

**Sheth T. J. Education Society's
Sheth N.K.T.T College of Commerce and Sheth J.T.T College of Arts, Thane (W)
(Autonomous)**

Department of Psychology

10th April, 2024

Minutes of the first Meeting of Board of Studies in the subject of Psychology

The first meeting of the Board of Studies in the subject of Psychology was held on Wednesday, 10th April 2024 from 01:00 pm to 1:50 pm through Google meet platform. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sailee Shinde. The following points were discussed and decisions were taken.

1.01 Welcome and introduction of BoS members.

Chairperson, Ms. Sailee Shinde welcomed and introduced all BoS members.

1.02 Designing, approval and recommendation of syllabus, course objectives and course outcomes of B.A. (Major, SEC, IKS) and CC for all courses Semester 1 (under NEP) to be implemented from 2024-25.

The Course Objective, Course Outcomes and Syllabus for B.A. was presented and discussed in the meeting.

- Prof. Neeta Mehta and Dr. Nilesh Thakre suggested that 4 credits could be given to the Course- Basics of Psychology-I as the paper is introduced as Major. However, as the NEP structure was approved by Academic Council, the allocation of the course credit would remain as 2.
- Dr. Neeta Mehta suggested few changes in the course objective- 'course objectives' could be named as 'Learning objectives', Learning objectives could begin with 'Students will be able to...'. Ma'am advised to have measurable Learning outcomes and it was revised by the department.
- Dr. Nilesh Thakre suggested that Course outcomes could start with 'The learners will be able to...'. It was revised as 'After completing the course students will be...'.
● The content of the syllabus was discussed and revised as per the suggestions of the Board. Few more subtopics were added in the paper Basics of Psychology-I as the paper has allotted 30 hours. The subtopics added are, The scientific attitude, Critical thinking, Memory- Storage, Retrieval, Remembering and Forgetting, Sampling-Types and Issues, Intelligence: Meaning of Intelligence, Theories, Emotional Intelligence. Dr. Nilesh Thakre suggested that the content under the basics of brain could be specified. It was revised as 'Biology of mind- Neural communication, The nervous system'.
- Board discussed the content of the Course- Ancient Indian Psychology (IKS) and suggested to have a scientific view for 'Gita based approaches' by Dr. Nilesh Thakre which was approved by all the members.

- The Course- Counselling Psychology has been revised as Stress Management as per the suggestions of the Board as the course - Counselling psychology would not be suitable for First Year students.
- The Syllabus for the Course- Yoga (CC) was approved by the Board.

1.03 Scheme of examination and evaluation for UG (B.A) under NEP and Autonomy.

It was decided to implement the Scheme of Examination and evaluation for B.A. under NEP and Autonomy as approved by the Academic Council. The combined passing of Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and External Examination would be 40% subject to securing 25% in CIE.

1.04 Empanelment of paper setters, Examiners and Moderators.

It was discussed in the meeting that paper setting and evaluation will be done by the department and the appointment of moderators will be as per the university guidelines.

It was suggested by Dr. Neeta Mehta to appoint the moderators having minimum 3 years of experience which was accepted.

1.05 Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

It was conveyed to the members that M.A. Psychology will be introduced from the academic year 2024-2025. The syllabus pattern and structure will be implemented as per University of Mumbai guidelines. It was suggested by Dr. Neeta Mehta that the department could progressively go from major papers in third year (6 papers psychology), and then could introduce Masters in Psychology as TY Psychology with 6 papers would be better exposure for students.

Dr. Neeta Mehta suggested a presence of a senior faculty in the next Board of Study meeting.

1.06 To conclude the meeting.

The meeting was concluded by Ms. Sailee Shinde by thanking all members for giving their valuable time and suggestions to improve syllabus quality.

The meeting was declared as over by the Chair.