

Department of AI & DS Engineering

Board of Studies Minutes of 2nd Meeting

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Date: Wednesday, 23rd April 2026

The second meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Engineering under autonomous status of Matoshri College of Engineering and Research Centre, Nashik, was conducted on Wednesday, 23rd April 2026 at 03:00 PM to 4.30 PM in ONLINE mode.

Following members were present for the meeting-

Prof. Dr. G. R. Bamnote	Dr. S. S. Sane	Prof. Dr. Parikshit N. Mahale
Dr. Namrata G. Kharate	Mr. Milind Ghyar	Dr. Varsha H. Patil
Dr. Ranjit M. Gawande	Mr. M. T. Dhande	Ms. V. D. Mane
Mrs. M. M. Singh	Mrs. S. K. Deore	Mrs. D. M. Thorat
Ms. T. P. Deore		

The members Dr. Madhuri A. Jawale, and Mr. Rishikesh Jadhav were absent with prior intimation and with the permission of the Chair.

The online meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Chairman, Dr. R. M. Gawande, who appreciated the presence and contributions of all members. Thereafter, he presented the agenda-wise points through brief summaries and snapshots on slides, and discussions were held thereon. The supporting documents had been shared with all members well in advance.

Agenda Items and Resolutions

Item 1: Welcome of BoS Members

Discussion: Dr. R. M. Gawande gave a warm welcome to all the Board of Studies members followed by an introductory speech.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of the First BoS Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the First BoS meeting were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Chairman invited suggestions or corrections, if any. No modifications were proposed by the members.

Resolution: The minutes of the Second BoS meeting were confirmed unanimously without any modifications.

Item 3: Proposal of UG Second Year Curriculum (B.Tech – 2024 Pattern)

Discussion:

Dr. R. M. Gawande presented the Second-Year B.Tech AI & DS (2024 Pattern) curriculum for Semesters III and IV. Course content was shared in advance, and a detailed walkthrough covered Programme Core Courses (PCC), Multidisciplinary Minor (MDM), Value

Education Courses (VEC), and Vocational and Skill Enhancement Courses (VSEC).

Expert-member suggestions included:

Prof. Dr. Parikshit N. Mahale appreciated the structure and recommended renaming “Python Libraries for Data Science” (Semester III) to “Python for Data Science” to better reflect its broader scope beyond libraries.

Dr. S. S. Sane suggested updating the MDM course “Web Technologies” to align with current practices. He proposed reclassifying “Digital Marketing” as a VEC and “Python for Data Science” as a VSEC based on their learning outcomes.

Mr. Milind Ghyar recommended adding content on leveraging AI tools for coding and software development to prepare students for industry demands.

Prof. Dr. G. R. Bamnote advised aligning Programme Outcomes (POs) with the latest NBA circular and referenced the DTE MoM (16-05-2024) for MDM course selection guidance.

Dr. Namrata G. Kharate suggested moving “Probability Theory” from Unit IV to Unit I in the course 24U0230: Statistics, as it forms the foundation for subsequent topics.

Dr. Varsha H. Patil (Dean, Academics) addressed all queries and confirmed that valid recommendations would be incorporated into the revised curriculum, ensuring compliance with SPPU autonomous norms, NEP 2020, and regulatory guidelines.

Resolution: The Board of Studies reviewed and approved the Second-Year B.Tech (AI & DS) 2024 Pattern curriculum with the following modifications:

Course Renaming: “Python Libraries for Data Science” (Semester III) will be renamed “Python for Data Science” to better reflect its scope (Prof. Dr. Parikshit N. Mahalle).

Content Update: The MDM course “Web Technologies” will be revised to align with current web development practices (Prof. Dr. S. S. Sane).

Re-categorization: “Digital Marketing” will be reclassified as a Value Education Course (VEC), and “Python for Data Science” as a Vocational and Skill Enhancement Course (VSEC), per SPPU guidelines (Prof. Dr. S. S. Sane).

Topic Relocation: In 24U0230: Statistics, “Probability Theory” will move from Unit IV to Unit I to establish a foundational basis (Dr. Namrata G. Kharate).

AI Tools Module: A dedicated component on AI-assisted coding tools will be added to a relevant Programme Core Course (Mr. Milind Ghyar).

PO Alignment: Programme Outcomes (POs) will be updated per the latest NBA circular, and the DTE MoM (16-05-2024) will guide MDM course selection and be appended to the document (Prof. Dr. G. R. Bamnote).

The revised curriculum will be prepared by the Department, circulated to BoS members for final review, and submitted to the Academic Council for approval.

Item 4: Discussion of any additional agenda items with the permission of the Chair

Discussion: Dr. Ranjit M. Gawande invited members to share additional views on the academic programme or departmental activities. He summarised key suggestions,

thanked participants for their contributions, and noted broad consensus on the curriculum structure, emphasizing that the feedback would enhance the AI & DS programme.

Resolution: Prof. Dr. G. R. Bamnote, Prof. Dr. S. S. Sane, Prof. Dr. Parikshit N. Mahalle, and Dr. Namrata G. Kharate commended the Second-Year curriculum and credit distribution for Semesters III and IV (2024 Pattern). All suggestions were noted, and the Department will implement recommendations on outcome-based assessment, question bank development, curriculum mapping, and industry–academia initiatives this academic session.

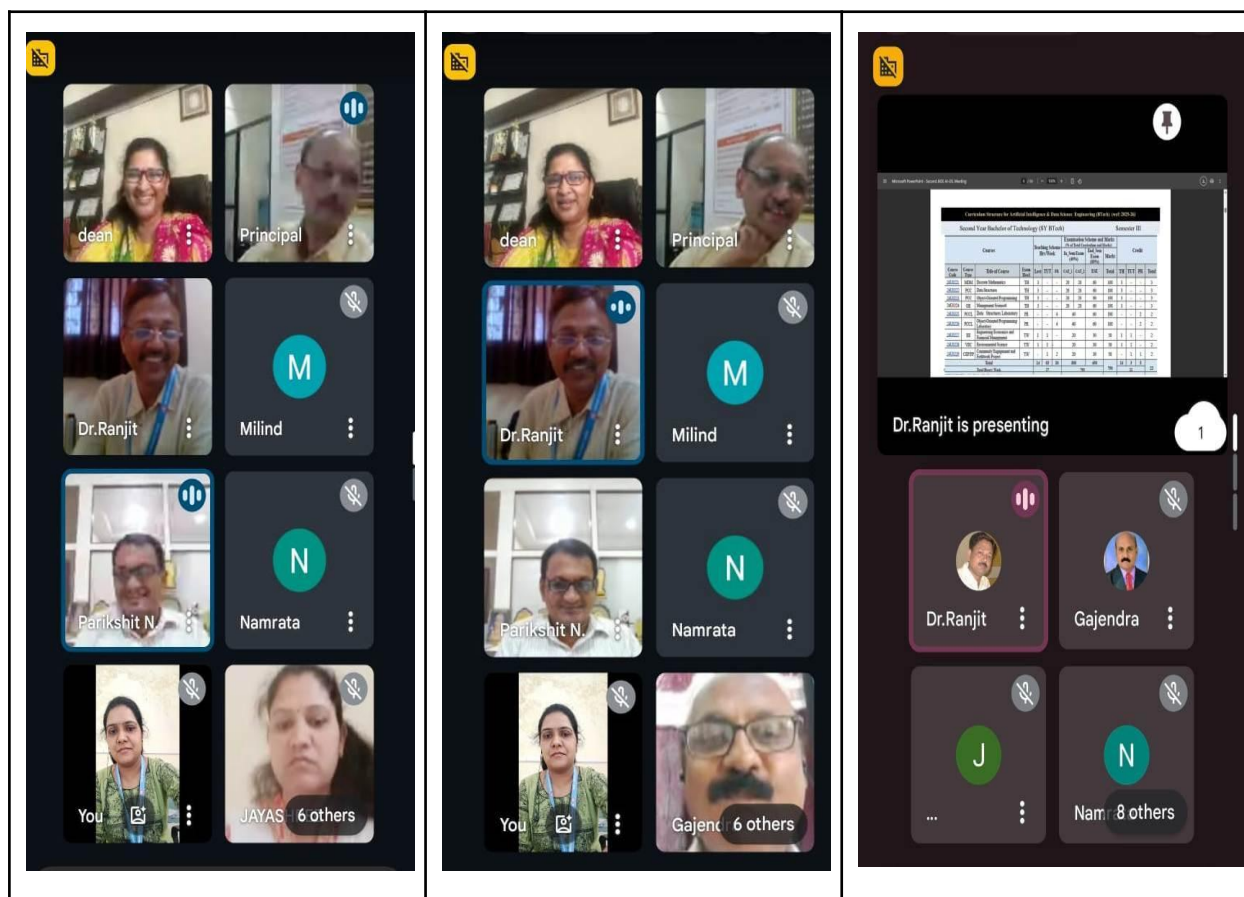
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. R. M. Gawande, acknowledging members' active participation and expressing confidence in the BoS's role in building a robust, industry-aligned AI & DS programme.

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 3rd Meeting (Friday, 20th March 2026)

Action Taken Report

Agenda Item No	Action Taken
Item 2	The minutes of the First BoS meeting were confirmed unanimously. No corrections were required. The confirmed minutes have been filed and archived as part of the departmental records.
Item 3	The revised Second-Year B.Tech (2024 Pattern) curriculum, incorporating the following modifications, has been emailed to all BoS members: (i) “Python Libraries for Data Science” renamed to “Python for Data Science” in Semester III. (ii) Web Technologies MDM course content updated per Dr. S. S. Sane’s recommendation. (iii) Digital Marketing reclassified as VEC; Python for Data Science redesignated as VSEC. (iv) Probability Theory moved to Unit I of 24U0230: Statistics as suggested by Dr. Namrata G. Kharate. (v) A module on AI-assisted coding tools added to a relevant core course per Mr. Milind Ghysar’s recommendation. (vi) Programme Outcomes aligned with the latest NBA circular per Dr. G. R. Bamnote’s direction; DTE circular (16-05-2024) referenced in MDM course rationale.
Item 4	All observations and suggestions recorded under the additional agenda item have been noted. The department will act on the recommendations pertaining to outcome-based assessment design and industry–academia linkage initiatives in the current academic session.

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