

VPM's B. N. Bandodkar College of Science (Autonomous), Thane
Minutes of Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting conducted on 21st July, 2025
Department of ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (EVS)&
BIODIVERSITY, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT
(BWCM)

Date: 21/07/2025

Mode: Online (via Google Meet)

Link: <https://meet.google.com/bbx-wssc-ocj>

An online meeting of the Dept of EVS & BWCM Board of Studies was conducted on Monday, 21st July, 2025 at 7:30 pm on Google meet platform.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- Upgradation of eligibility criterion for admission
- To grant approval for 2 credits Bridge course for students from non science stream

Following members attended the BOS meeting:

- 1) Dr. Urmila Kumavat
- 2) Dr. Amol Patwardhan
- 3) Dr. Bindu Gopalkrishnan
- 4) Dr. Jyoti Koliyar
- 5) Dr. Kamran Abbas
- 6) Dr. Nagesh Daptardar
- 7) Dr. Sanjay Joshi
- 8) Dr. V. Vishnuprasad
- 9) Dr. Aditya Akerkar
- 10) Mr. Sushant Shinde
- 11) Mr. Aditya Mhatre
- 12) Ms. Asba Ansari
- 13) Ms. Saloni Sheth

Minutes of the meeting:

The meeting started with a welcome address by Dr. Kumavat, Chairperson of the BoS for EVS & BWCM. She put forth the suggestion of updating the eligibility criteria for admission into MSc EVS & BWCM from B.Sc. or equivalent including B.A. Geography, B.E. and B.Tech. It was welcomed by all the attending members of the meeting and was seconded by Dr. Nagesh Daptardar. Dr. Jyoti Koliyar and Dr. Sanjay Joshi suggested coordinating with the university for the update.

Dr. Kumavat also presented the draft for a 2 credits Bridge course for students joining from non-science background (i.e. B.A.). The course contents were appreciated by all attending members with some suggestions. Following are the suggestions for the 2 credits Bridge course:

- Dr. Nagesh Daptardar suggested incorporation of animation videos while conducting the Bridge course. This was also emphasized by Dr. Bindu Gopalkrishnan

- Dr. Aditya Akerkar proposed inclusion of field visits in the bridge course, along with using basic field equipment.
- Dr. Jyoti Koliyar put forward the suggestion of including basic taxonomy terminology in the course.
- Mr. Sushant Shinde highlighted the importance of including basic analytical chemistry formulae and conversions and its relevance to MSc students from a practical perspective.

The meeting was concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Ansari.

Urmila Kumavat
24/07/2025

DR. URMILA KUMAVAT,
CO-ORDINATOR,
DEPT. OF EVS & BWCM

