



MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 29th April 2026 (Wednesday)
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue : Presentation Room (5th Floor)

The 13th Meeting of the Academic Council of Thakur College of Science & Commerce was conducted on Wednesday, 29th April 2026.

Members Present for the meeting:

1. I/C Prin. (Dr.) C. P. Shukla	Chairperson
2. Dr. S. D. Ajagekar	Member
3. Dr. Nishikant Jha	Member
4. Dr. Vijay Jadhav	Member
5. Dr. Parul Singhal	Member
6. Dr. Santosh Singh	Member
7. Dr. Vitthal Mohite	Member
8. Dr. Gitesh Padhye	Member
9. Mr. Ashish Trivedi	Member
10. Dr. Aparna Deshmukh	Member
11. Mr. Omkar Singh	Member
12. Dr. Pravin Pawar	Member
13. Dr. Priti Gupta	Member
14. Mr. Akash Deshmukh	Member
15. Dr. Rumpa Sanpui	Member
16. Ms. Lata Singh	Member
17. Dr. Rupal Shroff	Member
18. Mr. Deepak Tiwari	Member
19. Mrs. Anuradha Hait	Member
20. Mr. Kuldeep Kandwal	Member
21. Dr. Sadiq Hasan	Member
22. Dr. Nimesh Jotaniya	Member
23. Dr. Khushabu Pandya	Member
24. Dr. Manoj L. Mishra	Member
25. Dr. Neeta Jain	Member
26. Dr. Nirav Goda	Member
27. Mr. Abhijit Ray	Member
28. Dr. Rakhi Bhattacharya	Member
29. Ms. Rakhee Pathak	Member
30. Mr. Kaushik Chatterjee	Member
31. Dr. Hasim Khan	Member



32. Dr. Vipul Purohit	Member
33. Mr. Akshay Gawande	Member
34. Dr. Kiran Save	University Nominee
35. Dr. A. K. Singh	Expert from Law
36. Mr. Mudassir Aleem	Expert from Engineering
37. Dr. Dhaval Shah	Expert from Medicine
38. Dr. Sunil Patil	Controller of Examination
39. Dr. Vinit Vaidya	Member Secretary
40. Dr. (Mrs.) C. T. Chakraborty	Invited Member
41. Ms. Gita Balachandra	Invited Member

Leave of Absence:

Leave of Absence was granted to the following members:

1. Prin. (Dr.) Sobhana Nair	University Nominee
2. Prin. (Dr.) Shripad Joshi	University Nominee
3. Dr. Anuradha Majumdar	Expert from Education
4. Mr. Parag Gandhi	Expert from Industry
5. CA Aneel Gambhir	Expert from Commerce
6. Dr. Rashmi Shetty	Member
7. Ms. Ruchi Negi	Member
8. Dr. Sharad Pasale	Member

Agenda & Discussion Points:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Academic Council dated 27th September 2025:

The minutes of the 12th meeting of the Academic Council held on 27th September 2025 were read and unanimously approved.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the 12th meeting held on 27th September 2025".

2. Approval of the new programmes commencing from the academic year 2026-2027:

The committee reviewed proposals for the following programmes, including details on intake, eligibility, fees, and syllabus and were granted formal approval to commence in the Academic Year 2026-2027:

Sr. No.	Programme	Intake Capacity	Eligibility
1	M. Sc. (Biotechnology)	20	A learner being eligible for admission to M.Sc. (Biotechnology) must have passed bachelor's degree examination in Science or Technology, or an equivalent degree program from a recognised university with major in Biotechnology or related fields like Life Sciences, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and allied Biological Sciences. The learners will be admitted to the program based on the merit (Aggregate marks obtained at the bachelor's degree examination).
2	B. Sc. (Robotics & Intelligent System)	60	A candidate for being eligible for admission to the BSc in Robotics and Intelligent System. shall have passed Standard XII examination of the Maharashtra State Board of Higher Secondary Education or its equivalent from Science or Commerce Stream with Mathematics and Statistics as one of the subjects and should have secured not less than 45% marks in aggregate for open category and 40% marks aggregate in case of reserve category candidates.
3	B. Sc. (Business Analytics)	60	A candidate for being eligible for admission to the B.Sc.-Business Analytics course shall have passed Standard XII examination of the Maharashtra State Board of Higher Secondary Education or its equivalent with Mathematics and Statistics as one of the subjects and should have secured not less than 45% marks in aggregate for open category and 40% marks aggregate in case of reserve category candidates.
4	B.Sc. (Defence and Strategic Studies)	60	Candidates seeking admission to the three-year degree course of B.Sc. (Defence Strategic Studies) must fulfil the following requirements: • Must have passed Class 12 (H.S.C.) or equivalent examination in the Science stream • Must have studied Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry as core subjects • Must have secured a minimum aggregate of 40% marks. Admission will be granted on a merit basis, with the following order of preference: • Aggregate marks in H.S.C. (or equivalent)



			• Aggregate marks in the Science group (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics) • Marks in Mathematics and Physics • Marks in Mathematics Note: Candidates from other boards/universities or statutory examining bodies must comply with the relevant university equivalence provisions (e.g., Ordinance O.111, if applicable).
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Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the intake capacity, eligibility & curriculum for the above programmes to be started from the Academic Year 2026-2027 and to duly consider the suggestions provided by the Council Members."

3. Implementation of Honours (Papers) and Honours (Research) Programmes from the Academic Year 2026-2027: nomenclature of degrees, intake capacity, admission policy, eligibility criteria, lateral entry, structures etc.:

The Committee deliberated on the implementation of the 4th Year Honours with Papers & Research programs for the Academic Year 2026–27. In alignment with the guidelines issued by the University of Mumbai, the following resolutions were passed:

The following programs were approved to start Honours from the Academic Year 2026-2027:

Honours by papers:

Sr. No.	Program	Eligibility
1	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Chemistry	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Chemistry (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
2	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Zoology	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Zoology (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
3	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Botany	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Botany (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
4	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Computer Science	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Computer Science (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
5	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Information Technology	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Information Technology (Major) under



		NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
6	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Data Science	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Data Science (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
7	B.Com. (Hons.) in Advanced Accountancy	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Com. Majors in Accountancy / Accountancy & Finance under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
8	B.Com. (Hons.) in E-Commerce	A learner shall have passed the examination for the degree of commerce (B.Com.) or other program like B.Com. (Digital Business), B.Com. (Entrepreneurship), B.Com. (Service Industry Management), B.Com. (Accountancy and Finance), B.Com. (Financial Markets), B.Com. (Investment Management), B.Com. (Management Studies), B.Com. (International Accounting), B.Com. (Banking and Insurance) etc. under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
9	B.Com. (Hons.) in Banking & Finance	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.Com. / B.Com (Accounting & Finance) / B.Com. (Banking & Insurance) / B.Com. (Financial Markets) / B.Com. (Investment Management) / B.Com. (International Accounting) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits
10	B.A. (Hons.) in Entertainment, Media & Advertising	A learner must be successful in the three-year B.A. (Multimedia & Mass Communication) & B.A. (Film, TV & New Media Production) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits

Honours with research:

Sr. No.	Program	Eligibility
1	B.Sc. (Hons. with Research) in Chemistry	A Learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Chemistry (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits and Minimum CGPA of 7.50

2	B.Sc. (Hons. with Research) in Zoology	A Learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Zoology (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits and Minimum CGPA of 7.50
3	B.Sc. (Hons. with Research) in Physics	A Learner must be successful in the three-year B.Sc. in Physics (Major) under NEP 2020 from recognized university with 120 to 132 credits and Minimum CGPA of 7.50

The curriculum structure & Intake is in line with the guidelines issued by the University of Mumbai.

It was also recommended by the members that Commerce should also apply for Research Centre to University of Mumbai. It was decided to start the process work for starting a Research Centre for Ph.D. in Commerce. The Research Committee along with the Dean of Faculty of Commerce would initiate the process.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the above Honours programmes to commence from the Academic Year 2026-2027".

4. Assessment and evaluation pattern for Honours and PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2026–2027:

The Council was briefed on the revised evaluation scheme for all Post-Graduate (PG) and Honours programmes as per the new guidelines issued by the University of Mumbai, effective from the upcoming academic session.

The Examination Policy framed by the Controller of Examination was discussed. The major points of reference are:

Examination Pattern (Honours/PG Part-I):

Courses	Examination Pattern	Continues Internal Assessment (CIA)	Semester End Examination (SEE)	Details
Less than and equal to 2 Cr	25-25	25 marks	25 marks	Examination Conducted by CoE
Greater than 2 Cr	50-50	50 marks	50 marks	Examination Conducted by CoE
Practical	-	-	As per BoS recommendation	Examination Conducted by HoD/Coordinator

The performance of the students will be evaluated in two Components.

- 1). The first component of the assessment shall be the Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA), which shall carry 50% of the total maximum marks for the respective subject. The CIA shall be conducted under the supervision of the Controller of Examinations (CoE).
- 2). The second component of the assessment shall be the Semester End Examination (SEE), conducted at the end of each semester. This examination shall carry 50% of the total maximum marks for the respective subject and shall be administered by the Controller of Examinations (CoE).

Passing Standard:

Learner must Secure 40 % marks under each head of passing.

Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks for passing
25	10
50	20
100	40
200	80

Evaluation Pattern for ATKT PG CEI is recommended as follows: It should be retrospectively followed as per credits of the course.

Particulars	Marks
10 MCQ's with justifications	10
10 Concept Questions	10
Descriptive Questions	30
Total	50

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the assessment and evaluation pattern as 50:50 for Honours & PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2026-2027".

Additional CIA Examination in UG Programmes:

In UG programmes, additional CIA Examination is usually taken for students who have a genuine medical reason, NSS/NCC participation/ a death in the family and students representing sports or any cultural programs from the college. This resulted in a lot of students taking Additional Examination citing simple medical issues.

A discussion regarding the same was done and it was mutually agreed by all that No Additional CIA Examination will be held for students except:

- i) Students representing Sports at District/ State/ National Level competition.
- ii) Students representing Cultural participation at Youth Festival organized by University of Mumbai



- iii) Death of near & dear in the family
- iv) Students representing NSS or NCC participation at District/ State/ National Level.

Resolution: "It was approved by all members that Additional CIA Examination will not be offered to all students except the 4 categories mentioned above"

5. Approval of fees for Honours & PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2026-2027:

The Council reviewed & unanimously approved the fees for Honours & PG Programmes.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the fees for Honours & PG Programmes from the Academic Year 2026-2027".

6. Change in the nomenclature of Under Graduate Programmes:

1) B.Com. (Honours) to B.Com. (Professional Accounting & Auditing)

The college has been offering a three-year B.Com (Honours) degree program (UGC Approved) since the academic year 2020-2021. However, as per the new NEP 2020 framework, an "Honours" nomenclature is typically associated with the completion of a four-year (8 semesters) program of study. To avoid the confusion & in light of these regulatory shifts, the Board has decided to change its nomenclature to B.Com. (Professional Accounting & Auditing).

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the Nomenclature of the programme B.Com. (Honours) to B.Com. (Professional Accounting & Auditing) from the Academic Year 2026-2027".

2) B.Sc. (Actuarial Science) to B.Sc. (Actuarial Science & Quantitative Finance)

The rationale behind the change in nomenclature includes, evolving industry requirements, increasing competition, and to better align with current trends.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the Nomenclature of the programme B.Sc. (Actuarial Science) to B.Sc. (Actuarial Science & Quantitative Finance) from the Academic Year 2026-2027".

7. Mapping of Non NEP and NEP Students as per the University of Mumbai's circular dated 2nd March 2026:

The mapping of Non NEP and NEP based syllabus for students taking admissions in the Second/ Third year of any program was discussed. University of Mumbai Circular dated 2nd March 2026 was read and discussed.



It was decided that an Equivalence Committee will be framed consisting of the Principal, Vice Principals, Faculty Deans and Controller of Examination. This Committee will design an SOP for the mapping of Non NEP to NEP syllabus.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the Equivalence Committee to frame SOP based on University of Mumbai circular and the same to be implemented from the Academic Year 2026-27."

8. Approval of CEP Policy from the Academic Year 2026-2027:

Community Engagement & Service Program course at the undergraduate level was discussed. It was decided to refine the CEP Policy and include the following in it:

- i) Internal & External Assessment for more transparency about the Community Work done by the learners. External Examiners will be called for the evaluation of CEP Projects.
- ii) Library Hours of reading and study should be included as a part of Internal Assessment. It was decided to ensure that every Learner spends 20 hours in the Library reading about the topic of CEP.

Field Projects & OJT of all undergraduate programs should also follow a similar plan.

Resolution: "It was approved to refine Community Engagement & Services (CEP) and Field Project (FP) courses to ensure authentic completion and involvement of the learner. Rubrics for assessment should be framed accordingly"

9. Inclusion of subject specific IKS in semester 5 and rearrangement of distribution of credits in the Academic Year 2026-2027:

Inclusion of Indian Knowledge System (Sem V) for 2 credits as per 159854/UGC/IKS/2025/ and Govt. of Maharashtra: NEP-2020 guideline dt. 20th April 2023 was deliberated upon. It was decided to introduce IKS specific course in Major of the program in Sem V.

Resolution: "It was approved to introduce IKS specific to the Major program in Sem V for 2 credits as per guidelines given"

10. Any Other Matter with permission of the Chair:

- 1) Some courses across all programs have been enriched to meet the changing industry standards. The changes have been a maximum of 20%.



- 2) Masters Programs in B.Com. (Accounting & Finance) and B.Com. (Management Studies) are planned to be initiated from Academic Year 2026-27. Honours programs in the same can be initiated too.

Resolution: "It was resolved to approve the changes and proposals detailed above and to duly consider the suggestions provided by the Council members."

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Dr. C. P. Shukla
Chairperson, Academic Council