

**Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Zoology was conducted on 21-12-2016 in the Department of Zoology.**

The meeting commenced with a silent prayer followed by welcome address by Dr Sosamma Oommen, HOD, Department of Zoology. The committee members discussed the various modifications to be made in the UG and PG syllabus during the meeting. As per the guidelines from the curriculum revision committee of the college only minor changes were allowed to be made. Changes made (both addition and deletion) in the topic were discussed paper wise (Theory and Practical)

Major suggestions made during the discussion

- The chairman suggested that the first paper for the UG needs modification as it doesn't generate any interest for the new comers
- Photography and photo editing topics should be included in practical as wild life biology is an emerging subject
- e-books and links are to be added in the reference
- Availability of reference books mentioned in the syllabus needs to be checked in the library
- Virtual dissection needs to be added in the practical
- Topic related to mitigation measures for natural calamities needs to be added (demonstration/video/ case study) in the paper 'Toxicology and disaster management'
- Include a problem related to pedigree chart construction in the practical 'Genetics and Biotechnology'
- Topics that are repeated in various papers are to be deleted and the additions and deletions made should be proportionate
- Mega software which can be used offline should be downloaded and installed for bioinformatics practical

Major modifications to be done in the syllabus include changes in the first semester main paper on 'Biology Scope and Challenges', Physiology part for both UG main and complementary. As per the suggestions made by various members of the committee it was decided to make necessary additions, deletions and modifications in various parts of the syllabus. It was also decided that all the changes made do not exceed more than 20% of the whole syllabus.

The chairman thanked all the members for their comments and valuable suggestions and concluded the meeting

*(Member Secretary)*

(Read and confirmed)

*(Chairman)*

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