

FOURTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
H.K. SHERWANI CENTRE FOR DECCAN STUDIES

Date: 9th October 2015

Time: 11 a.m.

Venue: VIP Guest House, MANUU

AGENDA

1. To ratify the launching of the Deccan Heritage Club, an initiative of the Centre for Deccan Studies for Post-Graduate students of MANUU; to inform the committee members about the membership and activity plan for the year.
2. To inform about a new international linkage – the Centre for Deccan Studies has now become part of an on-going international project of writing *History of Islam and Muslim Civilization* in ten volumes which will be published in three languages: English, Arabic and Turkish with the Istanbul based IRCICA, the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture and subsidiary of the Jeddah based Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The Centre is contributing chapters related to all the Muslim kingdoms of the Deccan.
3. Talks are on with private parties to procure various material artefacts of the Deccan. Procurement of a collection of coins is in final stages. In this regard have already submitted a proposal to the US Consulate for the US Ambassador's Cultural Fund for setting up of a gallery for conservation, preservation and display of the coins.
4. Printing/publishing of the annual research work undertaken by the Centre; third research work titled *Trading Network of the Deccan*.
5. Proposed Lectures:
 - a. Dr. Sathyabhama Badrinath, Director of Archaeological Survey of India Southern Zone on *Recreating Botanical Gardens of the Deccan from Chola Inscriptions*
 - b. Dr. Hunter Casparian Bandy on *Deccani Unani Medicines and Hakims* in October-November 2015.
 - c. Mr. A.G. Noorani on *Revisiting Police Action* in January-February 2016.
6. To ratify the permission given to Dr. Karen Ruffle, Visiting Scholar attached to H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies under the ASPS/MANUU TRAVEL CUM RESEARCH GRANT, to visit her parent department in University of Toronto and continue her research in two spells.
7. Permission for next advertisement for selection of visiting scholar under the ASPS/MANUU TRAVEL CUM RESEARCH GRANT to be given in December through ASPS Listserv. Also permission to advertise for floating scholar position non-remunerative position through ASPS Listserv. International scholars working on

Deccan will be given office space in HKSCDS and university affiliation to help them use other libraries/archives.

8. Proposed Programmes

- a. Proposal to organise a megalithic exhibition in association with SR&BGNR Government Degree and PG College, Khammam on the megalith remains found in Khammam district. Negotiations are on with Archaeological Survey of India for the same.
- b. Proposal to hold the play *Mahlaka Bai Chanda* at the open air auditorium, MANUU.