

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

17th May 2023 at 11.00 a.m.

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

Agenda

I. Action Taken Report on Agenda Items of Ninth Advisory Committee meeting held on 5th May 2022

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
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

II. Commencement of Ph.D Deccan Studies Part Time Self Financing

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies introduced Ph.D Deccan Studies under Part-Time Self Financing Mode in the Winter Session of January 2023. Five vacancies (UR-02, OBC-02, SC-01) were notified by the university. The Centre received 9 applications. Written test was held on 06.03.2023. Six candidates were shortlisted for the interviews which were held on 25.03.2023. The following three candidates were finally selected.

S.No.	Name of the Candidate	Category
1	Lt. K. Krishna Priya	General
2	Mr. Salil Kader	General
3	Lt. K. John Milton	OBC

III. Elimination of Overlap of Research Areas between Part-Time Ph.D in Deccan Studies and Part-Time Ph.D in History

Based on the suggestions given by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in the Academic Council meeting held on 11.04.2023 regarding elimination of any overlap of research areas of Ph.D Deccan Studies part-time self financing mode and the to be introduced Ph.D History part-time self financing mode, a letter has been submitted to the university authorities outlining the areas of research for Ph.D Deccan Studies (Part-Time Self Financing Mode). Since Deccan Studies is a multi-disciplinary area having jurisdiction over five states – Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Goa, the core research areas of Ph.D in Deccan Studies will focus on:

- Cultural Memories of the Deccan
- Science and Technology in the Deccan
- Environment and Ecology of the Deccan
- Nature of State and Power Relations in the Deccan
- Maritime Traditions of the Coastlines of the Deccan
- Exposition of Spaces and Temporalities in the Deccan
- Specialities of Deccan's Art

IV. Inauguration of Omar Khalidi Hall and Proposed One-Day Conference

The Omar Khalidi book collection arrived at the Centre on 16.04.2023 in 41 bankers boxes (cartons). The books have been arranged in eight almirahs carton wise. The Centre requested help from the University Librarian in cataloguing and arranging the books thematically. The process has started.

Three plaques denoting the hall, donors and biography of Dr. Omar Khalidi were made and have been fixed at appropriate places.

As part of the MoU between H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Aliya Khalidi, some books deemed rare are to be digitised. Since the Centre has already signed a MoU with Noor International Microfilm Centre for any repair, restoration and digitisation of rare books and manuscripts, this work will be entrusted to them and they have come forward to do it free of cost.

The Inauguration of the Omar Khalidi Hall is on 15.06.2023 along with a one-day conference on the theme “Revisiting Brand Hyderabad’s Cultural Legacy”.

V. 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 Department of Design, IIT Hyderabad have agreed to enter into an MoU with a long-term vision to develop sustainable interactions between the institutes in the area of Technology interventions for tangible and intangible heritage documentation, preservation and dissemination, specifically related to the Deccan region of the country. Broadly, it is also envisaged to engage in activities of mutual interest like conducting invited lectures, short courses, workshops/conferences, submitting joint research proposals, etc. The official signing of MoU is pending.

VI. Submission of a joint proposal to DST

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU and Department of Design, IIT Hyderabad have jointly submitted a proposal to the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India under Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI) programme.

The title of the proposal is “**Multi-modal Heritage Experience of the Deccan Region: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Museum, Heritage Research, Documentation, and Presentation**”.

The project proposal aims to create a multi- modal heritage museum involving architecture, archaeological, historical, geographical, geological, cartographic, administrative, socio-economic, religious, cultural, and literary aspects of the Deccan region.

VII. Postponing of the Generic paper to next year academic year

The introduction of the Generic paper “Deccan Studies: An Introduction to the Region” has been deferred for the academic year 2022-23 and will be now introduced in the next academic year 2023-24.

VIII. Introduction of Generic Paper titled Reading Medieval Manuscripts

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies wishes to introduce a generic paper titled **Reading Medieval Manuscripts** for the students of P.G. IV Semester of MANUU.

Reporting Items:

IX. Joining of New Assistant Professor

Dr. Shahid Jamal has joined as the new Assistant Professor at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies on 24.04.2023.

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

Ms. Shaik Sana, research scholar of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies pursuing her Ph.D Deccan Studies has been awarded the Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Single Girl Child Fellowship (SJS GC) given by University Grants Commission. The Award came into effect from 1st April 2023 and the tenure of the fellowship is 5 years. She is working on the theme “Electrification of Hyderabad State under the Asaf Jahis (1920 - 1950)” for her Ph.D.