Meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the Department of Philosophy Darrang College (Autonomous)

Venue: Meeting Room (Administrative Building), Darrang College (Autonomous)
Date: 31-07-2025

Full Name and Signatures of Members Present:

Name and Designation	Signature
Mrs. Swapnalika Goswami HoD & Associate Professor	Signature Harkani 25 31.07 25
Manisha Baishya Assistant Professor	Shark 31-07-25
Kuloram Mili Assistant Professor	K. Lever, 31/07/25
Nandita Saikia Assistant Professor	Nandilá Sailia 31.04.2025
Mrs.Basanti Medhi Associate Professor	Bredhi
Mrs. Nibedita Bezboruah HoD & Associate Professor	May Sornan
Dr. Nabaprasad Nath Associate Professor	Danton
Mr. Pranjal Pratim Das Journalist (PIB, Accredited Journalist, GOI)	Fr.
Ms. Debashree Kaushik Assistant Professor	Debashree Kanshin 31-04-2025

Chairperson, Board of Studies
Department of Philosophy
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Minutes of the Meeting

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The first meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the Department of Philosophy, Darrang College (Autonomous), was held in blended mode (Online/Offline)on 31st July 2025 at the Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Swapnalika Goswami, Head of the Department & Associate Professor, and Chairperson of BoS, who welcomed all members and introduced the agenda of the meeting. The session was moderated by Mrs. Manisha Baishya, while the online proceedings via Google Meet were hosted by Mr. Kuloram Mili. All nine members of the BoS were present.

Discussions and Deliberations:

1. Suggestion on FYUGP 1st Semester Paper

Mrs. Basanti Medhi (Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Cotton University) and Mrs. Nibedita Bezboruah (HOD & Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, J.B. University), Subject Experts, opined that, in the interest of the students, the 1st Semester paper should be made more accessible. They recommended introducing General Philosophy in place of Ancient Indian Thought, as it would be easier for beginners, particularly for those who have not studied Logic or Philosophy at the Higher Secondary level.

2. Clarification on Syllabus Modification

In response, Chairperson and members of the Department clarified that, as per the instructions of the College Authority (Principal), complete replacement of the paper is not permissible, and only 10–20% of the existing UG syllabus under Gauhati University may be modified.

3. Observations by Vice Chancellor's Nominee

Dr. Nabaprasad Nath, the Vice Chancellor's nominee, raised a query regarding the credit load of each course and proposed that Unit IV: Purana be shifted to another semester. He suggested including another relevant unit on Indian Philosophy to help the students for better understanding of the subject at the entry level.

He, along with Mrs. Nibedita Bezboruah, emphasized that Unit I of the 1st Semester should serve as an introductory foundation, covering the Nature, Characteristics, and Scope of Indian Philosophy. In response, Mrs. Manisha Baishya opined that the existing syllabus of Unit I plays the foundational role of Ancient Indian Thought. In addition, Mrs. Nibedita Bezboruah also suggested omitting the topic Justice from Greek Philosophy Paper in the FYUGP 2nd Semester (Major).

4. Feedback from Meritorious Alumna

Ms. Debashree Kaushik, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Pandu College, Guwahati, and meritorious alumna of the department, appreciated the insightful and productive nature of the discussion. She acknowledged that the deliberations thoughtfully considered both academic requirements and the constraints imposed by university regulations.

5. Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) Discussion

Dr. Nabaprasad Nath inquired about the structure and content of the Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) in comparison with the Gauhati University UG syllabus. Mr. Kuloram Mili responded that the SEC syllabus is largely similar, with two to three additional topics incorporated into both the 1st and 2nd Semester syllabi.

6. Pedagogical Suggestions

Mr. Pranjal Pratim Das, BoS member and Journalist (PIB, Accredited Journalist, GOI), Special Correspondent, New Delhi, Pratidin Time, emphasized the importance of incorporating Group Discussions as a part of the Teaching-Learning process. He stated that such activities would enhance student engagement and aid in their preparation for competitive examinations.

Resolutions:

After detailed discussions and mutual agreement, the following change was approved in the syllabus presented before the Board:

In the FYUGP 2nd Semester (Major) syllabus, under the Paper Greek Philosophy, Unit III: Justice is removed.

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Kuloram Mili, who expressed gratitude to all the BoS members for their active participation, valuable insights, and constructive suggestions.

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