

**THIRD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE**  
**H.K. SHERWANI CENTRE FOR DECCAN STUDIES**  
**ON 28TH MAY 2014 AT 11 A.M. AT THE VIP GUEST HOUSE, MANUU**

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7. Translation of book from Urdu into English titled *The Development of Science and Technology during the Asaf Jahi Period*
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**C. Contiguous Activities**

- The building work of the Centre for Deccan Studies

## **Plan of Action for 2014-15:**

### **1. ASPS-MANUU Visiting Scholar Fellowship**

The H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies has entered into an international collaboration with the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) (vide letter No. MANUU/VCC/MM/ASPS/2013/12 dated 21.08.2013) for a Travel cum Research Grant titled ASPS/MANUU VISITING SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP.

The MOU has been signed between Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University and Prof. Parvaneh Pourshariati, President, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) wherein the selected scholar will carry out research in the domain of Deccan-Persian Relations/Indo-Persian Culture of the Deccan.

A Standing Selection Committee (SSC) has been constituted for selecting the recipient comprising the following members who will serve for three consecutive years:

1. Prof. Parvaneh Pourshariati, President, ASPS (Ohio State University, USA)
2. Prof. Jo-Ann Gross, Vice-President, ASPS (The College of New Jersey, USA)
3. Prof. Jawid Mojaddedi, Member - Board of Directors, ASPS (Rutgers University, USA)
4. Prof. Sunil Sharma, Member - Board of Directors, ASPS (Boston University, USA)
5. Dr. Salma Ahmed Farooqui, Honorary Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies (MANUU, India)

The deadline for the submission of applications was 15th May 2014. The recipient of the award will be announced latest by 15th June 2014. The selected candidate for this year is Dr.Karen Ruffle from University of Toronto.

The selected visiting scholar will be attached to the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies for a period of six months at the end of which he/she will submit a monograph to MANUU and ASPS.

### **2. Awareness Meeting**

An awareness meeting on Conservation Challenges: A Case Study of Qutb Shahi Tombs is scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014. Ratish Nanda, Project Director, Aga Khan Trust for Culture, New Delhi will give a case presentation on the Qutb Shahis Tombs restoration project.

### **3. Proposal of Innovation University sent to UGC for funding**

A letter dated 29th January 2013 was sent to UGC through the Vice Chancellor's office regarding UGC's scheme on Innovation Universities for which H.K.Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies had applied under the Category (b) Innovative Research Programmes: with special emphasis on inter-disciplinary research as per the UGC scheme.

### **4. Proposal of hosting a conference sent Indian Council of Cultural Research (ICCR)**

The Centre sent a proposal to ICCR for holding a **two day conference/symposium** on the theme of **Liberal Arts in the Deccan** with a view to provide a rational and intellectual

foundation on various aspects such as rhetoric, grammar, folk art, painting, sculpture, arithmetic, astronomy, music, logic, architectural and philosophical traditions related to the Deccan. This is tentatively scheduled for August 2014 or later. Academics who are experts in their respective fields of liberal arts will be invited as plenary speakers for the conference/symposium.

#### **5. Proposal of holding a Talking Circle sent to Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)**

The Centre sent a proposal to ICHR for organising a **One Day Talking Circle** on the theme of **Food, Nativism-Acculturation and Identity in the Deccan**. The Talking Circle will address questions surrounding food-drink, food ways, cuisines of indigenous and foreigner groups and their relationship with formation of identity (individual, class, group, regional, ethnic, national etc) in the Deccan through the ages. The Deccan becomes a distinctive region to study both the concepts, although conflicting, of nativism and acculturation.

Through the Talking Circle, a traditional way followed by Native American people to informally create a platform for serious discussions, the H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies wishes to deliberate on serious issues such as food, region and identity. This is tentatively scheduled for August/September 2014. Academics who are experts in their respective fields will be invited as plenary speakers for the event.

#### **6. Book Launch of reprinted version of T.N. Devare's work *A Short History of Persian Literature at the Bahmani Courts***

Dr T.N. Devare's contribution to the field of Persian language and the Persianate culture in the Deccan is noteworthy. He was a reputed scholar of Persian, Arabic, Urdu and Hindi and served as the Head of Department of Urdu and Persian and Vice-Principal of N.Wadia College in Poona till his untimely death in 1957. His seminal work *A Short History of Persian Literature at the Bahmani Courts* published in 1961 after he passed away is being republished now in Delhi by his son Mr.Sudhir Devare, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and Director General of Indian Council of World Affairs. Since 2014 happens to be the birth centenary year of Dr. Devare, the Centre has offered to suitably arrange the launch of the re-edition of the book at MANUU.

#### **7. Translation of book from Urdu into English titled *The Development of Science and Technology during the Asaf Jahi Period***

The book is in the form of a monograph written in Urdu by Prof.S.A.Wahab and is based on lesser known facts. It is proposed to translate it into English and get it published from the platform of the Centre.

#### **8. The Centre is in the process of making a glossary of terms used in different languages of the Deccan**