



Programme Schedule

**National Seminar
on**

**SCIENCE IN THE DECCAN:
A HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE**

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Venue: Library Auditorium, MANUU

Day One: 15 September 2025 (10.30 am to 12.30 noon)	
Inaugural Session Chair: Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	
Event	Duration
University Tarana, Felicitation of the Guests	10.30 – 10.40
Welcome Address: Prof. Rafiullah Azmi , Convener & Head, Department of History, MANUU	10.40 – 10.45
Introduction to the Theme: Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui , Convener & Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU	10.45 – 10.50
Keynote Address: Prof. Atluri Murali , formerly with Dept. of History, University of Hyderabad	10.50 – 11.10
Address by the Chief Guest: Prof. SK. Mahmood , Vice Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE), Govt. of Telangana	11.10 – 11.30
Guest of Honour: Prof. Deepak Kumar , Honorary Professor, Department of History, MANUU	11.30 – 11.40
Presentation of “ S.P. Banerjee Memorial Prize for the History of Engineering & Technology ” and “ Parthaprotim Bandopadhyay Memorial Prize for the History of Medicine ” by Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of MANUU	11.40 – 11.45
Release of the SHSK Newsletter (Vol. 2, September 2025) by Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU	11.45 – 11.50
Book Release: Prof. Achintya Kumar Dutta , <i>Fighting the Fever: Kala-azar in Eastern India, 1870s-1940s</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2025) The book will be released by Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Prof Atluri Murali, and Prof. Deepak Kumar	11.50 – 12.00
Presidential Remarks: Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan , Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU	12.00 – 12.20
Vote of Thanks: Dr. Abdul Adil Paray , Assistant Professor, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	12.20 – 12.30
Compering: Dr. A. Subash , Assistant Professor, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	--
Lunch Break	1.00 – 2.00
Special Lecture One Chair: Prof. Suchandra Ghosh , Head, Department of History, University of Hyderabad Speaker: Prof. Nupur Dasgupta , Professor, Formerly with Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (<i>Ordering Vocational Knowledge in Courtly Compendia: Gleanings from Two Texts of Early Medieval Karnataka</i>)	2.00 – 2.30
Technical Session One Chair: Prof. Danish Moin , Professor, Department of History & Director (I/c) Al-Beruni Centre for Study of Social Inclusion, MANUU Speaker 1: Mr. Amol Saghar , Independent Historian, Delhi (<i>Reading Healthcare through Epigraphical Lens: The Case of Early South India</i>) Speaker 2: Prof. Prem Prakash Solanki , Department of Chemistry, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (<i>The Evolution of Chemical Science in the Deccan: From Ancient Alchemy to Advanced Materials: A Historical and Contemporary Analysis</i>) Speaker 3: Ms. Aatreyee Bhattacharyya , Research Scholar, Rabindra Bharati	2.30 – 3.30 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min

University, Kolkata (<i>Kitchen and the Healing Ladle: Study of the South Indian Culinary Therapeutics</i>) Rapporteur: Mr. Wasif Iqbal , Research Scholar, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	
Tea Break	3.30 – 3.45
Technical Session Two Chair: Prof. Arun Bandopadhyay , Former Nurul Hasan Chair & Professor of History, University of Calcutta, and Vice-President, SHSK Speaker 4: Dr. J. Suresh , Associate Professor, Department of History, University College, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram (<i>Cross-Cultural Currents: Foreign Travellers and the Exchange of Astronomical and Medical Knowledge in the Deccan Sultanates</i>) Speaker 5: Mr. Salil Kader , Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (<i>Healing and Medicine in Medieval Deccan</i>) Speaker 6: Dr. T. Prasad Rao , Assistant Professor, Department of History, Dr.S.R.K Govt. Arts College, Yanam, Puducherry (<i>Medical Education in Asaf Jahi State of Hyderabad</i>) Rapporteur: Ms. Tahniyath Begum , Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	3.45 – 4.45 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Executive Committee Meeting, SHSK	5.00 Onwards
Cultural Programme Kuchipudi dance by Ms. Lakshya	7.00 Onwards
Day Two: 16 September 2025	
Special Lecture Two Chair: Prof. Smriti Kumar Sarkar , Former Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan, Member, Research Council, Indian National Science Academy, and Member, Governing Council, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi Speaker: Dr. Aparajith Ramnath , Associate Professor, Humanities & Languages, School of Arts & Sciences, Ahmedabad University, Gujarat (<i>M. Vivesvaraya and the Quest to Engineer a New India</i>)	10.30 – 11.00
Tea Break	11.00 – 11.15
Technical Session Three Chair: Prof. Ishrat Alam , Dept. of History, Aligarh Muslim University Speaker 7: Dr. Khanday Pervaiz Ahmad , Department of History, MANUU (<i>Early Urdu Journals and the Instructions for Women's Health: A Study of Muallim-e Shafeeq of Princely Hyderabad (1882-1901)</i>) Speaker 8: Dr. Shivani Singh , Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary School of Science, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and Prof. Shekhar C. Mande , Bioinformatics Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune (<i>Response to Smallpox Epidemics: Indigenous Practices and the Colonial Public Health Measures in the 18th Century Deccan India</i>) Speaker 9: Ms. R. Abida Begum , Assistant Professor, Department of Historical Studies, Quaid-e-Millath College for Women, Chennai, and Dr. T. Abdul Khadar , Associate Professor, Department of Historical Studies, The New College, Chennai (<i>Advent of Unani Medicine in Deccan and its Impact on the Healthcare: A Study</i>) Rapporteur: Ms. Sumaira Begum , Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	11.15 – 12.15 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Technical Session Four Chair: Prof. Syed Najamul Hasan , Department of Mathematics, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Speaker 10: Dr. Sridhar Modugu , Independent Researcher, Hyderabad	12.15 – 1.15

<i>(Agriculture Research in Bombay Presidency: A Case Study of Dharwad and Dhule Experimental Farms during the 19th Century)</i> Speaker 11: Dr. Baijayanti Chatterjee, Assistant Professor of History, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College, Kolkata (<i>Economic Botany in Colonial India: An Overview of the Contributions of James Anderson of Madras</i>) Speaker 12: Dr. Siddharth R. Dawane, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Amity Institute of Social Science, Amity University, Gwalior (<i>Disease and Dominion: The Bubonic Plague and Colonial Public Health in Bombay, 1896–1905</i>) Rapporteur: Mr. Md. Salman, Research Scholar, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	(15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Lunch Break	1.15 – 2.15
Technical Session Five Chair: Prof. Rafiullah Azmi, Head, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Speaker 13: Mr. Semsaran Ekka, Research Scholar, History, Kalinga Institute of Social Science (Deemed to be University), Bhubaneswar, Odisha (<i>Traditional Health Medicine and Healthcare Polices: Reflections from the Global South Odisha</i>) Speaker 14: Mr. Mainak Ghosh, Post Graduate Student, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (<i>Health Behind the Bars: A Historical Inquiry into the Health Care System of Prisoners in Colonial Bombay Presidency (1858-1947)</i>) Speaker 15: Mr. Prantik Kumar Das, Research Scholar, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (<i>Ronald Ross's Malaria Research in Hyderabad: A Scientific and Historical Review</i>) Rapporteur: Ms. Noorie Begum, Research Scholar, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	2.15 – 3.15 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Tea Break	3.15 – 3.30
Technical Session Six Chair: Prof. Suprakash C Roy, Professor of Physics, Formerly with Bose Institute, Kolkata Speaker 16: Ms. Firdaus Jabin, Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad (<i>Colonial Governmentality of Lock Hospitals in Secunderabad Cantonment Region (1858 to 1947)</i>) Speaker 17: Mr. Sayanta Chatterjee, Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (<i>Technical Content and Colonial Context: Locating the Early History of Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay (1880s-1940s)</i>) Speaker 18: Ms. S.B. Tina Das, Research Scholar, Department of History, University of Kerala (<i>Rooted in the Soil, Written in Latin: Revisiting Hortus Malabaricus and the Legacy of Itti Achudan</i>) Rapporteur: Mr. Sujay Rathan, Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	3.30 – 4.30 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Day Three: 17 September 2025	
Technical Session Seven Chair: Prof. Salma Ahmed Farooqui, Director, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Speaker 19: Dr. B. Eswara Rao, Professor, Department of History, University of Hyderabad (<i>Making 'Medical Hyderabad': Chloroform Experiment and Scientific Validation, 1890-1910</i>) Speaker 20: Dr. Satheesh Palanki, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Calicut, Kerala (<i>Caste, Gender and Western Medicine: The Decisive Trajectories of Dr. Marry PoonnanLukkose in Colonial Travancore</i>) Speaker 21: Ms. Shaik Sana, Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (<i>Science, Technology, and the</i>	10.30 – 11.30 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min

<i>Making of Modern Hyderabad: Transformations under the Nizam's Rule, 1724-1948</i>) Rapporteur: Ms. Nahida, Research Scholar, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	
Tea Break	11.30 – 11.45
Technical Session Eight Chair: Prof. Afroz Alam, Department of Political Science, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Speaker 22: Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Assistant Professor, Vivekananda College, University of Delhi (<i>Rupa Bai Furdoonji: A Pioneer of Anaesthesia and Women's Medical Education in Deccan</i>) Speaker 23: Ms. Pratima Yadav, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai (<i>Plague in Madras Presidency (1898-1905): Analysing the Escalation, Prevention and Administrative Response</i>) Speaker 24: Prof. S. Srinath, Department of History and Tourism Management, Kakatiya University, Warangal (<i>Literary and Scientific Institutions in Asaf Jahi Hyderabad: Cosmopolitan Knowledge and the Architecture of Modernity</i>) Rapporteur: Mr. Mustafa Hussain Shah, Research Scholar, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	11.45 – 12.45 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Lunch Break	1.00 – 2.00
Technical Session Nine Chair: Prof. Dhrub Kumar Singh, Banaras Hindu University Speaker 25: Mr. Shiva Rajwar, Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani – Hyderabad Campus (<i>Learning Doctori in Hyderabad: The Initial Days of Hyderabad Medical School 1846-1883</i>) Speaker 26: Ms. Sweta Mukherjee, Research Scholar, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (<i>Visweswaraya, Machines, and the Prelude to Planned Economy</i>) Speaker 27: Dr. Rajeshwari Roy, Guest Faculty, Department of Environmental Studies, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata (<i>Postcolonial Development and the Western Ghats: The Edge of the Deccan Plateau</i>) Rapporteur: Mr. Sajjad Ahmed, Research Scholar, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	2.00 – 3.00 (15 min for each speaker + 15 min interaction) = 60 min
Tea Break	3.00 – 3.15
Valedictory Session Chair: Prof. Farhat Hasan, Dept. of History, University of Delhi Chief Guest: Prof. Shakeel Ahmed, Visiting Professor, Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, Kashmir Guest of Honour: Prof. P.H. Mohammad, Dean, School of Arts & Social Sciences, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Valedictory Address: Dr. Dinesh C. Sharma, Eminent Science Journalist and Jawaharlal Nehru Fellow (2020-21) Vote of Thanks: Dr. Shahid Jamal, Assistant Professor, H.K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Compering: Dr. Khalid Ponnulathodi, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University	3.15 – 4.30
General Body Meeting, SHSK	4.30 Onwards

