

**Minutes of the Fourth Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre
for Deccan Studies held on 9th October 2015 at 11.00 a.m.
at VIP Guest House, MANUU**

The meeting was attended by the following:

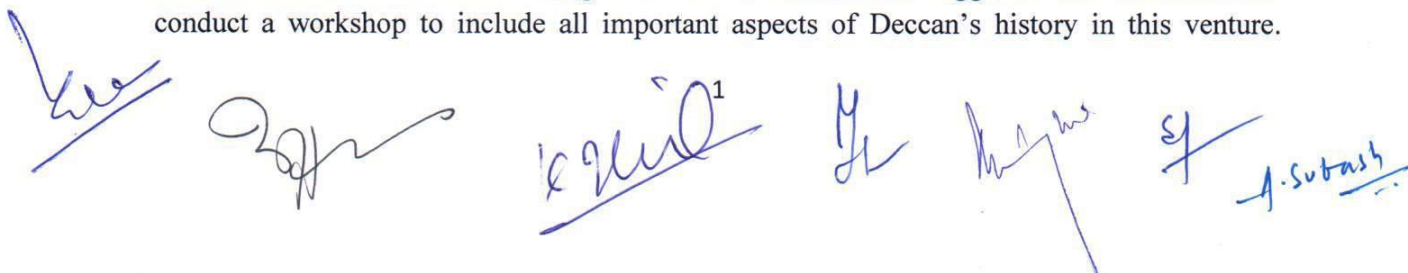
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| 1. Prof. Khwaja M. Shahid | – Vice Chancellor Incharge |
| 2. Prof. V. Ramakrishna | – External Member |
| 3. Prof. R.L. Hangloo | – External Member |
| 4. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Kaw | – Internal Member |
| 5. Prof. Kancha Ilaiah | – Special Invitee |
| 6. Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui | – Director / Member Convenor |
| 7. Mr. A. Subash | – Assistant Professor |

The Vice Chancellor Incharge, who is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming all the invitees. He also thanked all the honourable members for making it possible to attend the meeting. Thereafter, he asked the Director Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui to present the agenda of the meeting.

Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui first gave a brief of what the Centre has done in the past – the five distinguished lectures, three annual research publications, two international linkages and the launching of the Deccan Heritage Club. Then she presented the Plan of Action for 2015-16.

In the first agenda item, the honourable committee members were informed about the launching of the Deccan Heritage Club, an initiative of the Centre for Deccan Studies for Post-Graduate students of MANUU; membership of the students (who are 48 in number) and the activity plan for the whole year comprising of indoor activities and field trips. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor enquired if any professional expertise is being taken in guiding the students on the field trips which the Director apprised him about. Prof. Ramakrishna asked about the enrolment procedure and it was informed to him that publicity is done through posters. The members greatly appreciated the initiative in bringing about awareness and sensitizing the youth about heritage. The Committee happily ratified the initiative.

In the second agenda item, the honourable members were apprised about a new international linkage – of the Centre for Deccan Studies becoming 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. All the members greatly appreciated this project as its outreach is international. Prof. Hangloo and Prof. Ramakrishna suggested that the Centre can conduct a workshop to include all important aspects of Deccan's history in this venture.

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Prof.Kancha Ilaiah was of the view that social and cultural aspects should be included too in the history. Prof. Ramakrishna was keen that the list of chapters that are being written may be informed to the team bringing out the *Comprehensive History of Andhra Pradesh*. The Vice Chancellor opined that the Indian ethos must be kept in mind while writing the chapters.

With regard to third agenda item on setting up galleries it was informed to the Committee members that talks are on with private parties to procure various material artefacts of the Deccan. The procurement of a collection of coins from a private individual Mr. Sushil Gulati is in the final stages. He is giving 60 coins belonging to the periods of Satavahanas, Bahmanis, Vijaynagar, Nizam Shahis, Qutb Shahis, Tipu Sultan, and Asaf Jahis. The budget required for conservation, preservation, digitisation and proper display and lighting for the coins and security measures to be implemented has been estimated roughly at US \$ 30,000. In this regard the Centre for Deccan Studies has submitted an initial proposal to the US Consulate for the US Ambassador's Cultural Fund for setting up of the gallery. The final report has to be submitted before 3rd November 2015. The Committee members were very supportive of this venture and the Vice Chancellor prodded the Director to personally complete the formalities associated with receiving funding from the US Consulate.

With regard to the fourth agenda item of printing/publishing of the annual research work undertaken by the Centre it was informed to the Committee that the softcopy of the third research work titled *Trading Network of the Deccan* is completed and printing of the book needs to be undertaken. The Director spoke about the quality of the publication that needs to be maintained like the previous ones published by the Centre. She briefed the Committee about the specifications of the book and the procedure followed so far of obtaining quotations from the market and choosing the L1. She explained that the budget for this work will be met from the amount allocated to the Centre by the University for the year 2015-16. Prof. Mushtaq A. Kaw and Prof. Hangloo were of the view that the Centre should have freedom in adopting the choice of procedure as long as it is in keeping with government regulations. The Committee members agreed that the same procedure may be adopted as it is the usual practise undertaken by government organizations. She also explained about the sale of the first two books that have generated considerable income to the Centre from which the library of Centre for Deccan Studies is being developed. The same will be done with this book too. The Committee was greatly appreciative of the kind of research undertaken by the Centre year after year and it was placed on record that trading network in the Deccan is one such area that is not been documented from 2nd century BC in one place.

The fifth agenda item dealing with three proposed lectures was informed to the Committee members. The first two lectures were immediately agreed to and it was decided that the third lecture may be kept pending.

- a. Dr. Sathyabhama Badrinath, Director of Archaeological Survey of India Southern Zone on *Recreating Botanical Gardens of the Deccan from Chola Inscriptions*



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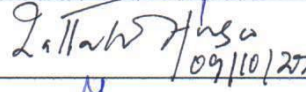
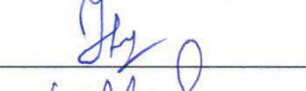
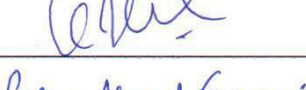
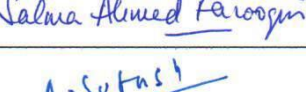

b. Dr. Hunter Casparian Bandy on *Deccani Unani Medicines and Hakims* in October-November 2015.

c. Mr. A.G. Noorani on *Revisiting Police Action* in January-February 2016.

The sixth and seventh agenda items with regard to Dr. Karen Ruffle carrying out research in two spells was approved and permission was also given for the next advertisement for selection of a visiting scholar under the ASPS/MANUU TRAVEL CUM RESEARCH GRANT to be given in December through ASPS Listserv. The Committee also approved to advertise for floating scholar positions (non-remunerative) through ASPS Listserv.

In the last item of proposed programmes regarding organising a megalithic exhibition in association with SR&BGNR Government Degree and PG College Khammam the Committee was told about the negotiations with Archaeological Survey of India, Hyderabad and Delhi offices for the same. The Committee members were keen that once the permissions are sought the exhibition should be done. The Committee was also in favour of the Centre holding the play *Mahlaka Bai Chanda* at the open air auditorium, MANUU.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the members for their input and wished the Centre very best in future.

S.No.	Members	Signature
1	Prof. Khwaja M. Shahid – Vice Chancellor Incharge, MANUU	
2	Prof. V. Ramakrishna – Member	
3	Prof. R.L. Hangloo – Member	 R.L. Hangloo 09/10/2015
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