025 be passed unanimously for its implementation from the AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.1.4: The Chairman **BoS in Information Technology** in its meeting held on 28th February 2025 proposed starting of **new PG Diploma in 'Big Data & AI in Logistics'** in association with Logistics Sector Skill Council of India with the intake capacity of 40. Any student with a bachelor's degree in any discipline shall be eligible for this diploma. Program structure will include course work in Real Time Transportation & Logistics as well hands on project-based learning. The proposed fees shall be Rs 1,20,000/-.

Resolution 2.1.4: The proposal by the BoS in Information Technology for starting a new PG Diploma in 'Big Data & AI in Logistics' from the AY 2025-2026 with defined eligibility criteria, program structure and proposed fees structure by the department of Information Technology approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 28TH February 2025 and placed in front of Academic council in its meeting on 19th April 2025 was passed unanimously for its implementation from the AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.1.5: The Chairman BoS in Information Technology in its meeting held on 28th February 2025 proposed starting of new Certificate Program 'Drone Operations in Logistics' with the intake capacity of 40. Any student with class 12 pass shall be eligible for the course. The certifying body shall be Logistics Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India. Draft program structure shall include course work and skill training. The proposed fee structure shall be Rs 75,000/-.

Resolution 2.1.5: The proposal for starting a new Certificate Program in 'Drone Operations in Logistics' from the AY 2025-2026 with defined eligibility criteria, program structure and proposed fees structure by the department of Information Technology approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 28TH February 2025 and placed in front of Academic council in its meeting on 19th April 2025 to be passed unanimously for its implementation from the AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.2: Approval of curriculum of TY under NEP

Item 2.2.1: Department of Accountancy in its BoS meeting held on 27/02/2025 discussed the sectors where students can complete their CEP vertical under NEP in Semester V. in line with the approved TY syllabus in accountancy in the last Academic Council held on 22/10/2024, the department focused on identifying the sector for CEP. Shortlisted sectors approved by BoS are Insurance, banking, personal finance, digital marketing, E-commerce, consumer rights, entrepreneurship, good health & well-being, sustainable business practices, consumer education on digital safety, self-help groups and energy saving campaigns etc. The Chairman BoS also proposed that the subsidiary part of CEP shall be a coursework on social entrepreneurship involving features like identifying social issues and successful social entrepreneurs through case studies. The Chairman placed the above details in front of the academic council on 19/04/2025 for their approval.

Resolution 2.2.1: The sectors for CEP of Semester V and the coursework on Social entrepreneurship as a part of CEP recommended by the BoS in accountancy in its meeting held on 27/02/2025 and further placed in Academic Council meeting of 19th April 2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation for AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.2: The Department of Commerce in its BoS meeting held on 03/03/2025 discussed and approved the OJT format (4 credits) of Semester VI for TY syllabus under NEP to be implemented from AY 2025-2026. The Chairman informed the house that the detailed curriculum under different vertical of NEP except OJT have been approved in the previous academic council meeting held on 22/10/2024. The recommended areas of OJT included marketing, advertising, trading, shipping, supply chain management and logistics, tourism, banking accounting, finance, human resources, BPO, KPO, event management, education and any other field related to commerce and accountancy. OJT engagement of students shall be on 120 hours and evaluation shall be of 100 marks with the pattern of 40+40+20. OJT provider

(40), mentor at department level (40), and PPT presentation and OJT report submission by the student (20). Every student shall collect OJT booklet for evaluation which shall include appointment letter, job description, daily work log and geotagged photos. BoS approved OJT format was then placed in academic council meeting held on 19/04/2025.

Resolution 2.2.2: OJT preparedness with evaluation grid proposed by department of commerce and further approved by BoS in Commerce in its meeting held on 03/03/2025 and placed in front of academic council held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.3: Department of Economics in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 proposed, deliberate and finalized the syllabus for Third Year semester VI under NEP with already approved semester V curriculum in the previous academic council meeting held on 22/10/2024. In Semester VI, 3 DSC papers shall be on Macroeconomics - III, Economics of Development-II and Indian Economy. Two DSE choices offered in semester V shall be research methodology & statistics- II and environmental economics. VSC in Semester VI, 4 credits three DSCs shall be Quantitative Economics. 120 hrs. OJT corresponding to 4 credits shall be departmental efforts in coordinating with MIDC, banks, NGOs, IT hubs and textile boards for seeking internship. The BoS approved Semester VI syllabus with OJT preparedness was then placed in academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.3: The syllabus for Third Year NEP with curriculum details and OJT preparedness recommended by the BoS in its meeting held on 25/02/2025 and further placed in academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from AY 25-2026.

Item 2.2.4: The Department of Hindi in its BoS meeting held on 28/02/2025 proposed a minor change in the curriculum of semester IV under NEP. The second paper under Major corresponding to 3 credits is to be changed and a novel by Mamta Kalia titled '*Sapno Ki Home Delivery*' be taught instead of a novel by Ramesh Bakshi titled '*Athar Sooraj Ke Paudhe*'. The Chairman further updated the house that the syllabus for TY under NEP with detailed curriculum and the preparedness by the department in every vertical including CEP and OJT has been approved by the previous academic council in its meeting held on 22/10/2024.

Resolution 2.2.4: The minor changes in the existing curriculum of one of the compulsory papers of semester IV approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 and placed in front of academic council meeting of 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the Academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2. 5: The Department of Marathi in its BoS meeting held on 04/03/2025 deliberate and finalized the sectors where students can complete field project and/or CEP of semester V. Field project can be interview and report writing in relation to the culture and literature heritage related to Marathi language or relevance of any popular text communicated in the backdrop of the socio-economic status of people in rural Maharashtra. This was placed in the Academic Council meeting held on 19th April 2025 for their approval.

Resolution 2.2.5: FP and CEP preparedness of department of Marathi approved and recommended by the BoS in Marathi in its meeting held on 04/03/2025 and further placed in

Academic Council in its meeting held on 19th April 2025 be passed unanimously for its implementation from the Academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.6: The Department of Botany in its BoS meeting held on 03/03/2025 finalized the Question Paper pattern for the Third-Year curriculum under NEP based on Bloom's Taxonomy. Bloom's Taxonomy is an evaluative method testing the different levels of learning. The levels are remember, understand, apply, analyze, evaluate and create. The curriculum of Botany has unitization and at TY each 4 credit 100 marks paper has 4 units. Applying 60:40 pattern adopted under autonomy, SEE is of 60 marks. Under Bloom's Taxonomy, each question paper will have 4 questions with each question having 4 sub questions covering all four units. Q1, Q2, Q3 each shall be of 16 marks covering total 80% and Q4 of 12 marks corresponding to reaming 20%. Q1 will check the level of remember and understand, Q2 designed to understand and apply, Q3 will test knowledge in terms of apply and analyze, whereas Q4 will be 'simulation' covering the levels of evaluate and create. As against the conventional setting of question paper where mark list will only show overall pattern of performance of students in a class, applying Bloom's Taxonomy, it will provide an insight into every students aptitude, thinking ability, cognitive skills by observing how many students attempt questions with increasing complexity that demands thinking, application and creation. It will serve as an index of how many students show interest for higher studies and research. It was placed in front of academic council in the meeting held on 19/04/2025 for their approval.

Resolution 2.2.6: BoS in Botany in its meeting held on 03/03/2025 with the approval of question paper based on Bloom's Taxonomy and placed in front of Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.7: The department of BMS in its BoS meeting held on 25/02/2025 finalized the curriculum for Third Year BMS program under NEP with three Major electives offered to students as Finance, Marketing and HRM in both Semester V and VI. VSC shall be a project work and students shall completed the vertical of CEP through the well-designed methodology by department in terms of 'survey 2 solution' in Semester Major core subjects shall focus on 'Logistics & Supply', 'Chain Management' and 'Event Management' in Semester V and Operation Research, Business Simulation and Corporate Communication and Public Relation in Semester VI. This curriculum was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.7: Curriculum for the third year under NEP for the BMS program approved in the Bos meeting of BMS held on 25/02/2025 and placed in Academic Council meeting of 19/04/2025 be passed unanimously for its implementation from Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.8: Department of Chemistry in its BoS meeting held on 03/03/2025 approved the syllabus of Third Year under NEP with core subject papers in both Semesters covering Organic, Inorganic, Physical and Analytical Chemistry. 4 credit DSE in Semester V and VI will offer choice between two papers – Drugs & Dyes and Polymer Chemistry. VSE for Semester V shall be Water and Soil Chemistry and in Semester VI Chemistry of Cosmetics and Perfumes. Both VSE shall be practical based. OJT partnership initiated by department for the benefit of students is with chemical industries, pharmacy stores, pathology labs and instrument operation centers.

Resolution 2.2.8: The syllabus of Third Year NEP with OJT preparedness recommended by the BoS in the subject of chemistry in its meeting held on 03/03/2025 and placed in front of Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be passed unanimously for its implementation from Academic year 2025-2026

Item 2.2.9: The department of Fashion Designing in its BoS meeting held on 25/02/2025 presented the detailed curriculum under semester V and VI. DSE shall cover aspects of Traditional and Modern Costumes and Quality Control. In semester V, VSE offered shall be 'construction of ethnic wear' or 'construction of western wear'. 'Computer aided designing' shall form the VSE in semester VI. The syllabus placed in front of the BoS held on 25/02/2025 was then placed in front of the academic council for its approval for its implementation from academic year 2025-2026 for their approval.

Resolution 2.2.9: The curriculum of Third Year under NEP for Fashion Designing, curated and approved by the BoS in Fashion Designing in its meeting held on 25/02/2025 and placed in the Academic Council meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed by the academic council for its implementation from the academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.10: The Department of Interior Design in its BoS meeting held on 28/02/2025 presented the detailed curriculum under Semester V and VI. DSE in semester V shall include 'Interior Working Drawings' whereas Semester VI shall focus on 'Interior Working Drawings' at an elevated level of learning. DSE will offer a wide choice from different add on aspects of interior designing and Semester VI DSE will focus mainly on 'Current Trends in Interior Designing'. The department also prepared VSC modules for Semester V and Semester VI focusing on research methodology adopted to understand the fundamentals of critical aspects of study interior spaces. The prepared syllabus by the BoS then was placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for the approval.

Resolution 2.2.10: The curriculum of Third Year under NEP for Interior Designing, curated and approved by the BoS in Interior Design in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 and placed in the Academic Council meeting held on 19/04/2025 be passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.11: The BoS in the subject of History in its meeting held on 03/03/2025 finalized the syllabus for Third Year under NEP with DSC Semester V focusing on Contemporary World History and History of Marathas. DSE will cover History of Ancient Civilizations. History of Media will be dealt with in VSC. Field Project will be related to Archive visits. In semester VI, DSC will focus on History of Asia and History of Ancient Maharashtra. DSE will cover Women in Indian History. Introduction to Archaeology will be covered in through the vertical of VSE. With the input of experts on BoS, the detailed curriculum was finalized in the BoS meeting held on 03/03/2025 and was then placed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for the approval.

Resolution 2.2.11: The curriculum of Third Year under NEP for History, curated and approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 03/03/2025 and placed in the Academic Council meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.12: The BoS in the subject of Psychology in its meeting held on 22/03/2025 approved the syllabus of Third Year Psychology under NEP. Abnormal psychology, Cognitive psychology and Psychological testing & statistics will be taught in Semester V & VI under DSC. Under DSE, focus would be on practical psychology through experimentation and case studies. Counselling Psychology will be covered under VSC. Field projects would be based on psychological disorders, case studies and survey-based studies. For OJT, tie up with Thane Mental Hospital is initiated by the department. This approved curriculum was then placed in Academic Council meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.12: The Curriculum of Third Year under NEP for Psychology curated and approved by the BoS in Psychology in its meeting held on 22/03/2025 and placed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be unanimously passed for its implementation from the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.13: The BoS in the subject of Zoology in its meeting held on 08/03/2025 approved the syllabus of third year Zoology under NEP. Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates-I, Developmental Biology of Frog, Basic Hematology and Homeostasis will form the core subject papers (DSC) for Semester V. For Semester VI, core subject papers shall be Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates-II, Developmental Biology of Chick, Basic Immunology, Chemical Messengers and Cardiac Physiology. DSE choices for Semester V shall be Epidemiology and Behavioral Biology. For Semester VI, DSE choices shall be Public Health and Diseases and Ethology. VSC for Semester V, will deal with Economic Zoology, and for Semester VI, Environment & Environmental Pollution. The BoS also approved the grid for evaluation of Field Projects (Semester V) and OJT (Semester VI). The proposed curriculum was approved by BoS and was placed in front of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.13: The curriculum under NEP for Zoology and the evaluation of grids for FP and OJT approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 08/03/2025 and further placed in front of the Academic Council for its approval in the meeting held on 19/04/2025 be unanimously passed for its implementation from Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.14: The BoS in the subject of Mathematics in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 explained the departmental preparedness for CEP and OJT of Semester V and Semester VI respectively. The detailed curriculum of TY under DSC, DSE, VSC has already been approved by the BoS in mathematics in its earlier meeting and further approved by the Academic Council in its last meeting held on 22/10/2024. CEP shall be completed by students as a survey among school students about difficulties in learning the subject of Mathematics. CEP Students shall participate in creating awareness among the school children to overcome Math's phobia. They should use origami, geometry etc. as tools to make mathematics enjoyable for students. Department identified the sectors such as Math's tutor, tutor for quantitative aptitude in competitive exams, academic research, online mathematics learning platforms and finance and banking where students will be assisted to complete their training. BoS approved the CEP and OJT preparation by the department and the details were then placed in front of the Academic Council on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.14: The preparedness for CEP and OJT for the students of Mathematics discussed and approved by BoS in Mathematics in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 and further placed for the approval of Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.15: The Bos in the subject of statistics in its meeting held on 22/02/2025 finalized the syllabus of semester VI of third year NEP (syllabus of semester V has been approved in the previous BoS and further approved in the previous academic council meeting held on 22/10/2024). DSC for semester VI shall be with three papers on- Distribution theory and stochastic process, Testing of hypothesis and Statistics through practicals. Elements of Actuarial Science and introduction to Six Sigma shall be offered to students as DSE in semester VI. VSC will be based on Python Programming. BoS approved 4 credit OJT via internship at NSO, subject related project assignments and internships at educational institutes. The approved syllabus was then placed in academic council for the approval in its meeting held on 19/04/2025.

Resolution 2.2.15: The curriculum of third year under NEP for Statistics approved by the BoS in its meeting held on 22/02/2025 and placed in front of the Academic Council for its approval in the meeting held on 19/04/2025 be unanimously passed for its implementation from the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.16: The BoS in the subject of physics in its meeting held on 06/03/2025 finalized the syllabus of third year under NEP. In Semester V, 12 credits DSC shall be through tutorial embedded three papers, namely, Oscillatory Phenomena, Modern Physics and Advanced Thermodynamics. Advanced Lab 1 shall be for three credits pertaining to experiments of above theory topics. DSE for Semester V where a student can choose between Analog Electronics or Computational Physics Part I. VSC of 4 credits for semester V shall be Applied Electronics and Advanced Python Programming II. CEP completed by students shall be demonstration of physics experiments to the students at junior college. For semester VI, DSC three papers shall be on Advanced Mechanics, Electrodynamics and Nuclei, atoms, molecules and solids. 3 credits advanced lab 2 will deal with experimentation. Semester VI DSE choices shall be Digital Electronics and Computational Physics II. through VSC of semester VI students will be introduced to Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence. This curriculum discussed, deliberated and finalized by BoS in Physics was approved in its BoS meeting held on 06/03/2025 was then placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.16: The curriculum of Third Year under NEP for Physics, curated and approved by the BoS in physics in its meeting held on 06/03/2025 and further placed in academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.17: The BoS in the subject of information technology in its meeting held on 28/02/2025 discussed and approved the TY syllabus under NEP offering DSC coursework focusing on full stack development with MERN technologies and Java programming for Semester V and for Semester VI, Advanced Web Development and Information Security. In

semester V, 2 electives offered by the department shall be Linux Administration and Artificial Intelligence and its Applications. For semester VI, Geographical Information Systems or Software Testing & Quality Assurance to choose from for DSE. Department selected field projects for semester V and 4 credit OJT mandatory as per grid for semester VI.

Resolution 2.2.17: The curriculum of TY under NEP for the subject of IT prepared and recommended by BoS in IT and placed in front of academic council for their approval in the meeting of 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from the coming academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.18: The Department of Philosophy in its BoS meeting held on 04/03/2025 discussed, deliberate and approved the syllabus for TY under NEP. DSC in semester V shall focus on Yoga, Philosophy of Contemporary Thinkers, Philosophy of Religion, Traditional Classification of Proposition, Syllogism etc. Semester VI curriculum of DSE papers shall be on Rationalism, Empiricism, Challenges to Religion, Question of Evil, Relational Logic etc. DSE in both semesters shall comprehensively focus on Art of Yoga, and Applications of Yoga. VSC of semester VI will focus on Religious Attitude towards the Environment and in semester VI focus shall be on Bioethical Issues and Sexual Ethics. This approved syllabi by BoS in Philosophy in its meeting held on 04/03/2025 was placed in academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for its approval.

Resolution 2.2.18: The syllabus for third year NEP in the subject of Philosophy with detailed curriculum for DSC, DSE and VSC approved by its BoS in the meeting of 04/03/2025 and placed in front of academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from academic year 2025-2026.

Item 2.2.19: The Department of Political Science in its BoS meeting held on 05/03/2025 finalized the syllabus for semester VI under NEP. for semester VI DSC papers shall be Modern Political Thoughts, Public Policy in India and Election & Media Dynamics. Students shall choose any one DSE out of two DSEs offered by the department, namely, Dynamics of Power in Maharashtra and Political Process in America. Students shall learn issues in International Relations through VSC. Skilled based training will be imparted through OJT. Department has signed MoU with Praja Foundation for, liaising with government agencies, tapping non-governmental organizations and are in talks with civil societal groups. The BoS approved syllabus for Sem VI under NEP was then placed in academic council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 for their approval.

Resolution 2.2.20: curriculum of Sem VI under NEP in the subject of Political Science approved by Bos in the subject in its meeting held on 05/03/2025 and further placed for the approval of Academic Council in its meeting held on 19/04/2025 be approved and passed unanimously for its implementation from academic year 2025-2026.

Item 3: Revision brought in the Rules and Regulations applicable in the Assessment and ATKT for Second Year under NEP.

The Chairman appraised the house that the Rules and Regulations Committee under autonomy revisited the existing rules and regulations for First Year ATKT under NEP and in light of the

same, finalized the applicable rules and regulations for Second Year ATKT under NEP in this Academic year. The Controller of Examinations Major Pravin Nayak appraised the house regarding the revised rules and regulations laid down pertaining to the assessment and ATKT in FY, SY of UG under NEP.

A) For FY-

A learner under NEP shall have an examination of 550 marks to which effect ATKT is allowed for maximum of 225 marks corresponding to 2/3/4 courses but the learner must have passed in at least one theory course of Major/Minor at First Year.

B) For SY-

A learner under NEP shall have an examination of 550 marks to which effect ATKT is allowed for maximum of 225 marks corresponding to 2/3/4/5 courses but the learner must have passed in at least one theory course of Major/Minor at Second Year.

Controller of Examinations informed the members that at PG level, A learner under NEP shall have an examination of 550 marks per Semester which is equivalent to 22 credits. Irrespective of the marks obtained by the learner in the internal examination in every Semester, which also includes not appearing for the internal assessment and remaining absent, to meet up with the minimum qualifying percentage of 40, a learner must obtain a minimum of 40% in the respective SEE (External).

Controller of Examinations further stated that all the ordinances pertaining to examinations adopted under autonomy shall remain in effect as it is with no change. On behalf of EC, the Controller of Examinations had a humble submission to Academic council to allow bringing in the changes from the immediate effect.

Resolution 3: it was resolved that 'the revisions brought in by the college Rules and Regulation committee under autonomy for the rules and regulations applicable in the Assessment and ATKT for First Year and Second Year under NEP and revision in PG assessment brought in from the current academic year and placed in front of academic council for their approval in the meeting held on 19th April 2025 for their immediate approval be accepted and passed unanimously for its implementation with immediate effect'.

Item 4: Any other matter.

While updating the house on promotion of teachers under CAS in multiple schedules in a single year, the Chairman informed the house that CAS schedule 2 for Six teachers that was put on hold till 23rd November 2024 due to Assembly Election *Achar Sanhita* (Code of Conduct), the schedule was completed on 21st December 2024 where five teachers from Chemistry and one teacher from Hindi defended for their promotion. Also, the third and final schedule of CAS this year is scheduled for 23rd April 2025 wherein two candidates, Dr Rina Pitale Puradkar, Head, Dept of Philosophy and Dr. Shubhangi Vedak, Librarian shall defend their promotion from Associate Professor stage 14 to Professor stage 15.

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). 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. As per our last communication with respected Joint Director Sir, certain technical matter demands for more in depth study in connection with these appointments resulting in overall delay in the clearing process. JD sir has assured that he will investigate the matter personally and communicate at the earliest.

While updating the house on CHB appointments and contractual appointments, the chairman informed the members that the pending CHB approval of 2 teachers, one each in the subject of Chemistry and Statistics has been received on 4th April 2025 and the files with remuneration calculation as per the guidelines applicable to CHB position have been submitted to the Joint Director's office. Also, twenty-one contractual appointments made in teaching section and nine contractual appointments made in non-teaching section by the management in the beginning of the academic year shall continue till the end of Academic Year 30th April 2025.

The Chairman shared with the house that the college has total 9 Research Centers across all three faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce. LIC (Local Inquiry Committee) visit of 25th February 2025 in support of starting a Research Centre in the subject of Mathematics was completed by the Team of subject Experts sent by the Mumbai University. Dr Sanket Tikare, Assistant Professor from the Department of Mathematics who specializes in Applied Analysis received his Ph.D. recognition in December 2022 shall be the Research Supervisor in the subject of Mathematics on the campus of R J College. Dr Tikare is a sought-after teacher and a committed researcher. His areas of research include dynamic equations on time scales, difference equations, qualitative analysis of equations with impulses and delay. He has successfully built international collaborations with USA, Australia, France, Germany, Brazil, China and Egypt. Currently, two students are in the process of defining and deciding their research line in consultation with Dr. Tikare.

The chairman informed the house that the original document of NEP which forms the basis implementing NEP of autonomous colleges in 2023-2024 has a mention of Four-year Honors Degree program to be offered to the learner upon completion of Three - year UG program. However, there has been no further communication from the University and more clarity is sought from the University on this matter. The original document does mention about the fulfilment of certain criteria in the process. Like, requirement of the academic score in the core subject with consistently good performance of the student in Major (Core) subject and having acquired not less than 70% in the semesters completed so far and the mandatory existence of the functional PG departs for the subject with the college. Clarity is also sought in understanding whether the fourth year under Honors Degree shall be the first year under PG and, if so, students successfully completing honors degree can with one additional year of PG be eligible for integrated PG? The Chairman expressed the hope that the required guidance will soon be received from the University.

The chairman shared with the members that under NEP, the student performance and progression data is mandatory to fill in the ABC (Academic Bank of Credit) portal also called NAD (National Academic Depository) Portal. It is mandatory that through Digi Locker, every student creates his/her ABC ID. Respective colleges are required to upload the data of their student (credits earned by the learner) in two semesters per every academic year in the ABC portal. Updating the house on data of RJ Students available on ABC portal as on today, the Chairman informed the members that for PG programs, for AY 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, data has been fully uploaded. For UG, the data for Sem I and II for 2021-22, data of Sem III, IV, V, VI of 2022-23 and all Semester data of 2023-24 is uploaded. Balance data is verified and kept ready for uploading as and when the portal is made accessible for respective semesters. Currently the portal is inaccessible. Total of 10000+ students in UG and 3000+ students in PG credits are accessible through Digi Locker. He further apprised the members that for the current AY 2024-2025, the deadline given for data uploading in ABC portal is 20th June 2025. The qualifying semester results shall be declared soon, and we will be able to meet up with this closing date.

The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to IQAC coordinator Dr Bhushan Arekar and his team who under the mentorship of our Director Dr Usha Mukundan ably shouldered a huge quantum of work and achieved desired curriculum under each vertical of NEP right from FY to TY. At the same time, he and his team kept all teachers motivated. It is indeed a very challenging task, but our vibrant IQAC unitedly did it. Currently IQAC is focusing on Binary Accreditation. NAAC documentation released on 19th March 2024 which is applicable to all affiliated and autonomous colleges of Western regions mentions for the metric criteria with metric title and metric description. It's mainly focusing on Outcome based education and describes role of HEI to bring in a robust process in place which leads to inputs bearing fruits. It focuses on minimizing 'diversions' and bringing in 'inclusiveness'. It is an 'Input-Process-Outcome' exercise for academic growth of any HEI.

The chairman shared with the house that the academic terms for 2025-2026 are still not received from the University. However, summer vacation mentioned in the circular of academic year 2024-2025 is from 01-05-2025 to 12/06/2025. As per this communication, the college will reopen for the new AY 2025-2026 on 13th June 2025.

Prin. Dr Manili Londhe, Vice Chancellor Nominee appreciated the efforts taken by all the departments in designing the curriculum for third year under NEP and specially appreciated the preparedness of different departments for the vertical like OJT which is being introduced for the first time in NEP structure in TY Sem VI. Dr Londhe made a special mention of new program designed by the department of Healthcare, namely, Masters in Hospital Administration (MHA). She described it as a welcome step after the college having successfully run the MLT and MIT programs at UG level by the same department. Prin. Dr Kishan Pawar, VC Nominee congratulated the principal and his team for curriculum design in TY where every vertical complements and contributes towards the core subject ability enhancement for the student. He appreciated the incorporation of applied aspects of the subjects wherever possible in the curriculum by clever use of different verticals of NEP available at their disposal.

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



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