

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES, DEPT. OF HISTORY DARRANG COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

The first meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS), Department of History, Darrang College (Autonomous) was held on **31st July, 2025** in blended mode which was attended by the members both online and offline. The following members were present in the meeting offline:

1. Dr. Kangkan Deka, HOD, Dept. of History, (Chairperson)
2. Shri Horendranath Morang, Associate Professor, (Member from the Department)
3. Dr. Sweta Mahanta, Assistnat Professor, (Member from the Department)
4. Smt. Devdutta Kakati, Assistnat Professor, (Member from the Department)
5. Shri Rupkamal Kakati, Rtd. Assistnat Professor, Dept. of History, Darrang College (Meritorious Alumnus member)

The member attended the meeting offline in Guest Room located in the office building of the Darrang College, commenced from 11.00 AM. The following members of BOS, attended the meeting offline:

1. Dr. Digvijay Singh, Assistnat Professor, Dept. of History Cotton University (Subject Expert)
2. Dr. Pretee Sharma, Assistnat Professor, Dept. of History Cotton University (Subject Expert)
3. Shri Monoj Basumatary, CEO, Symbiotic Food Ltd., (Representative from Industry/Corporate Sector).

The meeting commenced with the welcoming of the members present in the meeting both online and offline by the Chairman. The Chairman initiated the business of the meeting of the BOS by placing the draft syllabus of B. A. First Semester (History), Major and Minor course and Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) for their thoughtful assessment and solicited their valuable suggestion for its further improvement. He informed the members about the guideline issued by the academic authority regarding the design of the syllabus where a common structure for the Major and Minor course has been prescribed.

Recommendations of the Subject Experts:

Subject expert member of the BOS, **Dr. Digvijay Singh** suggested that the period of time covered in the first semester syllabus is too vast- which encompass a period from almost Neolithic period to the thirteenth century. He also suggested that, in the proposed period of study- “Earliest time to 1206 A.D.”, the year ‘1206’ does not carry any crucial historical significance except it was the year of death of Md. Ghorī of Ghur. Further, he recommended that- in the sub unit [b] of Unit III of the draft syllabus of B. A. First Semester the ‘Sangam

Literature' component is not very essential as it is generally dealt in the 'Sources of Indian History' component covered in the Unit I. Instead, in his opinion 'Polity of Snagam period' may be inducted as the designed syllabus basically laid emphasis on the political history. He also suggested that in the syllabus there should be one sub unit relating to the Stone Age period from which the Harappan Civilization evolved. Further, he opined that the model syllabus of history furnished by UGC is quite reasonable and if possible that model can be followed for the design of the B.A. syllabus of History Department.

Dr. Preetee Sharma, the other subject expert member of the BOS, in her opinion put emphasis on imparting knowledge of historiography, especially to the major students. She also considered the period covered in the syllabus is too long and proposed for considering breaking up the syllabus at least into two period-viz, one from earliest time to the Mauryan Period and the other from Post Mauryan period to 1200 AD. Overall, she also endorsed the suggestions put forward by Dr. Digvijay Singh.

Recommendations of the other members:

Shri Monoj Basumatary, representative from Industry/Corporate Sector member of the BOS, conveying his observation expressed that,- as he does not have academic expertise in the field of history due to his educational background in science discipline, he will abstain from giving any specific suggestion on the syllabus. However, he stressed the necessity to design the syllabus in the manner that it can boost the necessary knowledge base of history required for various all India and regional level competitive examinations.

Shri Rupkamal Kakati, Rtd. Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Darrang College, who participated as Meritorious Alumnus member, expressed his satisfaction for the fact that the syllabus has been designed within a brief timeframe and also suggested that changes can be inducted in future if required.

Shri Horendranath Morang, Associate Professor, Department of History, Darrang College in his comment appreciated the members of the BOS from outside the department for their active participation in the meeting and communicated that as the autonomous status to Darrang college has been awarded in a very short period ago and as the authority in its guideline for the design of the syllabus suggested little margin of change in the existing GU syllabus, therefore for the time being this syllabus has been prepared for first two semesters. As we will have ample time in the design of the remaining part of the syllabus, necessary changes may be brought in.

Dr. Sweta Mahanta, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Darrang College, participating in the discussion appreciated the active participation of the members in the discussion and suggested that an offline meeting is required to be arranged in the presence of all members and threadbare discussion on vital issues regarding the preparation of the remaining part of the syllabus so that all issues raised by the members dealt with.

Smt. Devdutta Kakati, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Darrang College, in her comment endorsed the view presented by the subject experts that the period under study

proposed for first semester is too vast and it becomes a strenuous task to complete the syllabus in time. However, she also expressed that the issues may be sorted out through further deliberation.

Dr. Rajib Handique, Academic Register, Gauhati University and the VC nominee to the BOS, through telephonic conversation expressed his inability to join the meeting due to some emergent issues of the University and assured to communicate his observations and suggestions on the syllabus very promptly.

After taking into consideration the suggestions and opinions presented by the members following resolutions are accepted-

1. The period of study of first semester Major and Minor syllabus to be –**From earliest time to 1200 A.D.**
2. In the sub unit [b] of Unit III of the draft syllabus of B. A. first semester, instead of ‘Sangam Literature’ component ‘Polity of Snagam period’ to be inserted.
3. A sub unit pertaining to antecedents to Harappan civilization (Stone Age periods in India) will be inducted in the Unit I of the B. A. first semester syllabus.
4. Today’s BOS meeting held on 31/07/2025 decided to adopt the draft syllabus of B. A. First Semester (History) Major and Minor course and Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) placed in the meeting with above mentioned modification for Department of History, Darrang College (Autonomous).

Further, it is communicated from the chair that an offline meeting will be arranged, possibly around Puja vacation where the remaining part of the syllabus will be finalized and necessary modifications of the syllabus adopted today for B. A. First Semester (History) Major and Minor courses would be made.

Smt. Devdutta Kakati, offered vote of thanks to all the members present online and offline in the meeting and the valuable suggestions put forward by them on behalf of the Department of History, Darrang College (Autonomous) and expressed the hope that they will continue to offer their active support and co-operation in future. With rendering of the vote of thanks chairman declared the business of the meeting to be concluded.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES, DEPT. OF HISTORY

DARRANG COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

VENUE: GUEST ROOM, DARRANG COLLEGE

DATE: 31-07-2025

	NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
CHAIRPERSON	DR. KANGKAN DEKA	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>Kangkan Deka</i>
MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT	SHRI HORENDRANATH MORANG	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>Horen</i>
	DR. SWETA MAHANTA	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>Sweta Mahanta</i>
	SRIMATI DEVDUTTA KAKATI	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>D</i>
SUBJECT EXPERTS	DR. PREETEE SHARMA	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>Attended online</i>
	DR. DIGVIJAY SINGH	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>— do —</i>
VICE-CHANCELLOR NOMINEE	DR. RAJIB HANDIQUE	ACADEMIC REGISTER GAUHATI UNIVERSITY	
REPRESENTATIVE FROM INDUSTRY/CORPORATE SECTOR/ALLIED AREA	SHRI MONOJ BASUMATARY	CEO and CO-FOUNDER, SYMBIOTIC FOOD LTD.	<i>— do —</i>
MERITORIOUS ALUMNUS	SHRI RUPKAMAL KAKATI	RTD. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DARRANG COLLEGE, TEZPUR	<i>Rup Kamal Kakati</i>