

Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

Date: 10th March, 2026

Minutes of the Meeting

The **17th meeting of Board of Studies (BOS)** was held on **10th March, 2026** at **Dept of MCJ, MANUU, Hyderabad at 02:30 pm** through **Online/Offline mode**. The following members were present in the meeting:

- i. **Prof. Ehtesham Ahmad Khan**, Chairman, BOS / Head, Dept. of MCJ - Chairman
- ii. **Prof. Nisha Pawar**, Head, Department of JMC, Shivaji University, Kolhapur - External Member
- iii. **Mr. Habib Nasir**, Former CEO, Munsif TV Network, Hyderabad - External Member
- iv. **Prof. Mohammad Fariyad**, Professor, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU - Internal Member
- v. **Dr. Mohd. Mustafa Ali**, Associate Professor, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU — Internal Member
- vi. **Dr. Meraj Ahmed Mubaraki**, Associate Professor, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU - Internal Member
- vii. **Mr. Syed Hussain Abbas Rizvi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU - Internal Member
- viii. **Mr. Mohd. Tahir Qureshi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU - Internal Member
- ix. **Mr. Shams Imran**, Assistant Professor, JMC, CODE, MANUU - Internal Member
- x. **Dr. Danish Khan**, Guest Faculty, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU- Special Invitee
- xi. **Ms. Saleha Wasim**, M.A. (JMC) Final Year Student, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU- Special Invitee
- xii. **Mr. Md. Kaif**, M.A. (JMC) Final Yea Student, Dept. of MCJ, MANUU- Special Invitee

(Prof. Nisha Pawar and Mr. Habib Nasir, External Members attended the meeting Online. Dr. Meraj Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of MCJ could not attend the meeting due to prior engagement).

The agenda for the 17th Board of Studies (BOS) meeting was as follows:

- 17.1 To seek approval for the confirmation of the minutes of the 16th Board of Studies (BOS) meeting held on 04 December, 2025.
- 17.2 To seek approval for the introduction of **M.A. (Filmmaking) in Self-Finance Mode** from the **academic year 2026-2027**, including approval of the **syllabus**,

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intake capacity, fee structure, eligibility criteria for admission, minimum number of admissions required to launch the course, and the overall structure of the syllabus in accordance with the NEP-2020 framework for PG programmes.

17.3 To seek approval for the revision in the syllabus of B.A. (JMC) and M.A. (JMC) by replacing the existing paper on **Graphics and Animation with a paper titled "AI Tools & Media / AI and Media"**, with effect from the **academic year 2027-2028**.

17.4 To seek approval for the constitution of a **Five-member "Technical Committee"** for the procurement of minimum basic equipment and for hiring studio space and equipment available in Hyderabad, until the required infrastructure is developed within the Department, as and when required.

17.5 To seek approval for the constitution of a **Five/Ten-member 'Advisory Committee'** from the film industry, preferably with an **Urdu background**, for **overall support, guidance, development, and monitoring of the programme**.

The proposed members include:

- i. Mr. Muzaffar Ali
- ii. Mr. Mahesh Bhatt
- iii. Mr. Anjum Rajabali
- iv. Mr. Zama Habib
- v. Dr. Jabbar Patel

17.6 To seek approval for the change in the nomenclature of the School. In view of proposed introduction of **M.A. (Filmmaking)** and the future expansion of allied disciplines such as **Film, Theatre, and Performing Arts**, it is proposed to

rename the 'School of Journalism and Mass Communication' as the "School of Mass Communication" to reflect a broader and contemporary academic scope.

17.7 To seek approval for the subscription of **Newspapers** (Urdu, Hindi, English, Telugu), **Magazines** (Weekly, Fortnightly, and Monthly) in Hindi and English, for the Department.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The resolutions of the 17th BOS are as follows:

17.1 The Chairman, BOS, apprised the members of the action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting and the departmental progress to date.

17.2 The BOS members confirmed and approved the minutes of the 16th BOS meeting held on 04 December, 2025.

17.3 The BOS members approved the introduction of the **M.A. (Filmmaking) programme in Self-Finance Mode from the academic year 2026-2027**. The Board also approved the syllabus with minor additions and modifications in certain papers. The members suggested incorporating topics such as **Censorship / Censor Board,**

Sufism, Gender and Film, and Cinema in the syllabus. The overall structure of the programme was approved in accordance with the NEP-2020 framework for postgraduate programmes. The members also approved the **intake capacity, fee structure, eligibility criteria for admission, and the minimum number of admissions required to launch the course**. The copy of the approved syllabus with details of the same with **Annexure-I**.

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17.4 The BOS members approved the revision in the syllabus of B.A. (JMC) and M.A. (JMC) by replacing the existing paper on **Graphics and Animation** with a new paper titled "**AI Tools & Media / AI and Media**", with effect from the academic year 2026-2027, as detailed in **Annexure-II & III.**

17.5 The BOS members approved the constitution of a **Five member "Technical Committee for the M.A. (Filmmaking) Self-Financed Course"** for the procurement of minimum basic equipment and for hiring studio space and equipment available in Hyderabad and MOU with FTII for the same, until the required infrastructure is developed within the Department, as and when required. The Chairman of the Board of Studies (BOS) / Head of the Department is authorized to constitute a Five-Member Technical Committee, whenever required, in consultation with the Dean, School of Mass Communication (SMC). (The Members attending the meeting shall be entitled to TA/DA and Sitting Remuneration as per University Rules / Government of India (GOI) norms). The minimum meeting of '**Technical Committee**' will be maximum Four (04) in a year and minimum (02) two.)

17.6 The BOS members approved the constitution of an '**Advisory Committee** for the M.A. (Filmmaking) Self-Financed Course' from the film industry, preferably with members having an **Urdu background**, for overall support, guidance, development, and monitoring of the M.A. (Filmmaking) programme. The proposed members include:

- i. Mr. Muzaffar Ali
- ii. Mr. Mahesh Bhatt
- iii. Mr. Anjum Rajabali
- iv. Mr. Zama Habib

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- v. Dr. Jabbar Patel
- vi. Mr. Imtiaz Ali
- vii. Mr. Anubhav Sinha
- viii. Mr. Anees Bazmee
- ix. Mr. Kabir Khan
- x. Ms. Shama Zaidi

The tenure of the Ten (10) Members of the 'Advisory Board for the M.A. (Filmmaking) Self-Financed Course' shall be three (03) years. (Members attending the meeting shall be entitled to TA/DA and Sitting Remuneration as per University Rules / Government of India (GOI) norms). The minimum meeting of 'Advisory Board for the M.A. (Filmmaking) Self-Financed Course' will be minimum one (01) in a year and maximum two (02).

17.7 The BOS members approved the proposal for change in the nomenclature of the School. In view of the proposed introduction of **M.A. (Filmmaking)** and the possible expansion of allied disciplines such as **Film, Theatre, and Performing Arts**, it was recommended that the '**School of Journalism and Mass Communication**' be renamed as the "**School of Mass Communication**" to reflect a broader and contemporary academic scope. The matter may be forwarded to the competent authorities for further approval.

17.8 The BOS members approved the subscription of newspapers, magazines, and academic journals for the Department in order to support teaching, learning, and research activities. The members noted that the Department offers UG& PG programme which includes a paper on **Print Journalism**, where newspapers serve as an essential teaching and learning resource for students to understand news writing, editing, layout, and contemporary media practices. In this regard, the subscription of newspapers was considered necessary as an important academic resource for practical learning and reference. Accordingly, the BOS approved the subscription of Newspapers, Magazines &

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Journals in **Urdu, Hindi, English, and Telugu**, including:

Newspapers:

The Hindu (English)

- The Times of India (English)
- The Indian Express (English)
- Dak Editions of Telegraph or Hindustan Times or old Indian Express
- Eenadu (Telugu)
- Siasat (Urdu Daily)
- Munsif (Urdu Daily)
- Etmad (Urdu Daily)
- Varta (Hindi)
- Dak Editions of Dainik Bhaskar or Dainik Jagran

Magazines (Weekly, Fortnightly, and Monthly) in Hindi and English:

- The Week (English)
- Frontline (English)
- India Today (Hindi and English)
- Outlook (Hindi and English)
- The Caravan (English)

Journals:

- Media Watch

Manu

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- Journal of Creative Communications
- Journal of Content, Community and Communication
- Global Media Journal (Indian Edition)
- Journal of Media and Communication
- Sanchar Madhyam
- Communicator
- Communication Today
- Media Mimansa
- Journal of Media and Social Development
- Bioscope: South Asian Screen Studies
- Media Asia
- Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly
- Journalism Practice

The Chairman, BOS expressed his sincere appreciation to all members for their valuable suggestions, insights, and cooperation.

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

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Prof. Ehtesham Ahmad Khan
Pawar Chairman, BoS, HoD, MCJ

Attended Online
Prof. Nisha *Ehtesham*
Head, Dept. of JMC Shivaji University, Kolhapur
(External Member, BOS, MCJ)

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Mr. Habib Nasir

Former CEO, Munsif TV Network, Hyderabad
(External Member, BOS, MCJ)

M.H. Farid
Prof. Mohammad Farid
Prof., Dept. of MCJ
(Internal Member, BOS, MCJ)

M. Ali
Dr. Mohd. Mustafa Ali

Associate Prof., Dept. of MCJ
(Internal Member, BOS, MCJ)

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Dr. Meraj Ahmed Mubaraki
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H. Abbas Rizvi
Mr. Syed Hussain Abbas Rizvi
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T. Qureshi
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Sh. Imran
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