

**Sophia College (Autonomous)
Board of Studies in Sociology**

AGENDA for the Meeting on 28th September, 2018

A meeting of the members of the Board of Studies in Sociology to be held on
28.09.2018 at 11.00 am in the Computer Lab 2

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. To review the changes which have been incorporated into the syllabi
2. To review the changes in the panel of examiners and moderators for the courses at the semester-end examination.
3. Any other related matter with the permission of the chairperson

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

Date of Meeting: 28th September 2018

Venue: Conference Room

Time: 02:00 PM to 07:00 PM

Members Present – Dr. Perpetua Miranda (Chairperson)
Dr. Anagha Tendulkar
Ms. Payal Singh
Dr. M. T. Joseph (Vice Chancellor's Nominee)
Dr. Ranu Jain (Subject Expert)
Ms. Shanti Seshardi (Subject Expert)
Mr. Joseph Pereira
Ms. Gayatri Maniar Shah
Dr. Vibhuti Patel

The meeting was attended by all members of the BOS in Sociology except for Dr. Vibhuti Patel who excused herself from the meeting due to a prior engagement in Penang.

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The Chairperson of the BOS Dr. P. Miranda introduced the members on the Board, welcomed them and stated the objectives of the meeting and the agenda.

The Principal, Sophia College, Dr. (Sr.) Ananda Amritmahal briefly addressed the BOS members and discussed the proceedings of autonomy.

The Chairperson Dr. P. Miranda discussed the total number of papers and the respective paper codes along with the number of credits, in the beginning.

The internal assessment project work was also discussed by Dr. P. Miranda, explaining the department choice of project work over tests. It was

also mentioned that the break-up of marks would be 75 + 25 (75 – Semester end examinations and 25 - Internal Assessment).

The presentation of the FYBA Sociology Paper I syllabus was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In semester I, Foundations of Sociology, topic 1a of the syllabus for, Sociological imagination and reflexive sociology were added to the Development of sociology and in topic 1b Neo-Conflict was added to the Theoretical perspectives Functionalist, Conflict and Interactionist .
2. The books authored by Anthony Giddens and C W Mills were added to the bibliography.
3. In semester II, Fundamentals of Sociology, the presented syllabus was accepted. However, two books authored by Anthony Giddens and C.W. Mills were added to the bibliography.

The presentation of the SYBA Sociology syllabi for Papers II and III was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In semester III, Indian Society: Structure and Change Dr. M.T. Joseph suggested that for Paper II, in Module 2, for Sharmila Rege, the focus area which for this year is Gender, be added with Caste from the next Academic Year.
2. Dr. M.T. Joseph suggested that for Sem III, Paper II, in Module 2, for the theme – Religion, Rowena Robinson’s work could be referred to instead of T. K. Oomen.
3. For Semester III, Paper II, the book authored by Rowena Robinson, titled Sociology of Religions was added to the reading list.
4. In Semester IV, Sociology of Development, in Module 1 Capability Approach was added to Neo–Liberal Economic Approach.
5. In Semester IV, Sociology of Development, in Module 3, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor was replaced by Narmada Bachao Andolen.
6. The books authored by Amartya Sen and Nussbaum were added to the bibliography.
7. In Semester III, for Paper III, Social Concerns in Indian Society the presented syllabus was accepted in its entirety.

8. In Semester IV, for Paper III, Current Issues in Indian Society in Unit 1, it was suggested that the name of the unit could be changed from Media Issues and Media Representation to 'Mass Media: Issues and Representation'.
9. For Semester IV, in paper III, in Unit 1, it was suggested that the title of the sub topic – Perspectives on Media be changed to Perspectives on Media and Social Media
10. In Semester IV, in Unit 1, it was suggested that the topic - Impact of TV Viewing on Children be expanded and the impact of media on women, men and adolescents be added.
11. For Semester IV, in Unit 1, it was suggested that the topic - Portrayal of Women in Popular Cinema be changed to Portrayal of Women in Media and Social Media.
12. For Semester IV, in Unit 1, it was suggested that Commercialization be added to the sub topic Media Ethics.
13. In Semester IV, in Unit 2, Dr. M.T. Joseph suggested that the topic, Street Vendors and Hawkers be retained and be supplemented by the sub topic – Beggary.
14. In Semester IV, in Unit 2, Dr. M.T. Joseph suggested that Loss of Open Spaces, Proliferation of Slums and Slum Redevelopment, be changed to 'Open Spaces, Slums and Slum Redevelopment'.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper IV – Theoretical Sociology was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. The syllabus presented was accepted as it is for this year. However, Dr MT Joseph and Dr Ranu made suggestions for reframing it for next year. As per the suggestions, the syllabus for the next academic year would read as:
 - 1a - Enlightenment - Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer,
 - 1b - Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, Max Weber
 - 2 - Structural Functionalism and Conflict Theories - Talcott Parsons, Robert Merton, R Dahrendorf and Lewis Coser.

3 - Contemporary Sociological Theories – Hegemony – Gramsci, Structuration Theory – Giddens, Cultural Capital - Pierre Bourdieu, Liquid Modernity - Z Bauman

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper IV – Anthropological Thought was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. The syllabus presented was accepted as it is for this year.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper Va – Sociology of Work was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In unit 2, Outsourced Staff was added to the subtopic Emergence of Service Industry – BPO, KPO

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper Va – Sociology of Informal Sector was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In unit 2 the subtopic Child Labour was added.
2. The book coauthored by Myron and Wiener, titled, Child and the State in India was added to the reading list.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper Vb – Sociology of Agrarian Society was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In Unit 1, it was suggested that the topic - Major themes be replaced by Agrarian Relations.
2. The article by Chakroborty Anand was suggested as reading material for the topic – Agrarian Relations.
3. In Unit 1, it was suggested that the topic - Urban Influence on the Rural be replaced by Rural – Urban Continuum.

4. The book authored by C. A. Bailey was suggested for the topic – Rural Urban Continuum be added to the reading list.
5. For Paper V, Semester V, in Unit 2, it was suggested that the topic – Contract Farming be omitted. The sub topic MNREGA to be added to Unit 2.
6. The work of Dreze Jean was suggested as reading material for the sub topic MNREGA.
7. In Unit 3, it was suggested that CDP be written as Community Development Programmes.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper Vb – Development and Changes in Agrarian Society was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In unit 1, the subtopic Cooperatives was changed to Cooperative Movement
2. For unit 1, a case study of Amul Cooperative Farming by P. Sainath was suggested as reading material.
3. In unit 1, it was suggested that the Shetkari Sanghtan be studied for the subtopic Non Party Political Formations.
4. In unit 2, it was suggested GM crops to be written as Genetically Modified Crops. It was also suggested that the reference be made to Monsanto while covering the subtopic.
5. In unit 3, it was suggested that the sub topic Mega Projects be replaced by Critique of Development Models.
6. In unit 3, the subtopic Rural Indebtedness be added to Farmers Suicides.
7. It was suggested that the book , Violence of the Green Revolution by Vandana Shiva be added to the reading list.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper VI - Sociology of Gender was done.

The syllabus presented was accepted as it is for this year.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper VI – Gender and Society in India: Debates and Issues was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In Unit 1 it was suggested that the topic – Domestic Violence be replaced by Patriarchy and Sites of Violence.
2. In Unit 1 – it was suggested that the topic Caste Violence be renamed to ‘Caste based Violence. The scope of the topic be expanded with reference to Honour Killings and Opposition to Inter caste and inter religious marriages.
3. In unit 2, it was suggested that Triple Talaaq ordinance and Amendment to Divorce Act be added to the subtopic Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
4. The title of Unit 3 was changed from Women in Workplace and New Forms of Protest to Women – Education and Work.
5. In unit 3, a new subtopic Women – Educational Status and Inequalities was added.
6. In unit 3, the sub topic Female Entrepreneurship was changed to Women Entrepreneurship.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Paper VII, semester V, Sociology of Human Resource Development was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In unit 1, Changing Approaches towards Human Resource Management was added .
2. In unit 3, Diversity and Inclusion was added.

The presented syllabus for semester VI, paper VII , Sociology of Organizations was accepted in entirety.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper VIII – Sociology of Social Movements was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. The title of Unit 1 was changed from Understanding Social Movements to State, Civil Society and Social Movements.
2. In Unit 1, the Concepts of State and Civil Society was added as a sub topic. Pressure Groups were added under forms of collective action.
3. In Unit 1, it was suggested that Conditions for Social Movements to Emerge be added from the next academic year.
4. In Unit 3, Gender Movements and Students Movements were added.
5. The book, Handbook of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India by Veena Das (Edited) be added to the reading list.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper VIII – Sociology of Marginalized Groups was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. The title of Unit 2 was changed from perspectives on Marginalization to Perspectives on Social Exclusion or Marginalisation
2. In Unit 2, the topics were changed to Domination and Marginalization, Resistance and Emancipation.
3. In Unit 3, LGBTQ was changed into LGBTQIA+.
4. The books, 'Seeking Begumpura' written by Gail Ombvedt, Minority Studies by Rowena Robinson and Mothering a Muslim by Nazia Erum were added to the reading list.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester V, Paper IX – Quantitative Social Research was done .

The syllabus presented was accepted as it is for this year. The students would be required to submit a quantitative research project report based on primary data collection as a part of their assessment.

The presentation of the TYBA Sociology syllabus for Semester VI, Paper IX – Qualitative Social Research was done and some points made during the presentation were:

1. In Unit 1, Triangulation was added to the sub topic, Reliability and Validity in Qualitative Research.

2. In Unit 3, Narrative Analysis was added to the sub topic Conversation and Discourse Analysis.
3. The structure of Project Work was re-designed with the inclusion of objectives and operationalization. The students would be required to submit a qualitative research project report based on primary data collection as a part of their assessment.

The Board of Studies discussed and approved the syllabi of FYBA, SYBA and TYBA 2018 -19

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The Board of Studies discussed and approved the assessment scheme 75: 25 of the FYBA, SYBA and TYBA courses in Sociology 2018-19. The entire department has opted for assignment or project as internal assessment for 20 marks.

The Board of Studies approved the panel of examiners, moderators and reassessors for the different courses at the Semester end examinations,

It was decided the second meeting would be at the end of the next semester. The Vice Chancellor's nominee signed every page of the copy of the syllabus as per the requirement, There being no other business all members thanked the chair. The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Signature

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