

**Minutes of the Tenth Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for
Deccan Studies held on 17th May 2023 at 11.00 a.m.
at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU**

The Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies was held on 17th May 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU.

The meeting was attended by the following:

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

Agenda Items

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ninth Advisory Committee meeting held on 5th May 2022.
2. Action Taken Report on the Agenda Items of the Ninth Advisory Committee meeting held on 5th May 2022.
3. Commencement of Ph.D Deccan Studies Part Time Self Financing.
4. Elimination of Overlap of Research Areas between Part-Time Ph.D in Deccan Studies and Part-Time Ph.D in History.
5. Inauguration of Omar Khalidi Hall and Proposed One-Day Conference.
6. MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Department of Design, IIT Hyderabad.
7. Submission of a joint proposal to DST.
8. Postponing of the Generic paper to next year academic year.

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9. Introduction of Generic Paper titled Reading Medieval Manuscripts.

Reporting Items

10. Joining of New Assistant Professor.

11. Award of fellowship for Ph.D Deccan Studies to our Ph.D Research Scholar.

Minutes of the Meeting

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 the Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui, to present the agenda of the meeting.

The Director welcomed the members and gave a brief of the agenda of the meeting.

1. With reference to Agenda Item 1, the Action Taken report of the previous Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5th May 2022 was **ratified** as follows:

S.No.	Agenda Item	Action Taken
1.	Constitution of Research Advisory Committee (RAC)	Research Advisory Committees have been constituted for the two scholars admitted into Ph.D Deccan Studies (regular) during the academic year 2022-23
2.	Inclusion of faculty members from the Directorate of Distance Education as research supervisors at the Centre	It was decided that the DDE faculty will be included for research supervision at their concerned subject departments
3.	Admission into Ph.D during Winter Session under Self Financing Scheme	Approved in the 45th Academic Council meeting under Item No. 45.04.05 held on 23.06.2022
4.	Approval for engaging of one contractual faculty at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies	Permanent vacant position of Assistant Professor has been filled
5.	Introducing of Generic Paper titled "Deccan Studies: An Introduction to the Region" in Semester IV	The introduction of the Generic paper has been deferred for the academic year 2022-23
6.	Transfer of Omar Khalidi book collection	The Omar Khalidi book collection has arrived at the Centre on 16.04.2023

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7.	MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Society for Indian Ocean Studies (SIOS)	The MoU was signed on 16.11.2022 and a collaborative event (two online lectures) is planned for 07.06.2023
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2. With reference to Agenda Item No. 2 regarding the commencement of Ph.D Deccan Studies Part Time Self Financing, the Vice Chancellor explained that the Part-Time Ph.D program has been introduced as per the UGC guidelines and only in certain departments/centres to cater to the research needs of people who are well placed professionally in different streams. It was also informed that the teaching of the papers for the coursework will take place in blended mode.

3. With reference to Agenda Item No. 3, elimination of overlap of research areas between Part-Time Ph.D in Deccan Studies and Part-Time Ph.D in History, the Vice Chancellor reiterated that any kind of overlapping of research areas between Centre for Deccan Studies and Dept. of History should be avoided; the Director, HKSCDS and Head Dept. of History can meet and discuss this and students who wish to work on Deccan can be transferred to Deccan Studies from Dept. of History if needed.

4. With reference to Agenda Item No. 4, inauguration of Omar Khalidi Hall and proposed One-Day Conference, Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui appraised about the status of the Omar Khalidi book collection and the process of cataloguing that is taking place by the library staff of MANUU. The Vice Chancellor was of the view that the HKSCDS library may be further expanded by creating a Reading Room for students and scholars who are interested in Deccan Studies. He was also of the view that books related to the Deccan from the collections of Late Dr. Sadiq Naqvi and Janab Firasat Ali Khusro, which are in the process of being procured for the University library, may be picked up for the Centre's library. Janab Sajjad Shahid was of the view that even from the collection of Late Vasant Kumar Bawa, the Centre can be given the books pertaining to Deccan.

5. The Director Deccan Studies informed that according to the agreement signed with Aliya Khalidi, 250 deemed rare books need to be digitised and Noor International Microfilm Centre with whom the Centre for Deccan Studies has signed an MoU will digitise these with free of cost. The proposal was accepted.

6. With reference to the Agenda Items No. 5 and 6, about the MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Department of Design, IIT Hyderabad, the Vice Chancellor was keen that the formal signing should take place as early as possible and was also happy to note that a joint proposal has been submitted to Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India under SHRI (Science and Heritage Research Initiative). The Director, HKSCDS explained about the project's objectives, timelines, and budget specifying specially that it's an inter-institutional project and focuses on the interaction between science and heritage.

7. With reference to Agenda Item No. 7, the postponing of the Generic paper titled **Deccan Studies: An Introduction to the Region** to next year academic year 2023-24 was accepted by the Committee.







8. With reference to the Agenda Item No. 8, introduction of Generic Paper titled **Reading Medieval Manuscripts**, Dr. Shahid Jamal said that the proposed course will explore the difference between manuscripts and edited texts. It will focus specifically on how to think and work with manuscripts with an emphasis on the sources. It will also address cutting-edge methodological issues in manuscripts studies. The Vice Chancellor suggested that all the different scripts in Arabic and Persian used in manuscripts should also be studied as part of this course.

9. It was reported to the members about the joining of the new assistant professor Dr. Shahid Jamal and the selection of Ms. Shaik Sana, research scholar of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies (pursuing her Ph.D Deccan Studies) for the award of Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Single Girl Child Fellowship (SJSGC) given by University Grants Commission.

10. At end of the meeting Janab Sajjad Shahid and Prof. Nikhat Jahan were keen that the Centre should strive to bring out the different nuances of Deccan's culture. Prof. Lavanya was impressed with the vision and inspiration the Vice Chancellor MANUU is providing to the Centre in its various activities.

The meeting ended at 1:30 pm with a vote of thanks.

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