

**Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for  
Deccan Studies held on 8th November 2021 at 11.30 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 8th November 2021 at 11.30 a.m. at the Library of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU.

The meeting was attended by the following:

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	<b>Prof. S.M.Rahmatullah</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor, MANUU	Chairperson
02	<b>Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui</b> Professor, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member
03	<b>Prof. Muzaffar Ali Shahmeeri</b> Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Haq Urdu University, Kurnool A.P.	Member
04	<b>Prof. S.M.Azizuddin Husain</b> Former Head, Dept. of History, JMI, New Delhi	Member
05	<b>Dr. Akhtar Parvez</b> Librarian, Saiyid Hamid Library, MANUU	Special Invitee
06	<b>Prof. Saneem Fatima</b> Professor, Dept. of Management Studies, MANUU	Member
07	<b>Dr. A. Subash</b> Assistant Professor, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member
08	<b>Prof. Mohd. Naseemuddin Farees</b> I/c Director, HKSCDS, MANUU	Member-Convener

**Agenda Items**

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd March, 2020.
2. Copies of the manuscripts on Deccan available in Salarjung museum, Asafia library, Osmania University library, AP State Archives, Idara Adabiyat-e-Urdu Hyderabad.
3. Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh, Raza Library, Rampur, Khuda Bakhsh Library, Patna, National library Kolkatta, National Museum New Delhi, National Archives of India, New Delhi, Zakir Husain Library, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Arabic Persian Research Institute (Tonk), British Library, London and Bodleian library, Oxford and at some other centres.
4. Introduction of Diploma in Deccan Studies, for a duration of one year.
5. Introduction of Ph.D course and registration of students working on Deccan.
6. Research projects on Deccan financed by Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Education, University Grants Commission and NCPUL and Urdu Academy, Telangana.
7. International Seminar on – Role and Contribution of Sufis of Deccan for Promotion of Learning and Communal Harmony in Deccan.
8. Centre should also contact Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi and Govt. of Telangana for the support of some projects and programmes of the centre.



9. Omar Khalidi, a world renowned historian, has authored many books on history particularly Deccan. His daughter a US based lawyer sent a letter of intent to donate the collection to the H.K.Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies so that researchers in pertinent fields may have access to rare books, records and other documents.
10. MoU with Noor Microfilm International Centre, 18th Thilak Marg, New Delhi for Academic Programme.
11. MANUU had signed a MoU in 2014 with the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) headquartered in New York for a Visiting Scholar Grant termed as MANUU/ASPS TRAVEL CUM RESEARCH GRANT where the selected research scholar from a foreign university was attached to the Centre for Deccan Studies. As a part of the MoU, two scholars were selected for the grant for the years 2015 and 2016. The Centre wishes to renew the MoU.
12. MOU between H.K.Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies and Dept. of Heritage, Government of Telangana is pending for vetting. The MOU is aimed for a collaborative project on unpublished records of the Deccan available at Dept. of Heritage (Dept. of Archaeology and Museum).
13. MOU with Vasaamaha Consultants for collaborative Programmes pertaining to Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Urban Environments in Hyderabad.
14. MoU with Hyderabad Urban Lab for Academic Urban research and life at ground zero involving issues like Water and waste, Education, Livelihoods and mobility in Hyderabad city.
15. Revival of Deccan Heritage Club an initiative of H.K.Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies to tap the spirit of celebrating the past glory of the Deccan region among the students of Maulana Azad National Urdu University.
16. To Organize a workshop on – Cataloging, Calendaring and conservation of Manuscripts and Documents on Deccan, in collaboration with Saiyid Hamid Library, MANUU.

Any other item with the permission of the chair.

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Prof. S.M.Rahmatullah, Pro-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 I/c Prof. Naseemuddin Farees to present the agenda of the meeting.

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

With reference to agenda items no. 2 and 3 the advisory committee has approved the items and decided to request to provide the digitised copies of the manuscripts on Deccan available at Salarjung Museum, Asafia Library, Osmania University Library, Telangana State Archives, Idara Adabiyat-e-Urdu (Hyderabad), Maulana Azad Library (Aligarh), Raza Library (Rampur), Khuda Bakhsh Library (Patna), National Library (Kolkatta), National Museum (New Delhi), National Archives of India (New Delhi), Zakir Husain Library of Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi), Arabic Persian Research Institute (Tonk), British Library (London) and Bodleian Library (Oxford), Dargahs of Sufis, etc as they form primary sources for any research on the Deccan. Towards this letters will be written to all these institutions requesting for the list of digitised copies of the manuscripts available with them. Based on the response, a personal visit from the university to these places will be made to work out the modalities of getting the digitized copies of the manuscripts.



With reference to Agenda item No. 4 of introduction of “Diploma in Deccan Studies”, the chairperson was of the view that as the mandate behind establishment of the Centre is research and introduction of any teaching course will dilute the mandate. Other members too agreed with the opinion of the chairperson and felt that the Centre should continue to give preference to research. Hence in place of diploma course, the committee has resolved to introduce a generic paper on Deccan Studies from the next academic year with 4 credit points and spread across one semester and will be open to MANUU students. The generic paper will focus on multidisciplinary aspect of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and will be offered in blended/hybrid mode. The paper has been named as “**Deccan Studies: An Introduction to the Region**”. The details of the paper along with syllabus are placed with the minutes.

With reference to Agenda Item No. 5 the members of the Advisory Committee agreed in principle for introduction of Ph.D course at the Centre for Deccan Studies from the next academic year. The Ph.D program will be named as “**Ph.D in Deccan Studies**” and the eligibility for registration into Ph.D program is Post Graduation in the concerned/allied/relevant discipline. The members of the advisory committee were of the opinion that the areas of specialization for Ph.D program should be same as those of eligibility prescribed for appointment of teaching staff of the Centre for Deccan Studies. Thus the areas of specialization for admission into Ph.D program include History, Archaeology, Culture Studies, Area Studies/Regional Studies, Deccani Language, Literature and Culture, etc.

With reference to the Agenda Items No. 6 and 8, the members approved the proposal of approaching funding agencies like Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), University Grants Commission (UGC) and National Council for Promotion of Urdu language (NCPUL), Urdu Academy, Ministry of Culture, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, and Govt of Telangana for financial assistance for research projects on Deccan and for different programmes of the Centre.

With reference to the Agenda Item No. 7, the committee approved for conducting the international seminar on – Role and Contribution of Sufis of Deccan for Promotion of Learning and Communal Harmony in Deccan. The members were of the view that the international seminar will bring into light new aspects about Sufis of the Deccan as very meagre work has been done on them and will concentrate more on their contribution to communal harmony in the region. Institutions like ICHR, ICSSR, NCPUL and ICCR will be approached for financial assistance in organizing the seminar.

With reference to the Agenda Item No. 9, the committee unanimously agreed upon the transportation of Omar Khalidi collection from USA. Omar Khalidi, a world renowned historian, has authored many books on history particularly Deccan. His daughter came forward to donate the collection to Centre for Deccan Studies. Efforts would be renewed to get the books/manuscripts/documents. The Centre will approach donors for financing the transportation expenditure of books from USA to Hyderabad. The books will be kept at Centre for Deccan Studies library, MANUU and a separate space will be allocated for these books naming it as “**Omar Khalidi Hall**”.

With reference to the Agenda Items No. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, the members of the advisory committee in principle approved the MOUs with national and international bodies subject to



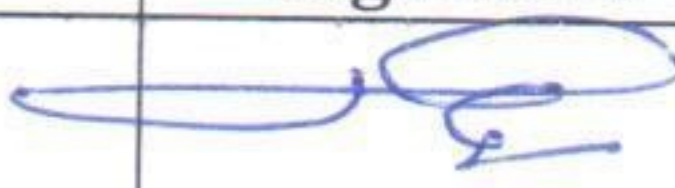
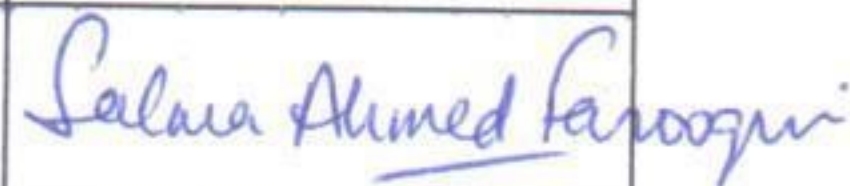
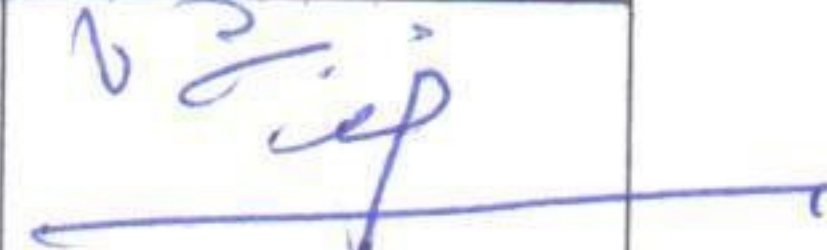

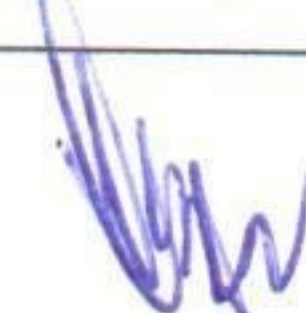
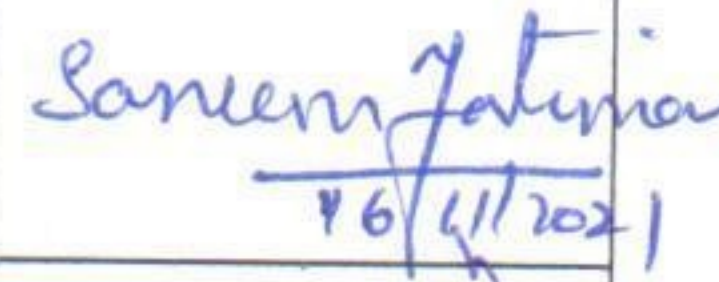

With reference to the Agenda Items No. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, the members of the advisory committee in principle approved the MOUs with national and international bodies subject to following the regulations of Government of India and MANUU. The MOUs will be placed before MOU Committee of the university for further action.

With reference to the Agenda Item No. 15 the committee unanimously approved for revival of Deccan Heritage Club, an initiative of Centre for Deccan Studies, as it is aimed at tapping the spirit of celebrating the past glory of the Deccan region among the students of MANUU.

With reference to the Agenda Item No. 16 the members of the advisory committee approved the proposal of organizing a workshop on Cataloguing, Calendaring and Conservation of Manuscripts and Documents on Deccan in collaboration with Saiyid Hamid Library, MANUU. It is also resolved that the Centre will approach institutions like Iranian Culture House, ICCR, NCPUL for funding the workshop.

Under other item with the permission of the chair, Prof. Azizuddin Hussain suggested inclusion of certain Heads of Departments in the Advisory Committee meetings. The members of the advisory committee decided that if any expertise is required from particular Heads of Departments, they may be included as special invitees only as and when required.

The meeting ended at 1:50 pm with the convenor thanking everyone present in the meeting.

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