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(w.e.f. 13th March 2022 till 23 rd September 2022)
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2021 - 2024

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2021 - 2024

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2022 - 2025

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Action taken report with reference to the Annual Report and
Resolutions taken up at the Adjourned Two Hundred and Eighteenth (218th) Annual General Meeting of the Society (for the period 2021-2022) held on Saturday, 24 th September, 2022

I. ACTION TAKEN REPORT

There is no action to be taken on the Annual Report

II. COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS PLACED AT THE PREVIOUS AGM (Adjourned AGM held on 24 th September, 2022) which were placed under AGM Item No.7):

Proposed resolutions (From Managing Committee):

A1 Resolution No. 7.A.1:

The Resolution 7.A.1 of the 218 th AGM, for adding a new category under the Resident Life Membership, i.e. for a couple (husband and wife) both wishing to enroll as Life Members are entitled to pay Rs.35,000/- instead of Rs.40,000/-; and that each would be considered a member in his/her own right." was not passed by the AGM.

A2 Resolution No. 7.A.2

As per Resolution No.7.A.2 of the 218 th AGM, a person wishing to enroll as Ordinary Member shall henceforth have to pay the full year's emolument fee, currently at Rs.3,000/-, irrespective of the month in which the membership is sought, was passed by the AGM.

Thus, the above decision is applicable with immediate effect.

The following resolutions from 7.A.3 to 7.A.8, which pertain to increased payment for services rendered by the Society in order to meet the rising cost for all such activities, were accepted:

A3 Resolution No. 7.A.3

As per Resolution No.7.A.3 of the 218 th AGM, the members requesting digital copies of maps be charged Rs.1,000/- per map, was passed by the AGM.

Thus, the above rate is applicable with immediate effect.

A4 Resolution No. 7.A.4

As per Resolution No.7.A.4 of the 218 th AGM, a handling charge of Rs.100/- be levied per manuscript folio, rare book, map when accessed in the non-digital form, was passed by the AGM.

A5 Resolution No. 7.A.5

As per Resolution No.7.A.5 of the 218 th AGM, the print outs from J Stor be charged at Rs.3/- per page, was passed by the AGM.

A6 Resolution No. 7.A.6

As per Resolution No.7.A.6 of the 218 th AGM, a charge of Rs.30/- per hour for members and Rs.50/- per hour for non-members be levied for browsing Granth Sanjeevani or microfilms, was passed by the AGM.

A7 Resolution No. 7.A.7

As per Resolution No.7.A.7 of the 218 th AGM, the Daily Membership be increased to Rs.200/- for Indian Nationals and Rs.500/- for foreign nationals, was passed by the AGM.

A8 Resolution No. 7.A.8

As per Resolution No.7.A.8 of the 218 th AGM, a refundable deposit amount of Rs.2,500/- be charged for borrowing a book whose cost price ranges from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.7,000/-, was passed by the AGM.

B. Members Resolution (No.7.B):

B.1 Proposed Resolution (From Members):

No resolutions were received from the Members of the Society.

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President's Message

It's already a year since my last message, which confirms that time flies. And time moves swiftly for those who keep busy. I am pleased to report that that is exactly what your President, the Office bearers, and the Managing Committee have been doing through the year, so that this 219-year-old Society can continue to prosper. Many institutions founded that long ago may flounder, but the Asiatic believes in carrying on. And plans have already been set in motion to celebrate in style the 220 years of our existence!

In case my enthusiastic opening lines have created the impression that all is well with the Asiatic Society, let me immediately put a dampener on that. It would not be correct on my part to paint a rosy picture, when such a one does not exist. And the lament is one that you have been hearing over the last several years: the financial crunch. Expenses keep mounting, and monetary returns are few and far between. The need of the hour is to attract donations from philanthropists, organisations, and the public at large who care for books, research, libraries, all to be found in culture-specific organisations like ours.

Which brings me to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, who have continued to give us an annual grant. We are indeed grateful for that; but the grant has not been increased for several years, and it has been our constant effort to raise this issue with the Ministry. In this context I wish to mention the personal interest that the Jt. Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Mrs Mugdha Sinha, has taken in getting to know more about the Asiatic Society. She has made it a point to visit the Society whenever she is in Mumbai, and has initiated interaction with the Society, details of which are provided in the later pages of this report.

Another step in the right direction is an annual recurring grant sanctioned by the Government of Maharashtra which, when received, will certainly revive our spirit and our hopes. I must state that these positive developments were largely the outcome of the continuous efforts made by our Hon. Secretary, Dr Mangala Sirdeshpande, and our Vice-President, Dr Shehernaz Nalwalla.

We have also been interacting ceaselessly with Mahanagar Gas Ltd. who had evinced interest in financing some infrastructure restoration through their CSR funds. I hope you will soon see the results of these negotiations.

The last day of the financial year brought devastating news. Our former President, Mr S G Kale had passed away. Sadly, his term as Trustee was short lived. As the news of his passing spread through the city, eulogies began to pour in. A former IAS officer, he had held many positions of importance and,in each of these, he had conducted himself with dignity, probity, and integrity. Rare qualities, not easily found these days. The Asiatic Society will miss his clarity of thought and sound advice.

The pages that follow will update you with details of the year covered in this report.

I will end with an earnest plea to all members to try their utmost in raising funds for the survival of the Asiatic Society.

Prof. Vispi R. Balaporia
President
Asiatic Society of Mumbai

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

1.1 EFFORTS TO GARNER FUNDS

On 30 th May 2022, the Vice President, Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla and the Hon. Secretary, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande along with Com. Prakash Reddy, President of ASM Employees' Union and a few representatives of the staff attended a meeting called by Shri Ajit Pawar, Dy. Chief Minister and Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Maharashtra, in Mantralaya. On hearing about the financial difficulties the Asiatic Society of Mumbai was facing, Shri Pawar offered to propose a Recurring Annual Grant of Rs.1 Crore from the Government of Maharashtra. He also suggested that the BMC should also give a matching Recurring Grant of Rs.1 Crore annually. The next two days, the above-mentioned persons met Shri Iqbal Chahal, Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, who was very supportive and suggested that we should also meet the Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shri Govind Mohan in New Delhi. Shri Chahal arranged for this meeting on the 7 th of June 2022.

Accordingly, on 7 th June, the Vice President, Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla and the Officiating Hon. Secretary, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande; as well as Com. Prakash Reddy and Mr. Sunil Bhirud, Staff Representative, went to Delhi to meet Shri Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi. They explained to Shri Mohan that the Asiatic Society was in dire need of funds in order to carry out its various cultural as well as academic activities. Shri Mohan was pleased to note that the Asiatic Society of Mumbai was undertaking so many activities, and promised to do his best to enhance the Society's grant of Rs. One Crore.

It is worth noting that these four individuals did not charge the Society for the expenses incurred for this visit to Delhi. Although the outcome of this visit has, so far, not yielded an increase in the grant, our enquiries have continued, and we are being assured that the matter is under consideration. However, writing several letters of appeal to the Government of Maharashtra, as well as meeting the concerned officers in Mantralaya, has yielded a more positive outcome. And, on 8 th March 2023, the Asiatic Society of Mumbai received a Sanctioned Order for an Annual Recurring Grant of Rs.1 Crore staring from the financial year 2023-2024. This will go a long way in easing our financial constraints.

In October 2023, a sum of Rs.50 Lakh was received from the BMC. This is a welcome donation, although the Asiatic Society had requested the BMC Municipal Commissioner to match the Government of Maharashtra's Annual Recurring Grant of Rs.1 Crore.

The Society is grateful to the Rotary Club of Bombay for its continued interest and financial support towards the activities of the Society.

1.2 VISITS OF SOME NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS DURING THE YEAR

The Society had the honour of welcoming Ms. Mugdha Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture (A&A Section), New Delhi, who paid two visits to the Society on 23 rd and 24 th December 2022.

On the 23rd a PowerPoint presentation about our Society was shown to Ms Sinha. She showed a lot of interest, querying several points for further clarification. As she had several other meetings to attend, she arranged to visit the Society the next day in order to see the Sopara Relics. This was organized for her benefit. Ms Sinha was quite impressed and offered to help the Society financially by holding an exhibition of the Sopara Relics. Ms. Sinha appreciated the work being carried out at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. She promised to put in a word for us with the Ministry of Culture so that our Annual Grant could be enhanced. One must place on record the efforts put in by Mr Raamesh Gowri Raghavan in preparing the PPT at very short notice in preparation for the visit of Ms Mugdha Sinha.

2. ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

The Endowment Lectures Committee, the Mumbai Research Centre, and the Lit Club conducted many programmes which were well attended and appreciated. The MRC conducted lecture series, walks, Heritage study tours, talks, musical events, Jashn-e-Azaadi, a student festival, and collaborative courses with city colleges. The Endowment Lectures Committee organized 11 talks by eminent persons, of which one was held Online. The Lit Club organized many talks, conversations/discussions with authors, and two collaborative events in the Durbar Hall.

The Society has updated its software, so that members can receive all the information by email.

2.1 Exhibition Meandering Through a Mapped Canvas – An Exhibition of Maps held from 2 nd April to 3 0 th April 2022 was a great success, the Rotary Club of Bombay held several discussions for holding another Map Exhibition in the month of May 2023.

Meandering Through a Mapped Canvas was a month-long exhibition curated to showcase rare maps of colonial India and Bombay from the Special Collections held by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Library. The exhibition was conceptualized with the aim of showcasing the work done to restore fragile maps which, if not for this effort, would have been lost to future generations. The exhibition was opened to the public from 2nd April to 30th April, 2022, in the Durbar Hall of the Society. The citizens of Mumbai turned up in large numbers, evincing enormous interest in the maps. Their queries were duly answered by the docents. Sundays were dedicated to children. fortunately , they too showed a lot of interest, and enjoyed the maps-related games organised for their benefit.

2.2 Release of the Commemorative Postal Stamp in honour of MM Dr P.V.Kane:

18 th of April 2022, being the 50 th death anniversary of MM Dr P.V. Kane, a Commemorative Stamp in his honour was released at Raj Bhavan by the Hon'ble Governor, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The event was attended by many and was a great success. The postal stamp is available for sale as per its face value of Rs.5/- per stamp.

It must be pointed out here that the preliminary work for the issue of a commemorative stamp has to begin at least two years in advance of a significant date pertaining to the individual in whose honour the stamp is to be issued. Knowing that 18th April 2022 would be the 50th anniversary of MM Dr P V Kane's passing, our former President, Shri S G Kale, began the process of writing to the Post Master General, well in advance, providing sufficient justification for such a request. A great deal of correspondence followed, culminating in receiving a positive response. Then the stamp had to be designed, and a commitment made to provide the finances for a minimum 1000 stamps of the face value of Rs 5/-, plus expenses for first day covers and other incidentals. This was too huge a sum for the Asiatic Society, given the constantshortage of funds. Again, it was Shri Kale who came to the rescue by personally donating six lakhs. The Director of the Kane Institute, Dr Parineeta Deshpande, did her bit by contacting some members of the Kane family. who generously contributed Rs 6 Lakhs for this purpose. An appeal had also been sent to the Hon'ble Governor. Not only did he agree to hold the release function at Raj Bhavan, but he also sanctioned a sum of six lakh from his special fund. The end result was that we collected more than the sum to be paid to the Post Master General. The surplus amount has been set aside to enhance the academic activities of the Kane Institute, with the permission of the donors.

2.3 Disposal and sale of donated books and magazines:

The Book Selection Committees had requested the Managing Committee to permit the disposal and sale of donated books and magazines which had not been accepted by the Book Selection Committee and which had been lying in the basement of the Society for many years. The Library Administration Committee chaired by Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla was given the responsibility to organise the sale, which was held

on 5th May 2022. 3,500 books were sold within a couple of hours, making this saleevent a great success. The Committee appreciated the efforts of the Society's staff members and the support team, especially the student volunteers of Wilson College and Ruia College who assisted in this work.

2.4 Repairs carried out by the PWD:

The Officiating Hon. Secretary, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande, had contacted Mr. Hinge, Dy. Engineer (Civil), as well as Mr. Tanaje B. Kadam, Section Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), to carry out extensive repairs that were urgently required in the Society, especially to prevent leakages during the oncoming monsoon. The PWD has done an excellent job to curtail the damage caused by the heavy rains to the interior areas such as the Vestibule, Research Room, Kane Room, Ladies washroom, following the collapse of a portion of the ceiling above Sir John Malcolm's statue and the display cabinet containing the round casket of the Sopara relics. The Society had to cover both the statues viz. Sir John Malcolm and Shri Jagannath Sunkersett with a plastic covering and a plywood canopy to prevent them from being damaged. The PWD's prompt efforts prevented further damage being caused. The PWD has also promised to carry out many other repairs that are required in the Asiatic Society.

2.5 Loan of books to the CSMSV Museum for an Exhibition:

13 Library books were loaned to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalay (CSMVS) for the exhibition"Changemakers: Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Women in Bombay Presidency" which was held from November 19, 2022 to January 31, 2023, and which formed a part of the CSMVS Centenary Celebrations of the Museum.

2.6 CSR Funding through Mahanagar Gas Limited:

The Society has been in negotiations with Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) for CSR Funding. The project prepared by Ms. Sheetal Gandhi, Restoration Architect, for infrastructural revamping of the Society has been approved by MGL and we are awaiting the finalisation of this transaction.

2.7 AWARD

Sakal Award:

The Society received an award from the Sakal Group of Newspapers on 27th January 2023 in recognition of the work done in conservation and digitization of its collections.

The Society is happy to announce that Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat, Hon. Jt. Secretary, received a Silver Memento from CSMVS on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of CSMVS. It must be noted that, as Ms Kamat has been nominated on the Board of Trustees of the CSMVS as a representative of the ASM, she considered it appropriate to hand over the memento to the President to be preserved in the Society.

2.8 THE SOCIETY REGRETS THE SAD DEMISE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS / STAFF:

S.G. Kale:

It is with a heavy heart that we condole the passing of our Trustee and former President Shri S G Kale. He was a member of long standing having enrolled as a Life Member in January 1993. Having served in various capacities as a bureaucrat with the Maharashtra Government, he brought to the Asiatic Society both administrative acumen and tactful handling of problems combined with clarity of thought. Unfortunately, his term as a Trustee of the Asiatic Society ended too soon, from 30 March 2021 to the day of his death 31 March 2023. He served his full term as President from 2013 to 2019. He was also the Hon. Finance Secretary from 2007 to 2013. But it was his love of books that made the Asiatic Society an ideal place for him.And that would explain the effort he put in to get two substantial grants from the Maharashtra Government for the Digitization Project, which is currently in its second phase. For him, it was the preservation of a rich legacy. Even when his health was failing, he made the effort to spend at least two hours a day at the Asiatic selecting the books for digitization.

As news of his death spread in the city, much was said and written about him. But what was stressed was his integrity and sincerity of purpose. In these times, such remarks can hold true for very few.
His passing is a painful loss not only to his family but to all of us at the Asiatic Society.

Shankar Kamble:
Shankar Namdeo Kamble was a Life Member of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai from 27-10-1983. He wason the Managing Committee of the Society from 1999-2002,2009-2015, 2015 and on various sub-committees including the Book Selection Committee. He also served as the Hon. Jt. Secretary from 1999 to 2000. A calm and simple person, he maintained friendly relations with the members and staff of the Society.

Born on 1st June 1946 at Village Rule (Near Panshet), District Pune, he graduated in Arts from Savitribai Phule, Poona University. After graduation, he joined the Reserve Bank of India in 1973. After serving the Bank for three decades in various departments, he voluntarily retired from the Cash Department in 2004. He will be remembered for the active part he played in the SC/ST Employees Association.

Shri Kamble took keen interest in Ancient Indian History and had devoted a lot of time researching on the Emperor Ashoka, for a novel he was planning to write. Unfortunately, ill health prevented him from doing so. He died on 19th May 2022 after a brief illness.

May his soul rest in peace.

Prof Vasanti Damle:
With profound grief the Managing Committee condoles the sudden demise of one of the active life members of the Society, Professor Vasanti Damle, in early January 2023. Livewire and firebrand, Vasanti(as all her students, friends and colleagues called her) was an erudite scholar and an influential speaker, and an expert in Russian history. Her teaching career spanned over four decades in the History Department of the University of Mumbai, from where she retired a few years ago. But retirement from active teaching could not curb her activism, and she continued to participate in various discussions and debates. She was a no-holds-barred Leftist; openly propagating lofty, leftist ideals. A supporter of pluralism, she vehemently opposed polarization.

With her passing, the Asiatic Society of Mumbai has lost a true well-wisher and a proponent of in-depth research and scholarship.

Professor Vasanti Damle leaves behind a legacy in the form of hundreds of students (who were also her fans) and scores of genuine friends.

May her soul achieve nirvana.

Dr. Mahesh A. Kalra:
Dr. Mahesh Kalra, who passed away at the end of October 2022, was a leading Numismatist. He dedicated his life to establish Numismatics as an academic discipline. Dr. Kalra was born on 20th May 1973 and was a successful doctor by profession. To pursue his passion, he joined the University of Mumbai Master□s Degree course in Numismatics and Archaeology. Thereafter, he set aside his medical practice. After successful completion of the course with merit, he joined the Alkesh Dinesh Modi Centre for Numismatics Studies at the University of Mumbai as faculty. He strove to make the centre one of excellence in the field of Numismatics. He received numerous national and i nternational honors and fellowships.

He was also associated with the University of Mumbai and he was among other academicians to establish the Department of Archaeology. He established CENUMIS I.e. Centre for Numismatic Information and Studies. He started educating enthusiastic collectors through this Centre. He initiated an annual conference on Numismatics to provide a platform to amateurs and students. He was appointed as the Curator of the Reserve Bank of India Coin Museum at Kolkata. He has not only set up this museum but also made it popular

amongst school and college students. He was Regional Secretary for South Asia of the Oriental Numismatics Society from 2014-2018. He has also been a freelance journalist. His academic excellence was noted by various leading Numismatists across the globe.

He was associated with the Asiatic Society of Mumbai both as a member and also as advisor and antiquity auditor. A few months ago, he single-handedly carried out the verification of the Society's gold coins, and submitted an excellent comprehensive report. He was appointed as Honorary Curator – Numismatics & **Other Artefacts, to prepare a project on the** 'Proceedings of the Asiatic Society' for Numismatic findings and acquisitions from 1841 till 1950 as suggested by Dr. Shailendra Bhandare.

We mourn his untimely demise.

Veerkumar Doshi:

Veerkumar Doshi was a Life Member of the Society from 1994 to 2022. He was on the book selection Committee for many years and also on the Scrutinizing Committee for many years, as well as its Chairperson. He took a keen interest in all the activities of the Society. We offer our condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Chandrakant G. Mane:

Mr Chandrakant G. Mane was an inseparable part of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. He was a soft-spoken sincere human being with a pleasant personality, who proved to be an immense support in the administration of the Society. His sudden passing away on 17th May 2022 has left a void that will be difficult to fill. The Trustees, the Managing Committee members, members of the Society, and the Staff, offer their deep condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. Vijay Rikame:

It is with grief that we announce that Mr. Vijay Rikame, Staff Member, passed away on the early morning of 20th February 2023. He will be missed by members and his colleagues for his pleasant personality and helpful nature. The Society and staff mourn his passing. May his soul rest in peace.

3 PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE GRANT

The Society has undertaken projects from the Planned Grant-in-aid received from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The details of the on-going projects which are in the process of completion are given below:

On-going projects undertaken from the Planned Grant-in-aid of the Ministry of Culture

i) **Critical Edition and Translation of Manuscripts in the Holdings of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai**:

Publishers for the completed work are being contacted.

ii) **Handbook of Coins in the holdings of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai:**

As required by Dr Shailendra Bhandare, the Society has identified a professional photographer, Mr. Soumitra Pendse, to take high resolution photographs of the Gold Coins, which will then besent to Dr Bhandare to enable him to complete the Handbook.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Staff Welfare Committee Report

Chairperson: Mr. Joy Thomas Kuriappilly

Convenor: Mr. Vijay Rikame

The Society has a total strength of 28 staff members. There has been no increase in the strength of the staff for more than 10 years due to paucity of funds. The posts of Librarian and Dy. Librarian have yet to be filled.

The Staff Welfare Fund, established in 1996 with the aim of providing immediate monetary assistance to meet the financial needs of the employees, has disbursed an amount to the tune of Rs.2,03,000/- towards medical expenses, college admissions, and house repairs. Four meetings were held by the Staff Welfare Committee during the year.

The Staff Welfare Committee is requesting donations from the members of the Society to strengthen the Staff Welfare Fund. The donation is entitled for tax benefit under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

4.2 Stocktaking:

The stock-taking of books and periodicals could not be carried out during the year due to problems such as deep cleaning of the Library and inadequate staff. The Society had to take recourse to outsourcing the deep cleaning of the entire Library and add additional racks to accommodate the books lying on the floor.

4.3 Library Digitization Project - Phase II:

Chairperson: Dr. Shehernaz Nawalla

Convenor: Mr. Madhavi Kamat

The Library Digitization Project – Phase II is being carried out at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai hrough a generous grant of Rs.5 Crore from the Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of aharashtra.

Library Digitization Project is an ongoing project, in its second phase now. Rare books, manuscripts, newspapers, maps, journals, and government publications are duly digitized and uploaded on our web portal, Granth Sanjeevani.

Plans are underway to add the coin collection and post cards donated by Mr Mukund Nawathe on the Web Portal. In addition, Phase II will ensure proper migration of data on Granth Sanjeevani from Cloud to Azure. Plus, back-up HDDs have been thoroughly checked.

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai has received Rs 70 lakh from the Government of Maharashtra for the Project's Phase II. The Society has also received private donations for digitizing books.

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 has been completed as under:

Digitization of Resources:

Resource	Total Books	Total pages
Books	8,397	65,00,780

Uploaded on Granth Sanjeevani

Resource	Books	Microfilms
Total PDFs uploaded	670	27,835

The other tasks that were successfully carried out are as under:

- Migration of VM along with Object Storage from Cloud4c to Microsoft was completed successfully. Approximate Data Size migrated: 4TB.
- Creation of new category i.e. Coin Collection on Granth Sanjeevani
- Free Access for 1 year provided to 57 Directorate of Libraries, Government of Maharashtra, on Granth Sanjeevani

4.4 Publications Committee Report:

Chairperson: Dr Meena Vaishampayan

Convenor: Mr. Pradeep Champanerkar

The Publications Committee of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai completed a very important projects this year. The collected works of Prof. A.K. Priolkar (Vol.1 and Vol.2) edited by Dr. Nitin Rindhe were released on 17th March 2023.The chief guest was Prof. Dr. Raja Dixit, renowned historian and Director of Vishwakosh Mandal. Both the comprehensive volumes include some of the important, but uncompiled, Marathi essays of Prof. Priolkar, who was a noted literary critic, biographer, social historian and bibliophile. His contribution in the area of textual criticism and book history has given new dimensions to Marathi literary criticism.

4.5 Dr. Aroon Tikekar Centre for Advanced Studies:

Chairperson: Mr. Vilas Dhavale

Convenor: Ms. Smruti Koppikar

The annual fellowship has so far yielded research work of five Tikekar Fellows in six years; one candidate of FY2020-21 could not continue with his research.

In 2022-23, there was a change of guard with Mr. Vilas Dhavale taking over as Chairperson and Ms. Smruti Koppikar taking over as Convenor, by a unanimous choice, from Dr Meena Vaishampayan and Ms Madhavi Kamat respectively. The committee members place on record their deep appreciation of Dr Vaishampayan for her competent and steady leadership of the Tikekar Centre and Ms Kamat for her able support.

The annual programme on February 1, 2023, was graced with a Keynote Address by noted sociologist Dr (Prof) Indra Munshi, who drew from her work and deep engagement with Sir Patrick Geddes, biologist, conservationist, town planner and the first head of the Department of Sociology in the then University of Bombay. She spoke about Geddes' relevance in urban planning today. Dr Munshi's address was well received and was followed by a robust question-answer session.

The Tikekar Fellow 2021-22 was Dr Mala Pandurang who completed and presented her work at the Durbar Hall on that day. Her research was on “An exploration of literary representations of the Mumbai local train commute as a metonymic of life in the city” and it was widely appreciated by the audience.

The new committee carried out a review and introspection of the Tikekar Centre's performance of the last six years. All the committee members as well jury members contributed with numerous observations and suggestions, on the basis of which a few changes were effected. The committee believes that the changes will strengthen and deepen the work of the selected fellows in the coming years. Specifically, the following changes have been carried out:

i) The amount of the Tikekar Fellowship has been raised from Rs.1.25 lakhs to Rs 2 lakhs.

ii) The process now involves the selected applicant being guided by a mentor who is a well-regarded expert in that field, so that the quality of research is enhanced

iii) The process of announcing the fellowship and deciding on the fellow has been advanced in the calendar, so that the selected person gets nearly 14-15 months, instead of the 9-10 months they used to get.

iv) Launching of the Tikekar Memorial Lecture Series.

The Tikekar Fellowship for 2023-24 was awarded, with Rs.1.25 lakhs each, by consensus of the sub-committee, to two researchers – Mr Pankaj Bhosale and Dr Himanshu Smart, who are exploring issues related to language and literature in the Marathi literary and theatre world. The title of study by Mr. Bhosale is “Reflections of metropolitan literary images in Marathi narrative literature (Stories/Novels)” through which he will capture geography reflected in the Mumbai and suburban literature and its influence on creativity; while the title of Mr. Smart's study is “Metropolitan, half-metropolitan and new metropolitan sensibilities reflected in Marathi dramas of last three decades”. Their work is expected to be completed by the end of 2023 and, after the approval of the jury, presented on Feb 1, 2024.

The Tikekar Fellowship for 2024-25 has been announced and proposals have been invited in English and Marathi on “**Cultural and/or religious festivals of Maharashtra and/or Mumbai through sociological and economic lens**”.

The Centre has also launched the Tikekar Memorial Lecture series, as stated above, with the purpose of having professionals across many fields such as urban planning, environment, social sector, academia and others to reflect on the future of Mumbai and offer ways forward. The compilation of these lectures, it is hoped, will be a tract for its times and have official engagement in the future Accordingly, the first Tikekar Memorial Lecture in this series was held on March 31, 2023, at the Durbar Hall and was delivered by the noted architect-planner Mr PK Das. He illustrated the futureof the city from an ecological

perspective and argued that all planning-development must be nature-based, especially as we grapple with the varied impacts of climate change. More lectures are planned to be held throughout the year with professionals and experts drawn from various fields.

The college lecture series held in colleges across Mumbai and Mumbai Metropolitan Region continued this year too. Accordingly, four colleges were covered in this series, which was instituted to familiarise students in Mumbai and MMR about various aspects of the city/region to develop their interest and engagement with it. This year's series was titled "The Logy of Mumbai" which took the young audiences across history, archaeology, biology, culinary arts and more, developed and ably delivered by Dr Kurush Dalal. All the lectures were well received.

The four colleges covered were SIES College, Sion, Joshi Bedekar College, Thane, Mulund College of Commerce, Mulund and Dr. BMN College of Home Science (SNDT), Wadala.This college series will be continued in the forthcoming academic year with more speakers and subjects touching upon other aspects of the city/region, since the Tikekar Centre committee has realised that there is an interest among the young students to know more about their city/region. It is hoped to continue the research and knowledge dissemination work in the year ahead.

5. SOCIETY'S FOUNDATION DAY

On 26th November 2023, the 219th Foundation Day, Asiatic Societys Honorary Fellow, Padma Bhushan Dr.Farokh Udwadia, Chief Guest on the occasion, spoke on "The importance of Humanities in the art and science of healing", a subject very close to his heart. Since the Foundation Day coincides with the Constitution Day of India, Adv. Rajan Jayakar, city's eminent legal luminary, enlightened the audience on the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

6. EVENTS

6.1 Endowment Lectures:

Chairperson: Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar

Convenor: Dr. Bhavana Patole

During the year, the Society held the following Endowment Lectures, except the Prof. L.B. Kenny Endowment Lecture, which is held every alternate year. Despite the Covid situation, most of the lectures, except for a few, were held in the Durbar Hall of the Society. They were delivered by renowned Speakers, each of the mspecialists in their own subject and were highly appreciated.

The details of the Endowment Lectures are given below:

ENDOWMENT LECTURES

Date	Speaker & the Chair	Name of the Endowment and the Topic
5th July 2022	**Dr. Saryu Doshi** Eminent Art Historian Presided by: **Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar** *Director (Retd.), Department of Archaeology and Museums, Maharashtra State,*	**The 28th Justice K.T. Telang Memorial Lecture:** **'Spiritual Splendour: Jain Temple at Ranakpur'**

28th July 2022	**Professor Valerian Rodrigues** *Former Professor, Centre for Political Studies, JNU and Ambedkar Chair, Ambedkar University Delhi* Presided by: **V. Geetha** *Feminist historian and publisher,*	**The 2nd Dr Meera Kosambi Endowment Lecture (online):** **'Equality as the Core of Justice in Ambedkar'**
11th August 2022	**Mr. Justice Suresh Gupte (Retd.)** *Former Judge, Bombay High Court* Presided by: **Mr. Justice Gautam Patel** *Judge, Bombay High Court*	**28th Smt. Bansari Sheth Memorial Lecture:** **True role of courts in a constitutional democracy'**
6th September 2022	**Professor Bino Paul** *Centre for Human Resources, Management and Labour Relations, School of Management & Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences* Presided by: **Dr. Krishnan Narayanan** *India Value Fund Chair Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay,*	**The Centre for Labour Studies Lecture *(held every alternate year)*** **'Indian Labour Market: a history of hope and despair'**
7th November 2022	**Dr. Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi** *Professor of History, Aligarh Muslim University and former Chairman and Coordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies in History* Presided by: **Prof Radhika Seshan** *Former Head, Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University,*	**The 17th Dr Mani Kamerkar Endowment Lecture:** **'Archival Material of the Mughal Period'**
20th December 2022	**Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju,** *Director, Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems SR School of Philosophical Studies, Assam University, Silchar* Presided by: **Dr. Uma Maheswari Shankar** *Principal, SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce; Head, Department of Philosophy*	**The 29th Justice K.T. Telang Memorial Lecture:** **'Pragmatic Buddhist Philosophy in Answering Existential Human Problems: Some Observations.'**
5th January 2023	**Professor Indra Munshi** *Former Head, Department of Sociology University of Mumbai* Presided by: **Dr Sarmistha Pattanaik** *Associate Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences IIT-Bombay*	**The Eleventh Durga Bhagwat Memorial Lecture:** **'Adivasis and the Conundrum of Development.'**

18th January 2023	**Professor Dr. Choodamani Nandagopal** *Art Historian, UNESCO Fellow & Tagore National Fellow* Presided by: **Dr. Saryu Doshi** *Eminent Art Historian*	**The 33rd Smt. Nabdurga Banerji Endowment Lecture:** **"Imagery of Female Messengers Dutikas/Sakhis in Indian Art, Thought and Literature."**
14th February 2023	**Dr. Chithra Madhavan** *Historian* Presided by **Prof. Usha R Vijailakshmi** *Professor of History, Patkar-Varde College & Vice President, Asiatic Society of Mumbai*	**The Eleventh Prof. Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture:** **'Art and Architecture of the Pallavas - bearing on Society and Culture.'**
27th February 2023	**Professor Naman Ahuja** *Professor of art history and Dean - School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University* Presided by: **Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar** *Director (Retd.), Department of Archaeology and Museums, Maharashtra Stat*	**The 25th Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Endowment Lecture** **'The Earliest Rāmāyaṇa Depictions in Indian Art.'**
29th March 2023	**Arshia Sattar, Ph.D.** *Writer and Translator* Presided by: **Dr Rashmi Poddar** *Director, Jnanapravaha Mumbai*	**The Third Dr Meera Kosambi Endowment Lecture:** **"Reading Sita in the 21st Century"**

6.2 ASM Literary Club (LitClub) Programmes:

Chairperson: Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar

This has been a successful year for the ASM LitClub. Many interesting programmes were held in the Durbar Hall of the Society, which were attended by ASM members, as well as members of the public:

A. Literary Club Activities:

Date	Event
	The Lit Club of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai in collaboration with the Centre for European Studies, University of Mumbai: A programme to celebrate the bicentenary of the French poet Charles Baudelaire (1821-1867) and his rich contribution to French poetry on 9th April 2022 in the Durbar Hall of the Society. M. Jean-Marc Sere-Charlet, French Consul General in Mumbai, delivered a short talk on French poetry. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande, Professor of French (retd.) and Member, former Vice President and Officiating Hon. Secretary, who is a

	specialist on Baudelaire, delivered a talk on "Baudelaire's Fleurs du Mal: his contribution to French Poetry." This was followed by readings from some of Baudelaire's poems in the original French language, along with their translations into Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali and Urdu.	
Date	**Speaker**	**Topic**
28th June 2022	Dr Aneesh Pradhan *India's leading tabla player*	Instruments of Change: The Santoor and Pandit Shivkumar Sharma
15th July 2022	Vithal C Nadkarni *Writer-columnist and former Vice-President of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai*	Cultures of Confluence: Multi-faith tolerance in our musical compositions
29th July 2022	Dr. Amrish Sinha *Media expert*	To celebrate the bicentenary of Mumbai Samachar Regional 'Journalism: Today and Tomorrow.'
Date	**Event**	
6th October 2022.	**The Lit Club of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai in collaboration with the Museum Society of Mumbai:** A talk by Vithal C Nadkarni, distinguished editor and columnist and former Vice-President of the Asiatic Society, on "Rosaries of Raindrops: The River Myth as the Mother Matrix of Literature" in the Durbar Hall of the Society on 6th October 2022.	
Date	**Speaker**	**Topic**
13th September 2022	Girish Shahane *Independent writer and curator based in Mumbai*	Identity in Indian Art since Independence
1st November 2022	Amrit Gangar *Mumbai-based film theorist, curator and historian*	India's Independence and the Cinematographic Image
5th December 2022	Talk by Professor Mangala Sirdeshpande, Hon. Secretary; Meenal Kshirsagar, Vice President of the Society - two Francophone women Members of our Society, who have been teaching French Literature at the University of Mumbai to students at the Master's level; and Firdaus Gandevia, a passionate Francophile.	Nobel Laureate Annie Ernaux *(a presentation of the works of the French Nobel prize winning author Annie Ernaux)*

24th January 2023	*Manil Suri* *Author and Distinguished Professor in Mathematics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Maryland, USA*	Manil Suri spoke on his latest book 'The Big Bang of Numbers: How to Build the Universe Using Only Maths.'
23rd February 2023	Sunil Shanbag *Eminent Theatre personality*	Playing to Bombay
20th March 2023	Shridhar Naik *Visiting lecturer for Journalism and Media; and Member of the Society,* *Shridhar Naik - in conversation with Shraddha Kamdar, Deputy Editor, Femina.*	Presentation of a collection of stories titled 'On Ills and Crime' authored by him

B. Literary Club Conversation/Discussion:

Date	Theme / Topic
12th May 2022	Conversation on "Literature as Pleasure"
8th August 2022	Conversation around 'book theft'
17th October 2022	Discussion on 'Literature in Translation'

6.3 Meandering Through a Mapped Canvas – An Exhibition of Maps

Meandering Through a Mapped Canvas was a month-long exhibition curated to showcase rare maps of colonial India and Bombay from the Special Collections in possession of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Librar. The exhibition was conceptualized with an aim of showcasing the work done to restore fragile maps which, if not for this effort, would have been lost to time. The exhibition was opened to the public from 2nd April to 30th April, 2022, in the Durbar Hall of the Society.

31 maps were selected out of the hundred that were a part of the conservation project supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay. The exhibition had maps that spanned across a period of 300 years and told an evolutionary story in more ways than one. The curatorial vision behind the exhibition was to invite audiences to explore the visual artistry of map makers and their composition of India, while also simultaneously highlighting and revealing the process behind conserving these invaluable treasures from Asiatic's eclectic collection.

Below is a list of maps that were on display as part of the exhibition:

1. Map of the Great Mughal Empire (1652) by Nicolas Sanson D'abbeville.
2. Indian Peninsula featuring Kingdoms of 'Decan', 'Golconda', 'Bisnagar' and 'Malabar' (1652) by Nicolas Sanson D'abbeville.
3. Map of The Great Mughal Empire (1652) by Nicolas Sanson D'abbeville.

4. Map of the Mughal Empire and Smaller Kingdoms (1683)
5. Map of the Mughal Empire.
6. Memoir of a Map of Hindoostan (1788) by James Rennell.
7. The Mughal States and the Indian Peninsula (1797) Giovanni Maria Cassini.
8. Map of Persia, Gujarat and Malabar Coasts (1746) by Jacques Nicolas Bellin.
9. India Inside and Outside the Ganges (1720) Christoph Weigel.
10. Map of India drawn for the French East India Company (1752) Jean Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville.
11. Map of Indian Peninsula (1786) by Giles Robert de Vaugondy.
12. Nautical Chart of the North Eastern Ocean (1775) by Jean Baptiste de Mannevillette.
13. A New Description of Malabar, Canara and Deccan Empires and other Provinces (1672) by Philip Baldaeus.
14. Map of Malabar and Coromandel Coasts Present to the King (1723) by Guillaume Delisle.
15. City Map of Pondicherry (1741) Jacques Nicolas Bellin.
16. The City and Environs of Calcutta by Surveyor's General Office (1851).
17. The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India: Chamba Region (1840-60).
18. Roads, Railways and Telegraphic Map of India (1855) by James Wyld.
19. Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 (1858) by J. Rapkin.

20-23. Maps on Tracing Paper (1870) [4 maps].

24. Vue de Goa (1750) Jacques Nicolas Bellin.
25. English Fort of Bombay (1700-1750).
26. Map of Bombay (1756) by Jacques Nicolas Bellin.
27. Native Town of Bombay (1855) by Henry Conybeare.
28 Fort of Bombay, Published by Vacher & Sons (1855) by Henry Conybeare.
29. Map of Bombay, Published by Times of India.
30. Bombay Plague Map of 1896 (1897).
31. The 8 sections of Punjab (1867)

The exhibition received an overwhelming and outstanding public response throughout the month. With weekdays touching a footfall of 80 people and weekends going over 100 and 150 people per day, Meandering Through a Mapped Canvas became the talk of the town. Maps became a tool for engagement and every visitor was seen spending at least an hour in the Durbar Hall, meandering over each exhibit with their magnifying glass. People came from all across the city, while some also arrived from far away such as Pune, Ahmedabad and Tamil Nadu, just to catch the exhibition before it ended. Visitors included map collectors to historians, photographers, enthusiasts of history, maps, geography to professors and students of geography, history, and architecture. To top it all, doyens of the history field such as Romila Thapar also graced the exhibition with their presence.

The exhibition had interactive sessions with children and walkthrough conducted by Mrinal Kapadia. An exhibition on the Bhishtees through Bioscope with Aslam Sayaid also drew large crowds. Jigsaw puzzles of maps delighted the children who visited every Sunday, and were also available on sale. The exhibition was superbly curated by Past Perfect.

6.4 Collaborative programmes held

i) Joint Programme with Y.B. Chavan Centre:

A joint programme of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai and Y.B. Chavan Centre for a book discussion was held on 15th February 2023. It was a vibrant conversation between the esteemed guest – Kishor 'Soumitra' Kadam (Well-known Marathi Poet and Actor); and two Panelists - Ajit Bhure and Dr. Nitin Rindhe. Dr Meena Vaishampayan, the former Hon. Secretary of ASM, agreed to participate in the programme as an interviewer at the last moment in place of Dr Nitin Rindhe, who could not participate due to ill health. The Society appreciated the last-minute support of Dr Vaishampayan. The programme was attended by Smt. Supriya Sule (Member of Parliament), Chairperson, YCC.

ii) Collaboration with Dr Ambedkar Institute of Social & Economic Change and Rupa Publications:

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai in collaboration with Dr Ambedkar Institute of Social & Economic Change and Rupa Publications released the 15th edition of the book 'The Essential Ambedkar' by Professor Bhalchandra Mungekar, former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai and Trustee of the Asiatic Societyo fMumbai. The release function was held on 9th October, 2022, at the K.C. College Auditorium, Churchgate, Mumbai. The Chief Guest, Dr Shashi Tharoor, MP (Lok Sabha) and an eminent scholar, released the book.Justice B.N. Srikrishna, former Judge of the Supreme Court and former Trustee of the Society, presided. 6.5

6.5 Programmes organised by the Mumbai Research Centre

Chairperson: Dr Shehernaz Nalwalla

Convenor: Dr Madhu Kelkar

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, the MRC held II meetings in the online and offline mode The Mumbai Research Centre organized the following programmes:

A] Online Lecture Series:

1.	**'Sufis, Traders, Soldiers - Islam in the Bombay Presidency'- A short series of 3 pre-recorded lectures on Islam in Bombay Presidency by Dr. Nile Green, University of California, (with Dr. Green joining on the 9th for a live Q&A) was held from 6th to 9th June 2022:**	
	6th June 2022	Making Space: Sufis and Settlers in Early Modern India
	7th June 2022	Bombay Islam: The Religious Economy of the Western Indian Ocean
	8th June 2022	Islam and the Army in Colonial India: Sepoy Religion in the service of Empire
	9th June 2022	Q &A with Prof Green

B] Talks / Programmes in the Durbar Hall (Outreach)

Sr.No.	Date	Title of the talk	Resource Person / Speaker
1	22nd April 2022	What if the Town Hall had been demolished in 1874 - Bombay Imagined	Robert Stephens
2	11th June 2022	Screening of '*Gola Berij*', directed by Kshitij Zarapkar, on the 22nd Anniversary of the	Directed by Kshitij Zarapkar

		passing of the distinguished Marathi litterateur Mr. PL Deshpande, alongside the exhibition of a few of his original manuscripts and diaries	
3	13th December 2022	The Nawab, the Letter and the Novel	Dr. Kenneth Robbins, MD, USA
4	30th January 2023	The attraction of tourists for impoverished urban areas	Prof Anya Diekmann, Professor in Tourism Universite Libre de Bruxelles (Belguim)
5	9th March 2023	** Invisible Subjects? (An early photography of women at work 1937 in Ahmedabad by Mr. Pranlal Mehta.) **Special Women's Day Lecture in collaboration with Sophia College.	Dr. Lisa Trivedi, Professor of History at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, USA.

C] Programmes In the Durbar Hall as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Sr.No.	Date	Title of the talk	Resource Person / Speaker
1	14th July 2022	Offshore Raj: Aden, Bombay, and Imperial Infrastructure	Itamar Cohen Chair: Simin Patel
2	26th July 2022	Release of 'Bombay Mumbai City: Heritage Walks' by Shaul Sapir	Saul Sapir in the presence of the Hon'ble Consul General of Israel, Mr. Kobi Soshani.
3	27th July 2022	Talk and release of the book 'Pages from Panvel: The fading heritage of a medieval city.'	Smita Dalvi Chair: Dr Tejas Garge
4	17th August 2022	Bombay @ 75 — A visual sweep through the lost and found	Dr. Jehangir Sorabjee
5	22nd August 2022	Discovery of Rock Art in Konkan and its potential as World Heritage	Dr. Tejas Garge Chair: Prof Arvind P Jamkhedkar
6	7th September 2022	Bene Israel Kirtans: A lecture demonstration on the revival of Bene Iraeli Kirtans (1885-1951).	Elijah Samson Jacob in the presence of the Hon'ble Consul General of Israel, Mr. Kobi Soshani.
7	1st October 2022	"From Mumbai with Love", a day-long event celebrating World Postcard Day in association with ATLASkeeda, a visual storytelling initiative.	Atlas Keeda
		A talk to showcase the collection of Bombay Postcards.	Rajan Jayakar

D] Walks / Visits (Ticketed events)

	2022-2023		
1.	2nd April 2022	Rajgruha – The Legacy of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar – A talk visit to Balasaheb's Home.	Dr Pradeep Waghmare.
2	3rd April 2022	Mazagaon Walk	Rafique Baghdadi
3	16th April 2022	Curated walk around the Cartographic Exhibition at the ASM	Mrinal Kapadia (Not Ticketed)
4	15th to 30th April 2022	**Bhishtee Bioscope** at the Cartographic Exhibition at the Durbar Hall of the Society. (with Special talks held on 15th, 16th, 17th, 23th & 30th April 2022)	Aslam Sayed (Not Ticketed)
5.	23rd April 2022	Once upon a Pyau.	Rahul Chemburkar
6.	8th May 2022	Chembur Gaothan	Rahul Chemburkar
7.	14th May 2022	Killa –e- Lizzat, a Food Walk around Fort.	Riddhi Joshi
8.	15th May 2022	What the Fish? An exploration of Sassoon Dock.	Harshvardhan Tanwar Footprints
9.	22nd May 2022	Statues of Fort	Sandeep Dahisarkar
10.	11th June 2022	Once Upon a Bank	R Venkatesh
11.	18th June 2022	'A Hall of Wonder' A visit to the Bhau Daji Lad Museum (Part I)	Rutu Waghmare
12.	19th June 2022	'*Hasanabad*' a visit to, the mausoleum of HH Hasan Ali Shah, the first Aga Khan to the neighbouring Jewish and Muslim cemeteries	Members of Aga Khan Trust and Rafique Bagdadi.
13.	23rd June 2022	*Sketching Zero Mile'* a unique sketch walk.	Ashwini Gawli
14.	28th June 2022	Down Dalal Street, a visit to the Stock Exchange	Shankar Jadhav
15.	9th July 2022	Visit to INS Angre- A members' exclusive visit to Bombay Castle	Indian Navy
16.	17th July 2022	Visit to Naval dockyard- A members' exclusive visit to Naval Dockyard	Indian Navy
17.	22nd July 2022	'A Hall of Wonder' A visit to the Bhau Daji Lad Museum (Part II)	Rutu Waghmare
18.	24th July 2022	Visit to Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue	Prof. Saul Sapir
19	8th August 2022	Visit to M U Fort Campus	Prof. Manjiri Kamat

20	13th August 2022	Khotachi Wadi Exhibition visit	Andre Baptista
21	11th September 2022	Worliche Varnan	Anita Yewale
22	20th November 2022	Ambarnath Shivalaya	Kumud Kanitkar
23	10th December 2022	Winter Visitors walk at Bhandup Pumping Station.	Pravin Subramaniam
24	4th February 2023	Killa –e- Lizzat, a food walk curated for the Rotary Club of Bombay.	Riddhi Joshi
25	4th March 2023	Once Upon a Bank (Part II): Evolution of Early Modern Banking In Bombay	R Venkatesh
26	19th March 2023	INS Angre	Indian Navy
27	25th March 2023	Ambarnath Shivalaya (Part II)	Kumud Kanitkar

E] Heritage / Study Tours:

1.	10th April 2022	Sopara: The Story of the First Urbs Prima in India	Monish Shah and Siddharth Kale
2.	12th April 2022	Jewish Heritage of Alibag	Ralphy and Yael Jhirad
3.	24th April 2022	The Dahisar River - Jashn e Jungle (Experience life, cuisine and art along the Dahisar River (Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali East)	Aslam Sayed
4.	3rd July 2022	Forts of Island City A 12-hour bus conducted tour of all the forts of Bombay ending at the Raj Bhavan and a visit to the Bunker.	Kurush Dalal,
5.	1st August 2022	*Shalom Bombay*- A tour of the Jewish Legacy of Mumbai, Thane and Panvel	Prof. Saul Sapir and Ralphy Jhirad
6.	18th September 2022	Sugar in Milk – Tour of Sanjan and Udvada. To study the heritage of the Parsi community in the context of the history of the Sanjan region. Visited the outskirts of the Iranshah, Udvada settlement, Sanjan Stambh, Dharamshala and the archaeological site of medieval Sanjan where excavations had been conducted during 2003-2005.	Dr. Kurush F Dalal
7.	28th – 30th October 2022	A three-day Kanheri onsite Seminar The seminar saw participants arriving from Delhi, Kolhapur, Amravati and Pune.	Dr. Suraj Pandit
8.	19th December 2022	Unseen Alibag (A Visit) One-of-a-kind heritage tour of Alibag	Yogiraj Sapre

F] Jashn – II: Jashn e Daawat

1.	6th May 2022	Aachar	Online talk by Rushina Munshaw Ghildyal
2.	7th May 2022	Currie – Ouser Culinary Books of the Raj	Online talk by Vikram Doctor
3.	8th May 2022	Mango Festival at Soam - A unique programme where food was also served, Courtesy Soam Restaurant	Soam Restaurant. Resource persons: 1. Pinky Chandon Dixit 2. Rushina Ghildyal 3. Saee Koranne Khandekar 4. Sharon Irani

G] Jashn e Dastaan e Mumbai – III

G-1 Walks

Sr. No.	Date	Event name	Resource person
1	8th January2023	Breakfast Culinary Walk	Kurush Dalal
2	21st January 2023	Street Sketching	Ashwini Gawli
3	22nd January 2023	Treasure Hunt	Yooti Bansali
4	22nd January 2023	Street Booksellers	Praveen Subramaniam
5	26th January 2023	Explore Panvel	Smita Dalvi
6	26th January 2023	Jane Jacob's Parel	Omkar Salunke
7	28th January 2023	Versova Goathan	Aslam Sayed
8	28th January 2023	Kalbadevi Food Walk	Riddhi Joshi
9	28th January 2023	Textile Heritage – M. J. Market	Savitha Surei
10	29th January 2023	Dharavi Goathan	Raamesh Gowri Raghavan
11	29th January 2023	Street Fauna Walk	Abodh Aras

G-2 Events in the Durbar Hall, Town Hall steps, and at Bharda New High School & Jr. College

1	20th January 2023	Plan B/C/D/E written and performed by Meghana AT	Presented by Tafreehwale.
2	21st January 2023	Fredrick W Stevens - A Retrospective	Ar. Vikas Dilawari Venue: Bharda School Terrace
3	22nd January 2023	Spoken Word Open Mic	Rochelle Potkar and Raamesh GR held on the Town Hall Steps.
4	27th January 2023	Asal Hustle - An Urban Ecology panel discussion at Durbar Hall	Panel Discussion with: Ranjeet Jadhav Sejal Mehta Ishika Ramakrishna Pawan Sharma **Chair**: Kartik Chandra Mouli

5	27th January 2023	Streetscapes- Past, Present and Imagined A lecture and discussion in the Durbar Hall	Robert Stephens
6	28th January 2023	Zara Hatke Zara Bachke - a music progeram	Manek Premchand
7	29th January 2023	Poetry on the Town Hall steps - An evening of Multilingual Poetry	with Mustansir Dalvi, Hemant Divte, Ranjit Hoskote, Prabodh Parekh, Danish Hussain, Sampurna Chatterjee, and Jane Bhandari
8	20th, 21st, 27th, 28th January 2023	Open House Sessions the Asiatic walk through 5 sessions were held with over 100 participants	Jolly Sonkar & Dhairya Vyas

H] Collaborative Courses with Colleges:

1. Sophia College (Autonomous)

Name of the Course: **LOCAL CULTURE-MUMBAI MERI JAAN**
Duration: 30 Hours
Dates: From 15 September 2022 to 07th December 2022
Department conducting the courses: Foundation Course,
Name of the Course Coordinator: Ms. Nisha Yadav & Ms. Shehernaz Nalwalla
Number of participants: 34

Sr. No	Date	Resource Person	Subject/title
1	15th sept 2022	Dr. Kurush F Dalal	Inaugural Address: Historical and Geographical significance of Mumbai
2	18th Sept 2022	Mr. Mohmad Aslam Saiyad	Dahisar river Walk
3	20th Sept 2022	Ms. Alisha Shaukat Sadikot	Colonial Bombay Walk
4	22nd Sept 2022	Dr. Kurush F Dalal	Shewri Fort Walk
5	28th Sept 2022	Ms. Riddhi Girish Joshi	Food Walk
6	30th Sept 2022	Ms. Anita Arun Yewale	Worli Gaothan
7	02nd October 2022	Prof. Suraj Avinash Pandit	Visit to Kanheri Caves
8	14th October 2022	Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan	Visit to Dharavi
9	15th October 2022	Ms. Kirtida Keki Unwalla	Heritage Conservation - Valedictory address, with a visit to the Asiatic Society
10	05th December 2022	Dr. Mohsina Mukadam	Students' Presentations
11	06th December 2022	Mr. Mohmad Aslam Saiyad	Students' Presentations
12	07th December 2022	Ms. Anita Arun Yewale	Students' Presentations

2. Sophia College (Autonomous)

Name of the Course**: 'Humari Mumbai: Urbs Prima in Indis'**
(Two Credit Value-Added Certificate Course)

Duration: 30 Hours

Dates: From 24th November, 2022 to 20th February, 2023

Department conducting the courses: Department of History

Name of the Course Coordinators: Ms Swarupa Kamat and Dr. Rashna Poncha, Department of History Faculty

Number of participants: 32

Sr.	Date	Subject/Topic	Resource Person
1	24th November	The Geology and Geographics of Mumbai	Dr. Kurush Dalal
2	30th November	Food and the City	Dr. Mohsina Mukadam
3	1st December	The Konkani Muslim Community	Dr. Mohsina Mukadam
1	24th November	The Geology and Geographics of Mumbai	Dr. Kurush Dalal
2	30th November	Food and the City	Dr. Mohsina Mukadam
3	1st December	The Konkani Muslim Community	Dr. Mohsina Mukadam
4	2nd December	Relics of the Raj	Vinayak Talwar
5	3rd December	Portuguese and British religious attitudes and the way they shaped Religion and Economy in Bombay	Dr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan
6	5th December	Neo-Classical and Neo-Gothic Architecture of Colonial Bombay	Dr. Rashna Poncha
7	7th December	Timber Trade Trajectory, Urbanisation of Bombay and Impact on the Environment: Nineteenth Century	Prof. Dr. Louiza Rodrigues
8	8th December	Sub-urbanisation of Bombay in the 18th and 19th centuries	Prof. Dr. Sonali Pednekar
9	10th December	Issues and perspectives in Women's health in Colonial Bombay	Dr. Mridula Ramanna
10	12th December	Modernisation of Road Transport in Mumbai: 1874-1947	Dr. Satwant Balse
11	17th December	INS Angre, Heritage Walk	Department of History
12	11th & 12th January	Khotachiwadi, Heritage Walk	Andre Baptista
13	14th January	RBI Museum and Fort Walk, Heritage Walk	Dr. Rashna Poncha

14	21st January	Talk on FW Stevens Organised by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai	Vikas Dilawari
15	9th February	Presentations by groups. Dr. Meher Mistry (Associate Professor, R.N. Jhunjhunwala College) assessed the presentations in the college.	Department of History
16	20th February	Valedictory session at the Asiatic Society, distribution of Certificates	

3. VPM's Joshi-Bedekar College of Arts & Commerce, Thane

Name of the Course: **'Architecture of Maharashtra: The Heritage of Thane-Konkan'**
Duration: **30 Hours**
Dates: From 10th September to 26th September 2022
Department conducting the courses: Departments of History and Philosophy
Name of the Course Coordinatos: Dr. Indrani Roy
Number of participants: **49**

Sr. No	Date	Topic	Resource Person
1	10th September 2022	Tribal Community Culture and Heritage in Konkan and Thane Region: a Historical Approach	Dr. Prakash Masaram
2	11th September 2022 12th September 2022 13th September 2022	1. History of Maharashtra (Ancient Period) 2. Medieval Period 3. Modern Period	Dr. Suraj Pandit
3	11th September 2022 21st September 2022 25th September 2022	1. Definition, Meaning and Importance of Architectural Heritage 2. Conservation and Preservation 3. Laws and regulations related to Architectural Heritage	Ms. Riddhi Joshi
4	18th September 2022 19th September 2022 23rd September 2022 24th September 2022	1. Rock –Cut Cave Architecture: Buddhist, Jaina, Hindu 2. Temple Architecture: Nagara, Dravid, Bhumji styles. Iconography in the temples. Temple Architecture under the Marathas 3. Defense and Civil Architecture: Forts and Public buildings (Maratha, Portuguese and British Period Visit to Ambernath Temple	Mr. Ankur Kane
5	16th September 2022	Visit to Institute of Oriental Studies	Mr. Subhas Shinde Dr. Indrani Roy
6	23rd September 2022	Heritages of Thane City	Dr. Indrani Roy

7	26th September 2022	Local Heritage Conservation Issues and Prospects	Dr. Sonali Pednekar Valedictory Address at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai
8	21st November 2022	Visit to Multi-Religious Heritages of Thane City	Mr. Ramesh Gowri Raghavan
9	19th November 2022	Visit to Nalasopara	Mr. Monish Shah

4. S.P. Mandali's Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College

Name of the Course: **Trailing the City, A research Methodology Course on Bombay, Part I (ONLINE)**

Duration: **30+ Hours**

Dates: From 8th to 30th August 2022

Department conducting the courses: Department of History

Name of the Course Coordinators: Dr. Louiza Rodrigues and Dr. Madhu Kelkar

Number of participants:49 +8+27= 84 (Under Graduate, Post-Graduate and General)

Sr. No	Date	Subject/Topic	Resource Person
1	8th August 2022	Inauguration and Keynote address	Dr. Preeti Chopra
2	10th August 2022	Historiography	Dr. Manjiri Kamat
3	11th August 2022	Research Methodology	Dr. Vasumati
4	13th August 2022	Archaeology	Dr. Kurush Dalal
5	17th August 2022	Port City	Dr. Lakshmi Subramaniam
6	18th August 2022	Industrial development	Dr. Neera Adarkar
7	19th August 2022	Press	Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar
8	20nd August 2022	Literature	Dr. Shraddha Kumbhojkar
9	21st August 2022	Research Methodology	Ms. Sudha Ganesh
10	21st August 2022	Historical-Geography	Dr. Deepesh Karmarkar
11	22nd August 2022	Research Methodology	Raamesh GR
12	23rd August 2022	Urbanization:	Dr. Aadhaya Saxena
13	24th August 2022	Rails and Public buildings	Dr. Louiza Rodrigues-
14	25th August 2022	Granth Sanjeevani	Mr. R. Venkatesh
15	26th August 2022	Tour of the Maharashtra State Archives	Dr. Chhaya Goswami
16	26th August 2022	Valedictory	Dr. Arvind Ganachari
17	29th August 2022	Sanitary systems	Dr. Madhu Kelkar-
18	30th August 2022	Research Methodology	Research Methodology Dr. Louiza Rodrigues

I] Miscellaneous:

Sr. No	Date	Workshop	Resource Person
1	8th August 2022	**Naming the Parts:** A free walk and talk at the Sir J. J. College of Architecture	Mustansir Dalvi
2	6th August 2022	Mumbai in One Photograph- A photography workshop	Aslam Sayed.
3	13th August 2022	Open House - 4 very successful rounds of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai were held for a total of 75 officers of the Indian Navy	R. Venkatesh
4	23rd-25th March 2023 (Joint collaboration	Exhibition titled "The Artists of Bombay – Works from the Company Period: 1760 – 1860." The Library showcased its rare collection of books on the same artists.	Mr. Mrinal Kapadia

J] Mumbai Research Centre collaborative programmes:

Sr. No	Date	Topic and speaker / panelist	Held in collaboration with
1	7th October 2022	Uncovering Urban Legacies: Tracing the Armenian Heritage Across Calcutta and Bombay A panel discussion on the Armenian Christians of Calcutta and Bombay by Sifra Lentin and Ms. Alaknanda Nag, moderated by Mr. Naresh Fernandes	Mumbai Research Centre, Avid Learning, Gateway House and JoJo
2	14th November 2022	Gerald Anagler Merchant Soldier Statesman byJane Ohlmeyar	MRC in association with Consulate General of Ireland
3	7th January 2023	Indoor Deco: Styling Bombay's Modern Interiors, 1920s – 1940s by Prof. Abigail McGowan, Professor of History, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont	Mumbai Research Centre and Art Deco Mumbai Trust
4	17th January 2023	UNCOVERNING URBAN LEGACIES Tracing the Sindhi & Parsi Heritage of Bombay **Speakers:** - Saaz Aggarwal, Biographer and Oral Historian; -Dinyar Patel, Asst. Professor of History,	Mumbai Research Centre, AVID Learning and Gateway House

		S.P. Jain Institute of Management & Research; - Sifra Lentin, Author & Bombay History, Fellow at Gateway House	
5	13th March 2023	Journeys of Separation- Recalling the Stories of Partition by Dr. Guneeta Singh Bhalla and Aparna Andhare (The programme partly focused on the Sindhi Community in Bombay and how the partition affected Bombay)	Mumbai Research Centre and Avid Learning
6	27th March 2023	Uncovering Urban Legacies: The original residents of Bombay: The Koli Community Panelist: Gayatri Nair, Assistant Provessor, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology; - Ganesh Nahawa,Fisherman and founder of Blue Catch. - Parag Tandel, Artist and Visual Auto-Ethnographer of the Koli Community of Mumbai. - Anita Yewale, History and Heritage Enthusiast; - Naresh Fernandes, Author and Editor of Scroll.in	Mumbai Research Centre, AVID and TARQ

AVID Learning programs had a strong attendance with people occupying every available space at the Durbar Hall, including the floor.

K] INDIAN NAVY MUMBAI HERITAGE RUN 2022 (1st Edition) – 6th August 2022

The Indian Navy's Western Naval Command conducted a 5 km and 10 km marathon for the public on 13th August 2022, with a special theme to promote heritage awareness of the city. The Mumbai Research Centre of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai was a key contributor to the event, in a role as heritage partner of the Navy. Life member R Venkatesh carried out two specially designed heritage walks on Aug 6 and 7, 2022 for the Navy personnel as a key highlight, and had as participants several senior officials including the Chief of Staff, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan. The walk was on Maritime Heritage of Mumbai and conveyed a narrative comprising of the centrality, both naval and mercantile histories, in the development of the city, juxtaposed with institutional histories of Mumbai…

An Open House at the Asiatic Society's premises was also held for Navy Officers, on 13th August 2022 where the participants were explained the rich history of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, along with a visit to the Conservation Lab and the Library.

L] Scholarships

Mumbai Research Centre Research Grants (2022-2023)

Amount Released 14th – 15th November 2023

Sr. No.	Name of the research scholar Rs.5,000/- (3 months tenure)	Research topic
1	Dr. Pranoti Prabhakar Chirmuley	Public Spaces and posters: Re-engaging with space, symbolism and the rules of the city

Sr. No.	Name of the research scholar Rs.10,000/- (6 months tenure)	Research topics
1	Aswathy G. Babu	Cuisine and Cultural Artefacts: A comprehensive Inquiry into the Significance and the Current Stature of Bombay Jews.
2	Charuta Ghadyal Patil	Bombay and its Hinterland in the Ecology and Political Economy of Colonial Rule.
3	Yogiraj Kamalakar Sapre	Study of Local vegetarian food of Alibag Taluka coastal area and to analyse impact of urbanization on food culture.

Sr. No.	Name of the research scholar Rs.25,000/- (12 months tenure)	Research topics
1	Dr. Minu Susan Koshy	"Rhythm analysing Mumbai in (Post) Pandemic Indian Popular Culture"
*2.	Soumya Bhave (*Scholarship declined)	Har Ghar Godrej: Exploring the Journey of Godrej Steel Cupboards in Middle-Class Mumbai Homes
3	Savitha Rajeev Suri	Textiles of the East Indians of Bombay.

7. MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research
Chairperson : Professor Usha R Vijailakshmi
Hon. Director : Dr Parineeta Deshpande

During the year 2022-23 one student of the Kane Research centre was awarded PhD.		
Name of the Student	Name of the Guide	Title
Dendukuri Nagamani	Dr. Anuradha Ranade	Agrarian Structure of Telangana based on Epigraphic and Literary Data (400 C.E.- 1000 C.E.)

During the year 2022-23 one student of the Kane Research Centre submitted her thesis to the University of Mumbai		
Name	Name of the Guide	Title
Zaibunnisa Dhariwala	Dr. Mangala Purandare	The Contribution of Muslim Mercantile Communities to the Development of Bombay 1850-1950.

The following students appeared and cleared the interview for Ph.D. Programme in front of RAC for Ph.D.			
Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Name of the Guide	Date
1	Charu Shah (History)	Dr. Dhumatkar	20/08/2022
2	Pravin Garud (History)	Dr. Dhumatkar	20/08/2022
3	Rashmi Ail (AIC)	Dr. Suraj Pandit	30/12/2022

Institute organized the following two-day Kane Seminar:

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Title	Details
01	Two-day Kane Seminar- Day one for invited Scholars and Faculties of city colleges.	17th September 2022	SEA- FARING AND MARITIME TRADE IN ANCIENT INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE WESTERN COAST	Dr. Ranabir Chakravarti. JNU, delivered the online keynote address. Dr. Mugdha Gadgil, Dr. Anagha Joshi; Dr. Neeta Khandpekar and Dr. Gaur Presented papers. Commodore Srikant Kesanur delivered the valedictory address. 55 delegates participated in the seminar
02	Day two – For Post-graduate research students papers and Poster presentation on the same theme for Undergraduate students	11th November 2022	SEA- FARING AND MARITIME TRADE IN ANCIENT INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE WESTERN COAST	Professor Neeta Khandpekar was the Chief Guest of the Seminar. Dr. Prakash Masram, HOD i/c, Department of History, Dr. Mohasina Mukadam, HOD, Media Studies, Ruia College, Dr. Mrunalini Newalkar, Chaired paper session and the Poster competition.

8. ASM JOURNAL

Chairperson: Professor Usha R Vijailakshmi

Convenor: Dr. Madhavi Narsaley

The Journal Committee is planning to bring out three special volumes, details of which are given below:

Sl. No.	Volume No. & Year	Theme of the Special issues	Editors	Status
01	Vol. 91 (2017-18)	Archaeology	Professor Suraj Pandit Dr. Prabodh hirwalkar	In print
02	Vol. 92 (2018-19)	Water Management in Bombay Presidency	Dr. Madhu Kelkar Professor Usha R Vijailakshmi	Review of the articles is completed; authors have revised the articles as per suggestions. It is now being edited
03	Vol. 93 (2019-20)	Felicitation Volume in honour of Dr. Devangana Desai	Dr. A. P. Jamkhedkar, Dr. Ambarish Khare	

9. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP & MEDALS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Prof. Usha R Vijailakshmi

Convenor: Dr. Kunda Pramilanilakant (w.e.f. 5th November 2022)

Prof. Varsha Shirgaonkar (w.e.f. April 2021 to 5th November 2022)

During the year April 2022 – March 2023, 05 meetings were held by the Research, Scholarship & Medals (RS&M) Committee.

Though 06 meetings were held in 2019-20, and 04 meetings were in 2021-22 and 09 candidates were selected for various scholarships, many of the candidates could not complete their work due the Covid pandemic and the resultant restriction of movement. Hence, the incumbent committee which was selected in the year April 2022- March 2023 had to follow up with the candidates of previous batches conducting viva, and conduct selection of candidates for various scholarships for the year 2022-23.

List of Jr. Research Scholars who completed the Junior Research Scholarship in 2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	Name of the Scholarship	Title
01	Yogiraj K Sapre	Scholarship in Social Science 2019-20	Study of changing Social Customs and Influence of Various Doctrines and Sects on Life of Koli Community in Alibag Taluk
02	Nitin Hadap	K T Telang Scholarship in Indology - 2019-2020	Drushya Lok Mythical worlds Indian Art and Iconography: Case study of Ellora cave
03	Narendra Velankar	Justice K.T. Telang Scholarship in Indology 2018-19	Association of Archaeological Remains and Oral Traditions around Phaltan, Dist. Satara
04	Ms. Purvi Trivedi	Chief Justice Chagla Scholarship 2017-18	Urban Architectural Design in Pols and Bazaars : A Comparative Study
05	Vikas Shewale	Scholarship in Social Science 2017-18	महादेवकोळी जमातीचा व्यावसायिक व आर्थिक स्थितीचा समाजशास्त्रीय अभ्यास (विशेष संदर्भ - आंबेगाव तालुका)

List of Jr. Research Scholars who submitted the draft dissertations for review in 2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	Name of the Research Scholarship	Title
01	Rahul Bachate	Dr. (Smt.) Sheela Raj Memorial Scholarship in "History" 2020-21	सम्राट अशोकाचे अभिलेख आणि शिल्पकला यातून दृष्टीक्षेपात येणारा बौद्ध धम्म : एक ऐतिहासिक अध्ययन
02	Aarya Joshi	Asiatic Society's Scholarship in Social Science	To study the post-death rites and ancestral remembrance rites of the Idu and Adi tribes of Arunachal Pradesh
03	Ashutosh Bapat	Justice K. T. Telang Scholarship in 'Indology'	A Study of the Undocumented Archaeological remains on and around Fort Chavand, Tal. Junnar, Dist. Pune

04	Dr. Sunder Rajdeep	INDAL Scholarship in 'Social Science'	Mumbai Samachar – 198 not out: An Exploratory Study
05	Mr. Pranav Patil	Dr. (Smt.) Sheela Raj Memorial Scholarship	पुणे परिसरातील वीरगळांचा चिकित्स अ भ्यास
06	Ameya Jay Vaidya	Vimal Shah Scholarship in Pali Buddhist study 2019-2020	The Study of Bodhisatwa Avalokisatwa with special reference to manuscript Ekadasamulkh
07	Vinod Yadav	Sheela Raj Memorial Research scholarship 2018-2019	महाराष्ट्र राज्य पुराभिलेखागारमे आखबारोंमे म न पा प्राथमिक विद्यालयोनकी खबरे
08	Kavita Pande	ASM scholarship in Social Science 2019-2020	A Study of Acworth Leprosy Museum and Archetypal Medical Scrouge of India
09	Mr. Amit Bhagat	INDAL Scholarship in Social Science 2018-19	Study of Socio- Cultural Elements of Megalithics
10	Ms. Manisha Jeet	Gulestan Billimoria Scholarship (sub. relating to the study of Mumbai/ Maharashtra) 2017-18	कथ्थकच्या बहुआयामी विकासामध्ये महाराष्ट्राचे योगदान
11	Sanjay Chandekar	INDAL Fellowship in Social Science 2017-18	Community Radio – still a long path to go (need to complete revision)

In April 2022, the Committee interviewed 35 candidates for the Research Scholarships.

13 scholars who were awarded scholarships are yet to submit their draft report. 11 of them appeared for viva voce organised by the Committee in 2022.

The Committee had to choose the recipient for the prestigious Campbell Memorial Gold Medal. In November 2022 on the recommendation of the external panel comprising of Prof. Emeritus K. Krishnan, M.S. University, Baroda, Prof. Anura Manathunga, DGA, Sri Lanka, and Professor Nanjiah Honganuru from the University of Mysore, Dr. Subash Chandra Malik, Pre-historian, was chosen as the recipient for his lifelong services to the field of Archaeology and Anthropology.

The Committee also had to choose the recipient of the MM Dr. P.V. Kane Gold Medal. In November 2022 on the recommendation of the external panel comprising of Professor Gauri Mahulikar, Academic Director, Chinmaya International Foundation, Dr. Madhavi Narsalay, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, and Dr. Vaishali Dabke, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Ruia college, Retired Professor Brajakishore Swain was chosen as the recipient for his exemplary services to the field of Dharma Sastras.

10. Tagore Fellowship/Scholarship:

Under the Scheme for Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research (TNFCR) for the year 2019-2020, the Institutional Level Search-cum-Screening Committee (ILSSC) had recommended the following two proposals for the Tagore Scholarship (2019-2020):-

	Name of the applicant	Topic
1	Ms. Sneha Nagarkar Bandra (East), Mumbai.	A Religio-Cultural Study of a Manuscript of the Mathurā Mahātmya affiliated to the Ādi Varāha Purāna
2	Dr. Madhura Shamkant Damle Tegharia, Kolkata, West Bengal (basically from Mumbai)	Festivity, Obscenity and Reforms: Holi in Western India

A meeting of the National Selection Committee of the Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, was held at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on 27th September 2022, which was attended by Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla, Vice President of the Society.

The Society is happy to state that the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library has conveyed that the National Selection Committee (NSC) has awarded the Tagore Scholarship (2019-2020) to Ms. Sneha Nagarkar for her research project "A Religio-Cultural Study of a Manuscript of the Mathurā Mahātmya affiliated to the Ādi Varāha Purāna." The joining date of Ms. Sneha Nagarkar, Tagore Scholar (2019-2020) is 19th January 2023.

This meeting of the NSC for TNFCR also reviewed the II and III Sixth Monthly and Final Reports of Dr. Sulabha Kore (Tagore Scholar 2018-19 - joining date 1st March 2019) on her research proposal "Shivalaya - Gyat se aaGyat tak ki yatra" (in Hindi); and the I, II and III Six Monthly and Final Reports of Ms. Indumati Raman (Tagore Fellow 2018-2019 - joining date 27th October 2020) on her research proposal "Design & Rhetoric of Marathi Yakshaganams with particular reference to Sakuntala by Thanjavur Raja Ekoji II."

11. MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01-04-2022 TO 31-03-2023:

11.1 MEMBERSHIP:

During the year under review, 5 members resigned, 9 expired, while 168 new Members, Reader and Indian Student Members were enrolled. The total number of members as on 31st March, 2023, is 3,483. The details are shown in the table below

Category	As on 31/03/22	New Members	Resign-ation	Death	Transfer of Status	Members deleted under Rule 5 (C)	Total Members as on 31/3/23
Resident-Life (RL)	1,999	37		9	17	-	2,044
Resident (R)	729	57	5	-	-18	-	763
Indian Student Members	207	6	-			-	213
Reader Membership	258	15			-1	-	272
Non-Resident (NR)	28	3	-	-	-	-	31
Non-Resident-Life (NRL)	126	3	-	-	1	-	130
Non-Resident-Non- Borrowing (NRNB)	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
Non-Resident-Life-Non- Borrowing (NRLNB)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Institutional Members	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
Patron Members	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Foreign Student Members	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
Corporate Long Term Membership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consulate Members	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Diplomat Members	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	**3,377**	121	-5	-9	-1	-	**3,483**

11.2 The Society regrets to record the death of the following members at the time of this report and conveys its sincere sympathy and sense of loss to the bereaved families:-

A. Resident – Life: 1) Mr Chandu V. Rele
2) Mr. Gratian Napoleon B.D'souza
3) Mr. Shankar N. Kamble
4) Mr. Veerkumar Doshi
5) Mr. Sharad G. Kale
6) Mr. Ramchandra C. Tewari
7) Mr. Prabhakar D. Chakradeo
8) Ms. Vibha Hosali
9) Prof Vasanti Damle

11.3 The following indicates the attendance of the Members of the Scrutinizing Committee for the meetings held:

During the period from August 2021 to March 2022 - 2 meetings were held.

SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2021 - 2022):

Sr.No.	Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent
1.	Dr. Prasad P. Akolkar (**Chairman & Convenor**) 2	-		-
2.	Ms. Mrinal Kulkarni	2	-	-
3.	Mr.Devdatta Malshe	1	1	-
4.	Mr. Nobby Pariyaram	-	2	-
5.	Ms. Putul Sathe	1	-	-
6.	Mr. Arvind Sonawale	1	1	-
7.	Mr. Yogesh Thakkar	1	-	-

During the period from April 2022 to March 2023 - 3 meetings were held.

SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2022 -2023):

Sr.No.	Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent	Remark
1.	Dr. Prasad P. Akolkar (Chairman)	3	-	-	
2.	Ms. Anahita Tarapore (Convenor)	2	1	-	
3.	Mr.Devdatta Malshe	2	1	-	
4.	Mr. Shridhar Naik	1	2	-	
5.	Mr. Arun Naik	1	1	-	Resigned 16/12/22
6.	Ms. Mashanta Romani	3	-	-	
7.	Ms. S. Arun	-	3	-	

12. MANAGING COMMITTEE

The Managing Committee of the Society consists of 21 members headed by a Chairperson. In addition to the above, there were 2 ex-officio members, plus the Hon. Director of the Kane Institute, a Staff Representative, and one Nominee each from the Government of India (Ministry of Culture) and the Government of Maharashtra (Directorate of Libraries).

12.1 The following indicates the attendance of the members at the Managing Committee meetings during the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023: (16 meetings held):

1st April 2022 to 24th September 2022 (09 Meetings held)

Sr. No	Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent
1.	Prof. Vispi Balaporia **(President)**	07	02	-
2.	Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar **(Vice-President)**	08	01	-
3.	Mr. Joy Thomas Kuriappilly **(Vice-President)**	08	-	01
4.	Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla **(Vice-President)**	09	-	-
5.	Prof Usha R Vijailakshmi **(Vice-President)**	05	04	-
6.	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande **(Officiating Hon. Secretary - w.e.f 21-03-2022**	09	-	-
7.	Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat - **(Hon. Jt. Secretary)**	06	03	-
8.	Dr. Vishnu Kanhere - **Hon. Finance Secretary (Ex-Officio) Appointed w.e.f 01-04-2022**	05	04	-
9.	Mr. Rajan Jayakar - **Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary (Ex-Officio) Appointed w.e.f 21-03-2022**	04	03	02
10.	Dr. Gita Kasturi	04	05	-
11.	Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher	02	07	-
12.	Prof. Suraj Pandit	05	03	01
13.	Mr. Digambar Kamble	04	03	02
14.	Dr. Madhu Kelkar	04	05	-
15.	Mr. Kiran Sawant	04	05	-
16.	Mr. Sunil P. Kadam	02	05	02
17.	Ms. Renu Parekh	05	04	-
18.	Mr. Jaywant K. Patil	05	03	01
19	Mr. C. M. Paulsil	05	03	01
20.	Mr. Raamesh G. Raghavan	05	04	-
21.	**Hon. Director, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute - Invitee** - Dr. Parineeta Deshpande *(Extended for the period 01-04-2021 to 31/03/2023)*	03	06	-
22.	**ASM – Employees' Representative** - Mr. Sunil Bhirud	08	01	-
23.	**Central Government Nominee:** *The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India*	-	09	-
24.	**State Government Nominee:** Mrs. Shalini Ingole (w.e.f. August 2020) *Director, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Maharashtra*	-	09	-

25th September 2022 to 31st March 2023 (7 Meeting held)

Sr. No	Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent
1.	Prof. Vispi Balaporia **(President)**	07	-	-
2.	Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar **(Vice-President)**	07	-	-
3.	Mr. Joy Thomas Kuriappilly **(Vice-President)**	07	-	-
4.	Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla **(Vice-President)**	07	-	-
5.	Prof Usha R Vijailakshmi **(Vice-President)**	06	01	-
6.	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande **(Hon. Secretary - w.e.f 24-09-2022)**	06	01	-
7.	Dr. Vishnu Kanhere - **Hon. Finance Secretary (Ex-Officio) Appointed w.e.f 10-10-2022**	03	04	-
8.	Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat - **(Hon. Jt. Secretary) w.e.f 10-10-2022**	07	-	-
9.	Mr. Rajan Jayakar **-Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary w.e.f 10-10-2022**	05	02	-
10.	Mr. Vilas Dhavale	06	01	-
11.	Mr. Vithal Nadkarni	05	02	-
12.	Prof. Suraj Pandit	02	04	01
13.	Mr. Sunil P. Kadam	05	02	-
14.	Ms. Renu Parekh	04	03	-
15.	Mr. Jaywant K. Patil	04	01	02
16	Mr. C. M. Paulsil	03	04	-
17	Mr. Raamesh G. Raghavan	02	03	02
18.	Mr. Digambar Kamble	05	01	01
19.	Dr. Madhu Kelkar	02	03	02
20.	Mr. Kiran Sawant	03	02	02
21.	Adv. Sanjay Kher *(Elected at the 218th AGM held on 27-08-2023)*	03	04	-
22.	Mr. Nobby Pariyaram *(Elected at the 218th AGM held on 27-08-2023)*	06	-	01
23.	**Hon. Director, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute - Invitee** *Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (Extended for the period 01-04-2021 to 31/03/2023)*	06	01	-
24.	**ASM – Employees' Representative** - Mr. Sunil Bhirud	07	-	-
25.	**Central Government Nominee:** *The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India*	-	07	-
26.	**State Government Nominee:** *Mrs. Shalini Ingole (w.e.f. August 2020) Director, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Maharashtra*	-	07	-

13. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There are several Sub-Committees constituted by the Managing Committee to organise various activities of the Society. The following meetings were held by the Managing Committee and the Sub-Committees of the Society during the year under review:

(From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023):

Sr. No.	Committee Meetings	No. of meetings held
1.	Managing Committee	16
2.	Finance and Projects Committee	07
3.	Book Selection Committee	10 + 01 meeting of Small Committee for donated books)
4.	Periodicals Committee meeting	03
5.	Endowment Lectures Committee	03
6.	MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research Committee	03
7.	Research Fellowships & Medals Committee05	
8.	Journal Committee	02
9.	Publications Committee	06
10.	Library Administration Committee	10
11.	ASM Literary Club	07
12.	Mumbai Research Centre	11
13.	Dr. Aroon Tikekar Centre for Advanced Studies	12
14.	Staff Welfare Committee	04
	Other Committees:	
15.	Library Digitisation Project Committee (Phase II)	06
16.	Resource Mobilisation Committee	02
17.	Internal (POSH) Committee	01
18.	Digital Committee	03
19.	Events Organisation & Souvenir Committee	02
20.	Legal Committee	01

14. LIBRARY SERVICES

14.1 We are happy to note that with a new software that has been installed regular updates were sent to all members by e-mail including Thursday Books Display Lists and list of issuable periodicals.

A. During the year, **484** books + **201** bound volumes were added to the Library. The details are given below: **292** books have been purchased and **192** books were received gratis. and **201** bound volumes of periodicals were added to the collection.

B. The following table shows the **subject-wise number of books purchased** during the year 2022-2023 :

Class	No. of books Purchased
Generalia	02
Philosophy	20
Religion	15
Social Science	97
Linguistics	02
Science	04
Technology	04
Art	14
Literature	45
History & Geography	89
Total Books Purchased	**292**

C. Thus, the total number of books and bound volumes of periodicals as on **31st March, 2023** is **2,63,368.**

C/F : Total number of books and periodicals as on 31st March, 2022		**2,62,683**
Total number of books + bound volumes of periodicals added as on 31st March, 2023	**685**	
Total number of books + bound volumes of periodicals as on 31st March, 2023		**2,63,368**

14.2 List of book donors:

The Society expresses its grateful appreciation to the following donors for presenting books to the Library:

A) Individuals:
(Book Selection Committee+ Small Committee for donated Books)

Sr. No.	Presented by	Sr. No.	Presented by
1	Dr. A.K. Joshi	26	Dr. Mridula Ramanna
2	Dr. Aashna Gupta	27	Mr. Munirah Kheraluwala
3	Dr. Akhila Srinivasan	28	Mr. Nagesh Dhawde
4	Mr. Arvind Ganachari	29	Ms. Namita Bansal
5	Mr. Atul Kumar	30	Ms. Nidhi Poddar
6	Mr. B. Preedip Balaji	31	Mr. Nijanand Deshpande
7	Mr. Chinmay Tumbe	32	Mr. Nilkanth Maladkar
8	Dr. Choodamani Nandagopal	33	Ms. Nina Haeems
9	Mr. David Conway	34	Mr. Nitin A. Salunkhe
10	Mr. Dhairya Vyas	35	Ms. Parul Pandya Dhar
11	Mr. Dhirendracharya Sattigiri	36	Mr. Raamesh Raghavan
12	Mr. Dilip Parameshwar Gaonkar	37	Adv. Rajan Jayakar
13	Ms. Feroza Godrej	38	Adv. Rajesh Behere
14	Mr. G.U. Davane	39	Ms. Rohini Gawankar
15	Mr. Gulzar	40	Mr. Rusi J. Daruwala
16	Dr. Jaisingrao Pawar	41	Mr. S.D. Dave
17	Ms. Jane H. Ohlmeyer	42	Prof. S.G. Dani
18	Mr. Kirit Mankodi	43	Mr. Sandip Dahisarkar
19	Dr. Leela B. Jois	44	Mr. Savyasachi Mukherjee
20	Ms. Lisa Trivedi	45	Ms. Shakuntala and Indru Bharvani
21	Ms. Madhavi Kamat	46	Mr. Shaul Sapir
22	Mr. Mahesh Gavaskar	47	Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla
23	Late Dr. Mahesh Kalra	48	Ms. Siddika Chinwala
24	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande	49	Ms. Sifra Lentin
25	Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar	50	Mr. Sudhir Deshpande
		51	Mr.Syed Hasan

B) Institutions:

1	Bhau Daji Lad Mumbai City Museum
2	Bombay Stock Exchange
3	Brihanmumbai Mahanagarpalika Aayukt Karyalay
4	Heras Institute
5	Indian Overseas Services
6	Lalit Doshi Memorial Foundation
7	MES Publications
8	Mishing Society of India
9	Art Deco Trust

14.3 Periodicals Department:

Chairperson: Prof. Usha R Vijailakshmi

Convenor: Dr. Varsha Shirgankar (April 2022 – January 2023)

Ms. Putul Sathe (Since January 2023)

14.3-1 Daily Newspapers received Gratis:

The Society has not received any Daily Newspapers as gratis.

14.3-2 Daily Newspapers Subscribed to

The Society subscribed to 11 newspapers:

Times of India, The Business Standard, The Economic Times, The Hindu, The Hindustan Times, The Indian Express, Loksata, The Maharashtra Times, Navbharat Times, Navakal and Business Standard, The Hindu, Hindustan Times, Navakal and Samana were received in the library till February 2023 and discontinued from March as resolved in the 16th January 2023 Periodicals Committee Meeting.

Subscription for Divya Bhaskar a new Gujarati paper was started from June 2023. Combined offer of Times of India with Economic Times, (Mumbai Mirror only on Sunday started from 27th December 2020 continues for 2022 – 2023).

English	:	Times of India, Business Standard, Economic Times, Hindu, Hindustan Times, Indian Express are received in the library. Business Standard, The Hindu, and The Hindustan Times were discontinued from March 2023
Hindi/Marathi	:	**Hindi** : Navbharat Times / **Marathi** : Loksatta, The Maharashtra Times. Samana and Navakal were discontinued from March 2023.
Gujarati	:	Divya Bhaskar was started from June 2023

14.3-3 Periodicals Subscribed / Received Gratis:

A. The number of subscribed periodicals during the year was 36. In addition, 30 periodicals were received in exchange for the Society's Journal and 3 periodicals were received gratis. The details are given below:

Periodicals approved for subscription 2022- 2023	
Subscribed directly from Sage and other publishers	26 titles
Subscribed through Allied publishers and subscription Agency	3 titles
Subscribed through Informatics Publishing Limited	7 titles
Total approved for purchase	**36 titles**

Exchange and Gratis	
Gratis (Periodicals and newsletters)	2 titles
Exchange (in lieu of Society's Journal)	30 titles
Total:	**32 titles**

201 bound volumes of periodicals were accessioned and added to the Library.

A survey was conducted for the choice of periodicals to be subscribed to. Suggestion forms were circulated to the members asking for their suggestions for the periodicals to be subscribed by the library from the current year.

B. Periodicals received gratis:

The following periodicals were received gratis by the Society:

S.N.	Titles
1.	Prabuddha Bharata or Awakened India.
2.	Sruti: India's premier music and dance magazine

C. **List of donors of periodicals:**

Individual donors (Members and Non-members):

S.No.	Name of the donor	Name of the periodical/s
1.	Dr. T.A. Srikanth	Prabuddha Bharata or Awakened India- (for the period May 2009 – April 2029.)
2.	Dr. Leela Jois	Sruti: India's premier music and dance magazine
3.	Kshirsagar Apte Foundation	Sponsored the JSTOR subscription for 2023.

14.3-4 JSTOR:

The Asiatic Society started subscribing to JSTOR- full text online archives of journals from 2010 and it is popular among the members.The total number of full-text journal articles requested for the period Jan –Dec 2022 is 1,489.Open Access Books available on JSTOR were also referred to and 969 book chapters were downloaded by our members.

14.4 Book Lending (Issue) Section:

During the year, 7,754 books (5,904 old and 1,850 new) and 572 periodicals (magazines) were issued to the members.

236 visitors under Daily Membership category were given reference facility on the premises.

12 foreign scholars visited the Library under the Daily Membership Category.

15. PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION

A. Conservation Section:

Following are the details of work done in the Conservation Laboratory from April 2022 to March 2023:

Month	Fumigation	Deacidification	Tissued	Total Books Conserved
April 2022	118 books	5783 pages	6453 pages	10 books
May to June 2022	232 books	7428 pages	7203 pages-	26 books
July to 15th October 2022	-	-	-	Binding of tissued books, 125 books bound with cloth binding
16th October to December 2022	268 books	17458 pages	17143 pages	26 books
January 2023	128 books	7021 pages	6840 pages	15 books
February 2023	132 books	6839 pages	6634 pages	14 books
March 2023	129 books	7790 pages	7662 pages	20 books
Total:	1007 books fumigated	52319 pages deacidified	51935 pages tissued	111 books conserved

B. Microfilming / Digitization, Manuscripts, Rare Books and Maps Section:

During the year, 8,397 books were digitized and 32,500 pages of newspapers were microfilmed under the Library Digitization Project. Further, out of 8,397 books, 6,500 books were checked for quality.

Several bundles of survey maps, numbering around 4,000 were flattened and placed in a cupboard.

Physical stock verification of MSS and Special Collections was carried out during this year.

To protect the Y D Phadke's Manuscripts (cards), the Microfilming Department wrapped them in a handmade acid-free paper with acid-free cardboard placed on top and bottom. Thereafter, they were once again wrapped in a red cloth and kept along with the ASM MSS collection.

114 Researchers/Scholars referred to the digitized/microfilmed material from the Special Collection Room for their research purpose. The Microfilming / Digitization Department has given 391 microfilm printouts/soft copies to researchers (members / non-members) on payment.

16. BINDERY SECTION

During the year under review, 1,728 books were fully bound in this section. This was apart from the routine work of stitching and pinning the newspapers, repairing books and files, pasting, packing, and parcelling.

17. FINANCES

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai was established on 26th November 1804, by Sir James Mackintosh for the promotion of higher education and research. The Society has been partly funded by the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of Maharashtra, Department of Higher and Technical Education, and Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. The Society's own sources of income are interest and dividends from Corpus and Reserve Fund investments, general donations, earmarked donations, membership subscriptions, fines on books and periodicals, income from miscellaneous items like sale of publications, journals, souvenir, etc. However, the financial position of the Society is quite delicate due to limited sources of income, decline in interest rates, and increasing recurring expenditure.

The Society has approached Government of India, Ministry of Culture for a one-time Corpus grant of Rs.30 crore and Government of Maharashtra, Department of Higher and Technical Education for a one-time Corpus grant of Rs.20 crore, as recommended by the Review Committee, appointed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

The Society has recently succeeded in getting sanction for an annual recurring grant of Rs.1 crore from Government of Maharashtra, Department of Higher and Technical Education. However, the grant has not yet been released to the Society.

The Review Committee appointed by the Ministry of Culture had noted the historic significance of the Society and stated that the Asiatic Society of Mumbai deserves to be designated as an “Institutional of National Importance”, while ensuring its autonomy over planning and financing of expenditure and management.

The Society is intensifying its efforts for donations from philanthropists, corporate houses, endowments, CSR funds, etc. for overall maintenance and development of the Society.

18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We appreciate the financial assistance received from the Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, in the form of an annual grant of Rs one crore. Moreover, we are grateful to Ms Mughda Sinha, Jt. Secretary, for the interest she has shown in the Asiatic Society, and for her visits whenever she is in Mumbai.

We thank Mr. Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, for his continuing interest in the welfare of the Society.

The Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, for support and financial assistance to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai and specially for facilitating the Kane Stamp release function at the Raj Bhavan.

We are thankful to the Government of Maharashtra for acceding to our appeal for financial aid in managing the affairs of the Society, and for agreeing to a recurring annual grant of Rupees One crore from the financial year 2023-2024.

We are deeply obliged to the BMC for acceding to our request and sanctioning a grant of Rupees 60 lakh to the Society.

The Society is thankful to Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar for donation of a Laptop for the endowment lectures/programmes and also towards the purchase of the new Stand / rod for the Screen which is very useful during the Society's programmes for PowerPoint presentations, etc.. The Society also thanks Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla for the donation of Microwave oven; Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande and Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar for gift of a refrigerator to the Society; and also Mr. Joy Thomas for the gift of an electric kettle.

We thank the Kshirsagar Apte Foundation for sponsoring the JSTOR subscription for 2023.

Rotary Club of Bombay for assisting the Society in various activities and, more specifically, for initiating the Maps exhibition.

We thank the Consul General and Consulates of Ireland, Israel, Italy for holding collaborative programmes with the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

We are thankful to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya and the K. R. Cama Oriental Research Institute for inviting us to participate in their events and programmes.

We thank our statutory auditors as well as our staff members for their continuous hard work for the Society.

Finally, we are thankful to our members for their regular participation in the events and programmes of the Society.

On behalf of the Managing Committee

Prof. Vispi R. Balaporia
President

Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande
Hon. Secretary

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
FINANCIAL REVIEW

1. Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March, 2023 shows a Deficit of Rs.70,48,800 /- after providing for a sum of Rs. 42,84,910/- towards depreciation.
2. Summarized Income & Expenditure account for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 is as, follows:

Particulars		Current Year Rupees	Previous year Rupees
Income			
Income from investment of Corpus Fund		54,43,940	76,09,375
Income from investment of Reserve Fund		8,31,547	9,69,936
Interest on Saving Account		2,61,279	3,62,689
	A :	**65,36,766**	**89,42,000**
Income from membership subscription and other income		25,23,858	24,67,303
Grant from Government of India /MCGM		1,60,00,000	1,50,00,000
Income from sale of ASM Journal		1,26,105	23,055
Income from donations		6,61,300	3,24,083
	B:	1,93,11,263	1,78,14,441
Total	A + B	**2,58,48,029**	**2,67,56,441**
Expenditure			
Staff salaries & allowances		82,17,086	57,15,844
General Expenses		33,42,252	15,38,276
	I	**1,15,59,338**	**72,54,120**
Expenses on objects of the trust :			
Subscription to periodicals		7,46,869	3,43,597
Salary Purchase and Processing of Periodicals		33,21,933	29,75,599
Salary Purchase of Books		49,38,781	45,29,924
Salary Conservation Laboratory		37,08,752	33,95,978
Salary Microfilming Laboratory		38,75,924	35,34,078
Other activities		4,58,590	14,65,070
	II	**1,70,50,849**	**1,62,44,246**
Total	I +II	**2,86,10,187**	**2,34,98,366**
Depreciation provided	III	**42,84,910**	**43,04,734**
Opening & Closing Stock Difference		1732	858
Total	I to III	**3,28,96,829**	**2,78,03,958**
Excess of income over expenditure		-	-
Surplus/Deficit		**(70,48,800)**	**(10,47,517)**

3. During the year the society has received the Grant-in-aid (General) of Rs. 1,00,00,000 /-, from the Government of India Ministry of Culture, and the grant has been utilized on the following schemes/activities/projects of the society.

No	Particulars	Amount Rs
1	Salary Purchase and Processing of Periodicals	32,99,433
2	Purchase of Periodicals	-
3	Salary Purchase and Processing of Books	48,95,344
4	Purchase of Books	-
5	Salary Microfilming Laboratory	18,05,223
6	Binding Materials	-
7	Salary Conservation Laboratory	-
8	Conservation Lab. Expenses	-
0	Library Improvement	-
	Total **Rs.**	**1,00,00,000**

On behalf of the Managing Committee

Dr. Vishnu Kanhere
Hon. Finance Secretary

Prof. Vispi Balaporia
President

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950

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Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Trust Fund and Corpus	1	10,82,34,003	10,82,09,423
Equipment Fund	2	1,39,14,333	1,39,14,333
Manuscripts Fund	3	1,42,552	1,42,552
Reserve Fund	4	1,60,80,752	1,48,69,152
Other Earmarked Funds	5	11,63,46,938	12,60,95,690
Other Liabilities	6	1,35,21,398	75,15,315
Income & Expenditure Account	7	-1,04,90,839	-34,42,039
Total		**25,77,49,137**	**26,73,04,426**
PROPERTIES AND ASSETS			
Immovable Properties	8	1	1
Movable Properties	9	13,47,89,801	13,38,27,123
Less Accumulated Depreciation		6,41,23,358	5,98,38,448
Net Block of Movable Properties		**7,06,66,443**	**7,39,88,675**
Investments	10	16,58,90,072	18,16,50,620
Deposits, Advances & Stocks	11	38,14,747	40,59,900
Income Accrued & Outstanding	12	60,53,825	53,76,492
Cash & Bank Balances	13	1,13,24,049	22,28,738
Total		**25,77,49,137**	**26,73,04,426**

For Bhogilal C Shah & Co
Chartered Accountants
(Firm Regn : No 101424W)
Suril Shah Partner
Membership No 42710
UDIN No : 23042710BGXSSV4908
Arvind D Bhorkar
(Chartered Accountants)
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(Hon. Finance Secretary)

Shri Eknath Kshirsagar
(Chairman Board of Trustees)

Adv. Navroz Seervai
(Trustee)

Shri Cyrus Guzder
(Trustee)

Place: Mumbai
Date : 14/08/2023

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Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
INCOME			
Interest and Dividend	14	65,36,766	89,42,000
Donations & Grants	15	1,66,61,300	1,53,24,083
Income from Other Sources	16	26,49,963	24,90,358
Closing Stock of ASM Jounal DVD		45,941	46,538
Closing Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		48,308	48,535
Closing Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		70,200	71,100
Closing Stock of ASM Journals (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		453	461
Total		**2,60,12,931**	**2,69,23,075**
EXPENDITURE			
Opening Stock of ASM Journal DVD		46,538	46,935
Opening Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		48,535	48,988
Opening Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		71,100	71,100
Opening Stock of ASM Journals (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		461	469
Establishment Expenses	17	82,17,086	57,15,844
General Expenses	18	33,42,252	15,38,276
Expenses on the Objects of the Trust	19	1,70,50,849	1,62,44,246
Depreciation	20	42,84,910	43,04,734
		3,30,61,731	**2,79,70,592**
Surplus / (Deficit)		-70,48,800	-10,47,517
Less : Transfer to ASM Development Fund		-	-
Balance Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account		**-70,48,800**	**-10,47,517**

For Bhogilal C Shah & Co
Chartered Accountants
(Firm Regn : No 101424W)
Suril Shah Partner
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UDIN No : 23042710BGXSSV4908
Arvind D Bhorkar
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Adv. Navroz Seervai
(Trustee)

Shri Cyrus Guzder
(Trustee)

Place: Mumbai
Date :14/08/2023

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Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Schedules forming part of the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account

SCHEDULE 1: TRUST FUND AND CORPUS FUND

	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
A. Trust Fund			
Premises Fund		1	1
Society's contribution in the Prince of Wales Museum		5,000	5,000
Manuscripts Fund		55,000	55,000
Coins Fund		40,000	40,000
Books, Furniture & Fixtures received from the ASM & Central Library on bifurcation		33,76,795	33,76,795
	A	**34,76,796**	**34,76,796**
B. Corpus Fund			
As per last Balance Sheet		10,47,32,627	10,39,11,987
Add : Donations received during the year		-	8,00,000
Add : Entrance Fees received during the year		24,580	20,640
	B	10,47,57,207	10,47,32,627
	A+B	**10,82,34,003**	**10,82,09,423**

SCHEDULE 2 : EQUIPMENT FUND

A. Office Equipment & Furniture Fund			
Grant received from BMC for purchase of computer, xerox machines		1,38,005	1,38,005
Water Cooler		41,000	41,000
Telephone		8,000	8,000
Printing Calculator donated by Dhawale Granth Yatra		3,500	3,500
Filing Cabinet		60,000	60,000
Donation for xerox machine		2,00,000	2,00,000
Donation for Periodical Racks		3,00,000	3,00,000
Donation for Sound System		2,85,000	2,85,000
Donation for Vacuum Cleaner		35,000	35,000
Donation for Staff Locker		1,50,000	1,50,000
Donation for Furniture		3,00,000	3,00,000
Donation for Data Safe Cabinet		5,00,000	5,00,000
Donation for Lift		13,56,800	13,56,800
Donation for Mobile Shelving System		70,00,000	70,00,000
Donation for Office Furniture		34,80,623	34,80,623
	A	**1,38,57,928**	**1,38,57,928**

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
B. Library Equipment Fund			
Grant received for purchase of vacuum press		50,000	50,000
Monograph		6,405	6,405
	B	56,405	56,405
	A+B	**1,39,14,333**	**1,39,14,333**
SCHEDULE 3 : MANUSCRIPTS FUND			
(Grant in aid received from the Central Govt. for preservation of M.S.S.)			
As per last Balance Sheet		1,42,552	1,42,552
		1,42,552	**1,42,552**
SCHEDULE 4 : RESERVE FUND			
As per last Balance Sheet		1,48,69,152	1,40,19,928
Add : Life subscriptions received during the year		11,80,000	7,75,000
Reimbursement of University Fees for Doctoral Students		-	6,130
Interest on Fixed Deposits / Bonds		8,31,547	9,69,936
		1,68,80,699	1,57,70,994
Add : Transfer of interest from the following Funds utilised for the purpose of Purchase of Books :			
Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund		25,119	55,134
Premchand Roychand Book Fund		180	240
Madon Book Fund		923	2,000
M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund		420	560
Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund		330	880
G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund		4,628	9,280
		1,69,12,299	1,58,39,088
Less : Interest / Dividend transferred to Income & Expenditure A/c		8,31,547	9,69,936
		1,60,80,752	**1,48,69,152**

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S. No.	Fund	Opening Balance	Interest	Donations / Transfers	Other Income	Total	Expenditure	Administration Charges @ 10%	Transfers Out	Total Outflow	Closing Balance
	Other Earmarked Funds										
1	Microfilming Laboratory & Book Preservation Fund	**62,33,092** *62,14,042*	**3,891** 17,040	**-** -	**91,945** 3,110	**63,28,928** 62,34,192	**2,620** 1,100	**9,584** -	**-** -	**12,204** 1,100	**63,16,724** 62,33,092
2	Book Adoption Scheme Fund	**1,15,14,387** *1,10,67,648*	**3,17,869** 3,92,643	**750,000** 687,500	**-** -	**1,25,82,256** 1,21,47,791	**8,24,451** 6,33,404	**106,787** -	**-** -	**9,31,238** 6,33,404	**1,16,51,018** 1,15,14,387
3	Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund	**21,51,841** *21,51,841*	**1,735** 1,864	**23,384** 53,270	**-** -	**21,76,960** 22,06,975	**-** -	**2,512** -	**25,119** 55,134	**27,631** 55,134	**21,49,329** 21,51,841
4	Premchand Roychand Book Fund	**4,103** *4,103*	**180** 240	**-** -	**-** -	**4,283** 4,343	**-** -	**18** -	**180** 240	**198** 240	**4,085** 4,103
5	Dr. B. C. Law Fund	**10,697** *10,217*	**125** 480	**-** -	**-** -	**10,822** 10,697	**-** -	**13** -	**-** -	**13** -	**10,809** 10,697
6	Madon Book Fund Mr. Bejongi Shapurji Madon 5,000 Miss Jerbai Bejonji Madon 5,000 Mr. Kaikushusru Bejonji Madon 5,000 Mr. Ratan Bejonji Madon 5,000 Mr. Jehansbur Bejonji Madon 5,000 Interest / Dividend upto 31.3.2003 15,900	**40,900** *40,900*	**923** 2,000	**-** -	**-** -	**41,823** 42,900	**-** -	**92** -	**923** 2,000	**1,015** 2,000	**40,808** 40,900
7	M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund	**9,676** *9,676*	**420** 560	**-** -	**-** -	**10,096** 10,236	**-** -	**42** -	**420** 560	**462** 560	**9,634** 9,676
8	Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund	**35,130** *35,130*	**330** 880	**-** -	**-** -	**35,460** 36,010	**-** -	**33** -	**330** 880	**363** 880	**35,097** 35,130
9	Gift A Book Fund	**1,30,001** *1,30,001*	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,30,001** 1,30,001	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,30,001** 1,30,001
10	T. C. Parekh Memorial Fund	**66,216** *64,376*	**1,469** 1,840	**-** -	**-** -	**67,685** 66,216	**-** -	**147** -	**-** -	**147** -	**67,538** **66,216**
11.	G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund	**1,70,630** *1,70,630*	**4,628** 9,280	**-** -	**-** -	**1,75,258** 1,79,910	**-** -	**463** -	**4,628** 9,280	**5,091** 9,280	**1,70,167** 1,70,630

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S. No.	Fund	Opening Balance	Interest	Donations / Transfers	Other Income	Total	Expenditure	Administration Charges @ 10%	Transfers Out	Total Outflow	Closing Balance
	Other Earmarked Funds										
12	ASM Publication Fund	**35,48,088** 33,97,412	**97,228** 1,42,053	**-** -	**5,175** 10,050	**36,50,491** 35,49,515	**1,035** 1,427	**10,240** -	**-** -	**11,275** 1,427	**36,39,216** 35,48,088
13	Vimal Shah Memorial Publication Fund	**53,32,162** 49,90,279	**2,18,148** 3,40,081	**-** -	**57,645** 1,900	**56,07,955** 53,32,260	**5,51,750** 98	**27,579** -	**-** -	**5,79,329** 98	**50,28,626** 53,32,162
14	ASM Computerisation Fund	**8,17,053** 8,08,173	**2,856** 8,880	**-** -	**-** -	**8,19,909** 8,17,053	**-** -	**286** -	**-** -	**286** -	**8,19,623** 8,17,053
15	ASM Development Fund	**2,17,49,466** 2,16,81,020	**12,197** 68,446	**-** -	**-** -	**2,17,61,663** 2,17,49,466	**-** -	**1,220** -	**-** -	**1,220** -	**2,17,60,443** 2,17,49,466
16	Staff Welfare Fund (a) ASM Staff Welfare Fund	**21,32,125** 20,30,856	**37,736** 36,269	**100,000** 65,000	**-** -	**22,69,861** 21,32,125	**6,000** -	**13,774** -	**-** -	**19,774** -	**22,50,087** 21,32,125
	(b) Dr. B. R. Rairikar Bi-Centenary Scholarship Fund	**47,123** 44,723	**2,093** 2,400	**-** -	**-** -	**49,216** 47,123	**3,300** -	**209** -	**-** -	**3,509** -	**45,707** 47,123
17	Special Collections Room Fund	**8,10,609** 8,10,609	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**8,10,609** 810,609	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**8,10,609** 8,10,609
18	Compact Book Shelving System Fund	**34,95,498** 34,95,498	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**34,95,498** 34,95,498	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**34,95,498** 34,95,498
19	ASM The Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Charity Trust - Project on Parsi Zoroastrian Heritage Fund	**20,80,768** 19,97,478	**50,729** 83,290	**-** -	**-** -	**21,31,497** 20,80,768	**-** -	**5,073** -	**-** -	**5,073** -	**21,26,424** 20,80,768
20	DELNET Project Fund	**2,463** 2,463	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**2,463** 2,463	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**2,463** 2,463
21	ASM Bi-Centenary Celebration Fund	**1,02,02,741** 98,76,563	**2,39,013** 3,26,341	**-** -	**2,525** 1,125	**1,04,44,279** 1,02,04,029	**2,577** 1,288	**24,154** -	**-** -	**26,731** 1,288	**1,04,17,548** 1,02,02,741
22	ASM Literary Club Fund	**-1,82,681** -1,48,740	**-** -	**25,000** -	**19,550** 400	**-1,38,131** -1,48,340	**13,547** 34,341	**4,455** -	**-** -	**18,002** 34,341	**-156,133** -182,681
23	Durbar Hall Renovation / Restoration Fund	**27,31,215** 27,31,215	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**27,31,215** 27,31,215	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**27,31,215** 27,31,215
24	Mumbai Research Project Fund	**31,65,467** 26,19,661	**1,47,328** 1,30,615	**200,000** 50,000	**1,424,554** 727,305	**49,37,349** 35,27,581	**9,87,910** 3,62,114	**177,188** -	**-** -	**11,65,098** 362,114	**37,72,251** 31,65,467

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S. No.	Fund	Opening Balance	Interest	Donations / Transfers	Other Income	Total	Expenditure	Administration Charges @ 10%	Transfers Out	Total Outflow	Closing Balance
	Other Earmarked Funds										
25(a)	Library Digitization Project Fund	**1,21,55,832** 1,45,27,341	**1,98,741** 2,48,165	**-** -	**-** 30,000	**1,23,54,573** 1,48,05,506	**-** 20,49,674	**-**	**-** 6,00,000	**-** 26,49,674	**1,23,54,573** 1,21,55,832
25(b)	Library Digitization Project Fund - Phase II	**1,01,77,827** -	**1,69,090** 1,77,827	**70,00,000** 1,00,00,000	**17,787** -	**1,73,64,704** 1,01,77,827	**1,98,07,784** -	**-**	**-** -	**1,98,07,784** -	**-2,443,080** 10,177,827
26	Library Improvement Fund	**31,55,195** 51,25,521	**4,210** 82,091	**10,25,000** -	**-** -	**41,84,405** 52,07,612	**38,647** 20,52,417	**1,02,921** -	**-** -	**1,41,568** 20,52,417	**40,42,837** **31,55,195**
27	Restoration of Maps Project Fund	**11,93,774** 14,70,978	**7,983** -	**12,20,000** -	**-** -	**24,21,757** 14,70,978	**12,70,000** 2,77,204	**1,22,798** -	**-** -	**13,92,798** 2,77,204	**1,028,959** 1,193,774
28	Optical Fibre Fund	**13,67,760** 15,00,954	**38,079** 39,551	**-** -	**-** -	**14,05,839** 15,40,505	**66,363** 1,72,745	**3,808** -	**-** -	**70,171** 1,72,745	**13,35,668** 13,67,760
29	Restoration of Statues Project Fund	**4,94,581** 7,45,294	**25,937** 31,307	**-** 64,900	**-** -	**5,20,518** 8,41,501	**3,46,920** 3,46,920	**2,594** -	**-** -	**3,49,514** 3,46,920	**1,71,004** 4,94,581
30	ASM Purchase of Books Fund	**5,20,944** -	**19,617** 944	**-** 5,20,000	**-** -	**5,40,561** 5,20,944	**-** -	**1,962** -	**-** -	**1,962** -	**5,38,599** 5,20,944
31	M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Commemorative Postal Stamp Fund	**6,39,900** -	**-** -	**-** 12,32,000	**2,175** -	**6,42,075** 12,32,000	**32,573** 5,92,100	**218** -	**-** -	**32,791** 5,92,100	**6,09,284** 6,39,900
	Endowments/Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds					**-**				**-**	**-**
1	Gulestan Billimoria Annual Youth Seminar	**66,820** 66,820	**7,847** 18,468	**-** -	**-** -	**74,667** 85,288	**-** -	**785** -	**7,847** 18,468	**8,632** 18,468	**66,035** 66,820
2	ASM Fund for Centre for Labour Studies in memory of Four Trade Union Leaders	**12,54,803** 11,82,044	**47,368** 80,843	**-** -	**-** -	**13,02,171** 12,62,887	**22,000** -	**4,737** 8,084	**-** -	**26,737** 8,084	**12,75,434** 12,54,803
3	Indal Fellowship Fund	**1,73,221** 1,63,712	**4,829** 11,899	**-** -	**-** -	**1,78,050** 1,75,611	**-** 1,200	**483** 1,190	**-** -	**483** 2,390	**1,77,567** 1,73,221
4	Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Fellowship Fund	**12,11,642** 11,50,322	**57,504** 69,245	**-** -	**-** -	**12,69,146** 12,19,567	**4,000** 1,000	**5,750** 6,925	**-** -	**9,750** 7,925	**12,59,396** 12,11,642

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S. No.	Fund	Opening Balance	Interest	Donations / Transfers	Other Income	Total	Expenditure	Administration Charges @ 10%	Transfers Out	Total Outflow	Closing Balance
	Endowments/Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds										
5	M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Gold Medal Fund	**29,436** 27,654	**1,242** 1,782	**-** -	**-** -	**30,678** 29,436	**-** -	**124** -	**-** -	**124** -	**30,554** 29,436
6	Campbell Gold Medal Fund	**38,651** 36,402	**1,739** 2,249	**-** -	**-** -	**40,390** 38,651	**-** -	**174** -	**-** -	**174** -	**40,216** 38,651
7	Pohekar Fellowship Fund for Japanese Studies	**4,50,337** 4,23,740	**23,968** **29,552**	**-** -	**-** -	**4,74,305** 453,292	**-** -	**2,397** 2,955	**-** -	**2,397** 2,955	**4,71,908** 4,50,337
8	Smt. Nabadurga Banerjee Memorial Lecture Fund	**6,63,297** 6,38,347	**37,907** 47,647	**-** -	**-** -	**7,01,204** 6,85,994	**12,500** 17,932	**3,791** 4,765	**-** -	**16,291** 22,697	**6,84,913** 6,63,297
9	Smt. Bansari K. Sheth Memorial Lecture Fund	**5,48,980** 5,15,948	**30,327** 36,702	**-** -	**-** -	**5,79,307** 5,52,650	**10,000** -	**3,033** 3,670	**-** -	**13,033** **3,670**	**5,66,274** 5,48,980
10	Justice K. T. Telang Memorial Lecture and Fellowship Fund	**10,55,396** 10,30,780	**35,976** 81,954	**-** -	**-** -	**10,91,372** 11,12,734	**20,700** 1,200	**3,598** 2,868	**23,384** 53,270	**47,682** 57,338	**10,43,690** 10,55,396
11	Gulestan Billimoria Memorial Lecture Fund	**9,06,799** 8,62,268	**34,073** 58,935	**7,847** 18,468	**-** -	**9,48,719** 9,39,671	**14,494** 25,132	**4,192** 7,740	**-**	**18,686** 32,872	**930,033** 906,799
12	Dr. L. B. Kenny Lecture / Seminar Fund	**1,41,650** 1,47,696	**7,493** 9,873	**-** -	**-** -	**1,49,143** 1,57,569	**-** 14,932	**749** 987	**-** -	**749** 15,919	**1,48,394** 1,41,650
13	Dr. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Lecture Fun	**11,33,399** 10,85,799	**49,055** 78,611	**-** -	**-** -	**11,82,454** 11,64,410	**47,897** 23,150	**4,906** 7,861	**-** -	**52,803** 31,011	**11,29,651** 11,33,399
14	Dr. Sheela Raj Memorial Fellowship Fund	**2,89,758** 2,74,004	**12,131** 19,282	**-** -	**-** -	**3,01,889** 2,93,286	**3,200** 1,600	**1,213** 1,928	**-** -	**4,413** 3,528	**2,97,476** 2,89,758
15	B. G. Deshmukh Lecture / Workshop Fund	**17,08,373** 16,30,381	**90,831** 1,06,583	**-** -	**-** -	**17,99,204** 17,36,964	**18,398** 17,933	**9,083** 10,658	**-** -	**27,481** 28,591	**17,71,723** 17,08,373
16	Durga Bhagwat Memorial Lecture Fund	**5,75,664** 5,65,235	**31,422** 31,512	**-** -	**-** -	**6,07,086** 5,96,747	**7,900** 17,932	**3,142** 3,151	**-** -	**11,042** 21,083	**5,96,044** 5,75,664

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S. No.	Fund	Opening Balance	Interest	Donations / Transfers	Other Income	Total	Expenditure	Administration Charges @ 10%	Transfers Out	Total Outflow	Closing Balance
	Endowments/Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds										
17	Prof. Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture Fund	**15,96,907** 15,01,136	**82,584** 1,06,412	**-** -	**-** -	**16,79,491** 16,07,548	**35,522** -	**8,258** 10,641	**-** -	**43,780** 10,641	**16,35,711** 15,96,907
18	Vimal Shah Memorial Research Fellowship Fund	**13,33,686** 12,65,151	**62,876** 90,519	**-** -	**-** -	**13,96,562** 13,55,670	**-** 12,932	**6,288** 9,052	**-** -	**6,288** 21,984	**13,90,274** 13,33,686
19	Dr. Aroon Tikekar Memorial Fund	**40,51,874** 38,39,607	**1,77,732** 2,78,000	**-** -	**-** -	**42,29,606** 41,17,607	**1,31,000** 37,933	**17,773** 27,800	**-** -	**1,48,773** 65,733	**40,80,833** 40,51,874
20	Rajani Dandekar Fellowship Fund	**522,188** 492,305	**16,777** 34,315	**-** -	**-** -	**5,38,965** 5,26,620	**3,000** 1,000	**1,678** 3,432	**-** -	**4,678** 4,432	**5,34,287** 5,22,188
21	Jayant and Devangana Desai Fellowship Fund	**12,15,066** 11,59,448	**56,660** 61,798	**-** -	**-** -	**12,71,726** 12,21,246	**-** -	**5,666** 6,180	**-** -	**5,666** 6,180	**12,66,060** 12,15,066
22	Meera Kosambi Endowment Lecture Fund	**11,23,160** 10,69,723	**58,108** 59,375	**-** -	**-** -	**11,81,268** 11,29,098	**36,258** -	**5,811** 5,938	**-** -	**42,069** 5,938	**11,39,199** 11,23,160
23	Kshirsagar Apte Foundation Fund For Jstor Research	**-** -	**-** -	**150,000** -	**330** -	**1,50,330** -	**44,883** -	**15,033** -	**-** -	**59,916** -	**90,414** -
24	Map Catalogue Project Fund	**-** -	**10,801** -	**1,000,000** -	**-** -	**10,10,801** -	**1,55,500** -	**1,01,080** -	**-** -	**2,56,580** -	**7,54,221** -
	Total of Current Year	**12,60,95,690**	**25,41,805**	**11,501,231**	**16,21,686**	**14,17,60,412**	**2,45,22,729**	**8,27,914**	**62,831**	**2,54,13,474**	**11,63,46,938**
	Total of Previous Year	11,67,34,384	34,60,643	1,26,91,138	7,73,890	13,36,60,055	66,98,708	1,25,825	7,39,832	75,64,365	12,60,95,690

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
SCHEDULE 6 : OTHER LIABILITIES			
For Expenses		32,57,183	4,45,874
Arrears Salary		46,84,961	46,84,961
Deposit for Valuable Books		6,72,260	6,53,510
Subscription received in advance		-	1,06,875
Govt. of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue Unutilised		68,636	45,500
Interest on Govt. of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue		3,28,595	3,28,595
Donation for Interim Relief to Staff		9,00,000	9,00,000
Others		3,50,000	3,50,000
TDS Payable		7,01,433	-
Salary Payable		10,86,370	-
Leave Encashment & Gratuity Payable		14,71,960	-
		1,35,21,398	**75,15,315**
SCHEDULE 7 : INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
As per last Balance Sheet		-34,42,039	-23,94,522
Add : Surplus for the year		-70,48,800	-10,47,517
		-1,04,90,839	**-34,42,039**
SCHEDULE 8 : IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES			
Society's Premises (at nominal value as on 1st April, 1951)		1	1
		1	**1**
SCHEDULE 9 : MOVABLE PROPERTIES			
A) Books & Microfilming		5,000	5,000
A1 Society's Collection in the Prince of Wales Museum		55,000	55,000
Manuscripts (estimated value as on 1st April, 1951)		40,000	40,000
Coins (estimated value as on 1st April, 1951)		63,160	63,160
Memorial Busts		30,75,290	30,75,290
Books received from the Library of the ASM & Central Library			
	A1	32,38,450	32,38,450
A2 Books purchased after bifurcation :			
As per last Balance Sheet		5,31,52,292	5,21,51,008
Add : Purchased and processed during the year		2,36,439	10,01,284
		5,33,88,731	5,31,52,292
Less : Books lost during the year		-	-
	A2	5,33,88,731	5,31,52,292

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
A3 Microfilmed Books (At cost) :			
As per last Balance Sheet		2,99,70,664	2,99,70,664
Add : Processed during the year		-	-
	A3	2,99,70,664	2,99,70,664
	A1+A2+A3	**8,65,97,845**	**8,63,61,406**
B) Equipment			
B1 Office Equipment			
Computers, Xerox Machine		8,45,647	8,45,647
Telephone		16,507	16,507
Fax Machine		32,210	32,210
Intercom System		54,400	54,400
Overhead Projector		14,989	14,989
LCD Data Projector		1,58,500	1,58,500
Projector		1,16,480	1,16,480
DVD Player		6,990	6,990
Fire Extinguishers		3,03,060	3,03,060
Sound System		27,08,748	27,08,748
Other Office Equipment		14,071	14,071
Staff Personal Locker		1,25,697	1,25,697
Fan		60,000	60,000
Trolley		10,631	10,631
Face Attendance Machine		30,937	30,937
Data Safe Cabinet		27,27,289	27,27,289
Dab Press		35,400	-
Board Cutter		64,900	-
Paper Cutting Machine		3,42,200	-
Mobile Phone		7,499	-
CC TV Camera System		21,240	-
Printer		12,950	-
	B1	77,10,345	72,26,156
B) B2 Library Equipment			
Vacuum Press		1,35,653	1,35,653
Other Equipment (purchased out of Special Project Grant)		58,318	58,318

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
Airconditioner		72,700	72,700
File Cabinets		5,91,517	5,91,517
Aluminium Sliding Book Shelves		31,13,540	31,13,540
Low Pressure Table		10,59,239	10,59,239
Dab Press Machine		44,840	44,840
	B2	50,75,807	50,75,807
B3 MSS Preservation Equipment			
Microscope		25,441	25,441
Microfilms		1,40,917	1,40,917
Furniture		48,024	48,024
	B3	2,14,382	2,14,382
	B1+B2+B3	**1,30,00,534**	**1,25,16,345**
C) Microfilming Laboratory			
C1 Microfilm Reader		19,704	19,704
C2 Preliminary Expenses for Microfilming Project		25,55,820	25,55,820
C3 Equipment		19,93,888	19,93,888
C4 Air Conditioner		2,40,095	2,40,095
		48,09,507	**48,09,507**
D) COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS			
D1 Computers		27,49,581	27,49,581
D2 Furniture & Fittings		39,120	39,120
D3 Electrical Fittings		26,975	26,975
D4 Wooden Server Cabin		2,39,400	2,39,400
Intangible Assets :			
D5 Software		2,58,698	1,90,298
D6 Website Development		49,635	49,635
		33,63,409	**32,95,009**
E) SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROOM			
E1 Air Conditioner		1,97,950	1,97,950
E2 Electrical Fittings		1,47,421	1,47,421
E3 Mobile Racks		6,29,000	6,29,000
E4 Dehumidifier		54,490	54,490
		10,28,861	**10,28,861**

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
F) COMPACT BOOK SHELVING SYSTEM			
F1 Mobile Racks		1,64,11,650	1,64,11,650
F2 Electrical Fittings		2,18,946	2,18,946
		1,66,30,596	**1,66,30,596**
G) FIXED ASSETS			
G1 Furniture & Fixtures		51,78,902	50,84,502
G2 Electrical Fittings		7,95,263	7,95,263
G3 Vaccuum Cleaner		38,960	38,960
G4 Die		3,67,299	3,67,299
G5 Durbar Hall Airconditioner		15,46,822	15,46,822
G6 Hydraulic Lift		13,52,553	13,52,553
G7 Capital Work in Progress		79,250	-
		93,59,049	**91,85,399**
TOTAL MOVABLE ASSETS		**13,47,89,801**	**13,38,27,123**
LESS -			
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIONS		6,41,23,358	**5,98,38,448**
NET BLOCK OF MOVABLE ASSETS		**7,06,66,443**	**7,39,88,675**

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S. No.	Fund	8% GOI Bonds	Fixed Deposit with SBI	Fixed Deposit with Saraswat Co-op Bank	Fixed Deposit with Union Bank of India	Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	Fixed Deposit with ICICI Bank	Fixed Deposit with HDFC Ltd.	Total
	Other Earmarked Fund								
1	Corpus Fund	**7,51,000** 5,10,15,000	**5,87,39,304** 5,26,94,337	**-** -	**3,08,27,582** -	**2,04,16,865** 5,00,000	**-** -	**50,00,000** -	**11,57,34,751** 10,42,09,337
2	Reserve Fund	**23,41,000** 72,73,000	**81,57,709** 91,09,035	**-** -	**22,99,355** -	**2,17,083** 2,10,000	**-** 645,000	**-** -	**1,30,15,147** 1,72,37,035
	Other Earmarked Funds								
1	Microfilming Laboratory & Book Preservation Fund	**-** 2,13,000	**13,150** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**13,150** 2,13,000
2	Book Adoption Scheme Fund	**-** 29,10,000	**51,53,162** 32,96,283	**-** -	**9,24,651** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**60,77,813** 62,06,283
3	Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund	- -	**32,000** 32,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**32,000** 32,000
4	Premchand Roychand Book Fund	- 3,000	**3,065** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**3,065** 3,000
5	Dr. B. C. Law Fund	**-** 6,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	- **6,000**
6	Madon Book Fund	**-** 25,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	- **25,000**
7	M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund	- 7,000	**7,081** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**7,081** 7,000
8	Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund	**-** 11,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	- **11,000**
9	Gift A Book Fund	- -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -
10	T. C. Parekh Memorial Fund	**-** 23,000	**23,882** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**23,882** 23,000
11	G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund	- 1,16,000	**15,173** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**15,173** 1,16,000
12	ASM Publication Fund	**5,57,000** 14,01,000	**5,00,000** 5,00,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**10,57,000** 19,01,000
13	Vimal Shah Memorial Publication Fund	**-** 35,00,000	**35,69,699** 6,00,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**2,00,000** 5,00,000	**-** -	**37,69,699** 46,00,000

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	Other Earmarked Fund								
14	ASM Computerisation Fund	- 1,11,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 1,11,000
15	ASM Development Fund	- 5,50,000	**50,000** 50,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**50,000** 6,00,000
16	Staff Welfare Fund (a) ASM Staff Welfare Fund (b) Dr. B. R. Rairikar Bi-Centenary Scholarship Fund	- - - 30,000	**3,29,363** 3,00,000 - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	**3,15,827** 3,96,639 - -	- - - -	**6,45,190** 6,96,639 - 30,000
17	Special Collections Room Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
18	Compact Book Shelving System Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
19	ASM The Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Charity Trust - Project on Parsi Zoroastrian Heritage Fund	- 6,90,000	**5,70,706** 5,20,931	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**5,70,706** 12,10,931
20	DELNET Project Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
21	ASM Bi-Centenary Celebration Fund	- **28,00,000**	**49,69,789** 19,04,801	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**49,69,789** 47,04,801
22	ASM Literary Club Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
23	Durbar Hall Renovation / Restoration Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
24	Mumbai Research Project Fund	- -	**17,53,800** 19,73,000	**1,000,000** 10,00,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	**27,53,800** 29,73,000
25	(a) Library Digitization Project Fund	- -	- 43,64,039	- -	**18,60,412** -	- -	- -	- -	**18,60,412** **43,64,039**
25	(b) Library Digitization Project Fund - Phase II	- -	- **1,00,21,677**	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- **1,00,21,677**

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	Other Earmarked Fund								
26	Library Improvement Fund	- -	**3,67,430** -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**3,67,430** -
27	Restoration of Maps Project Fund	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
28	Optical Fibre Fund	- -	**7,54,993** 10,35,587	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**7,54,993** 10,35,587
29	Restoration of Statues Project Fund	- -	- **7,28,166**	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- **728,166**
30	ASM Purchase of Books Fund	- -	**5,03,152** 5,00,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**5,03,152** 5,00,000
31	Govt of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue	- -	**4,33,067** **3,95,297**	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**4,33,067** **3,95,297**
	Endowments/ Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds								-
1	Gulestan Billimoria Annual Youth Seminar	- **1,61,000**	**56,452** **56,452**	- -	- -	- -	- 30,000	- -	**56,452** 2,47,452
2	ASM Fund for Centre for Labour Studies in memory of Four Trade Union Leaders	- **2,78,000**	**4,66,352** 4,62,808	- -	- -	- -	**1,20,000** 5,20,000	- -	**5,86,352** 12,60,808
3	Indal Fellowship Fund	**8,000** 1,39,000	**16,437** 15,000	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**24,437** 1,54,000
4	Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Fellowship Fund	- **50,000**	**6,25,716** 5,79,000	- -	- -	- -	**4,50,000** 4,74,000	- -	**10,75,716** 11,03,000
5	M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Gold Medal Fund	- **12,000**	**14,192** **14,000**	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**14,192** 26,000
6	Campbell Gold Medal Fund	- **13,000**	**33,889** **20,500**	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	**33,889** 33,500
7	Pohekar Fellowship Fund for Japanese Studies	**1,99,000** 2,84,000	**1,06,298** 1,04,000	- -	- -	- -	- 10,000	- -	**3,05,298** 3,98,000
8	Smt. Nabadurga Banerjee Memorial Lecture Fund	**2,40,000** 5,21,000	2,57,988 55,600	- -	- -	- -	- 10,000	- -	**3,05,298** 3,98,000

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S. No.	Fund	8% GOI Bonds	Fixed Deposit with SBI	Fixed Deposit with Saraswat Co-op Bank	Fixed Deposit with Union Bank of India	Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	Fixed Deposit with ICICI Bank	Fixed Deposit with HDFC Ltd.	Total
	Other Earmarked Fund								
9	Smt. Bansari K. Sheth Memorial Lecture Fund	**2,00,000** 3,86,000	**1,05,861** 1,03,180	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**3,05,861** 4,89,180
10	Justice K. T. Telang Memorial Lecture and Fellowship Fund	**-** 8,33,000	**1,25,449** **1,25,449**	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,50,000** 1,50,000	**-** -	**2,75,449** 11,08,449
11	Gulestan Billimoria Memorial Lecture Fund	**-** 5,14,000	**3,11,240** 3,06,452	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**3,11,240** 8,20,452
12	Dr. L. B. Kenny Lecture / Seminar Fund	**35,000** **85,000**	**54,273** 53,900	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**89,273** 1,38,900
13	Dr. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Lecture Fund	**-** **6,50,000**	**1,89,448** 1,86,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** 2,00,000	**-** -	**1,89,448** 10,36,000
14	Dr. Sheela Raj Memorial Fellowship Fund	**-** **2,00,000**	**58,628** **57,000**	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**58,628** 2,57,000
15	B. G. Deshmukh Lecture / Workshop Fund	**-** -	**15,04,487** 15,04,487	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,00,000** 3,50,000	**-** -	**16,04,487** 18,54,487
16	Durga Bhagwat Memorial Lecture Fund	**1,00,000** 1,00,000	**4,18,831** 4,15,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** 25,000	**-** -	**5,18,831** 5,40,000
17	Prof. Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture Fund	**-** 10,00,000	**3,13,555** 3,08,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,80,000** 3,80,000	**-** -	**4,93,555** 16,88,000
18	Vimal Shah Memorial Research Fellowship Fund	**-** 10,00,000	**12,15,245** 1,87,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**12,15,245** 11,87,000
19	Dr. Aroon Tikekar Memorial Fund	**-** 30,22,000	**16,57,980** 6,26,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**4,00,000** 4,00,000	**-** -	**20,57,980** 40,48,000
20	Rajani Dandekar Fellowship Fund	**-** **2,00,000**	**2,71,704** 2,63,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**2,71,704** 4,63,000
21	Jayant and Devangana Desai Fellowship Fund	**-** -	**11,07,385** 10,98,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**11,07,385** 10,98,000
22	Meera Kosambi Endowment Lecture Fund	**-** -	**10,30,681** 10,28,000	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**1,00,000** 1,00,000	**-** -	**11,30,681** 11,28,000
23	Maps Catalogue Project Investment	**-** -	**1,008,681** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**-** -	**10,08,681** -
	Total of Current Year Total of Previous Year	**44,31,000** 8,01,32,000	**9,68,97,297** 9,55,93,981	**10,00,000** 10,00,000	**3,59,12,000** -	**2,06,33,948** 7,10,000	**20,15,827** 42,14,639	**50,00,000** -	**16,58,90,072** 18,16,50,620

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	Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
SCHEDULE 11 : DEPOSITS, ADVANCES & STOCKS			
A. Society's Silver Medal			
As per last Balance Sheet		2,416	2,416
	A	2,416	2,416
B. Deposits			
Telephone Deposit		16,000	16,000
B.E.S.T. Deposit		49,383	46,051
	B	65,383	62,051
C. Advances			
Advance Subscription to Periodicals		-	7,19,823
Advance to Employees		5,47,220	7,70,349
Interim Relief to Employees		9,00,000	9,00,000
Prepaid Expenses		3,97,909	3,84,847
Advavnce to Suppliers		8,49,246	1,38,000
	C	26,94,375	29,13,019
D. Stocks			
Stock of Microfilms		28,665	28,665
Stock of Tissue Paper		1,71,479	1,95,976
Stock of Catalogue of Sanskrit & Prakrit Manuscripts		4,66,599	4,67,625
Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		48,308	48,535
Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		70,200	71,100
Stock of ASM Journal DVD		45,941	46,538
Stock of Monographs (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per monograph as estimated by the management)		3,390	3,399
Stock of ASM Journals (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		453	461
Stock of ASM Brochure		70,868	73,445
Stock of T-Shirts		8,486	8,486
Stock of spare parts of microfilming camera		1,38,184	1,38,184
D		10,52,573	10,82,414
A+B+C+D		**38,14,747**	**40,59,900**

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SCHEDULE 12 : INCOME ACCRUED & OUTSTANDING		
Interest	16,34,085	19,90,679
Mumbai Municipal Corporation	2,918	2,918
Tax Deducted at Source on Dividend / Interest	44,16,822	33,82,895
	60,53,825	**53,76,492**
SCHEDULE 13 : CASH & BANK BALANCES		
Current Account with State Bank of India	27,323	23,662
Current Account with ICICI Bank	1,759	5,794
Savings Account with State Bank of India	59,37,642	15,40,110
Savings Account with State Bank of India (Delnet Project)	2,463	2,463
Savings Account with State Bank of India (Bi-Centenary Fund)	53,564	52,142
F.C.R.A. Account with State Bank of India(Bi-Centenary Fund)	16,415	15,979
Savings Account with State Bank of India (Digitization Phase II)	21,25,373	53,226
Savings Account with State Bank of India (MRC)	9,74,533	2,45,853
Savings Account with ICICI Bank	15,26,664	1,74,108
Current Account with Bank of Maharashtra	92,017	89,529
Savings Account with Union Bank of India	5,04,783	9,480
Cash in Hand - ASM	53,869	8,748
Cash in Hand - Bi-Centenary Celebration	7,644	7,644
	1,13,24,049	**22,28,738**
SCHEDULE 14 : INTEREST & DIVIDEND		
Interest on Fixed Deposits / Bonds	54,43,940	76,09,375
Interest on Reserve Fund	8,31,547	9,69,936
Interest on Savings Accounts	2,61,279	3,62,689
	65,36,766	**89,42,000**
SCHEDULE 15 : DONATIONS & GRANTS		
Donations	6,61,300	3,24,083
Govt. of India Grant	1,00,00,000	1,40,00,000
Mumbai Municipal Corporation Grant	60,00,000	10,00,000
	1,66,61,300	**1,53,24,083**

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SCHEDULE 16 : INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Resident Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	5,27,040	1,51,750
Non-Resident Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	11,831	1,834
Indian Student Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	10,330	2,525
Diplomat Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	-	20,000
Granth Sanjeevani Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	4,79,000	6,66,911
Arrears Subscription	37,750	6,500
Readership Subscription	54,144	18,384
Kane Institute PHD Registration Fees	2,72,130	-
Membership Cards	2,585	1,825
Temporary Membership	37,260	16,950
Fines	48,404	29,499
Sale of Books / Publications / Journals / DVD	1,26,105	23,055
Xerox Charges	4,899	2,483
Membership Forms	5	1,030
Miscellaneous Income	1,54,064	70,851
Sale of Scrap	56,502	25,936
Grant for Tagore National Fellowship	-	13,25,000
Administration Charges for Endowment Funds	8,27,914	1,25,825
	26,49,963	**24,90,358**
SCHEDULE 17 : ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Office Salaries & Allowances including Provident Fund Contribution	58,02,256	57,15,844
Gratuity & Leave Encashment	24,14,830	-
	82,17,086	**57,15,844**
SCHEDULE 18 : GENERAL EXPENSES		
Printing & Stationery	4,54,834	1,77,883
Postage	13,742	10,717
Conveyance	43,648	22,091
Telephone Charges	20,379	75,242
Electricity Charges	5,98,846	2,95,719
Repairs & Maintenance	8,99,355	2,83,505
Honorarium to Auditors	30,000	30,000

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950

Schedule VIII Vide Rule 17 (1)

Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Schedules forming part of the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account

Schedule	31.3.2023 Rs.	31.3.2022 Rs.
Legal & Professional Charges	6,54,250	1,70,400
Washing Charges	35,850	22,775
Binding Charges	48,729	59,296
Safe Deposit Locker Rent	16,756	16,756
Bank Charges	6,816	7,980
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,19,035	3,65,900
Rent for Ground Floor Basement	12	12
	33,42,252	**15,38,276**
SCHEDULE 19 : EXPENSES ON THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST		
Subscription to Periodicals	7,46,869	3,43,597
Salary Subscription to Peridocials Dept.	33,21,933	29,75,599
Cultural Activities	1,53,370	6,570
M.M. Dr. P. V. Kane Lectures and Seminars	38,220	-
Honorarium to Director of MM Dr. P. V. Kane Institute	2,67,000	1,05,000
ASM Fellowship	-	5,000
Tagore National Fellowship	-	13,25,000
Expenses on Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture	-	23,500
Salary Purchase & Processing of Books	49,38,781	45,29,924
Microfilming Laboratory Expenses :		
Salaries & Allowances	38,75,924	35,34,078
Conservation Laboratory Expenses :		
Salaries & Allowances	35,82,267	33,35,155
Tissue Paper	24,497	16,331
Chemicals & Other Laboratory Expenses	1,01,988	44,492
	1,70,50,849	**1,62,44,246**

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950

Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Schedules forming part of the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account

SCHEDULE 20 : DEPRECIATION

(in Rs.)

Asset	Cost as on 1.4.22 Rs	Additions / (Sold/Written Off) Rs	Cost as on 31.3.23 Rs.	Depreciation Rs.
1. Books	3,79,67,655	236,439	3,82,04,094	14,70,120
2. Microfilmed Books	1,86,87,779	-	1,86,87,779	8,22,042
3. Office Equipment	69,12,067	4,84,189	73,96,256	3,29,992
4. Library Equipment	50,75,808	-	50,75,808	2,34,576
5. MSS Preservation Equipment	1,74,618	-	1,74,618	392
6. Microfilming Laboratory Equipment	4,806,927	-	48,06,927	70,224
7. Computers	26,86,662	-	26,86,662	2,74,250
8. Airconditioners	21,12,232	-	21,12,232	82,452
9. Furniture & Fittings	53,85,786	94,400	54,80,186	3,19,937
10. Electrical Fittings	12,09,305	-	12,09,305	32,941
11. Vaccuum Cleaner	38,960	-	38,960	1,282
12. Mobile Racks	1,70,40,650	-	1,70,40,650	5,42,211
13. Die	3,67,299	-	3,67,299	17,447
14. Hydraulic Lift	13,52,553	-	13,52,553	64,246
15. Intangible Assets	2,39,933	68,400	3,08,333	22,798
16. Capital Work in Progress	-	79,250	79,250	-
	10,40,58,234	**9,62,678**	**10,50,20,912**	**42,84,910**

Note: Depreciation is calculated on Straight Line Method.

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS ON 31/03/2023

(Details : Schedule No. 16)

Sr.No.	As at 31.3.2022	Investment	As at 31.3.2023
1	8,01,32,000	Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	44,31,000
2	9,55,93,981	Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	9,68,97,297
3	7,10,000	Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	2,06,33,948
4	42,14,639	Quantum Optima Deposit with ICICI Bank	20,15,827
5	10,00,000	Fixed Deposit with Saraswat Co.Op. Bank	10,00,000
6	-	Fixed Deposit with Union Bank of India	3,59,12,000
7	-	Fixed Deposit with HDFC Ltd.	50,00,000
	18,16,50,620		**16,58,90,072**

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THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

LIST OF DONORS

Donations received during the period from 1.4.2022 to 31.3.2023

Sr No	Name of the Donors	Amount
1	Govt of India Grant	1,00,00,000
2	Mumbai Municipal Corporation Grant	60,00,000
2	**Donation for Adopt A Book Scheme**	
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	90,000
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	1,00,000,
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	10,000
	Mr Raamesh Gowri Raghavan	10,000
	Ashok Shantaram chandorkar	1,00,000
	Makarand M. Sahasrabudhe	10,000
	Viren De Sa (Zamorin of Bombay Tours)	10,000
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	1,30,000
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	2,80,000
	Roshnee Raj Kaul	10,000
		7,50,000
3	**Donation for ASM Literary Club**	
	Meenal Eknath Kshrsagar	25,000
4	**Donation for Books Mainteance & I T upgradation**	
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	25,000
5	**Donation for Staff Welfare Fund**	
	Meenal Eknath Kshrsagar	1,00,000
6	**Donation Wards Map Exhibition**	
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	3,20,000
7	**Donation for Map Catalogue**	
	Ms Kalpana Devidas Sheth	10,00,000
8	**Donation for Library Improvement**	
	K B Doctor Trust Donation Fund	5,00,000
9	**Donation for Kshirsagar Apte Foundation for Research Jstor**	
	Kshirsagar Apte Foundation	1,50,000
10	**Donation for Mumbai Research Fund**	
	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited	1,96,000

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

LIST OF DONORS

Donations received during the period from 1.4.2022 to 31.3.2023

Sr No	Name of the Donors	Amount
11	**Donation for Restoration of Maps**	
		9,00,000
12	**General Donations**	
	Saraswat Co.Op. Bank Ltd.	12,000
	Rotary Club bombay charities trust no 3	25,000
	Navaz Boman Patack	20,000
	Riddhindra R Chaudhuri (Hamza chowdhary)	5,000
	Inking Innovations	10,000
	Rooshad Patel	30,000
	Sarmaya Arts Foundation (Sarmaya Talks)	15,000
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	Art Deco Mumbai Trust	15,000
	Meenal Eknath Kshirsagar	25,300
	Zubin Balaporia	50,000
	Pavitra Rajaram	30,000
	Mr Rishabh Mishra	6,000
	Mandit Sharadkumar Jain	5,000
	Noshir Jehangir Sethna	51,000
	Siddika Yoosutali chinwala	25,000
	Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy charity fund	3,00,000
	Rotary Club of bombay	22,000
		6,61,300
	Total Grant / Donations	**2,06,27,300**

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950
Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Growth Record- Wise Statement of Income and Expenditure
Registered No. E-1020 (Bom)

The Year ended	31-03-2013	31-03-2014	31-03-2015	31-03-2016	31-03-2017	31-03-2018	31-03-2019	31-03-2020	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	31-03-2023
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
INCOME:											
1 Interest/Dividend	37,22,158	52,26,935	54,07,605	63,39,490	94,78,007	92,42,019	92,17,143	93,23,716	92,86,374	89,42,000	65,36,766
2 Income from other sources	1,15,65,722	1,13,75,556	1,36,89,903	1,89,41,333	1,02,65,748	1,31,89,515	1,66,64,744	1,21,90,060	95,00,219	1,78,14,441	1,93,11,263
3 Closing stock of ASM Journals	10,585	10,572	435	401	454	429	349	343	469	461	453
4 Closing stock of Manusript Catalogue	64,865	61,916	53,978	51,483	51,030	49,896	48,129	47,930	48,988	48,535	48,308
5 Closing stock of ASM DVD		61,653	58,272	53,499	51,709	49,720	49,896	48,988	46,935	46,538	45,941
6 Closing stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		72,600	72,600	72,300	71,700	71,400	71,100	71,100	71,100	71,100	70,200
	1,53,63,330	1,68,09,232	1,92,82,793	2,54,58,506	1,99,18,648	2,26,02,979	2,60,51,361	2,16,82,137	1,89,54,085	2,69,23,075	2,60,12,931
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Income	1,53,63,330	1,68,09,232	1,92,82,793	2,54,58,506	1,99,18,648	2,26,02,979	2,60,51,361	2,16,82,137	1,89,54,085	2,69,23,075	2,60,12,931
EXPENDITURE:											
1 Establishment Expenses :											
(Salary & Wages)	41,70,790	44,94,981	50,25,071	50,26,337	60,38,228	56,04,002	51,99,183	54,16,569	53,83,484	57,15,844	82,17,086
2 General Expenses	24,97,415	20,24,845	18,64,631	29,25,134	34,25,251	30,15,578	41,64,491	34,94,104	13,35,120	15,38,276	33,42,252
3 Expenses on objects of the Trust	67,53,273	58,87,163	67,25,909	81,29,696	79,36,013	73,99,012	80,09,738	71,72,412	1,37,20,307	1,62,44,246	1,70,50,849
4 Opening stock of ASM Journals	10,549	10,585	10,572	435	401	454	429	349	343	469	461
5 Opening stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		64,865	61,916	53,978	51,483	51,030	49,896	49,896	48,988	48,988	48,535
6 Opening stock of ASM Journals/DVD			61,653	58,272	53,499	51,709	49,720	48,129	47,930	46,935	46,538
7 Opening stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar			72,600	72,600	72,300	71,700	71,400	71,400	71,100	71,100	71,100
8 Depreciation	26,50,937	29,61,634	33,81,356	37,59,303	41,16,455	38,71,850	42,83,656	45,98,360	42,42,076	43,04,734	42,84,910
Total	1,60,82,964	1,54,44,073	1,72,03,708	2,00,25,755	2,16,93,630	2,00,65,335	2,18,28,513	2,08,51,219	2,48,49,348	2,79,70,592	3,30,61,731
9 Excess of income over Expenditure	(7,19,634)	13,65,159	20,79,085	54,32,751	(17,74,982)	25,37,644	42,22,848	8,31,218	(58,95,263)	(10,47,517)	(70,48,800)
10 Less: Transfer to ASM Development Fund	-	5,00,000	10,00,000	30,00,000	-	20,00,000	40,00,000	-	-	-	-
11 Balance Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account	(7,19,634)	8,65,159	10,79,085	24,32,751	-	5,37,644	2,22,848	8,31,218	(58,95,263)	(10,47,517)	(70,48,800)

Registration No. **E-1020 (MUM)**

Name of the Public Trust **THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI**

For the year ending **31st March 2023**

Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trust Act.

(a)	Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules ;	Yes
(b)	Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts ;	Yes
©	Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts ;	Yes
(d)	Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by the auditor were produced before him ;	Yes
(e)	Whether a register of movable and immovable properties is properly maintained, the changes therein are communicated from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with ;	Yes
(f)	Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him ;	Yes
(g)	Whether any property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the trust ;	No
(h)	The amounts of outstandings for more than one year and the amounts written off, if any ;	No
(i)	Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding Rs. 5000/- ;	Yes
(j)	Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35 ;	No
(k)	Alienations, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of Section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditor ;	No
(l)	All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover monies or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure, omission, loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in the management of the trust ;	Nil
(m)	Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A ;	Yes
(n)	Whether the maximum and minimum number of trustees is maintained ;	Yes
(o)	Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument ;	Yes
(p)	Whether the minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained ;	Yes
(q)	Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust ;	No
(r)	Whether any of the trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust ;	No
(s)	Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit ;	N.A.

(t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner ; -

Arvind D. Bhorkar
Chartered Accountants
Membership No. 8317
UDIN : 23008317BHAFCQ6324

Mumbai : 14th August 2023

For Bhogilal C. Shah & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Firm's registration No. 101424W
Suril Shah
Partner
Membership No. 42710
UDIN : 23042710BGXSSV4908
Mumbai, 14th August 2023

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Budget Estimate 2023-24
Expenditure

Sr No	Particulars	Completed Year Figures 2022-2023 Rs.	Budget for 2023-24 Rs.
1	**Establishment expenses**		
1	Office Salaries & Allowances including Provident Fund	82,17,086	67,00,000
2	Provident Fund Contribution	-	
3	Group Insurance	-	
4	Festival Allowance	-	
	Total Establishment Expenses	**82,17,086**	**67,00,000**
2	**General Expenses**		
1	Stationery & printing	4,54,834	4,50,000
2	Postage	13,742	20,000
3	Conveyance	43,648	50,000
4	Telephone	20,379	50,000
5	Electricity	5,98,846	7,00,000
6	Repair & maintenance	8,99,355	5,00,000
7	Honorarium to auditors	30,000	30,000
8	Uniform to Staff	-	-
9	Washing Charges	35,850	40,000
10	Bank Charges	6,816	10,000
11	Rent for Ground Floor (Basement)	12	12
12	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,19,035	6,00,000
13	Safe Deposit locker Rent	16,756	17,000
14	Legal/Professional Charges	6,54,250	7,00,000
15	Certificate Course Expenses	-	-
16	Granth Sanjeevani Maintenance	-	-
17	Binding Material	48,729	50,000
	Total General Expenses	**33,42,252**	**32,17,012**
A	**From internal resources of ASM**		
1	ASM fellowship		50,000
2	Honorarium to Director P.V. Kane Institute	2,67,000	3,00,000
3	Printing of ASM Journals		1,70,000
4	Dr. P.V. Kane Institute Seminar/lecture	38,220	80,000
5	Cultural Activities	1,53,370	2,00,000
6	Tagore National Fellowship		-
7	Expenses on Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture		-
8	Opening Stock	1,66,634	1,64,902
	Total	**6,25,224**	9,64,902
	Total Expenses met from internal resources of ASM (A)	**1,21,84,562**	**1,08,81,914**

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Budget Estimate 2023-24
Expenditure

Sr No	Particulars	Completed Year Figures 2022-2023 Rs.	Budget for 2023-24 Rs.
I	***Grant from Govt. of India (Objects of the Trust)***		
I	**Purchase and Processing of periodicals**		
1	Purchase and Processing of periodicals	7,46,869	8,00,000
2	Salary purchase and Processing of periodicals	33,21,933	38,20,223
		40,68,802	**46,20,223**
II	**Purchase and Processing of Books**		
1	Purchase and Processing of Books	-	-
2	Salary purchase and Processing of Books	49,38,781	56,79,598
		49,38,781	**56,79,598**
III	**Expenses on Objects of the Trust**		
1	State Government Grant Expenditure on specified activities	-	75,00,000
2	Hand Book of Coin in possessionn of the society	-	1,20,000
3	Literary Festival	-	-
4	Critical Edition and Translation of MSS exp.	-	1,50,000
5	I.T. Upgradation	-	1,50,000
6	Upgradation of Office Equipments	-	-
7	Founders & Guardians of the Asiatic society of Mumbai	-	1,00,000
8	Library Improvement	-	2,40,000
9	ASM Club Activities	-	-
10	Publication of Fountains of South Mubai and Hindu Temples of Mumbai (Projects completed in 2013)	-	-
11	Publication of three volumes of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai in November 2021	-	-
12	Introducing RFID Systems	-	-
13	Outreach activities- Conducting workshops, seminar, lecture series	-	-
14	Society of Mumbai and at present given as a loan to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya		-
15	A Study of the Acient Temples in the Suburban Mumbai	-	-
16	Survey of Kundalika River Valley for documentation of Cultural Heritage	-	-
17	Documentation of cultural Heriage associated with Agashi Mahatirtha	-	-

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Budget Estimate 2023-24
Expenditure

Sr No	Particulars	Completed Year Figures 2022-2023 Rs.	Budget for 2023-24 Rs.
18	**Infrastructural & Cataloguing Projects at the Asiatic:**		
	a) Re-envisioning the Storage in Special Colleections	-	-
	b) Comprehensive Cataloguing of Artefacts	-	-
	c) The Storage of Manuscripts	-	-
	d) Maps Catalogue	-	-
	I+II+III	-	**82,60,000**
	Total Objects of the Trust (A+B+C)	**90,07,583**	**1,85,59,821**
IV	**Microfilming Lab related**		
1	Microfilming lab. Staff salary	38,75,924	44,57,313
	Total Microfilming lab.	**38,75,924**	**44,57,313**
V	**Conservation Lab related:**		
1	Conservation lab. Staff Salary	35,82,267	41,19,607
2	Conservation lab. Chemicals	1,01,988	1,00,000
3	Conservation Lab. Tissue Paper	24,497	30,000
	Total Conservation lab.	**37,08,752**	**42,49,607**
	Total Plan Grant from GOI	**2,87,76,821**	**3,81,48,655**
5	**Provision for Contingency**	-	**5,00,000**
	Grand Total Expenditure (1 to 5)	**2,87,76,821**	**3,86,48,655**
	(Deficit)/ Surplus before depreciation	**(27,63,890)**	**2,41,345**
6	**Depreciation**	**42,84,910**	**-**
	Grand Total Expenditure (1 to 6)	**3,30,61,731**	**3,86,48,655**
	(Deficit)/ Surplus after Depreciation	**(70,48,800)**	**2,41,345**

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Budget Estimate 2023-24
Income

Sr No	Particulars	Completed Year Figures 2022-2023	Budget for 2023-24 Rs.
1	Interest & Dividends		
a	Interest on Fixed Deposit/bonds (Corpus)	54,43,940	72,50,000
b	Interest on Reserve fund (Units/bonds)	8,31,547	9,00,000
c	Interest on Saving account	2,61,279	3,00,000
d	Interest on Investments of Bicentenary Surplus		
	Total Interest & Dividends	**65,36,766**	**84,50,000**
2	**Income from Other Sources Subscription from:**		
a	Resident members Subscription	5,27,040	6,00,000
b	Non-Resident Members Subscription	11,831	30,000
c	Indian student memb. Sub.	10,330	10,000
d	Grantha Sanjeevani Membership	4,79,000	5,00,000
e	Membership Subscription Arrears	37,750	6,000
f	Reader members Subscription	54,144	60,000
g	Temporary Membership	37,260	40,000
h	Kane Institute PHD Reg Fees	2,72,130	1,50,000
i	Membership Cards	2,585	1,000
j	Xerox Charges	4,899	5,000
k	Membership Forms	5	1,000
l	Copy of rules and regulation	-	2,000
m	Fine for late return of books	48,404	20,000
n	Sale of journals	1,26,105	1,50,000
o	Miscellaneous income	1,54,064	2,00,000
p	General donation	6,61,300	15,00,000
q	Grant from Central Government	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
r	Grant from State Government	-	1,00,00,000
s	Sale of Scrap	56,502	15,000
t	Grant in aid from Mumbai Municipal Corporation	60,00,000	60,00,000
u	Administration Charges for Endowment Funds	8,27,914	10,00,000
v	Diplomat Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	-	-
w	Closing Stock	1,64,902	1,50,000
x	Grant for Tagore National Fellowship	-	-
	Total Income from Other Sources	**1,94,76,165**	**3,04,40,000**
	Grand Total Income (1+2)	**2,60,12,931**	**3,88,90,000**
	(Deficit)/ Surplus	**(70,48,800)**	
	Grand Total Income (1+2)	**2,60,12,931**	**3,88,90,000**

CERTIFICATE FOR THE MOVABLES OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Date: 14/08/2023

The total number of manuscripts is 2,847 and printed 'pothis' are 293. A detailed catalogue of all the manuscripts and printed 'pothis' is available in "A Catalogue of the Manuscripts and Printed Pothis at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai (updated till 2012)"

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya *(formerly The Prince of Wales Museum)* has sent a letter dated 14th June 2023 stating that the artefacts given on loan to the Museum and the antiquities mentioned in the lists previously sent are in order.

Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande
Hon. Secretary

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
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