

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER, 2024

The thirteenth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English was held on 6th September, 2024, and it was attended by the following members:

1. Ms Jihasa Vachharajani: Chairperson, and Head, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
2. Dr Marie Fernandes: **VC's Nominee** – Principal, St Andrew's College, Mumbai
3. Prof Mala Pandurang: **Subject Expert** – Principal, Dr BMN College of Home Science (Autonomous), (SNDT University, Mumbai)
4. Dr Samrita Sinha: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
5. Ms Nishtha Dev: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
6. Dr Elwin Susan John: Member, Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous)
7. Ms Prerana Patel: **Post-Graduate Meritorious Alumna** – Ph.D scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Bombay

The following members remained absent:

1. Dr Asha Achuthan: **Subject Expert** – Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
8. Mr Jeronimo Pinto: **Representative from the Industry or the Corporate Sector/Allied Area** – Writer

The minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of English, Sophia College (Autonomous), held on April 1, 2024, were read and passed unanimously.

Ms Vachharajani informed the Board that the add-on course titled “Introduction to Critical Plant Studies” that was approved during the April 1, 2024 BoS meeting would double up as a Co-Curricular Course for the SYBA Semester III NEP students. As an add-on course, the course will be open to third year students. Ms Vachharajani and Dr Elwin Susan John updated members on the structure and the content of the course.

Ms Vachharajani presented the course content of the SYBA Semester III Field Project for the academic year 2024-25 titled “Communities Built Around Hobbies and Leisure in Mumbai” to the members. Prof Pandurang, Dr Fernandes and Ms Patel suggested ways of connecting the content of the Field Project with topics from the syllabus.

The meeting then ended with the Chairperson extending warm thanks, on behalf of the Department, to the external members of the Board of Studies for their generous expenditure of time, energy and thought.