

**Minutes of the Eleventh Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for  
Deccan Studies held on 1st May 2024 at 11.30 a.m.  
At Conference Hall, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU**

The Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies was held on 1st May 2024 at 11.30 a.m. at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU.

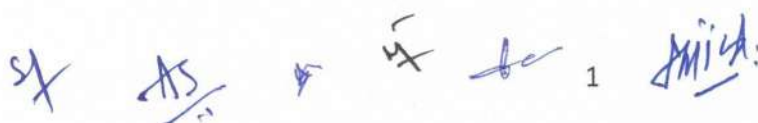
The meeting was attended by the following:

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	<b>Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan</b> Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Chairperson
02	<b>Janab Sajjad Shahid</b> Editor, Deccan Studies Journal, Visiting Professor at University of Hyderabad & Heritage Expert on Deccan	External Member
03	<b>Prof. B. Lavanya</b> Depts. of History & Archaeology & Dean, Collegiate Education, Osmania University, Hyderabad	External Member
04	<b>Prof. Nikhat Jahan,</b> Directorate of Distance Education Maulana Azad National Urdu University	External Member
05	<b>Dr. A. Subash</b> Assistant Professor H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member
06	<b>Dr. Shahid Jamal</b> Assistant Professor H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member
07	<b>Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui</b> Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member-Convener

**Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU and the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming all the members. He thanked the members for making it possible to attend the meeting. Thereafter, he asked Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui, Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, to present the agenda of the meeting. The Director welcomed the members and gave a brief of the agenda of the meeting.

**Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Tenth Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th May 2023.**

The minutes of 10th Advisory Committee meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies were confirmed and ratified.



## Item No. 2: Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Bharatiya Basha Samiti

The Chairperson (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU) appreciated the work plan submitted by H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies to the Director I/c DTLLP. He briefed about the idea behind this initiative and the objective of the government in bringing out reference books in various Indian languages. He was of the view that the Centre's proposed book "**A Study of the Deccan (From Earliest Times to 20th Century)**" is comprehensive but should also include aspects of city planning, water bodies, and education institutions. He advised that the manuscript should be like a textbook or reference book catering to the subject needs of the undergraduate and post graduate students in India.

The Chairperson also informed that the reference books developed under the **Bharatiya Basha Samiti** initiative by the university will carry certain points which will be of use in NIRF ranking. He also said that the contributors/authors/writers of these books will be given points which will be helpful in their promotions.

## Item No. 3: Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Radio MANUU Recordings

The Chairperson gave a brief about the Radio MANUU and said that the community radio initiative is a part of cultural activity of the university. A special package has been provided to promote this. He appreciated the topics submitted by the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies for the recordings. The Director, HKSCDS informed the Committee that the Centre has started its recordings.

## Item No. 4: Admission into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Regular) during the academic session 2023-24.

The Director, HKSCDS informed the committee about admission of Ms. Tahniyath Begum to Ph.D Deccan Studies (Regular) during the academic session 2023-24. The Vice Chancellor said that the research topic is very interesting as it explores new area hitherto untouched. Janab Sajjad Shahid while appreciating the topic also suggested a slight change in the research title as below:

Current Title	Suggested Title
Contextualizing Core-Periphery Connections: The Symbiotic Relationship between the Nizam's Dominions and the Samasthans (1911-1948 CE)	Contextualizing Core-Periphery Connections: The Symbiotic Relationship between the Nizam and the Samasthans (1911-1948 CE)

## Item No. 5: Admission into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing) during the academic session 2023-24.

The Director, HKSCDS informed the committee about the admission of two new scholars – **Mr. Sarish Kumar Irukulla**, IRS Commissioner of Income Tax and **Ms. Arunima Shankar**, Conservation Architect – into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing) during the academic session 2023-24. The Vice Chancellor informed that the Part Time Ph.D has been introduced to give access to people from diverse fields and appreciated the Centre is following that diversity. He also enquired about the compulsory Urdu

SL AL 2 Jmick:



course that the Part Time Ph.D scholars have to undergo. The Director, HKSCDS informed that the scholars will be doing a 2 credit Urdu course offered by the University either in their third or fourth semester.

**Item No. 6: U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Scholar getting attached to HKSCDS.**

The Director, HKSCDS informed the Committee members about Dr. Asif Majid, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dramatic Arts, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT being provided affiliation with the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU by United States India Educational Foundation (USIEF) as a U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholar Research (Flex) Grant in two phases. He will be working on the research project titled "*Performing Muharram in Plurality: Art, Bodies and Commemoration in Lucknow and Hyderabad*". The Committee members welcomed the Fulbright-Nehru scholar and were very appreciative of the scholar being affiliated to the Centre in two phases.

**Item No. 7: Claim of final instalment from U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad.**

The Director, HKSCDS briefed the Committee about the grant of \$ 4518.93 received by the Centre from the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad towards the shipment of Omar Khalidi books and holding of one-day conference. From the above amount, \$ 4,000 has been given to MANUU in MANUU's IOB A/C No. 01. This amount has already been settled by the Finance Section of MANUU.

The Centre has claimed the remaining amount of \$ 518.93 through proper channel of Finance Officer, MANUU by submitting a Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form to the U.S. Consulate General. The Director, HKSCDS said that amount is expected in few days and it will be utilized for digitization of the deemed rare books from the Omar Khalidi collection.

The Vice Chancellor was appreciative of setting up of the Omar Khalidi Hall. He also advised the Centre to maintain a complete record of the finances received by the F&A, MANUU from the U.S. Consulate on behalf of the Centre; as the entire documentation related to the U.S Consulate grant is available with the Finance Section of MANUU duly approved by the university's statutory bodies.

**Item No. 8: MiRP's Awarded by MANUU in 2023-24 (One Year)**

The Director, HKSCDS informed the Committee about the Minor Research Projects (MiRPs) sanctioned to the two faculty members of the Centre – Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui and Dr. A. Subash – by the University. The Vice Chancellor congratulating the faculty members also committed that this scheme of giving research grants to the internal faculty of the University will continue in future as well.

**Item No. 9: Introduction of Generic Paper on "Reading Medieval Manuscripts".**

The Director, HKSCDS presented before the Committee the proposal for the introduction of another Generic Paper titled "**Reading Medieval Manuscripts**" by the Centre with 4 credit points from the academic year 2024-25 in the Even Semester for PG students of MANUU. Dr. Shahid Jamal gave a brief about the objectives and outcomes of

SX AS 3 Jmida

the course and a tentative syllabus. The Committee members unanimously resolved to introduce the generic paper.

At the end of the meeting the Vice Chancellor advised that the Centre should have a journal of its own. In this regard, he threw up an idea to Janab Sajjad Shahid if the Journal of Deccan Studies run by Centre for Deccan Studies can be revived in collaboration with H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies. If in case this firms up then a MoU will have to be signed between both the Centres. Janab Sajjad Shahid will look into the feasibility of this prospect.

Prof. Lavanya was impressed with the vision and inspiration the Vice Chancellor MANUU is providing to the Centre in its various activities. She also requested for an MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan studies and Department of Ancient History & Archaeology and Department of History, Osmania University for joint collaborative activities.

The meeting concluded at 1.30 pm with the vote of thanks by the Chair.

S.No.	Name	Designation	Signature
01	<b>Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan</b> Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Chairperson	
02	<b>Janab Sajjad Shahid</b> Editor, Deccan Studies Journal, Visiting Professor at University of Hyderabad & Heritage Expert on Deccan	External Member	
03	<b>Prof. B. Lavanya</b> Dept. of History, Osmania University Hyderabad	External Member	
04	<b>Prof. Nikhat Jahan,</b> Directorate of Distance Education Maulana Azad National Urdu University	External Member	
05	<b>Dr. A. Subash</b> Assistant Professor H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member	
06	<b>Dr. Shahid Jamal</b> Assistant Professor H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member	
07	<b>Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui</b> Director H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Member-Convener	