

Minutes of the Fifth Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani
Centre for Deccan Studies held on 19th August 2016 at 11.00 a.m.
at H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU

The Fifth Advisory Committee Meeting of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies was held on 19th August 2016 at 11.00 a.m. at the Library of H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU. The meeting was attended by the following:

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| 1. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Registrar | – Chairman |
| 2. Prof. V. Ramakrishna | – External Member |
| 3. Prof. R.L. Hangloo | – External Member |
| 4. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Kaw | – Internal Member |
| 5. Prof. A. Ravindranath, Dean Academics | – Special Invitee |
| 6. Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui | – Director / Member Convenor |
| 7. Mr. A. Subash | – Assistant Professor |
| 8. Mr. Abdul Majid | – Assistant Professor |

The Registrar, who was chairing the Advisory Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming all the members. He thanked all the 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.

The Director welcomed the members and first gave a brief of the genesis of the Centre, its vision, mission and mandate. With reference to agenda no. 1, 2 & 3 it was informed that the Centre was granted to MANUU at the end of the XI Plan and a non-recurring grant of Rs. 5 Crores was sanctioned by UGC. In this amount the building of the Centre for Deccan Studies was constructed. The faculty positions of the Centre were allotted in the XII Plan. Thereafter, the vision, mission and mandate of the Centre were discussed where it was clearly specified by the Director of the Centre that this is a research institution of MANUU and focus of the Centre is primarily research. All the committee members agreed to this. The Chairman of the Committee wanted to know where Tamil Nadu and Goa fit in the geographical jurisdiction of the Deccan.

The Director also in her power point presentation displayed the parameters where NAAC had made a specific mention of the contribution of the Centre for Deccan Studies. The members were happy to see this.

In the fourth agenda item, the research publications of the Centre for Deccan Studies and the amount generated through the sale of publications were discussed. The Committee members applauded the research undertaken by the Centre in the previous years by saying that the research was innovative and taken out on international standards. The Director also informed that the research has been disseminated through sale of its publications in different parts of the world such as Europe and the USA.

In the fifth agenda item the members were informed about the present research work undertaken by the Centre on *Deccani Numismatics*. Prof. V. Ramakrishna gave a suggestion

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that there are some studies on coinage that have been done on some specific areas of the Deccan like Telangana and Andhra Pradesh which can be consulted for this work. The faculty of the Centre has taken note of this and will consult all the available sources on Deccan's coinage. The faculty of the Centre also informed the members that they have consulted various sources available on coinage of the Deccan and experts related to the field already. And if necessary they will be consulting more sources and experts.

With reference to the sixth agenda item regarding the selection of ASPS/MANUU Visiting Scholar the members were informed about the selection process and details about the selected candidate for 2016-17, Dr. Peyvand Firouzeh, who will be joining in the first week of October 2016. The Committee members felt that this is a positive step in the direction of research and should be continued even in the future as this helps in outreach of the university and internationalization of the campus. The Chairman wanted to know in what other way the selected candidate would be useful to MANUU. The Director informed him that the selected candidate can give extension lectures in the departments of History and Persian and her services can also be used in the setting up of the numismatic gallery at the Centre since she has curated some exhibitions in Europe.

With reference to agenda point no. 7 regarding a consultancy assignment with IRCICA, a subsidiary of OIC, the members were informed that it has been completed and submitted to them.

With regard to agenda point no. 8 about Deccan Heritage Club, the Director gave details of membership for last year and this year, activity plan for the year and how NAAC has made a specific mention of the Club under Innovation and Best Practices. All the members appreciated that the students enrolled in the Club are taken on monthly field trips to archaeological sites, historic monuments, museums, crafts centres as well as given lectures and powerpoint presentations in-house. The members felt that this is a innovative practice that should continue.

With reference to agenda point no. 9 regarding establishment of a numismatic gallery, it was informed to the members that the Centre has received donations in the form of old rare coins which need to be displayed in a gallery at the Centre. The tentative costing of required infrastructure to set up the numismatic gallery was given to the members for their perusal and it was informed that as and when the Centre receives amount from the UGC the gallery would be setup.

With reference to agenda point no. 10 regarding donation of books by late historian Omar Khalidi's family to the Centre for Deccan Studies, it was informed to the members that his wife and daughter were in possession of 1200 books/documents related to the Deccan which comprise his personal collection. They are interested in donating this collection to the Centre. The Chairman and members gave a suggestion that once they officially give this in writing to the Centre, the agreement can be drafted with modalities suited to both the parties.

With reference to agenda point no. 11 regarding documenting the history of Hyderabad city police, the committee members were informed that the Centre was approached by the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad Mr. Mahender Reddy who was of the view that this Centre will be able to undertake such a tailor-made work as he had seen the publications of the Centre. He also said that Mr. Anjani Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Police

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regarding it. In future the terms and conditions involved in taking up this project will be worked out.

With reference to agenda point no. 12 the members were informed about upcoming lecture by Neeraj Rai of CCMB, organising a megalithic exhibition in association with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and providing academic assistance to Prof. Benjamin Cohen of University of Utah on the role of *Role of Water in the Deccan*. Regarding the Centre bringing out the English version of Anand Raj Varma's Urdu book on *Localities of Hyderabad*, the members were of the view that it should be referred to experts.

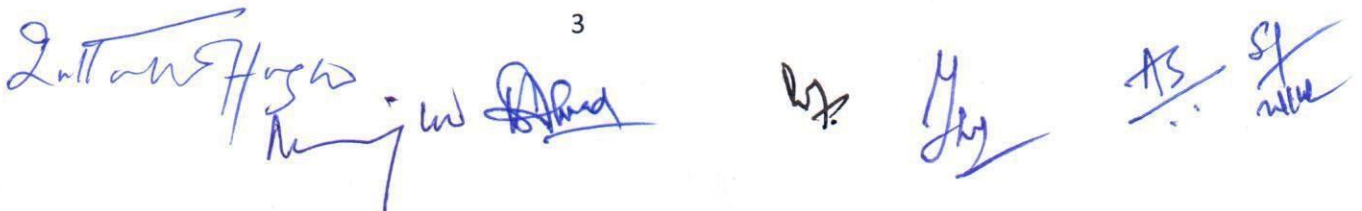
The meeting ended with members giving their general remarks. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed Kaw said that the Centre should focus more on research than documentation. He was also of the view that the Centre is stretching itself into too many areas and should limit to a particular area of Deccan at a time. He was also keen that the Centre should procure ISBN numbers for its publications.

Prof. Rattanlal Hangloo was greatly appreciative of the work done by the Centre so far. He said that the focus should be on research and consolidation. He specifically made mention of historical geography, skill development, Deccani culture that should be focussed upon. He was of the view that the Centre should find a place in the President's Innovation Programme. He was very keen that the Kuliyat of Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah can be translated into Urdu/English with the assistance of the Rekhta Foundation, Delhi. He was also of the view that the numismatic gallery can be set up phase wise depending on the funding.

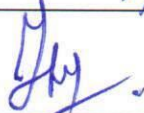
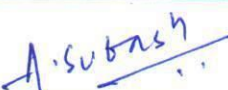
Prof. V. Ramakrishna made a specific mention of the uniqueness of the Centre and said that the Centre is one of its kind in the whole country. He was of the opinion that the Centre has always brought out publications of high quality and even its future publications should maintain that quality. He was specific that the very reason for the formation of the Centre will be defeated if it diversifies into a teaching mode. He was keen that the Centre should have seminars and lectures giving it more visibility. He was of the view that the Centre can approach the Oriental Manuscripts Library, OU Campus for micro filmed copies and other documentation they have available with them on the Deccan. He felt that the Centre should be given additional staff/documentation officer and research fellows.

Prof. A. Ravindranath was appreciative of the role of the Centre as it comes under the category of academic innovation in a university. He informed the members that the university has procured ISBN numbers which the Centre for Deccan Studies can use for its publications. He was of the view that the Centre should have seminar/lecture at least once in three months. He felt that the Urdu translation of the publications can be given in digitised versions.

The meeting ended with the final remarks of the Chairman, Dr. Shakeel Ahmad. Like other members he too was appreciative of the work done by the Centre and the quality maintained by the Centre. He gave a valid suggestion that the Centre for Deccan Studies should have links/points-of-contact with other states in the Deccan like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Goa and there should be an exchange of scholars among these sub-regions. He also magnanimously said that the Centre will be given extra funding other than its annual budget as and when it is required for seminars, conferences, lectures and other activities. He

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was of the view that the Advisory Committee should be held at least twice a year. Lastly, he said that the mandate of the university should be kept in mind and to integrate those objectives in the Centre's work.

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