

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

**AGENDA for the Meeting on 29th May, 2021**

**A online meeting of the members of the Board of Studies in Sociology to be held on Zoom from 11.00 am to 1 pm**

**The agenda for the meeting is as follows:**

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- 2. To present the syllabus of MA in Gender Studies**
- 3. To present the course in Social Research Methods and Academic Writing**
- 4. To discuss the assessment pattern for examinations of undergraduate students**

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**Members Present-**

1. Dr. Anagha Tendulkar ( Chairperson, BOS)
2. Dr. Rajula Shah
3. Ms. Wilma Monteiro
4. Sr. Dr Ananda Amritmahal
5. Dr. Jennie Mendes
6. Deepti Anil
7. Lata Pujari
8. Dr. M T Joseph
9. Dr. Vibhuti Patel
10. Dr. Ranu Jain
11. Dr. Shanti Seshadri

Mr. Joseph Pereira and Ms Gayatri Maniar was unable to attend the meeting due to personal commitments.

The Chairperson of the BOS Dr. Anagha Tendulkar welcomed the BOS members and the new members of the Dept Dr. Rajula Shah and Ms. Wilma Monteiro were introduced to the BOS members.

The Agenda of the meeting was emailed to the BOS members.

Sr. Ananda introduced the Masters in Women and Gender studies course through Women Centre under the aegis of Dept of Sociology to the BOS members and explained at length all the activities and programs to be held in all the semesters.

Under the following program, the following papers were discussed:

For Semester I: Theory Based Papers

Paper I: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Paper II: Theories of Women and Gender Studies

Paper III: Women's Literature: Representation, Practices, Perspectives

Paper IV: Women, Gender and Economy

Semester II: Theory Based Papers

Paper V: Women, Decision Making and Governance

Paper VI: Women and Health

Paper VII: Constructing Gender through Arts and Media

Paper VIII: Women-Gender and Law

Semester III: Skill Based Papers and Internship

Paper IX: Gender in Policy Making and Human Resource Management

Paper X: Social Research Methodology

Paper XI or Paper XII: Counselling Psychology (Skill-based includes internship) **or** Women and Entrepreneurship (Skill based includes internship)

Selected paper option will 30hrs theory sessions (2 credits) + 120hrs internship (2 credits)

Paper XIII: Gender and Science, Technology and Environment

Semester IV: Research and Dissertation

**Dissertation: Writing and presentation**

Dr.Lata Pujari read and presented the syllabus on PPT.

Dr.Vibhuti suggested to keep the course objectives more active.

Dr.Vibhuti suggested to add concepts and women studies in module I of paper I.

In paper II module II eco feminism needs to be added.

Paper IV module II migration and women should be added.

Paper V module IV title should be women in public administration and governance.

In paper VI Dr. Ranu Jain suggested to add Social structuring and access to health .

Dr Vibhuti suggested in Paper VII module I title add print, electronic and social media also in module IV to add freedom of expression.

Paper VIII module II should be Women Development under five year plan and NITI Ayog.

In Paper IX to treat women as heterogeneous group.

To add phenomenology in paper X.

Paper XIII in module I add Approaches to Human Resource Development.

Dr. Vibhuti, suggested in Paper XIV Module 4 to be shifted to module 2, module 2 to module 3, and module 3 to module 4. Dr. Vibhuti and Ranu jain suggested women's movements can go under module 1.

## II

Dr. Anagha presented the syllabus of CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS AND ACADEMIC WRITINGS.

Dr. Vibhuti explained what the course should be called as per the no of hours.

Dr. Ranu suggested to make the course as a certified course as its more valued.

Dr. Ranu, instead to limitations write scope of the study in module 2.

Dr ranu conflict theory need to be included in unit 1

Dr. Ranu, with participant observation only observation should be added as well as case study and it should be linked with ethnography

Dr. Joseph suggested we can include intellectual property rights, knowledge commons, notion of knowledge commons, privatization of knowledge, corporatization of knowledge, publishing industry in Unit 5 Ethics in research.

Dr. Rajula pointed out to add Critical theory and it was supported by Dr. ranu jain.

Dr. Vibhuti on publishing articles in journals decided by the 1<sup>st</sup> world countries what has to be published

Dr Vibhuti suggested to add copyright commercialization and control in the Unit 5 ethics and that can also be the title

Dr. Anagha explained the assessment pattern to be followed to the BOS members to that Dr. Ranu added we can also incorporate classroom discussions, presentations.

Dr. Joseph suggested to include feminist methodology and methods in the introductory chapter. Also testimonial as a method can be included in research methods unit.

Dr. ranu suggested, in the initial lectures different approaches like psychological, sociological, economic can be introduced

### **III**

Dr. Anagha explained the BOS members changed assessment pattern during covid times. It was 50marks SEE (30marks MCQ and 20marks Subjective) and 50marks for IA in the Sem 5 for TYBA and in the Sem 6 the pattern was changed to 50 marks objective for SEE and 50marks IA which will be continued for the next academic year

Dr.Ranu suggested maybe we can have viva or a oral exam where student can explain the concept but due to big groups at FY, SY and TY level Dr. Anagha suggested we can take that suggestion for the Single major papers.

BOS members liked the assessment pattern with the max use technology and appreciated.

**The meeting ended with a thank you note from chair.**

**Resolutions:**

1. It is resolved that the proposed course Masters in Arts (MA) in Gender Studies be and hereby accepted and passed, The course will be conducted from the academic year 2022-23.
2. It is resolved that the proposed certificate course in Research Methods titled as ‘ Social Research Methods and Academic Writing’ be and hereby accepted and passed, The course will be conducted from the academic year 2022-23.
3. It is resolved that the proposed examination pattern for under graduate students be and hereby accepted and passed.