

**Minutes of the Twelfth Advisory Committee Meeting of
H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies held on 22nd April 2025 (Tuesday) at 11.00
a.m. at Conference Hall, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU**

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The meeting was attended by the following:

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU	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 MANUU	External Member
04	Dr. A. Subash Assistant Professor, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member
05	Dr. Shahid Jamal Assistant Professor, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member
06	Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui Director, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member-Convener

One of the external members **Prof. B. Lavanya**, Dept. of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad requested for leave of absence due to unforeseen circumstances.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU, Chair 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. I: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eleventh Advisory Committee meeting held on 1st May 2024.

The Minutes of the Eleventh Advisory Committee meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies were confirmed and ratified.

Item No. II: Seminar on "Science in the Deccan: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective"

Dr. A. Subash presented before the Committee the details of the forthcoming Seminar on **"Science in the Deccan: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective"** to be organized by the Centre. The members discussed the seminar's focus on exploring both the historical and modern contributions of science in the Deccan region. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked the

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Director to ensure all the Part-Time Ph.D scholars of the Centre present research papers at the seminar and also informed to include papers from ancient, medieval and modern Deccan. He also told to invite Chairman of the Apollo Hospitals Mrs. Sangeeta Reddy for inaugural address and also Apollo Hospitals as one of the sponsors.

Item No. III: Special Lectures on Showcasing the Agrarian Produce of Deccan

Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui gave a brief about organizing special lectures to highlight the diverse agrarian produce of the Deccan region. Discussions included inviting experts to speak on key crops, their experiences with farmers, agricultural practices and their economic significance. The experts identified Ms. Ruby Islam (Chocolatier), Mr. Rajkumar Reddy (Director, Thimmampet Chilly Farmer Producer Company Limited) or Mr. Subhajit Saha (IPR expert for agricultural products), and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad were approved by the Committee. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appreciated the initiative and also advised that an outreach program of the students of the Centre with farmers should take place before the seminar is being organized.

Item No. IV and V: Admission into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Regular) and Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing) during the academic session 2024-25

The meeting discussed the admission of scholars into Ph.D. Deccan Studies (Regular) and Ph.D. Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing) for the academic session 2024-25.

Item No. VI: Fellowships/Upgradation of Research Scholars

The Director informed the Committee about the details of fellowships/upgradation of Research Scholars of the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies. The members congratulated Ms. Firdaus Jabin for qualifying for UGC JRF in October 2024 with 99.86 percentile and Mr. Sajjad Ahmed for qualifying for National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST.

Item No. VII: Reconstitution of Departmental Research Committee

The Director informed the Committee about the nomination of Prof. Afroz Alam, Head, Department of Political Science, MANUU as the new external member for the Departmental Research Committee of HKSCDS for a period of two years w.e.f. 11.04.2025.

Item VIII: Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti

The meeting discussed the work plan and progress made by HKSCDS with reference to book titled **History of the Deccan (From Earliest Times to 20th Century)** for Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti. The faculty of the Centre informed the members that work on the book is underway and will be completed as per schedule. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked the faculty of the Centre to check for the format on the dashboard of Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti and proceed accordingly. He also said that a specific budget is being allocated in this financial year to promote contributions to Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti.

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Item IX: Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Radio MANUU Recordings

The Committee members appreciated the contribution of 10 recordings made by the faculty H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies under the broad theme of *Jahan-e-Deccan* to Radio MANUU of Instructional Media Centre last year. The Director informed that another 10 recordings will be done in this year.

Item X: Admissions into Ph.D through NET

The members discussed the proposal to include new subjects in the eligibility criteria of Ph.D. Deccan Studies. Suggestions included integrating interdisciplinary topics such as Museology, Environmental Sciences, Indian Knowledge System, Tribal and Regional Language/ Literature, Indian Culture, Tourism Administration and Management, etc. In the discussions, it was decided that keeping in focus multidisciplinary studies now-a-days, it is best to keep the eligibility criteria as broad based as possible.

Item No. XI: Passing of Two Credit Urdu course for research scholars of Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing Winter Session)

The Director informed the Committee members that since the research scholars admitted into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing Winter Session) have to complete a two credit Urdu course and they all are working professionals, the option may be given to them to complete this course either through the Diploma Course in Urdu offered by Centre for Distance and Open Education (CDOE), MANUU or the course offered by the Department of Urdu MANUU. The members accepted that since the research scholars are busy with their professional routine, it is not possible for them to attend physical classes at the Department of Urdu and the option should be given to them to pursue a distance education course.

Finally, the meeting ended with a review of the research output of the faculty and research scholars of the Centre. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor advised the members to conduct Advisory Committee meetings twice a year to take stock of the progress made by the Centre.

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