

Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies

1st May 2024 at 11.30 a.m.

at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU

Agenda

I. Action Taken Report on Agenda Items of Tenth Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th May 2023

S.No.	Agenda Item	Action Taken
1.	Commencement of Ph.D Deccan Studies Part Time Self Financing 2022-23	The following three candidates were admitted for the academic year 2022-23 1. Lt. K. Krishna Priya 2. Mr. Salil Kader 3. Lt. K. John Milton
2.	Elimination of Overlap of Research Areas between Part-Time Ph.D in Deccan Studies and Part-Time Ph.D in History	A letter to this effect was sent to the university authorities highlighting the areas of research that Deccan Studies will be focussing on.
3.	Inauguration of Omar Khalidi Hall and Proposed One-Day Conference	The Omar Khalidi Hall was inaugurated on 15.06.2023 by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU and Ms. Jennifer Larson, Consul General US Consulate Hyderabad. This was followed by a One-Day Conference on the theme "Revisiting Brand Hyderabad's Cultural Legacy"
4.	MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Department of Design, IIT Hyderabad	The H.K.Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU and Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) signed a MoU on 06.06.2023 to jointly work on the emerging area of science and heritage.
5.	Submission of a joint proposal to DST	A joint proposal by H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU and Dept. of Design, IITH was submitted to Dept. of Science & Technology under Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI). But the proposal was not selected for funding. Other avenues of funding are being scouted.
6.	Postponing of the Generic paper to next academic year	The Generic paper titled "Deccan Studies: An Introduction to the Region" will now be introduced in the Odd Semester from the academic year 2024-25

Reporting Items:

II. Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Bharatiya Basha Samiti

The Government of India under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has constituted Bharatiya Basha Samithi (BBS) to cater to the demand of the students who wish to study in their mother tongue. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MANUU has been appointed as Nodal Officer for the writing of reference books in Urdu language across disciplines.

In this regard, the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies has submitted the details of a proposed book titled **"A Study of the Deccan (From Earliest Times to 20th Century)"** with structure, work plan and group of experts (authors and team leaders) to Director I/c DTTLP, MANUU. The Centre will be able to complete this book within the stipulated period.

III. Work Plan of HKSCDS related to Radio MANUU Recordings

The Instruction Media Centre (IMC), MANUU has requested the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies to contribute 100 recordings under the broad theme of *Jahan-e-Deccan*. In this regard, a comprehensive list of titles and resource persons has been submitted. The recordings have started.

IV. Admission into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Regular) during the academic session 2023-24

The following candidate was selected after due process for Ph.D Deccan Studies (Regular) during the academic session 2023-24.

S.No	Name of the Scholar	Roll No.	Enrl. No.	Topic	Supervisor
1	Ms. Tahniyath Begum	23PHDS001 HY	A181542	Contextualizing Core-Periphery Connections: The Symbiotic Relationship between the Nizam's Dominions and the Samasthans (1911-1948 CE)	Dr. A. Subash

V. Admission into Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing) during the academic session 2023-24

The following two candidates were selected after due process for Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing Winter Session) during the academic session 2023-24.

S.No.	Name of the Candidate	Category	Tentative Topic
1	Mr. Sarish Kumar Irukulla , IRS Presently Commissioner of Income Tax Ministry of Finance Government of India	UR	Tax, Taxation and Tax Administration in the Deccan: History and Evolution

2	Ms. Arunima Shankar Conservation Architect Co-Founder Akarmaa Designs	UR	Water Management Techniques in the Deccan: A Study related to Step-wells of Telangana
---	--	----	---

VI. U.S. Fulbright Nehru Scholar getting attached to HKSCDS

Dr. Asif Majid, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dramatic Arts, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT has been 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. The title of his research project is "*Performing Muharram in Plurality: Art, Bodies and Commemoration in Lucknow and Hyderabad*". The faculty member nominated as coordinator for the scholar is Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui. He will be arriving in Hyderabad in July 2024.

VII. Claim of final instalment from U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies had received a total grant of \$ **7224.07** from the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad and an American philanthropist towards the shipment of Omar Khalidi books and holding of one-day conference.

From the above amount, the share of the US Consulate is \$ **4518.93** out of which \$ **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. Now, the remaining amount of \$ **518.93** has been claimed through proper channel of Finance Officer, MANUU. The said amount will be credited in MANUU's IOB A/C No. 01 in the next few weeks. The Centre will utilize this amount for digitization of books (205 books have been already identified) which is part of the MoU.

VIII. MiRP's Awarded by MANUU in 2023-24 (One Year)

S.No.	Faculty	Topic
1	Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui Director, HKSCDS	Contestations about Hyderabad's Origins: Exploring the Persian-Deccan Connections
2	Dr. A. Subash Assistant Professor, HKSCDS	Patterns of Slavery: Commercial Migrants and Convict Labourers in Colonial Andhra (18th and 19th Centuries)

Discussion Item:

IX. Introduction of Generic Paper on "Reading Medieval Manuscripts"

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies intends to introduce a Generic Paper of **4 Credits** titled "**Reading Medieval Manuscripts**" from the academic year 2024-25 in the Even Semester for PG students of MANUU.

The Centre has already conducted a two-day workshop on the subject on 20th & 21st February 2024 for the PG students of MANUU. The syllabus will now be developed with the help of subject experts and will be placed before the next Academic Council for approval.