B. K. Birla College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous), Kalyan Department of Geography

The following Members attended the meeting.

1	Mrs. P. A. Gadhe	Head of Department and Chairperson	
2	Ms. Sheetal Thakur	Member	
3	Mr. Kapil Ashtekar	Member	
4	(List sent to University for Approval)	Vice Chancellor's Nominee of the University of Mumbai	
5	Dr. S. B. Jadhav Principal, Rajarshi Shahu Arts, Science and Commerce College, Pathari	Subject Expert from University other than Parent University	
6	Dr. S. D. Pardeshi, Professor, Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune,	Subject Expert from University other than Parent University	
7	Mr. Deepak Choksi Research and Business Development, IIT, Mumbai	Industry Expert	
8	Dr. Nitin Gaikwad Assistant Professor, Dr. Patangrao Kadam Mahavidyalaya, Sangli	Illustrious Alumnus	
9	Mr. B. S. Wadekar Head, Department of Commerce, B. K. Birla College, Kalyan	Invitee from Faculty of Commerce for F. Y. B. Com (EVS)	

Agenda of the Meeting

- **Item 1**. Revision of the syllabus of F.Y.B.A. and F.Y.B.Com. to be done to maintain uniformity with the Syllabus Revision by the Board of Studies of Geography, University of Mumbai.
- Item 2. Revision of the Syllabus for F.Y.B.A. Geography and approval of the same
- Item 3. Revision of the Syllabus for F.Y.B.Com. Environmental Studies and approval of the same.
- **Item 4**. Formulating and approving Syllabus for Certificate Courses to be conducted by the Department of Geography for additional credits.
- Item 5. Framing of Syllabus for MA-I and MA-II.
- Item 6. Any other point with the permission of the Chairman

Item 1.

Dr. Jadhav, Dr. Pardeshi, Dr Gadhe, Dr. Gaikwad, Mr. Choksi and Ms. Sheetal Thakur discussed the syllabus changes approved by Board of Studies of Geography, the University of Mumbai. The Syllabi of Semester I and Semester II of F.Y.B.A. and F.Y.B.Com. EVS has been changed effective from academic year 2021-22. The Board of Studies of Geography of B. K. Birla College decided to maintain uniformity with the University of Mumbai and change the syllabus for the same courses,.

Resolved that the Syllabus of only Semester I and Semester II of F.Y.B.A. and F.Y.B.Com. will be changed.

Item 2. Revision of the Syllabus for F.Y.B.A. Geography

Semester 1. The Course of Geomorphology has been replaced with the Course Introduction to Human Geography by the BOS of Geography of University of Mumbai.

The Unit IV of the UoM Syllabus is Migration. Ms. Sheetal Chitre and Dr. Pardeshi mentioned that migration is a concept that can be introduced at a later stage. It is important that the students should learn Economic Activities of Humans before learning Migration. Hence it was decided that the Unit IV of the syllabus be changed to Activities of Humans. Primary Economic Activities, Secondary Economic Activities, Tertiary Economic Activities and Quaternary Economic Activities will be introduced to the students in this Unit.

Semester 2. The Course of Introduction to Human Geography is moved to Semester I and Geography of Environment course is introduced by the BOS of Geography of University of Mumbai. Unit IV of the UoM syllabus is Natural resources and Biodiversity. The BOS of B. K. Birla College decided that biodiversity is a concept that needs separate introduction and Natural Resources need a complete unit with sustainable development. Hence the Unit title was changed to Natural Resources and Sustainable Development. Sub Units of Resource conservation and Problems of utilization of resources were introduced.

Resolved that the Syllabus changes of Semester I and Semester II of F.Y.B.A. were approved and accepted.

Item 3. Revision of the Syllabus for F.Y.B.Com. Environmental Studies

Environmental Studies I and II is taught at the F.Y.B.Com level. The syllabus was reviewed and following changes were suggested.

Case studies to be included for the Emerging concept of Smart Cities in Semester I. Students have to make the case studies and submit to the course teacher as a part of internal evaluation.

Case studies to be introduced for the Environmental problems associated with industrialization in Semester II. Students have to make the case studies and submit to the course teacher as a part of internal evaluation.

Local examples will be incorporated while teaching of the theory topics. Maps of Kalyan and Thane are included for map filling examples in the semester II.

Resolved that the Syllabus changes of Semester I and Semester II of F.Y.B.Com. were approved and accepted.

Item 4. Formulating and approving Syllabus for Certificate Course.

The Certificate Course in Effective Communication is introduced from the academic year 2020-21. The Syllabus was approved and the first batch will be admitted in the first half of 2021.

Resolved that the syllabus of Certificate Course in Effective Communication is approved and accepted.

Item 5. Framing of Syllabus for MA- I and MA- II

The Department of Geography has decided to start Master's Programme from the next academic year subject to permission from the University. The Syllabus was put up in the meeting for approval of the Board members.

The following titles were selected for MA- I and MA- II.

The Programme will start once permission is granted by the University and College Academic Council.

Sr. No.	Course	Code	Credits
1	Semester I- Principles of Geomorphology	BPGE101	04
2	Semester I- Principles of Climatology	BPGE 102	04
3	Semester I- Perspectives in Human Geography	BPGE 103	04
4	Semester I- Spatial Organization of EconomicActivities	BPGE 104	04
5	Semester I- Practical components based on BPGE 101and BPGE 102 Tools and Techniques of Spatial Analysis – I	BPGE 105	04
6	Semester I- Practical components based on BPGE 103and BPGE 104 Tools and Techniques of Spatial Analysis-II	BPGE 106	04
7	Semester II - Oceanography and Hydrology	BPGE 201	04
8	Semester II - Geo-informatics	BPGE 202	04
9	Semester II - Socio-cultural and Political Geography	BPGE 203	04
10	Semester II - Urban Geography	BPGE 204	04
11	Semester II - Practical components based on BPGE201 and BPGE 202 Tools and Techniques of SpatialAnalysis – III	BPGE 205	04
12	Semester II - Practical components based on BPGE203 and BPGE 204 Tools and Techniques of SpatialAnalysis-IV	BPGE 206	04
13	Semester III - Research Methodology in Geography	BPGE301	04
14	Semester III - Fluvial Geomorphology	BPGE302	04
15	Semester III - Population Geography	BPGE303	04
16	Semester III - Geography of Tourism and Recreation	BPGE304	04

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17	Semester III - Tools and Techniques of Spatial Analysis - V (Practical Component based on BPGE301 and BPGE302)	BPGE305	04
18	Semester III - Tools and Techniques of Spatial Analysis - VI (Practical Component based on BPGE303 and BPGE304)	BPGE306	04
19	Semester IV- Application of Remote SensingTechniques in Geographical Studies	BPGE401	04
20	Semester IV- Geography of Soils with special reference to Tropics	BPGE402	, 04
21	Semester IV- Cultural Geography	BPGE403	04
22	Semester IV- Geography of Hazards and Disaster Management	BPGE404	04
23	Semester IV- Dissertation	BPGE405	08

"Resolved that the Syllabus of M.A. I and M.A. II Geography were approved and accepted".

Item 6. Any other point with the permission of the Chairman

The field tour could not be conducted in the academic year 2020-21 due to Covid-19 situation. Short films and documentaries were shown to the students. The BOS approved of this arrangement and suggested following similar precautionary measures till the pandemic situation prevails.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm with Vote of Thanks being proposed by Ms. Sheetal Thakur

Dr. Pratibha Gadhe

Ms. Sheetal Thakur