

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

The Third meeting of the Board of Studies (BOS), Department of History, Darrang College (Autonomous) was held on **25 June, 2026** 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, Assistant Professor, (Member from the Department)
4. Shri Monoj Basumatary, CEO, Symbiotic Food Ltd., (Representative from Industry/Corporate Sector).

The member attended the meeting offline in the Old Principal Room located in the Administrative building of the Darrang College, commenced from 10.30 AM. The following members of BOS, attended the meeting offline:

1. Dr. Digvijay Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History Cotton University (Subject Expert)
2. Dr. Pretee Sharma, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History Cotton University (Subject Expert)
3. Dr. Rajib Handique, Academic Registrar, Gauhati University (VC Nominee)

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. Seventh and Eighth Semester (History), Major courses 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 both the Seventh and Eighth Semester (History), Major courses are too vast- which encompass topics that are very lengthy and not possible to complete within a semester. He suggested that, the papers should be customized and some of the topics can be merged.

Dr. Rajib Handique, Academic Register, Gauhati University and the VC nominee to the BOS, expressed his opinion on the syllabus and suggested that the Name of the First paper of the Seventh semester (HIS-MJ-07014)- “Research Methodologies in History” is not suitable and

Suggested the name of the paper – **Approaches to Historical Research** which is approved by the Subject Expert members of the BOS.

.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 topics covered in the syllabus are numerous and some of the topics may be curtailed so that the teaching of the syllabus can be completed within stipulated time. Modifications are made in the respective papers incorporating the suggestions made by the subject experts.

The Value Added Course(VAC) paper- **Understanding India(Indian Ethos and Knowledge Systems)** of the ITEP also place in the meeting for the approval and the subject expert members suggested that the syllabus is too vast for a two credit paper and does not fit in the National Credit Framework Guideline. They suggested relevant modifications in the papers.

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 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 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 expressed that all issues raised by the members will be dealt with.

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

1. Today's BOS meeting held on 25/06/2026 decided to adopt the draft syllabuses of B. A. Seventh and Eighth Semester (History), Major courses and ITEP Value Added Course (VAC) placed in the meeting with modifications suggested by the subject experts.

Kangkan Deka, Chairperson of the meeting 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.
