
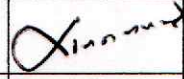
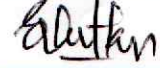

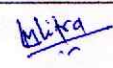

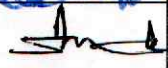
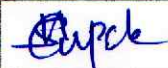

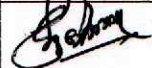

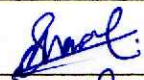


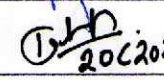

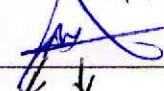



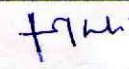



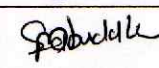


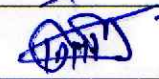




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Name of Committee		Academic Council	
Date		20 th August 2025	
Time		12:15 pm	
Venue		Principal Cabin	
Mode		Hybrid	
Members			
Sr. No.	Name	Present mode Online/Offline	Signature
1	Prof. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar Chairman	offline	
2	Prof. Dr. Suvarna A. Deuskar University Representative	online	
3	Prin. Dr. Madhav S. Bapat University Representative	online	
4	Prin. Dr. Anita J. Awati University Representative	online	
5	Shri. Rajendra S. Malushte Expert (Business)	offline	
6	Dr. Sanjay S. Ketkar Expert (Medicine)	offline	
7	Shri. Arjun D. Gadre Expert (Industry)	Absent	
8	Prof. Milind N. Tagare Expert (Academics)	online	
9	Dr. Vivek V. Bhide Controller of Examination	offline	
10	Prof. Dr. Chitra M. Goswami Teaching Staff Representative	offline	
11	Dr. Meenal G. Khandke Teaching Staff Representative	online	
12	Dr. Swaminath L. Bhattar Teaching Staff Representative	offline	
13	Dr. Shivaji A. Ukarande Teaching Staff Representative	offline	
14	Dr. Shivraj N. Gopale HoD Marathi	offline	
15	Mr. Vasudev M. Athalye HoD English	offline	
16	Prof. Dr. Shahu D. Madhale HoD Hindi	offline	
17	Dr. Mohd. Danish Gani HoD Urdu	online	
18	Dr Kalpana V. Athalye HoD Sanskrit	offline	

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19	Prof. Dr. Surendra C. Thakurdesai HoD Geography	online	
20	Ms. Swamini Chavan HoD Psychology	offline	
21	Mr. Pankaj M. Ghate HoD History	online	
22	Dr. Tulshidas B. Rokade HoD Sociology	offline	
23	Mr. Nilesh A. Patil HoD Political Science	Offline	
24	Dr. Rama A. Sartape HoD Economics	offline	
25	Prof. Dr. Surendra C. Thakurdesai HoD Rural Development	online	
26	Dr. Anand B. Ambekar HoD Performing Arts	offline	
27	Prof. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar HoD Accountancy and Finance	offline	
28	Dr. Yasmeeen K. Aowte HoD Business Economics	online	
29	Dr. Seema S. Kadam HoD Commerce and Management	offline	
30	Mr. Swapnil Y. Joshi HoD Business Administration	online	
31	Dr. Sonali S. Kadam HoD Botany	online	
32	Dr. Aparna M. Kulkarni HoD Chemistry	offline	
33	Dr. Diwakar P. Karwanje HoD Mathematics	offline	
34	Dr. Bhushan B. Dhale HoD Physics	offline	
35	Prof. Dr. Madhura D. Mukadam HoD Zoology	offline	
36	Ms. Medha A. Sahasrabudde HoD Information Technology	offline	
37	Mr. Amol S. Sahasrabudde HoD Computer Science	offline	
38	Ms. Rashmi A. Bhavé HoD Biotechnology	offline	
39	Dr. Niteen V. Potdar HoD Microbiology	offline	
40	Dr. Varsha A. Ghadyale HoD Biochemistry	offline	
41	Dr. Nidhee S. Patwardhan Member Secretary	offline	



<u>Minutes of Meeting of the Academic Council</u>	
20th August, 2025	
Item 1	To confirm the minutes of last meeting dated Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Resolution	The minutes of the last meeting , held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 , were confirmed .
	Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan
	Seconded by Prin. Dr. Madhav S. Bapat
Item 2	To approve introduction of four year honors degree programme from academic year 2026-27
Explanation	As per the Government Resolution issued by the <i>Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra</i> , dated 20th April 2023 , point (d) states that colleges having permission and recognition for both Postgraduate (PG) and Undergraduate (UG) Degree Programmes in the same major shall be automatically permitted to continue offering the PG Degree Programme and to conduct the fourth year of the UG Honours Degree Programme , without any additional procedural requirements. Accordingly, Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan proposed that, commencement of the fourth year of the UG Honours Degree Programme in the following 16 subjects: Marathi, Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Sociology, Economics, History, Physics, Organic Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Advanced Accountancy, and Business Administration ; from the Academic Year 2026–27 . The relevant Government Resolution was also presented on screen during the discussion.
Resolution	The proposal for the introduction of Four Year Honours Degree Programme from Academic Year 2026-27 was approved.
	Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan
	Seconded by Prin. Dr. Anita J. Awati
Item 3	To approve the Introduction of AEDP from the Academic Year 2026–27
Explanation	Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan proposed the introduction of the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) in the college from the Academic Year 2026–27 , in accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the University of Mumbai . A handbook outlining the key features of the AEDP was presented on the screen to provide further insight into the structure and objectives of the programme. Dr. Patwardhan requested formal approval for the implementation of AEDP.
Resolution	The proposal for the introduction of AEDP from the Academic Year 2026–27 was duly approved.
	Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan
	Seconded by Prof. Dr. Suvarna A. Deuskar
Item 4	To approve the Introduction of PG Diploma After Three-Year Degree from the Academic Year 2026–27



Explanation	Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan proposed the introduction of a Postgraduate (PG) Diploma for students completing a Three-Year Undergraduate Degree , starting from the Academic Year 2026–27 , in accordance with the Government Resolution issued by the Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra , dated 16th May 2023 .
	Principal Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar further clarified that upon completion of a Three-Year Degree , students will have the option to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in the Fourth Year of the UG Honours Degree, or • Take admission in a Two-Year PG Degree Programme. <p>He explained that students who choose the Two-Year PG Degree Programme and wish to exit after the First Year will be awarded a PG Diploma, as per the resolution. The college will facilitate and approve this exit option for eligible students.</p> <p>The Government Resolution was presented on the screen.</p>
Resolution	The proposal to introduce the PG Diploma after the Three-Year Degree from the Academic Year 2026–27 was approved.
	Proposed by Prof. Dr. Nidhee S. Patwardhan Seconded by Prin. Dr. Madhav S. Bapat
Item 5	To approve One-Year PG Degree After Four-Year UG Degree from the Academic Year 2027–28
Explanation	Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan proposed that, in accordance with the Government Resolution issued by the Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra , dated 16th May 2023 , students who have successfully completed a Four-Year UG Honours Degree will be eligible to pursue a One-Year Postgraduate (PG) Degree Programme .
	As per Item 2 and its explanation in the Government Resolution , students who complete a Four-Year UG Honours Degree in the following subjects will be eligible for admission to the One-Year PG Degree Programme starting from the Academic Year 2027–28 : Marathi, Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Sociology, Economics, History, Physics, Organic Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Advanced Accountancy, and Business Administration.
Resolution	The proposal to introduce the One-Year PG Degree Programme after the Four-Year UG Degree from the Academic Year 2027–28 was approved.
	Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan Seconded by Prin. Dr. Anita J. Awati
Item 6	Introduction of New Programme from the Academic Year 2026-27



Explanation	Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan proposed the introduction of a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Psychology programme to be commenced from the Academic Year 2026–27 . Prof. Dr. Suvarna A. Deuskar seconded the proposal and congratulated the college for this initiative.
Resolution	It was resolved that the college shall commence the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Psychology programme from the Academic Year 2026–27 .
	Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan
	Seconded by Prof. Dr. Suvarna A. Deuskar
Item 7	To approve the recommendations of the Examination cell.
Explanation	Dr. Vivek V. Bhide presented two recommendations for approval.
	Recommendation No. 1:
	It was proposed that the Semester I, III, V, and VII (odd semester) examinations conducted during the first term of the Academic Year shall be designated as " Regular Examinations ", whereas the Semester II, IV, VI, and VIII (even semester) examinations conducted in the same term shall be designated as " Repeat Examinations " (formerly referred to as <i>ATKT Examinations</i>).
	Similarly, during the second term of the Academic Year, the Semester II, IV, VI, and VIII (even semester) examinations shall be designated as " Regular Examinations ", and the Semester I, III, V, and VII (odd semester) examinations shall be designated as " Repeat Examinations " (formerly referred to as <i>ATKT Examinations</i>).
	Further, the term " Unsuccessful Courses " shall replace the term " ATKT " while representing the number of unsuccessful courses per semester for a student.
Resolution	Dr. Sanjay S. Ketkar approved Recommendation No. 1 without any changes.
	Proposed by Dr. Vivek V. Bhide
	Seconded by Dr. Sanjay S. Ketkar
	Recommendation No. 2
	A student who is unable to satisfactorily complete a course and fails to earn the required credits in a particular semester through the Regular Examination may appear for the Repeat or Regular (whichever applicable) examination(s) of the same course.
	In case a student is unable to earn credits for a course in a Regular Examination , at least one Repeat Examination attempt for the same course, with the same syllabus, shall be made available in the immediately succeeding semester as per the college examination schedule.
	However, if the course syllabus is revised (without a change in the course nomenclature) in the interim, the student shall be required to prepare for and appear in the Regular or Repeat (whichever applicable) examination(s) of the revised course .
	If the course is withdrawn , the student shall opt for another available course from the same semester, within the same vertical, offered by the same Board of Studies, and appear for the Regular or Repeat (whichever applicable) examination(s) of that course.



	<p>In the event that no such course is available, the Principal shall have the authority to take an appropriate decision in the matter.</p> <p>Prof. Milind N. Tagare suggested that, instead of requiring the student to independently choose another available course, the college may establish an Equivalence Committee to determine an equivalent course for the concerned candidate.</p>
Resolution 1	As per the suggestions of Prof. Milind N. Tagare, it was resolved that, in case, if the course is withdrawn, then the student should opt the equivalent course suggested by 'Equivalence Committee', and prepare and earn the credits of the course.
	<p>Proposed by Dr. Vivek V. Bhide</p> <p>Seconded by Prof. Milind N. Tagare</p>
Resolution 2	It was resolved to establish 'Equivalence Committee' under the Chairmanship of the Principal, having the CoE as the Secretary and VP Administration- VP Arts, VP Commerce, VP Science as the members of the committee.
	<p>Proposed by Prof. Milind N. Tagare</p> <p>Seconded by Prin. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar</p>
Item 8	To approve the recommendations of the finance committee.
Resolution	No recommendations were received from the Finance Committee .
	<p>Proposed by Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan</p> <p>Seconded by Prin. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar</p>
Item 9	Any other matter with the permission of the chair
1.	Adoption of UGC Compulsory Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes for Environmental Education from the Academic Year 2026-27:
Explanation	<p>Prin. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar stated that Environmental Education is already a part of the curriculum in various undergraduate programmes through different subjects such as <i>Environmental Geography, Environmental Studies, Environmental Education</i>, etc.</p> <p>To introduce a common syllabus for Environmental Education with uniform course nomenclature, it was proposed to adopt two courses on Environmental Education from the Academic Year 2026-27, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Semester I: Environmental Management and Sustainable Development – I (30 Hours – 2 Credits) ○ Semester II: Environmental Management and Sustainable Development – II (30 Hours – 2 Credits) <p>Further, it was resolved that, as per the UGC guidelines, any student who has not earned a total of 4 credits in Environmental Education must do so for the award of the degree of the respective programme.</p>



	<p>Prin. Dr. Anita J. Awati suggested that, since the syllabus prescribed by the UGC is extensive, certain topics may be included as part of internal assessment activities. Prin. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar noted that, being an autonomous college, the institution will design the syllabus for this subject accordingly.</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Surendra C. Thakurdesai enquired about the Board of Studies (BoS) for this subject. Prin. Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar clarified that, as an autonomous college, the subject will be treated under an ad hoc Board of Studies and will be offered as a Value Education Course (VEC).</p>		
Resolution	It was resolved that, from the Academic Year 2026–27 , the above two courses will be introduced as Value Education Courses (VEC) for all First-Year Undergraduate Programmes . In this way, the 4-credit requirement for Environmental Education will be completed in the First Year of the UG Degree Programme.		
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2.	Adoption of UGC guidelines for pursuing two academic Programmes simultaneously		
Explanation	Dr. Nidhee Patwardhan informed the members that, as per the UGC and University of Mumbai Guidelines 2025 , students are permitted to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously .		
Resolution	Prin. Dr. Madhav S. Bapat strongly recommended the proposal. It was resolved to adopt the UGC guidelines and to offer students the facility to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously, excluding the Ph.D. programme .		
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	The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed to the Chair.		

Place : Ratnagiri

Chairman

Date : 20/08/2025

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Principal Dr. Makarand R. Sakhalkar