



Bicentenary Celebration Report (2020-2021)

Deccan College Post Graduate Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Pune celebrating its bicentenary during 2020-21. As part of this College had planned various additional academic and cultural activities as part of the bicentennial celebrations. organization of special lectures by eminent scholars and theme-based workshops, publication of monographs, a special Souvenir volume, sort of public outreach activities and cultural evenings.

Deccan College Bicentenary Central Committee

The DECCAN COLLEGE BICENTENARY Central Committee was being constituted for preparing and executing a unique prospective plan to mark the Bicentenary of Deccan College (Year 2020 to 2021). This Committee was the Steering Group of senior faculty and staff of the Institute headed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Committee was constituted with expectation to:

- Consider and articulate aims and objectives of celebrating the Bicentenary of the Institute.
- Mobilise monetary funds from all possible sources for the institutional development.
- Constitute various Sub-Committees for smooth and effective functioning of the planned
- events during the Bicentenary.
- Invite ideas, views and active participation of all the stakeholders of the University including retired faculty and past students in functioning of some or the other Sub-Committees.
- Encourage research and publication activities of the University through organisation of Guest Lectures, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops etc.
- Give wide publicity and arrange outreach programmes to commemorate the glorious past of the Institute.

The Composition of DECCAN COLLEGE BICENTENARY Central Committee was as follows:

1. Prof. Pramod Pandey, Vice-Chancellor : Chairperson
(July - Oct. 2021)
2. Prof. Prasad Joshi, Pro Vice-Chancellor : Chairperson
[Vice-Chancellor (A) - up to July 2021] (May 2020 – July 2021)
Member (July - Oct. 2021)
3. Prof. K.N. Hota, HoD, Sanskrit and Lexicography : Member

4. Prof. P.P. Joglekar, HoD, A.I.H.C. and Archaeology : Member
5. Prof. Sonal Kulkarni-Joshi, HoD, Linguistics : Member
6. Prof. P.D. Sable, Dept. of A.I.H.C. and Archaeology : Member
7. Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Dept. of Linguistics : Member
8. Dr. Trupti More, Librarian : Member
9. Dr. Shrikant Ganvir, IQAC Co-ordinator : Member
10. Shri J.G. Kulkarni, Registrar (A) : Member-Secretary

The Central Committee wholeheartedly devoted itself towards making the Bicentenary of the Deccan College a momentous year in the history of the Institute.

A. The committee had decided to have following activities during the bicentenary year.

- Looking into the situation caused due to Covid-19, it had been decided to organize online lectures/webinars series/workshops.
- Publication of Monographs to mark this historic event.
- Publication of Brochure Booklet
- Publication of DC Bicentenary Souvenir.
- Bringing out a Commemorative Postal Stamp & First Day Cover (FDC) in favour of the University.
- Making an Audio-Visual documentary of the University.
- Bringing out One-Page Wall Calendars
- Bringing out Bicentenary Logo Stickers
- Bringing out Bicentenary Stickers for 2 Wheelers & 4 Wheelers
- Bringing out Bicentenary Key chains
- Bringing out Bicentenary Badge with Magnet
- Bringing out Bicentenary Ceramic Mug/Cup

B. The Committee had constituted following three sub-committees and their responsibilities. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor will be Chairperson of these sub-committees.

- **Research and Publication Committee** – Prof. Sonal Kulkarni-Joshi, Co-ordinator
Responsibilities: To bring out Bicentenary Monograph Series of books.
- **Information and Publicity Committee** – Dr. Trupti More, Co-ordinator
Responsibilities: To bring out Brochure Booklet, DC Bicentenary Souvenir, Commemorative Postal Stamp & First Day Cover (FDC) in favour of the University, Audio-Visual documentary of the University, One-Page Wall Calendars, Bicentenary Logo Stickers, Bicentenary Stickers for 2 Wheelers & 4 Wheelers, Bicentenary Key chains, Bicentenary Badge with Magnet, Bicentenary Ceramic Mug/Cup.
- **Planning Committee for Lectures, Webinars and related works** – Prof. Shailendra Mohan / Dr. Arati Deshpande Mukherji, Co-Ordinator
Responsibilities: To organize series of Bicentenary online lectures/webinars/workshops.

C. The committee had considered the tentative event calendar for celebration of the Bicentenary in view of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19) crisis.

Bicentenary Celebrations Time-Table

6th October 2020 Opening of the Bicentenary celebrations and Lecture Series

First Lecture of Bicentenary celebrations

November 2020 Second Bicentenary Lecture in Sanskrit Department

December 2020 Third Bicentenary Lecture in Department of AIHC and Arch

January 2021 Forth Bicentenary Lecture in Department of Linguistics

December 2019/Jan 2021 Summit on Higher Education and Heritage Studies

February 2021 Fifth Bicentenary Lecture in Sanskrit Department

March 2021/April 2021 Invite Brihan Maharashtra Parchyavidya Parishad

March 2021 Sixth Bicentenary Lecture in Department of AIHC and Arch

April 2021 Seventh Bicentenary Lecture in Department of Linguistics

May 2021 Eighth Bicentenary Lecture in Sanskrit Department

July 2021 Ninth Bicentenary Lecture in Department of AIHC and Arch

17th August 2021 Reunion of Deccan College Past Students and Staff

September 2021 Tenth Bicentenary Lecture in Department of Linguistics

6th October 2021 Closing of the Bicentenary celebrations

Release of monographs

Release of Postal Stamp and First Day Cover (FDC)

Release of special volume of Souvenir of DCPRI

Stepping into the Bicentenary

The 199th Foundation Day (Inauguration of the Bicentenary) on dated 6th October 2020

The Deccan College commemorated its 199th Foundation Day (Inauguration of the Bicentenary) by organising an online programme on dated 6th October 2020. The programme began with an invocation and the Deccan College song. In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor (Acting) of the institute, Prof. Prasad Joshi, spoke of the important transitions in the history of the College. He highlighted the significant contribution of the College in each of these phases to the dissemination of knowledge and learning. He also talked about the institute's resolve to further raise the standards of its contribution to research and to increase the outreach of its activities so as to take this research culture beyond academic circles to the common people. To this end the Deccan College will introduce new courses, conduct workshops and training programmes. He also referred to the New Education Policy and said that the Deccan College was prepared to play a significant role in its implementation. The

former Chancellor of the Deccan College, Dr. G.B. Deglurkar blessed the gathering on this occasion and urged the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Human Resources to confer on the Deccan College the status of a Central University. The vice-chairman of the University Grants Commission of India, Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan was the chief guest at the programme. He observed that, given the long tradition of heritage studies and its status as a postgraduate research institute, the Deccan College was equipped to redefine the conventional understanding of the term 'university'. He suggested that the Deccan College could initiate courses in research methodology for culture studies, heritage studies and the humanities. He further suggested that the Deccan College should endeavour to become a model central university for indigenous knowledge systems. Dr. Patwardhan assured the institute of his support to realise this dream. The Chancellor of the Deccan College, Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar presided over the function. He said the institute was determined to further strengthen its research output and to engage in collaborative research to this end. Importantly, he observed that the Deccan College is poised to lead the way in the inter-disciplinary areas of research such as the Digital Humanities, bridging the traditional domains of the humanities, heritage studies and technology. Dr. Amrita Sarkar compered the programme, Dr. Abhijit Dandekar introduced the guests and Prof. Sonal Kulkarni-Joshi presented the vote of thanks. The programme ended with the singing of the national song. Alumni, well-wishers, special invitees, present and former staff and students of the Deccan College attended the online programme in large numbers to witness this historic occasion.

On this occasion, the main building of the institution was decorated with luminous colourful lights.

Deccan College Bicentenary Guest Lectures and Webinar series

As a part of the bicentenary Celebrations of Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute has arranged a special academic lecture series in the fields Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Linguistics, Sanskrit and Lexicography of by eminent scholars. In this series, following online lectures had been scheduled.

- **Lecture -1:**
Title: Archaeology of Sangnakallu
Speaker: Prof. Ravi Korisettar, a UGC emeritus fellow D.C. Pavate Chair for Art and Archaeology, Karnataka University, Dharwad
Date: 30th December 2020
- **Lecture -2:**
Title: Indian Language Sciences and Language Technology
Speaker: Prof. Amba Kulkarni, Professor at Department of Sanskrit Studies, University of Hyderabad
Date: 8th January 2021
- **Lecture -3:**
Title: Ancient Indian Linguistic Tradition
Speaker: Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla
Date: 12th February 2021
- **Lecture -4:**

Title: Textiles and Basketry of the Indus Tradition: Archaeological evidence and historical legacy

Speaker: Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Date: 10th April 2021

- **Lecture -5:**

Title: The Notions of Puruṣa and Ātman in the Vedic Texts and their Merger in the Br̥had Āraṇyaka Upaniṣad

Speaker: Prof. Diwakar Acharya, Spalding professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics, University of Oxford

Date: 24th May 2021

- **Lecture -6:**

Title: What can the modern languages of India tell us about her past? The contribution of (sociolinguistic) typology to Indian history

Speaker: Prof. John Peterson, Professor and Chair of Linguistics, Kiel University, Germany

Date: 28th May 2021

- **Lecture -7:**

Title: Excavating a past for the nation; Art historical writings of Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra

Speaker: Prof. Gautam Sengupta, Former Director General, ASI

Date: 02nd July 2021

- **Lecture -8:**

Title: What do Evolutionary Linguists Investigate?

Speaker: Prof. Salikoko S. Mufwene, The University of Chicago, USA

Date: 27th August 2021

Deccan College Bicentenary Online Workshops

The University had organized workshops on Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Linguistics, Sanskrit and Lexicography to make current researches in these subjects popular and public-oriented.

- **Workshop -1:**

Theme: Ancient Indian Linguistic Tradition

Duration: 01st Feb 2021 to 26th February 2021

Credits: Two

Organized by: Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Pune in co-ordination with Mettle Innovations, Pune

About the Workshop:

In the early period of the first millennium BCE, there developed a tradition of language analysis in India with a purpose to preserve the sacred language of the Vedas. It included the study of Chandas (metres), Nirukta (word explication), Śikṣā (phonetics), Prātiśākhya (phonology), Padapāṭha (word analysis), and Vyākaraṇa (grammar). Pāṇini in his Aṣṭādhyāyī (circa 4th C BCE) provided a comprehensive

linguistic description of the Sanskrit language prevalent at his time which included a set of rules and exceptions of generative nature. Model of Pāṇini inspired the later grammarians to develop more or less similar models with different purposes including Pali and Prakrit grammars also. The tradition of language study flourished in many branches. The three chief disciplines of Nyāya, Mīmāṃsā and Vyākaraṇa primarily dealt with the nature of word and its meaning. They described the process of meaning comprehension from the utterance. Recent decades have experienced growing interest of computer scientists in the ancient linguistic tradition of India for various reasons. A range of tools and applications is being developed in IITs and universities to facilitate preparation of critical editions, translations and such other research activities. The objective of this workshop was to provide glimpses of the knowledge system of the linguistic tradition of India conveyed in the early oral and written medium and also in today's digital form, and to develop the ability in the participants that they will be able to apply their learning to practical tasks in the field of Sanskrit studies and Natural Language Processing.

Keynote Address:

Title: Ancient Indian Linguistic Tradition

Speaker: Prof. V. N. Jha

Date: 01st Feb 2021 to 26th February 2021

● **Workshop -2:**

Theme: Harappan Culture: New Dimensions and Paradigm Shift

Duration: 14th June 2021 to 17th July 2021

Credits: Two

Organized by: Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Pune in co-ordination with Mettle Innovations, Pune

About the Workshop:

Before the discovery of the Harappan Civilization it was thought by many scholars that there is a gap in the cultural history of South Asia and that the settled life in this part took place only in the 6th century BCE. The discovery has not only bridged the so-called cultural gap but also in one stroke established that the settled life in this part was pushed back by more than two thousand years. Continuous research activities for the past one hundred years have enabled us to understand many facets of this great Civilization. This workshop on Harappan Culture: New Dimensions and Paradigm Shift hold an account of new scientific discoveries and researches carried out by archaeologists since the time of discovery of the Harappan site of over a century ago. The workshop was conducted as a series of lectures focusing on paradigm shift in Harappan studies from traditional understanding of material culture to analytical and interpretative approach. More often archaeology is stigmatized to be a fact-centric subject in nature but this workshop aimed at a new approach to help understand the story and facts behind the origin and gradual development of the Harappan

Civilization. Topics related to achievements of the Harappan Civilization in the field of basic sciences and technologies, were discussed at large. The contributions this Civilization has made to the history of South Asia and the world along with its relevance to contemporary society was been explored in this workshop. This workshop was designed for professionals, students and layman. It not only incorporated latest data and hypothesis about overall lifestyle including social, religious, political organizations, material culture but also analysed interpretations of scientific data to understand their health, diet and authors of the culture.

Keynote Address:

Title: Harappan Culture: New Dimensions and Paradigm Shift: An Overview

Speaker: Prof. Vasant Shinde, Director, Rakhigarhi Archaeological Research Project; Editor-in-Chief 'Ancient Asia' (International Journal) Former Founding Director-General, National Maritime Heritage Complex; Former Vice-Chancellor, Deccan College Deemed University Pune

Date: 14th June 2021

Deccan College Bicentenary Special Lecture

Title: The Deccan College---From Vishrambag Pathshala to a University

Speaker: Padamshree Prof. K. Paddayya, Emeritus Professor

Date: 05th March 2021

Valedictory Function of Bicentenary Celebrations

The 200th Foundation Day on dated 6th October 2020

The Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed University), celebrated its Bicentenary valedictory on October 6, 2021. On this occasion, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra State stated that Deccan College is a glory for the country and this college has given great, scholarly gems to the country and has made a significant contribution in the field of education.

Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra State was the Chief Guest of the function. Union Minister of State for Communications Devu Singh Chouhan graced the occasion through video conferencing while Deccan College President Dr. A. P. Jamkhedkar, Chief Postmaster General of Maharashtra Harish Agarwal, Postmaster General of Pune Madhumita Das, Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule University Prof. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice-Chancellor of Deccan College Prof. Pramod Pandey, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasad Joshi were also present.

"Completing 200 years is a great achievement for an organization," Shri. Koshyari said. Deccan College is one of the reputed colleges in the country. The tradition of producing ideal

citizens and great personalities through the college should continue in the future as well. He hoped that this college would produce scholarly students.

"Our country is sending a message of peace to the world," he said. Our Yoga Day was celebrated in 180 countries around the world. Indian thoughts are being respected all over the world. The whole world is curious about our culture. The task of preserving the culture of the country is being done through such educational institutions. He also mentioned that the contribution of such glorious organizations in the development of the country is unforgettable.

Shri Devusinh Chauhan, State Minister for Communication and Telecommunication, in his online speech said that the history and contribution of Deccan College is important for the country. He said that Deccan College has made a significant contribution in the lives of great personalities who fought for the country.

On this occasion, The Hon'ble Governor unveiled the blow up and released the first album of Commemorative Postal Stamp on Deccan College. First screening of the Marathi Language Dialect Survey Project Website, release of the Bicentenary Souvenir, Series of Monographs, Table Calendar, Deccan College Video Documentary, and announcement of Students' e journal, etc. was done at the hands of Hon'ble Governor.

BICENTENARY SOUVENIR

It was also thought appropriate and necessary to publish a Souvenir for the use of general readers. This Souvenir includes basic information about the Deccan College, brief history and factors behind its success story, teaching-cum-research departments, Sanskrit Dictionary Project, library and museum services, research publications and doctoral dissertations. It has interesting reminiscences of alumni and former faculty members. A group-photo of all the staff was also taken and included in the Bicentenary Souvenir in the form of memory.

Title	Editors	Publication Year	ISSN
200th Anniversary Year - Souvenir of the Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Pune. Pp.283.	PANDEY, PRAMOD; K. PADDAYYA; PRASAD JOSHI; SONAL KULKARNI-JOSHI; PANDURANG SABALE and TRUPTI MORE (eds.)	2021	978-81-932788-9-5

DECCAN COLLEGE BICENTENARY MONOGRAPH SERIES

To celebrate the bicentenary of the Institute a series of monographs was released, representing the research carried on by the past and present faculty, research staff and also the students in the three departments of the University. The series is enriched by the contributions of other invited scholars in the disciplines of Archaeology, Linguistics, and Sanskrit. The series of monographs was released in the year 2021 and printed in 2022. This series

symbolizes the spirit of critical inquiry and continuation of the exalted tradition of the Deccan College.

No.	Title	Author	Publication Year	Deccan College Bicentenary Monograph Series No.	ISBN
1.	Semiotics and asymmetry in Bangla Morphology	Probal Dasgupta & Nivedita Mitra	2022	01	978-81-956098-3-3
2.	Semantic change and semantic extension of Tamil Verbs	Rajendran Sankaraveleyuthan	2022	02	978-81-956098-4-0
3.	Munda Linguistics: Typological Descriptive and Diachronic Perspectives	Gregory D S Anderson (Ed.)	2022	03	978-81-958873-5-4
4.	Apprehending language anchoring linguistics (Analogies at work in the Saussurean theory of language)	Avinash Pandey	2022	04	978-81-956098-5-7
5.	Causality in Early Navya-Nyaya	Toshihiro Wada	2022	05	978-81-956098-2-6
6.	Textual history tool & computational phylogenetics for Sanskrit with special reference to classical Indian Text	Diptesh Kanojia, Malhar Kulkarni, Eivind Kahrs & Pushpak Bhattacharyya	2022	06	978-81-958873-4-7
7.	असा साकारला ऑक्सफ़र्डचा बृहत्कोश	Madavi Khokhar	2022	07	978-81-958873-1-6
8.	शिवसूत्राणां महत्त्वम् औचित्यं च	Kanchan Mande	2022	08	978-81-958873-0-9
9.	अप्सरा : दैवतशास्त्रीय आणि	Manjusha Gokhale	2022	09	978-81-958873-2-3

	सामाजिक परिप्रेक्षातून विचार				
10.	अर्थवादविमर्षः	Shridhar Lohokare	2022	10	978-81-958873-3-0
11.	Facets of Numismatics	Shahida Ansari & Mrinmoy Ghosh	2022	11	978-81-956098-9-5
12.	Indian Neolithization	Amrita Sarkar	2022	12	978-81-956098-7-1
13.	Archaeobotanical Research at the Deccan college	Satish Naik	2022	13	978-81-956098-6-4
14.	Archaeological Coins	Shahida Ansari & Mrinmoy Ghosh	2022	14	978-81-956098-8-8
15.	Descriptive Catalogue of Marathi Manuscripts in the Deccan College Library	Trupti More	2022	15	978-81-956098-0-2

In the introduction, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pandey informed about Deccan College and various activities. Dr. Aarti Deshpande-Mukherjee did compering of the program while Prof. Sonal Kulkarni-Joshi expressed the Vote of Thanks.

On the occasion of Valedictory Function of Deccan College Bicentenary Celebrations on 6th October 2021 library had arranged an exhibition of rare books. The Governor visited the Lokmanya Tilak Room, library and its exhibition of books, Sanskrit Department then departed to the Archaeology department where he visited the archaeology museum.

The students had cordially invited all the teaching, non-teaching and project staff of the University and students to a special dinner organised by the Deccan College Students' Mess on the occasion of the valedictory function of the bicentenary celebrations of the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute on 6th October 2021 at 8.30 P.M. in the Deccan College Gymkhana premises.

On this occasion, the main building of the institution was decorated with luminous colourful lights.

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