

**Minutes of the First Meeting of the Governing Body held on 6th May 2024 at
10:30 a.m. in the Seminar Hall of the College**

Members Present

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| 1. Shri Prasad Lolayekar(IAS) | : | Chairperson |
| Secretary Education | | |
| 2. Shri. Bhushan Savaikar | : | Member |
| Director of Higher education | | |
| 3. Dr. Maria Fatima Dsouza | : | Member |
| HOD, Commerce | | |
| 4. Dr. Elizabeth Henriques | : | Member |
| HOD, Economics | | |
| 5. Ms. Nayan Shanbhag | : | Member |
| Head Clerk | | |
| 6. Prof. F. M. Nadaf | : | Member Secretary |
| Officiating Principal | | |

(The attendance sheet is enclosed separately.)

Quorum: Minimum 50% of Members.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairperson welcomed all members to the inaugural meeting of the Governing Body constituted following the conferment of Autonomous Status to the College. The Chairperson emphasized that the establishment of the Governing Body marks an important milestone in the academic and administrative evolution of the institution. The Governing Body is expected to guide the College in achieving academic excellence, institutional autonomy, and innovation in teaching, research, and extension activities.

The Chair also appreciated the efforts of the State Government, the affiliating University, the University Grants Commission (UGC), faculty members, staff, and stakeholders in supporting the transition towards autonomy.

The Prof. (Dr) F. M. Nadaf, Member Secretary of the Governing Body, introduced all the members present in the meeting. Each member briefly introduced themselves and expressed their commitment to contributing towards the academic development and institutional growth of the College.

The Governing Body noted with appreciation the diverse expertise of its members representing academia, administration, and other relevant sectors.

The Chairperson presented the statutory functions of the Governing Body in accordance with the relevant UGC guidelines and provisions applicable to autonomous institutions.

The Governing Body deliberated upon its responsibilities and resolved that it shall function as the highest decision-making body of the Autonomous College and shall guide the institution in fulfilling the objectives of autonomy.

The Governing Body resolved that it shall perform the following key functions:

1. Provide strategic guidance to the Autonomous College in fulfilling the objectives for which autonomous status has been granted.
2. Institute scholarships, fellowships, studentships, medals, prizes, and certificates for students on the recommendations of the Academic Council in order to promote academic excellence.
3. Approve new programmes of study leading to degrees, diplomas, and certificates as recommended by the Academic Council and Board of Studies from time to time.
4. Approve recruitment of teaching faculty and the Principal, as applicable, in accordance with the policies and guidelines laid down by the UGC, State Government, and affiliating University.
5. Approve the annual budget of the Autonomous College and provide necessary financial oversight for effective institutional management.
6. Constitute committees and perform other functions necessary for the academic, administrative, and infrastructural development of the Autonomous College.

The members unanimously agreed to carry out these functions in accordance with the rules, regulations, and statutes of the State Government, Parent University, and the UGC.

Item No. 1: Starting of New Programmes

The Principal placed before the Governing Body the proposal for starting new academic programmes namely B.Sc. in Data Science and M.Sc. in Geoinformatics and B. Com in Accounting & Finance, and B. Com in Industry Integration from the academic year 2024–25.

The Governing Body discussed the academic relevance, employability potential, and alignment of these programmes with emerging trends in higher education.

Resolution:

Resolved that the Governing Body accords approval for the commencement of B.Sc. in Data Science and M.Sc. in Geoinformatics and B. Com in Accounting & Finance, and B. Com in Industry Integration from the academic year 2024–25, subject to necessary approvals from the regulatory bodies.

Item No. 2: Offering of ITI Courses to Students

The Chairperson, Shri Prasad Lolayekar(IAS), brought to the notice of the Governing Body that the College has the distinct advantage of proximity to an Industrial Training Institute (ITI). He emphasized that this provides a valuable opportunity to integrate skill-based education with formal academic programmes.

In order to enhance employability and provide vocational training to students, the Chairperson suggested that appropriate steps be taken to explore collaboration with the concerned authorities.

The Governing Body appreciated the suggestion and deliberated on its potential benefits.

Resolution:

Resolved that the Principal is authorized to write to the Director, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, to explore the possibility of offering ITI courses or skill-based programmes for the benefit of students, in accordance with applicable norms and guidelines.

Item No. 3: Approval of Annual Budget

The Member Secretary presented the Annual Budget of the Autonomous College for the financial year 2024-25.

After detailed deliberations, the Governing Body examined the allocations under various heads.

Resolution:

Resolved that the Annual Budget for the financial year 2024-25 is hereby approved.

Item No. 4: Nomination to Academic Council

The Governing Body considered the nomination of members to the Academic Council for a period of three years.

Resolution:

Resolved that:

- **Four teachers representing different categories of teaching staff**namely Ms. Lilly Endro (Commerce), Ms. Vembly Colaco (Economics) Ms. Naziya Shaikh (Data Science)& Ms. Pooja Dalvi (Data Science), were nominated.
- **Following seven external experts or academicians** from fields such as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, and Sciences were nominated:

Prof. M K Janarthanam, Chairperson, Goa State Research Foundation

Prof. Suresh Namboothiri, Espoir Technologies Private Limited, Pune,

Prof. K. V. Gangadharan, Centre for System Design, NITK Suratkhal

Prof. Vital Tilvi,Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC)

Prof. Niyan Marchon,Goa State Higher Education Council (GSHEC)

Prof. Arif Raza, GIM- Poriem Sattari-Goa

Shri Pawan Vij, Directorate of Operations, Putzmeister India Verna

Item No. 5: Nomination to Examination Cell

The Governing Body deliberated on the constitution of the Examination Cell.

Resolution:

Resolved to appoint following teaching Staff of the College for the that the following positions:

- Ms. Rupali Sangodkar, Controller of Examinations
- Ms. Lilly Endro, Deputy Controller of Examinations
- Ms. Naziya Shaikh, Assistant Controller of Examinations

Item No. 6: Nomination to Finance Committee

The Governing Body considered the composition of the Finance Committee.

Resolution:

Resolved to nominate for a period of two years:

- **Ms. Nerita Fernandes**, Upper Division Clerk as one person to be nominated by the Governing Body of the Autonomous College for a period of two years.
- **Dr. Maria Fatima Dsouza**, HOD Commerce as one senior-most faculty member of the Autonomous College to be nominated in rotation by the Principal for two years.
- **Shri. Shrikant Velip**, the Accountant of the College as Member Secretary.
- **Ms. Diksha Lone** to be nominated as Co-opted member as she is looking after accounts of the College as Accountant of the College is holding additional charge.

Item No. 7: Any Other Business

No other matter was discussed.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Prof. F. M. Nadaf
Member Secretary
Governing Body



Shri Prasad Lolayekar (IAS)
(Chairperson)
Governing Body