

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Board of Studies in History held on 12th April 2024 at Sophia College.

Present:

Swarupa Kamat, Dr. Poncha, Manisha Sakure, Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Kurush Dalal.

Duration: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Agenda:

1. To pass the Minutes of the previous meeting
2. To approve the syllabi, drafted as per NEP guidelines, for Semesters III and IV of SYBA (8 courses)
3. To approve the Assessment Pattern for the SYBA courses
4. To approve possible Certificate Courses to be held in the next academic year.
5. Anything else with the consent of the Chair

Minutes

S. Kamat welcomed the BoS members to the online meeting. She stated that Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar and Prof. Manjiri Kamat had been granted leave of absence as both had professional commitments.

1. To pass the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2023 were shared with the Board members. Dr. Dalal proposed that the minutes be declared as passed and this was seconded Dr. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay

2. To approve the syllabi, drafted as per NEP guidelines, for Semesters III and IV of SYBA (8 courses)

S. Kamat informed the Board that due to workload considerations, the department had not been given any Open Electives in 2023-24 and this would continue in 2024-25.

The new syllabi of two papers for Major, one paper for Minor and one paper for VSC/SEC of each semester were shared with the Board.

S. Kamat informed the Board that in the Third Year, the Minor students would be doing only one two-credit course in each semester. Hence in the Second Year, where they did a four-credit course in each semester, the papers selected for them were broad based i.e. they had a larger time period, to ensure a deeper understanding of critical periods in History.

The Board were presented with the draft of the new syllabus prepared for each course. The following changes were made:

Sem III

Major Paper 3

Title: HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA (1000 CE - 1526 CE). AHIS233MJ

Sub-unit 1.1 changed from Political Conditions on the eve of the Turkish Invasions to 'Conditions on the eve of the Turkish Invasions. This was to ensure that economic and socio-cultural conditions were also covered.

Sub-unit 1.3 changed from Khiljis to 'Delhi Sultanate under the Khiljis', to ensure uniformity of sub-topics.

Sub-unit 3.3 'Administration of the Deccan States' replaced by 'Art and Architecture of the South'. It was felt that any unique administrative features could be covered in sub-topics 3.1 and 3.2 that dealt with the Bahamani and Vijayanagara Empires.

Unit 4 title changed to 'Socio-Economic and cultural developments in early Medieval India' instead of Cultural developments in early Medieval India. This was to ensure that economic conditions were also covered.

Sub-unit 4.2 Art and Architecture of the South replaced by 'Socio-Economic conditions'.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

Major Paper 4

Title: RENAISSANCE TO EVE OF WORLD WAR I (C. 1300 CE - 1914 CE) AHIS234MJ

S,Kamat stated that this syllabus had been retained and had already been discussed and already approved by the Board. This syllabus was approved without any revisions.

Minor Paper 3

Title: Landmarks of British India (1757 CE - 1947 CE) AHIS233MN

Sub-unit 1.1 Arrival of the Europeans and Establishment of Power replaced by 'Background to the establishment of power'. This was to give a more compact title.

Sub-unit 1.2 Expansion of the British Empire in India replaced by 'Expansion in India', as the term 'British' was redundant.

Sub-unit 1.3 Economy and Administration under the East India Company replaced by 'Economy and Administration' as the term 'East India Company' was redundant.

Unit 4 title changed from 1942 to Independence to 'Towards Independence', as this was more compact title.

Sub-unit 4.1 changed from Quit India Movement to 'Major Events (1932-1942)', to cover more events.

Sub-unit 4.2 changed from Events leading to Independence to 'Quit India Movement and Independence'.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

VSC Paper 3

Title: ELEMENTS OF INDIAN ICONOGRAPHY AVSC304

S. Kamat stated that this was a new paper. It was based on the area of research Dr. Lata Pujari and flowed from the VSC paper of FYBA that covered Rock-cut and Temple Architecture

Unit 2 changed to incorporate the correct chronological order.

Unit 2 Buddhist, Jain and Hindu Iconography

2.1 Origin and development of Buddhist imagery, and symbols

2.2 Origin and development of Jain images, Tirthankaras and Symbolism of Jain iconography

2.3 Origin and development of Hindu icons

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

Sem IV

Major Paper 5

Title: HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA (1526 CE - 1707 CE) AHIS245MJ

Sub-Unit 2.1 Consolidation of the Mughal Empire under Jahangir and Shahjahan changed to 'Jahangir and Shahjahan', as the word 'consolidation' was not accurate.

Sub-Unit 2.2 Decline of the Mughal Empire changed to 'Aurangzeb and the decline of the Mughal Empire', to emphasize the role of Aurangzeb in initiating the decline.

Unit 4 title changed from Socio-Cultural Developments to 'Socio-Economic and Cultural Developments', to incorporate the economic developments.

Sub-unit 4.1 Din- i- illahi and Sikhism replaced by 'Socio-economic Conditions'.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

Major Paper 6

Title: HISTORY OF INDIA (C. 2ND CENTURY BCE TO 1000 CE) AHIS246MJ

Title changed from Ancient India: From the Shungas up to 1000 CE to 'History of India (c. 2nd century BCE to 1000 CE)' as Dr. M. Bandhopadhyay said that Ancient India was no longer considered to end in 1000 CE and the title could then be misleading.

Sub-unit 4.3 'Art and Architecture' changed to 'Art and Culture', to make it more broad based.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

Minor Paper 4

Title: Milestones in Indian History (1947 CE – 2000 CE) AHIS244MN

S.Kamat stated that this was a new paper. It focused on broad themes and she welcomed any suggestions from the Board that would make it more comprehensible and comprehensive.

Title changed from Landmarks of Indian History (1947 CE – 2000 CE) to Milestones in Indian History (1947 CE – 2000 CE) as the Board felt that ‘Milestones’ conveyed the objectives of this paper better than ‘Landmarks’.

Sub-unit 1.3 The Emergency replaced by ‘The Emergency and its aftermath’, to indicate that developments after the Emergency are being covered.

Sub-unit 2.2 New Economic Policy – Liberalisation and Globalisation replaced by ‘New Economic Policy – Liberalisation and Globalisation – and its impact’, to indicate coverage of the repercussions.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the changes listed above.

SEC Paper 4

Title: Museology **ASEC404**

S. Kamat stated that the two units for this syllabus had already been discussed and approved by the Board for the TYBA. The units had been part of Paper VI Introduction to Museology and Archival Science.

The Board unanimously approved this syllabus with the no changes.

3. To approve the Assessment Pattern for the SYBA courses

S. Kamat stated that Assessment Pattern for NEP that had been approved for FYBA had been retained by the Examination Committee for SYBA. This pattern had been presented to the Board in the last meeting. The pattern was shared with the Board.

The assessment pattern for NEP for Major and Minor Courses is comprised of one Summative Assessment (SA) and Cumulative Assessment (CA) of 50 marks, divided into two activities of 25 marks; for VSC/SEC, it is only CA of 50 marks, consisting of two activities of 25 marks each.

The department has decided to continue with questions of 15, 10 and 5 marks in Summative Assessment. This is to help students develop the skill to write answers at length and in brief. With regard to CA, the department has decided to continue to have objective and/or descriptive written activities and/or group presentations and/or any other type of activity which will be assessed.

For Major and Minor Courses, students have a Single Head of Passing (40% or 40/100). The VSC/SEC has two activities of 20 marks each and 10 marks for class participation. The pass percentage is 40% (20/50).

4. To approve possible Certificate Courses to be held in the next academic year.

S.Kamat stated that despite planning two certificate courses for the academic year 2023-2024, time constraints resulted in only one being held viz. ‘History of Indian Food’. Dr. Kurush

Dalal was the Resource Person for the sessions and Riddhi Joshi was the Guide for the food walks. This course may be repeated in the coming academic year.

The meeting concluded with the Chair thanking all the members for attending the meeting. It was announced that the Board had completed three years and the members were thanked for all their support and suggestions throughout this period.



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