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Action taken report with reference to the Annual Report and Resolutions of the 214th AGM held on Saturday, 25th August, 2018

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, 2018:

A The following are the compliances with reference to the Resolutions from the Managing Committee (*which were placed under AGM Item No.8*):

Resolution No.6A:

The resolution No.6A, which was moved in the AGM, *for conferring the Honorary Fellowship of the Society on eight distinguished scholars*, was unanimously passed by the House. They were conferred the Society's Honorary Fellowship on the Foundation Day of the Society celebrated on 26th November 2018:

- i. Dr. Faisal Devji (*in absentia*)
- ii. Dr. Jyotindra Jain (*in absentia*)
- iii. Gulzar (*in absentia*)
- iv. Dr. Jim Masselos
- v. Dr. Vijaya Mehta
- vi. Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna
- vii. Dr. Usha Thakkar
- viii. Dr. Farokh E. Udwadia

B. Members Resolution:

No resolutions were received from the members of the Society.

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THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

The Society, established in 1804, completed 214 years on 26th November, 2018. At the time of writing the report in the last week of July, 2019, on behalf of the Managing Committee, we are happy to place on record the events and developments that have taken place in the last twelve months from August 2018.

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Members will be happy to note that this has been a busy year for the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. Our endeavours through the year have been based on the assumption that more the activities, greater is the potential for growth.

In the pages that follow, the reports of the various sub-committees will give details of the activities undertaken through the year, which will also be indicative of the interest and effort displayed by the members of these sub-committees, which must be acknowledged.

This introductory section needs to highlight a remarkable event – the first of its kind – initiated by the Asiatic Society of Kolkata. It organised a Global Meet of various Asiatic Societies on 16 February 2019. The Asiatic Society of Mumbai was represented by the Honorary Secretary, Prof (Mrs) Vispi Balaporia, and Dr Suraj Pandit, Managing Committee member. The Asiatic Societies of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Malaysia had also sent their representatives, while the Asiatic Society of Japan, and the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland participated via Skype. Dr Shравan Kumar represented the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in his capacity as Joint Secretary. It is to be hoped that the Asiatic Society of Mumbai can take over the responsibility to organise a similar Global Meet, besides playing a role in the sharing of resources through technology, encouraging an exchange of scholars, and holding other collaborative ventures. Bringing together various Asiatic Societies at the international level was a worthwhile reminder that we should not restrict ourselves to narrow geographical confines.

A common concern that was expressed by most of the representatives at the Global Meet (barring the host Asiatic Society) was the paucity of funds. This has been a tune that we have been singing in every annual report, but remains a fact that cannot be ignored. Yet, we have been able to take up projects and fulfil many of our expectations, thanks to donors who have stepped forward to help us out. In our acknowledgements we have thanked each of these, besides recording the extent of their help.

The Library Digitization Project, which was started four years ago, is ready to enter its Second Phase. The efforts of the LDP Committee in planning and overseeing this project are truly commendable. Though much has been achieved, a lot remains to be done, and it is essential to keep this project going. A notable achievement is the success of our Web Portal, Granth Sanjeevani. It has now attracted institutional membership as well.

The Publication Committee is undertaking new projects besides completing the ones in hand, thus fulfilling the objectives for which the Society had been formed 215 years ago.

Another interesting development that needs to be highlighted is the increasing interest evoked in our map collection. Under 1.1, detailed information pertaining to the Irish Ambassador, Mr. Brian McElduff's visits to the Asiatic Society has been given. We must acknowledge here that we are indebted to our Trustee, Mr. Cyrus Guzder, for being

instrumental in directing Mr. McElduff to our map collection. Ms. Amalina Dave, who has been appointed on contract to restore our old books and maps has also kept in touch with Mr. McElduff in connection with the maps. Recently, we received 60 maps from the Trustees of the Estate of late Foy Nissen, which have augmented the value of our collection.

We are grateful to the Trustees of the Estate of late Mr. Foy Nissen for their generous donation to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Library collection, consisting of 841 books, periodicals and journals, some pamphlets, brochures, and maps, as well as audio material which includes cassettes and records. They have also donated a sum of Rs.1 Lakh to enable the Society to appoint contractual staff in order to undertake the cataloguing and indexing of the material received.

The Rotary Club of Bombay and the members of its Urban Heritage Committee have provided periodic funding to several pressing needs of the Society. These include contributing towards the maintenance of cleanliness, upgrading the Conservation Laboratory, and promoting the Adopt-a-book scheme. They have also worked towards increasing the membership of the Society. Due recognition needs to be given to the renovation of the Society's office space. Planned with the inputs and supervision of our Conservation Architect Sheetal Gandhi, the office can now claim to be a heritage piece in itself, providing a conducive ambience to work in.

It needs to be mentioned that several other sections of the Society's premises need similar sprucing up: the Library Main Hall, the Periodicals Room, the Research Room, the Kane Room. For taking up these, other avenues must be tapped, such as CSR funds of corporates.

During the year under review, a one-day workshop on Digitisation Standards & Workflows for the Cultural Heritage was jointly organized by Asiatic Society of Mumbai and the British Library, London on 5th February, 2019.

The Society is grateful to all the donors, whose names appear under the List of Donors elsewhere in the Report.

During the year under review, Mr. Yogesh Kamdar has been re-nominated as the representative of the Society on the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (Museum) Board for the next term of three years commencing from 28th December, 2018.

The appointment of the Director of the Kane Institute, Dr.Parineeta Deshpande has been extended for another two years w.e.f. 1st April 2019.

1.1 Visits of some notable individuals during the year:

Mr. Brian McElduff, Ambassador of Ireland:

The Ambassador of Ireland, Mr. Brian McElduff, visited the Society on 7th September, 2018 to see the Map Collection of the Society. He was accompanied by the Head of the Irish Consulate General in Mumbai, Ms. Farzeen Billimoria. They were welcomed by the President, Mr. S.G. Kale, and the Librarian, Dr. Maya Avasia, and given a tour of the Library. Ms. Amalina Dave was also present and the visitors found her to be very knowledgeable about the maps. She drew their attention to some excellent maps, traces and sketches of the Indian coastline going back to the 17th century. They were also shown a Buddhist scripture dating back to over a 1000 years.

Mr. McElduff was so pleased with the efforts undertaken to preserve and restore the maps in the Society's collection, that he paid a second visit to the Society on 19th July 2019. On this

occasion he presented maps pertaining to India dating from 1690 from his personal collection, with an assurance that he would be presenting some more before his departure from India in a few months when his posting in India ends. He was also keen on participating in an exhibition of his maps, if it could be organised at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

Mr. Arun Goel, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, visited the Society on 8th October, 2018:

Mr. Arun Goel, who has succeeded Mr. Raghvendra Singh, as Secretary (Culture), visited a number of institutions under the Ministry of Culture, in Mumbai, on 8th October, 2018. He spent about an hour at the Society and viewed a presentation on the Web Portal, 'Granth Sanjeevani. A copy of the book 'The Collected Works of J. V. Naik', published by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, was presented to Mr. Goel on behalf of the Society. He was also given a letter reiterating the request for augmentation of the annual grant from Rs.1 Crore to 1.5 Crore, release of further instalment of the Corpus Grant and recognition of the Society as an Institution of National Importance.

Visit of a team from Hermès:

A team from Hermès visited the Society on 29th October, 2018 to see the books adopted by them for conservation. They were welcomed by Dr. Maya Avasia, Librarian. They were very happy to see the conservation process and the finished products, and evinced interest in adopting maps for conservation.

Visit of Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe:

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, M.P., Rajya Sabha; Chairman, The Indian Council of Cultural Relations; and former Vice President of the Society, visited the Society on 9th February, 2019. He was shown the new Mobile Racks recently installed in the basement with the help of a generous donation from a philanthropic individual. He was also shown the process of conservation of old books which are in need of restoration, and digitization of books chosen under the Library Digitization Project, undertaken with the help of a generous grant of Rs.5 Crore from the Government of Maharashtra. He was informed about the installation of a Lift, with the help of a donation from Mariwala Charities and MMRDA. He was shown the ongoing renovation work of the office space near the Durbar Hall, made possible thanks to the financial assistance of Rotary Club of Bombay. He was also shown the souvenirs which have been prepared, based on old and rare books in the holding of the Society as well as vintage photographs of the Town Hall. He appreciated the efforts being made by the Society to augment its own revenues. He observed that, though they may not be money-spinners, they demonstrate the keenness of the Society to raise resources from various avenues.

Dr. Sahasrabuddhe was kind enough to convey his readiness to give an amount of Rs.25 Lakh to the Society from the MPLAD funds and suggested that the Society may send an appropriate proposal at the earliest. He also mentioned that if the Society organizes any international event, seminar, exhibition or conference, financial assistance can be given by ICCR of which he is the Chairman.

1.2 The Society regrets the passing away of the following members:

Ajit Mahadevan, Life Member of the Society, passed away on 5th October, 2018, at the age of 49. Mr. Mahadevan joined Acumen as Country Director in 2014. He held multiple leadership roles across sectors like strategy, M&A and business leadership, wherein he contributed to Social Investment, Impact India, Aangan, etc. Lately, his association as a partner with Bridgespan spanned a variety of interests and policy matters.

Dr. Shrinivas H. Ritti, awardee of Campbell Memorial Gold Medal (2013-2015), passed away on 15th August, 2018, at the age of 89 years. He was a renowned epigraphist, a reputed scholar in Indology, and a teacher par excellence of Ancient Indian History and Epigraphy. In

recognition of his outstanding scholarship, Prof. Ritti received several national and state awards and honours, which include among others, the prestigious Campbell Gold Medal.

Mr. Arun Laxman Bongirwar, who had played an important role in facilitating the grant of Rs.5 Crore from the Government of Maharashtra towards the Library Digitization Project, passed away on 14th December, 2018, at the age of 75 years. Although he was not a member of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, his friendly assistance was invaluable in resolving some of the difficult administrative and technical issues which had been raised about releasing the Grant of Rs.5 Crore, announced by the State Finance Minister, for the Library Digitization Project. Without his constructive mediation with the State Government authorities, it would have been next to impossible to get this Grant released in full to the Society. Mr. Arun Bongirwar was a member of the 1966 batch of the Indian Administrative Service, Maharashtra Cadre. During his career, he served in Western Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Marathwada and Konkan. He served in the Industries Department in the Government of Maharashtra and MSSIDC for many years, during which he succeeded in attracting investment to the backward areas of Maharashtra. He served as Secretary to Chief Minister from 1995-1999, as Chief Secretary from 1999 to 2001, and retired as Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust. During his service career and after retirement he was associated with many well-known non-governmental organizations.

Dr. Irvatham Mahadevan, Campbell Medal Awardee, passed away on 26th November, 2018, at the age of 88 years. Dr. Mahadevan was an epigraphist and civil servant, known for his successful decipherment of Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions and for his expertise on the epigraphy of the Indus Valley Civilisation. His interest and subsequent research on the Tamil-Brahmi script was prompted by a casual suggestion by the historian K.A. Nilakanta Sastri during a meeting in 1961. That interest never flagged and resulted in the only available corpus of the Indus Script in the oeuvre *The Indus Scripts: Texts, Concordance and Tables* (1977). A recipient of several honours, he received the Padma Shri in 2009, and the Tolkappiyam Award for Lifetime achievement in classical Tamil in 2010. The Asiatic Society of Mumbai had conferred on him the Campbell Memorial Gold Medal (2010-2012) in November 2014. His death has left a vacuum in Epigraphical Research.

Mrs. Nancy Rusi Daruwala passed away on January 4, 2019 after a prolonged illness. She had been a member of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai since 1976. She had worked as the Assistant Programme Officer in India's prestigious National Centre for the Performing Arts, in-charge of planning and coordinating programmes and performances of national and international musicians, theatre artists, musical groups, symphony orchestras. She interacted daily with world-famous western musicians, theatrical groups as also doyens of Indian Hindustani and Carnatic music and dance. This helped awaken in her a life-long interest in western classical as also Indian classical music. She had the 'common touch' and was equally comfortable in the company of diplomats, statesmen and world-famous artistes as the street vendors, the poor and the physically or mentally challenged.

Darryl D'Monte, a life member of the ASM, passed away on 16th March, 2019. He will be remembered for his fearless approach to journalism, and for displaying courage in reporting stories that spoke on behalf of the underprivileged. He undertook trips fraught with danger so that he could provide first-hand information to his readers. He served as Editor of the *Sunday Review*, the magazine section of the *Times of India*, and later as Resident Editor of the *Indian Express*. Senior journalists recall with gratitude the faith he put in them to cover challenging stories that gave them the start they needed for their careers. As one headline fittingly summed it up, he was a brave journalist and a gentleman. He assuredly leaves a vacuum in the world of journalism.

Mr. Girish Karnad, Honorary Fellow of the Society and a renowned playwright, poet, actor and director, passed away on 10th June 2019, at Bengaluru, at the age of 81. He has been regarded as the greatest Kannadiga of his age. His plays were impressively wide in their thematic and temporal range. Besides being an outstanding actor and an accomplished Director, he proved an able administrator when he headed the Film and Television Institute of India in Pune, the Sangeet Natak Akademi in New Delhi, and the Nehru Centre in London. As a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, he studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics for his Master's degree. As a visiting Professor and Fulbright Scholar, he was in residence at the University of Chicago in 1987-88. His death is a tremendous loss not only to Indian theatre and cinema but to the entire country.

Dr. Sadashiv Gorakshkar, former Member of the Society, passed away on 13th July 2019, at the age of 86. He was one of the architects of the modern museum movement. The museum movement, as well as the city's heritage movement, have suffered a serious blow with the passing of Dr. Sadashiv Gorakshkar. He was the former Director of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, formerly known as the Prince of Wales Museum. His association with the Museum began in 1964 when he was appointed as Assistant Curator. He proved to be an apt student, gaining important insights under Dr. Moti Chandra and Karl Khandalvala, both well-established scholars in the field of Indian art and culture. He became the Museum's Director in 1975, and continued in that position until his retirement in 1996. Shri Gorakshkar may rightly be considered as one of the architects of the modern museum movement in India.

Prof. J.V. Naik, Life Member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Society, passed away on 22nd July 2019. Professor Naik completed his post-graduation in history from the University of Bombay in 1960. He began his teaching career at the Elphinstone College in 1960 and also taught at the Ismail Yusuf College. He retired as Professor and Head of the Department of History at the University of Mumbai, ending a teaching career of thirty-five years. He was the General President of the Indian History Congress in 2007, the highest honour accorded to an Indian historian by his fellow practitioners. Professor Naik has written extensively in English and Marathi on the history of Mumbai, Maharashtra, and western India. His research papers have been published in a number of research journals and as contributions to edited volumes. A selection of his research papers was published in 2016 by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai under the title *The Collected Works of J V Naik: Reform and renaissance in nineteenth century Maharashtra*. His gentle and erudite personality will be missed by his colleagues, friends and students.

Mr. Raja Dhale, a prominent leader of the Ambedkarite movement, passed away in Mumbai at the age of 79 years on 16th July 2019. He was born on 30th September, 1940 at Nandre in Sangli District. He pursued his higher education in Mumbai. He was a Life-Member of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai since 1998.

Raja Dhale was an exponent of Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts as well as an erudite scholar of Buddhism. He was a firebrand orator and a ruthless critic of the elite and the establishment in Marathi literature. He spearheaded the movement of 'Little Magazine'. He was co-founder of Dalit Panther, though he later moved away from using the word 'dalit'. He played a leading role in the agitation about Dr. Ambedkar's book "Riddles in Hinduism" and agitation for renaming the Marathwada University after Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. He was a versatile person – a poet, a painter and translator. His death is a great loss to the Dalit Movement and Marathi literature."

2 PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE GRANT

The Society has undertaken projects from the Plan Grant-in-aid received from the Ministry of

Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The details of the on-going projects which are now in the process of completion are given below:

- A. **On-going projects undertaken from the Plan Grant-in-aid of the Ministry of Culture**
i. Critical Edition and Translation of Manuscripts in the Holdings of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai:

Four Manuscripts from the collection of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai were selected to be critically edited and translated. The project commenced in December 2008 under the auspices of Dr. MM PV Kane Institute. The manuscripts chosen for study are as follows:

SahyadriKhaṇḍa which is further divided into four segments:
Purvārdha, Uttarārdha, Āmaligrāma Māhātmya (Ādi Rahasya) and Reṇukā Mahātmya of the Skandapurāṇa;
Svayambhu Purāṇa;
Sukṛta Sāgara;
Verula Mahātmya

The Team comprises the following Members:

Dr. A. P. Jamkhedkar, M.A., Ph.D., Project Supervisor and Editor
Dr. A. A. Jamkhedkar, M.A., Ph.D., Jt. Editor
Dr. Ambarish Khare, M.A., Ph.D., Jt. Editor
Dr. S. A. Pandit, M.A., Ph.D., Project Coordinator and Hon. Researcher
Dr. Prachi Moghe, M.A., Ph. D., Hon. Researcher
Dr. Seema Sontakke, M.A., Ph.D., Research Fellow
Ms. Prachi Chaudhari, M.A., Research Assistant
Ms. Radha Sabnis, M.A., Research Assistant

Following are the details of the work done till date:

Verula Mahātmya was published in November 2018. It includes an introduction, a critical edition of the text, translation in English of the text, and a glossary.

SahyadriKhaṇḍa – (Purvārdha & Uttarārdha): Eight manuscripts were available for the preparation of the critical edition. Each Manuscript contains about 86 chapters, 210 folios, and 4618 verses. All Mss. are collated. The work of critical text of Chapters 1-22 and 30 to 40 has now been completed. A cultural study of the work has also been taken up.

Sahyādrīkhaṇḍa – Āmaligrāma Māhātmya: Nine manuscripts were available for the preparation of the critical edition. Each Manuscript contains 35 chapters, 65 folios, and 676 verses. By July 2019, critical text, translation and glossary was completed. The Introduction is being prepared. By the end of August 2019, the press-ready copy will be submitted.

Sahyādrīkhaṇḍa - Reṇukā Māhātmya: Twelve manuscripts were available for the preparation of the critical edition. Each Manuscript contains 66 chapters, 165 folios and 3500 verses. Seven Manuscripts were collated by July 2019. Work of collating the Ms. G, which is in Newari script, is in progress. The Translation of the text has been completed.

Svayambhu Purāṇa: Seven manuscripts were available for the preparation of the critical edition. Each Manuscript contains 10 chapters, 141 folios, and 1755 verses. The work of Editing the Critical Text and the Translation has been completed.

Sukṛta Sāgara: Five manuscripts were selected for the preparation of the critical edition. Each Manuscript contains 1456 verses and about 110 folios. The work of Editing the Critical

Text and the Translation is in progress.

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

Dr. Shailendra Bhandare, who is working on the project Handbook of Gold Coins, visited the Society on 7th January 2019 and met the President of the Society to finalise some issues pertaining to the Handbook of Coins. The President conveyed to Dr. Shailendra Bhandare on 28th February, 2019 the decision of the Managing Committee that Dr. Bhandare should be requested to send a camera ready copy to the Society as soon as possible. On 24th May 2019, the President again sent an email to Dr. Bhandare enquiring when the Society could expect to receive a 'camera ready' text of the Handbook. In his reply dated 3rd June 2019, Dr. Bhandare has stated that the images of the coins that were sent to him are not of the desirable resolution or quality to be incorporated in a manuscript which is supposed to be 'camera ready.' He has, therefore, suggested reshooting the coins selected as illustration in the manuscript. The process for implementation of this requirement is now being undertaken.

B. **Monographs published**

During the year, the Society has published monographs on three more Founders and Guardians of the Society. These were released on the Foundation Day of the Society. The following are the details of these monographs:

- i. Major General Vans Kennedy (1783-1846) by Madhavi G.R. Kamat
- ii. Captain James Macmurdo (1785-1820) by Kunjlata Shah
- iii. Arthur Bedford Orlebar (1810-1866) by Vrunda Pathare

C. **Status of other publications:**

- i. The Antiquities of Sopara:
As the scope of this project has been widened, new material is being compiled.
- ii. Hindu Temples of Mumbai: A Sociological Perspective:
Dr. Usha Vijailakshmi is revising the draft by revisiting the temples that she has surveyed. Once this is completed, she will be in a position to finalise the draft.

3. **STAFF WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairperson: Mr. S.G. Kale

Convenor : Mr. Sunil Bhirud

The Society has paid the increase in D.A. to its employees. As per the Staff Welfare Scheme, an amount of Rs.2,000/- per annum is being paid to each employee for reimbursement of the medical expenses incurred for themselves or their family members.

Staff Welfare Fund:

The Staff Welfare Fund, which was established in 1996 with the aim of providing immediate monetary assistance to meet the financial needs of the employees, has disbursed an amount of Rs.10,35,000/- in the form of loan to be recovered in 12 equal instalments to the deserving staff members towards medical expenses, college education and house repairs.

As regards the implementation of the Recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission, the Managing Committee took note of the humanitarian and financial aspects involved for implementing these recommendations. However, it was decided that further efforts needed to be made to increase the Society's Corpus. The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, would be requested to constitute a committee comprising Group of Officers, to decide on quantum of additional Grant to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission, as the Managing Committee was in favour of implementing the 7th Pay Commission, if additional Grant was provided by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **Stock Taking:**

The collection of The Asiatic Society Library comprises books, bound volumes of periodicals, govt. reports, Bombay gazette, report of the administration, and newspaper files.

In accordance with the Resolution No. 4 (IV) of the Managing Committee meeting dated 11-07-1963, the stock of the Society's Library is to be verified physically during the period of stock-taking. The period for this year was January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2019 (Both days inclusive)

This year the library's book collection with Dewey decimal classification nos. (000-999) was verified against their shelf slips. There are 390 files containing these shelf slips.

Five groups were constituted and each group was allotted 78/79 files. 1,20,932 books were checked of which 319 were untraced.

A likely explanation for this is that books have not been shelved in their designated place; and old books which have been removed for digitization are not yet shelved. However, efforts to trace these 319 volumes have started. Till date, 45 books have been traced, and efforts are continuing to trace the remaining books.

4.2 **Library Digitization Project:**

The main objective of the project is to preserve and conserve old, rare and valuable books from our Library. The Library Digitization Project has progressed successfully within the set timelines. So far, the Society has digitised 25,800 books, 2,462 manuscripts and 1,601 maps under the Phase-I of this project.

Microfilming and Scanning progressed simultaneously in the overall project. Issues of *The Times of India* up to 1923 were effectively microfilmed, and issues up to 1896 were uploaded on the Web Portal Granth Sanjeevani. This was undertaken through the Grant of Rs.15 Lakh received from the Saraswat Bank. In addition, the Society received an effective response to our call for donations for the digitization efforts. The notable donors were: Brihat Bharatiya Samaj, H.T. Parekh Foundation, Observer Research Foundation and Hermes, among others. Digitization of books that were to be undertaken under the various donations has been completed. For research purposes, the Society will provide digital image in required size and resolutions to the researchers on a chargeable basis.

Institutional Memberships for Granth Sanjeevani are open, and we are receiving sustained support in this endeavor. In future, Granth Sanjeevani can be made available to daily members too. Separate computers will be kept to give the daily members a temporary access to Granth Sanjeevani at an additional per-day fee.

Since the original manuscripts have become very fragile it was decided that only the digital version of any manuscript be made available to researchers instead of the original one. This will result in more effective preservation of valuable manuscripts.

A workshop on 'Digitisation Standards and Workflows for Cultural Heritage' was held on 5th February 2019 at the Durbar Hall as a joint venture between the Asiatic Society of Mumbai and the British Library. In this workshop, a detailed presentation on Granth Sanjeevani was made. The workshop essentially focused on the nuances of OCR, and proved very useful to the participants. KOHA database is on Cloud server now, and the Web OPAC is available to the Society's members 24x7.

4.3 **Publications Committee Report:**
Chairperson: Dr. Meena Vaishampayan

The Publications Committee oversees the publication projects of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. Many of these publications are funded by the Vimal Shah Endowment which was instituted in 2014. In 2018–19, the following books were published under the supervision of the Publications Committee.

1. *J R B Jeejeebhoy's Bombay Vignettes: Explorations in the History of Bombay* (edited with an introduction by Murali Ranganathan) was released on 3 November 2018 at a well-attended event by Mr. Neville A. Mehta, Chief Executive, Bombay First. Dr. Dinyar Patel, Assistant Professor of History, University of South Carolina, USA delivered the keynote lecture. *Bombay Vignettes* is a selection of J R B Jeejeebhoy's writings on Bombay. Drawing on a wide range of printed and manuscript sources, Jeejeebhoy paints a vivid picture of the city. His subjects include historical vignettes and contemporary images of the city; its public institutions, especially those associated with the law and judiciary; famous Bombay denizens like Pherozeshah Mehta, Rudyard Kipling, and James Mackintosh; and the relationship of the Parsi community to the city. It has been well received in the popular market and appreciated by scholars. The book has received a good coverage from the press including the *Indian Express* (3 December 2018) and the *Parsiana* (21 December 2018) which featured the book on the cover. Kitab Khana hosted a promotion event for the book on 12 April 2019 when Naresh Fernandes, editor of *Scroll.in* was in conversation with the editor Murali Ranganathan.

2. *Prarthana Samajacha Itihas* by D. G. Vaidya (edited with annotations and introduction by Dr. Raja Dixit, retired Professor of History at Savitribai Phule Pune University) was released on 1 February 2019 at a special event held at the Durbar Hall of the Asiatic Society. Originally published in 1927, it is a comprehensive history of the Prarthana Samaj, an important religious and socio-cultural movement of Mumbai and western India in the nineteenth century and early decades of the twentieth century. This movement was initiated by the followers of the school of liberal thought. The book has been accorded a warm reception by readers, especially those with connections to the Prarthana Samaj. Another special event was organized at Pune in conjunction with the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute on 5th March 2019. The book was released by the chief guest, Dr Sadanand More. This event also received a tremendous response and drew a very large audience.

The other ongoing projects under the Vimal Shah Endowment Publication Series are as follows:

1. ***Collected works of Virchand Dharamsey*** (edited by Dr. Hemant Dave) was approved in December 2016. The project has reached an advanced stage and the editor has been requested to complete it at the earliest. It is hoped that the book will be published in 2019–20.

New projects approved during the year include the following publications:

1. ***Proceedings of the Literary Society of Bombay, 1804–1829*** (to be edited by Murali Ranganathan). The publication of the Proceedings will shed light on the early activities and growth of the Society and will provide source material for the history of the Society. The book will also contain a scholarly introduction contextualizing and elucidating the work and the early history of the Society.
2. ***Buddhaghosa*** by B C Law. This book, which was first published by the Asiatic Society in 1948, has been out of print for many decades, and the surviving copies are not in a good condition. It was therefore decided in May 2019 to reprint a facsimile of this book with an

introduction by an expert in early Buddhism. The target date to complete this project is December 2019.

3. ***The Bombay Builder: Mapping the growth of the city in the 1860s*** (to be edited by Murali Ranganathan). The book will be a selection of articles from *The Bombay Builder*, a monthly magazine dedicated to architecture and the building arts, which are directly related to the city of Bombay. Placed together and contextualized in an introduction, they will map the growth of the city in the 1860s, a period characterized by frenetic land reclamation and vigorous building activity. The book will include the drawings, perspectives and photographs which were part of the journal. It will bring many rare and hitherto inaccessible documents into the public domain.
4. ***Essays by A K Priolkar*** (to be edited by Dr Nitin Rindhe, Professor of Marathi at Chetana College). As the first phase of a proposed project to print the Collected Works of A K Priolkar, this book will be a selection of essays thematically arranged, such as biography and history.
5. ***Dadoba Pandoorung: Atmcharitra ani Charitra*** (to be edited by Dr. Meena Vaishampayan, researcher and author). This iconic Marathi autobiography (first published in 1948 under the editorship of A K Priolkar) will be republished with further annotations.

The Managing Committee handed over the responsibility of the on-going project of 'The Founders and Guardians of the ASM' to the Publications Committee in January 2019. Accordingly, the Committee reviewed the status of the project and resolved to culminate it with the publication of the monographs on the following subjects: **John Stevenson** by Ms. Mrinal Kulkarni; **Edward Rehatsek** by Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla; **A. M. T. Jackson** by Dr. Meena Vaishampayan; and, **John Wilson** by Prof. Vispi Balaporia. The authors requested time for the completion of their monographs and it is hoped that they will all be published in 2020.

The Collected Works of J V Naik (edited with an introduction by Murali Ranganathan), which was first published in November 2016 and reprinted in March 2018, continued to attract the attention of the academic press. Positive reviews of the book were published in journals such as *Studies in People's History* (by Irfan Habib), *Economic & Political Weekly* (by Prachi Deshpande), and *Loksatta* (by Shraddha Kumbhojkar). The Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation purchased 328 copies of the book for distribution to libraries in India.

On the recommendation of the Publications Committee, the Society appointed Rohan Prakashan, Pune as the distributor for its publications for a period of one year from 1 April 2019 on a trial basis.

4.4 **Dr. Aroon Tikekar Centre for Advanced Studies:**

Chairperson: Dr. Meena Vaishampayan
Convenor: Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat

The Dr. Tikekar Centre for advanced studies has carried on successfully its activities for the third year. The 2019 Fellowship was announced in December 2018. The Jury Panel chose the project submitted by Dr. Manjusha Deshpande from Kolhapur for this year's fellowship. Since this year's main theme was Culture, Dr. Manjusha Deshpande's topic is 'Forgotten food items: The impact of migration and urbanization.'

The annual function to award the Fellowship was held on 1st February 2019. Last year's awardee, Mr. Ajay Kautikwar, having completed his project, presented his observations and conclusions. Similarly, this year's awardee too spoke on her project with a power point presentation.

The Centre will announce the theme /topics for the Fellowship Award 2020 later in the year. It has also planned to hold some workshops/seminars for undergraduate/postgraduate students of History.

5. **SOCIETY'S FOUNDATION DAY** – Conferment of Honorary Fellowships and release of Monographs:

The 215th Foundation Day Programme of the Society was held on 26th November, 2018, in the Durbar Hall. Signora Stefania Costanza, Consul General, Consulate General of Italy, conferred the Society's Honorary Fellowships on the following eight Renowned Scholars:

- i. Dr. Faisal Devji (*in absentia*)
- ii. Dr. Jyotindra Jain (*in absentia*)
- iii. Gulzar (*in absentia*)
- iv. Dr. Jim Masselosv.
- v. Dr. Vijaya Mehta
- vi. Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna
- vii. Dr. Usha Thakkar
- viii. Dr. Farokh E. Udwadia

Thereafter, Signora Stefania Costanza released the following three Monographs on the Founders and Guardians of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai:

- I. Major General Vans Kennedy (1783-1846) by Madhavi G.R. Kamat
- ii. Captain James Macmurdo (1785-1820) by Kunjlata Shah
- iii. Arthur Bedford Orlebar (1810-1866) by Vrunda Pathare

On the occasion, the book 'Ghusumesakhyana or Verulamahatmya', edited with annotated translation by Arvind Jamkhedkar and Anuradha Jamkhedkar, was also released. Mr. S.G. Kale (I.A.S. Retd.), President of the Society, presided at the event. The programme was a great success.

On 12th December, 2018, Prof.Jyotindra Jain visited the Society to receive the Honorary Fellowship in person, which had been conferred on him in absentia on the Foundation Day. Prof. Jyotindra Jain expressed his appreciation, stating that a Fellowship from the Society was indeed a significant honour. He interacted with the members who had responded to a request to be present on the occasion.

Similarly, Dr. Faisal Devji also visited the Society on 20th December, 2018, and he was presented the Honorary Fellowship of the Society, which had been conferred on him in absentia on the Foundation Day. He too interacted with the members present on the occasion, while expressing his gratitude for the honour done to him.

On 23rd February, 2019, the President, the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla and Dr. Gita Kasturi, visited the residence of Shri Gulzar at Bandra, as a special case, and presented the Honorary Fellowship of the Society, which had been conferred on him in absentia on the Foundation Day. Shri Gulzar was the epitome of hospitality, and was profusely apologetic for the inconvenience he had caused. He assured the delegation that he would personally visit the Asiatic Society on a mutually convenient date.

The Society made arrangements to deliver the two medals / Citation of Honorary Fellows, to Late Prof. Pramod Chandra (medal and citation) and Dr. Carmel Berkson (medal) through Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar, who was visiting U.S.A. from 8th June to 23rd June 2019. The medals were delivered to Dr. Carmel Berkson and also to the wife of Late Prof. Pramod Chandra.

6. EVENTS

6.1 Endowment Lectures:

Chairperson: Ms. Sushama V. Dabak
Convenor: Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan

During the year, the Society held all the endowment lectures, except Prof. L.B. Kenny Endowment Lecture, which is held every alternate year. The lectures were delivered in the Durbar Hall of the Society by renowned speakers, specialists in their subject. All the lectures were well attended and appreciated. The details of the endowment lectures held during the year are given below:

i. Centre for Labour Studies Endowment:

Under the Centre for Labour Studies a performance on “Karl Marx in Kalbadevi” directed by Mr. Manoj Shah of Ideas Unlimited, was held on 8th December, 2018. The performance, enacted by Mr. Satchit Puranik, was brilliant, very thought-provoking, with lighter moments of humour, and much appreciated by the large audience, who did not want it to end.

ii. Dr. Mani Kamerkar Endowment Lecture:

The 13th Dr. Mani Kamerkar Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Akeel Bilgrami, Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy, Professor, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, on “Was there an Indian Secularism?” on 18th December, 2018. Mr. Shyam Benegal, Director and Screenwriter, presided at the lecture. The lecture gave much food for thought. The question-answer session, in which members of the audience participated, was quite animated.

iii. Durga Bhagwat Endowment Lecture:

The 8th Ms. Durga Bhagwat Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Kirit Mankodi, Art Historian, Archaeologist and Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society, on 'Plunder of India's Heritage' on 21st January 2019. Dr. Devangana Desai, Art Historian, Indologist and Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society, presided at the lecture. Dr. Desai's expertise in the field of Art History admirably supported Dr. Mankodi's revelations on the plunder of India's heritage.

iv. Justice K T Telang Endowment Lecture:

The 25th Justice K T Telang Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. P.J. Cherian, Director, PAMA, Institute for Trans-disciplinary Archaeological Science, Kerala, on 'Pattanam (Muziris) Evidence and the Presiding Role of the Indian Subcontinent in the First Trans-Oceanic Urban Revolution', on 28th January, 2019. The lecture was presided by Dr. Rukshana Nanji, Independent Researcher in Archaeology, whose expertise in the field highlighted the scholarly revelations presented by the speaker.

v. Mr. B.G. Deshmukh Endowment Lecture:

The 9th Mr. B.G. Deshmukh Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Harsh Mander, Human Rights Activist and Author, on “Partitions of the Heart: Unmaking the Idea of India”, on 13th February, 2019. The lecture was presided by Mr. Naresh Fernandes, Journalist and Author. The audience reacted intellectually and emotionally to the experiences Dr. Mander shared of the violence and suffering he had come across in his travels across the length and breadth of the country.

vi. Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Endowment Lecture:

The 21st Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Mustansir Dalvi, Professor, Sir J.J. College of Architecture, on “The Architecture of Cosmopolitanism: Reshaping Bombay's Public Realm in the 1930s and 1940s”, on 27th February, 2019. The lecture was presided by Mr. Vikas Dilawari, Renowned Conservation Architect, whose

remarks further illuminated the discourse presented by the speaker.

vii. **Smt. Nabdurga Banerji Endowment Lecture:**

The 29th Smt Nabdurga Banerji Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Upinder Singh, Professor of History, Ashoka University, Sonapat, on 'Women, Power and Violence: Perspectives from Ancient India', on 5th March 2019. Dr. Usha Vijailakshmi, Associate Professor & Head, Department of History, Patkar-Varde College, Mumbai, presided at the lecture. She commended the speaker on the depth of her scholarly research.

viii. **Smt. Bansari Sheth Memorial Lecture:**

The 26th Smt. Bansari Sheth Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Vrinda Grover, Lawyer, researcher, and human rights and women's rights activist based in New Delhi, on 'Impunity and Mass Crimes: Silences and Murmurs in Indian Jurisprudence,' on 22nd March, 2019. Adv. Sanjay Singhvi, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court, presided at the lecture. His vast experience in the field reinforced the alarming exposés presented by the speaker.

ix. **Prof. Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture:**

The 7th Prof Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture was delivered by Prof. Ganesh Devy, renowned Scholar and Linguist, on 'Diversity of Indian Languages', on 5th April, 2019. Mr. Jerry Pinto, Poet, novelist and translator, presided at the lecture, making it a scintillating experience for the audience.

6.2 **The 19th Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Endowment Youth Seminar:**

The 19th Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Youth Seminar was held on the theme 'Karl Marx Today' on Saturday, 8th December, 2018. The speakers were Shri Kumar Ketkar, Senior Journalist and Member, Rajya Sabha and Dr. Vivek Monteiro, Secretary, Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), Maharashtra. Prof. Kannamma Ramana (Retd.), Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Chaired the Seminar.

Two hundred years after his birth on 5th May 1818, the question arises whether Karl Marx has anything to say to us today. The world has changed a lot since Das Kapital. 'Capitalism' itself has acquired various forms giving rise to several questions. This Seminar sought answers to these questions. Though two hundred years is a distant past, Marxist thought remains with us through books and interpretations.

The two eminent speakers examined various aspects of Marx's philosophy for the benefit of the 75 young students accompanied by some teachers of various colleges of Mumbai. The seminar concluded with certificates being given to the participants.

6.3 **Programmes organised by the Mumbai Research Centre**

Chairperson: Mr. Yogesh Kamdar
Convenor: Dr. Kurush Dalal

The Mumbai Research Centre organized the following programmes:

i. **Celebrating Manto:**

This event was held on 10th August, 2018. The event details are as under:

A. Manto's Bombay Walk: Fiction and biography intermingled as a group of 40 participants, most of them students, explored Manto's Bombay with Rafique Baghdadi from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Starting from B. Merwan, outside Grant Road station (East) where Manto would surely have enjoyed brun maska-chai, the group wound its way through the place where the iconic Jyoti Studio once stood, on to the Lamington Road-Grant Road cinema district, past the

houses of the nautch girls, and on to the 'cages' where readers of Manto's short stories saw for themselves the world of pimps and prostitutes. Integral to Manto's Bombay was the political turmoil leading to independence. Hence a visit to Congress House and Jinnah Hall was inevitable. Amidst the crowded buildings of Arab Galli where Manto lived, the walk ended. The walk was well attended.

B. Manto Event: Later in the day, a large number of participants gathered in the Durbar Hall from 3 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. to listen to the Readings of two short stories: 'License' and 'Sone ki Angoothi' by Katha Kathan. This was followed by a talk on "Life in Words: Manto, Chughtai and Narratives of Dissent" by Dr. Paromita Chakrabarti; followed by a talk on "Remembering Manto" by Devendra Mohan. The highlight of the evening was a talk and presentation on "The Journey of making Manto" by Nandita Das. The programme was very well received.

- ii. **YE HAI BAMBAI MERI JAAN : Bombay in Bollywood songs:**
A programme titled 'YE HAI BAMBAI MERI JAAN: Bombay in Bollywood songs' was held on 14th December, 2018. The concept and presentation was done by Manek Premchand. The programme was hugely entertaining.
- iii. **Heritage Walk for the Medical Association:**
A Heritage Walk for the Medical Association was held on Sunday, 3rd February 2019. The walk was conducted by Ms. Alisha Sadikot. 33 persons (32 Non-Members and 1 Member) attended the walk. As a result of this walk, the Society has collected Rs.6,500/-.
- iv. **Modern Mumbai - Walking through the 20th Century:**
A walk titled 'Modern Mumbai – Walking through the 20th Century' was held on Sunday, 10th February, 2019. This walk was conducted by Ms. Alisha Sadikot, Founder & Facilitator, The Inheritage Project.
- v. **Saltpan Walk on 3rd March 2019:**
The Saltpan Walk was conducted on Sunday, 3rd March 2019 by Mr. Vinayak Parab, Member of the Mumbai Research Centre. The meeting point was Wadala Saltpans, at Shantinagar. The Wadala Salt pans is a unique ecosystem consisting of approximately 3,355 acres of land. Inscriptions in and around Mumbai tell us that these Salt pans have been in existence since ancient times and one can find the records of their revenue mentioned with figures in older texts. The Salt pan land in Mumbai was so important that the then kings used to donate this land with the hope of gaining merit. The Salt pans also played an important part in generating revenue during the rule of the Portuguese, British and Marathas. Besides their economic importance, they played a significant ecological role and there evolved a distinct culture based on the life-cycle revolving round the salt pans. However, all this is fast changing where the pressure for urban land is not only disturbing the ecological structure of the city but also an entire lifestyle and culture.
- vi. **Talk by Dr. Kurush F. Dalal:**
Dr. Kurush F. Dalal, Assistant Professor (Archaeology), Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, spoke on 'Hambirarao: A little known Medieval ruler of Mumbai,' on 8th March, 2019. The talk, presided by Dr. Tejas Garge, Director, Maharashtra State Department of Archaeology of Museums, drew a large audience.
- vii. **Screening of the Documentary Film 'The Circle':**
The film 'The Circle' (about 60 minutes) was screened on 15th March, 2019 in the Durbar Hall of the Society. This is a documentary film about the transformational power of yoga in treating drug addiction in the street children of Mumbai. The film focuses on the centre in Dharavi, which finds and takes in some of the most vulnerable members of society, ultimately reforming

their lives. Philippa Frisby is the Producer, Writer & Director of 'The Circle.' It is her first feature length documentary film. The screening of the film was followed by a Question-Answer Session.

vi. **Talk by Dr. Tejas Garge:**

A talk by Dr. Tejas Garge, Director, Maharashtra State Department of Archaeology of Museums, on 'Petroglyphs from the Konkan' was held on 19th July, 2019. The talk was presided by Dr. Kurush Dalal, Assistant Professor (Archaeology), Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, and it was very well attended.

6.4 **ASM Literary Club (LitClub) Programmes:**

Chairperson: Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher

Convenor: Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar

This has been a successful year for the ASM LitClub. Many interesting programmes were held, which were well attended by ASM members, as well as members of the public. The LitClub members interacted closely in making suggestions and discussing the merits of each suggestion before finalising each event.

i. **A talk on Yoga:**

On 13th August 2018, Mr. Vithal Nadkarni, a senior writer and columnist and a former science editor of the Times of India, gave a talk on 'The Practice of Yoga.' Mr. Nadkarni wears many hats, and also happens to be an initiated Hath Yogi with decades of practice and research in this area. He gave a practical demonstration of poses and kriyas called "Baby Simple" suitable for the 21st century to a rapt audience.

ii. **A conversation on Gardens of Love:**

On 1st November, 2018, a conversation on "Gardens of Love" written and illustrated by Meera Godbole-Krishnamurthy was held. This charming set of four interconnected stories follows the lives of the characters as they meander through the historic tombs of the Lodhi Garden in New Delhi, the magnificent ruins of the Roman Forum in Rome, the deliberately designed natural landscape of Central Park in New York City, and the topiary oddities of the Hanging Gardens in Mumbai. A selection of the exquisite pen and ink illustrations which form the narrative was also on view. The large audience especially appreciated the illustrations and the originality of the concept.

iii. **Talk by Dr. S.S. Dhaktode:**

On 20th November, 2018 a lecture by Dr. S.S. Dhaktode on his book Thomas Jefferson and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, was held. This is a comparative study of the two eminent political thinkers, an unusual and interesting subject. Thanks to his extensive research, Dr. Dhaktode was able to provide fresh insights into the similarities of ideas of these two great leaders, who came from widely differing social backgrounds and geographical regions. The talk was greatly appreciated.

iv. **Lecture by Ayesha Ramchandran:**

On 13th December, 2018, a lecture by Ayesha Ramchandran, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Yale University, was held. Prof. Ramchandran spoke on Preti Taneja's acclaimed recent novel **We That Are Young**.

v. **Talk by Ms. Indumati Raman:**

A talk on 'Bhagavata Mela' by Ms. Indumati Raman was held on 10th January, 2019. Bhagavata Mela is a temple dance-theatre tradition practised by Brahmin males in Thanjavur district. Dedicated to Sri Narasimha, an incarnation of Vishnu, the plays are rich in content-

classical dance, chaste Carnatic music, dialogue and rituals. The talk touched upon the history of Bhagavata Mela, with special reference to the contribution of the Thanjavur Maratha kings to this tradition. The talk, illustrated with slides, proved extremely informative and was greatly appreciated.

vi. **Talk by Dr. David Katz:**

A talk by Dr. David Katz on 'Digital Preservation of Sacred Sanskrit Manuscripts by the Muktabodha Indological Research Institute' was held on 22nd February, 2019. The Muktabodha Indological Research Institute (MIRI) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the preservation of endangered treasures of India's philosophical and scriptural heritage. The Institute seeks out and identifies ancient Sanskrit texts that may be at risk of destruction or permanent loss, or that may be in remote and inaccessible collections, and digitizes them. MIRI's digital library of sacred manuscripts offers the world the knowledge and profound wisdom contained within these texts, while safeguarding India's ownership of its rich and ancient scriptural heritage. The digitized texts are disseminated globally through its online digital library, without charge, thus providing the global community of Sanskrit and Indology scholars and enthusiasts with an invaluable resource for research and study. Dr. David M. Katz is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Muktabodha Indological Research Institute. He currently serves as President and Chairman of the Muktabodha Board. In his professional life, Dr. Katz is Professor of Neurosciences and Psychiatry in the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Katz's research focuses on developing treatments for genetic neuro-developmental disorders, and he is an award-winning lecturer in medical neurosciences. The talk drew a scholarly audience.

vii. **Talk by Professor Daniel Chartier**

The Literary Club collaborated with the Centre for European Studies, University of Mumbai, and held a talk on **Qumaq and Inuit literature: the recent emergence of a new literature from the Arctic** by Prof. Daniel Chartier of the Université du Québec à Montréal, on 28th February. Jerry Pinto, poet, novelist and translator, presided at the function. Few peoples live in the Arctic; some, like the Inuit, formerly called the Eskimos, represent the Arctic in the eyes of the rest of the world, not only because they occupy a large part of the territory, extending over many countries, but because their life symbolizes the universality of man's struggle for survival in a difficult climate. The works of Inuit authors and artists are part of a more general trend, that of "the imagined North." This imaginary North, mainly made by French, German, English and American authors, is the fruit of discourses accumulated for centuries. The emergence of an Inuit literature at the end of the 20th century allows us to rethink this imaginary. Some Inuit writers, including Taamusi Qumaq, allow us to access the Inuit point of view through literature, and to understand a culture so far seen only from the outside. Daniel Chartier is full professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Research Chair on Images of the North, Winter and the Arctic and Director of the International Laboratory for Comparative Multidisciplinary Study of Representations of the North. The talk was preceded by the release of the Marathi translation of the autobiography in French of a legendary Inuit leader Taamusi Qumaq, **Je veux que les Inuits soient libres**. This translation has been done by Prof. Jayant Dhupkar, EFLU and published by the Centre for European Studies, University of Mumbai. The audience found the lecture to be very informative and an eye-opener in the true sense of the term.

viii. **'Do Sitarein' a show in Hindi:**

A show in Hindi titled Do Sitarein was organized on 14th March, 2019. The show attempted to capture the quintessence of the literary stirrings of Sahir Ludhianavi and Shailendra. These two poets, who reigned supreme in Hindi cinema in the 1950s and '60s, distilled human experiences with rare sensitivity and reflected on life's myriad moods in their film songs, which succeeded in blending popular cinema with literature. To enhance their poetic wisdom, four

of their songs were played in the form of a "Medley" with total darkness in the auditorium, so that the audience could concentrate fully on the lyrics. Ambarish Mishra, senior journalist, hosted the show in Hindi. He has been chronicling Mumbai's popular culture for over four decades, and has been presenting and compering film song concerts for over 15 years. The credit for the concept and execution of the show goes to Prasad Phanse. The show was extremely well received.

ix. **Launch of a book in Marathi:**

The launch of the Marathi book Albert Camus: Navya Kshitijancha Shodh edited by Alok Oak, was held on 1st April, 2019. The book was released by Mr. Kiran Nagarkar, well known novelist, playwright, film and drama critic, and screenwriter. The programme was well attended.

x. **Release of Musalmani Mulkhatali Mushafari on 16th April 2019:**

Musalmani Mulkhatali Mushafari, a travelogue written in 1931 by Sripad Ramchandra Tikekar, was released by Mr. S.G. Kale, President of the Society, on 16th April, 2019. This 90-year old rare book has been republished, since it is not merely a travelogue but a socio-political documentation of people and places. Written in a lucid and lively manner, it was the outcome of Mr. S. R. Tikekar's travels to Peshawar, Quetta, and Tehran, as a special correspondent of the Kesari newspaper. These places were not on the popular travel map during that period, and this travelogue is probably the first of its kind in Marathi. Dr. Maneesha Tikekar, former Head, Department of Political Science, S.I.E.S. College, has provided a scholarly introduction to the new edition of the book along with extensive notes, thus making it more reader friendly. The programme was well attended, and the audience greatly appreciated Dr. Maneesha Tikekar's introductory comments.

xi. **Talk by Arun Naik on "My Encounters with Shakespeare":**

On 23rd April, Shakespeare's birth anniversary, a commemorative session titled **My Encounters with Shakespeare** by Arun Naik, author, publisher, theatre critic, director and translator, was held. In the course of his talk, Arun Naik discussed some major productions of Shakespearean plays and also critically analysed the Marathi translations of Hamlet, Macbeth and Othello. He also touched upon the controversial subject of whether the man from Stratford actually wrote the plays that have been attributed to him.

xii. **Lecture on Yoga and Meditation:**

On this year's International Day for Yoga, the LitClub organised an inspirational lecture on **Yoga, Meditation and its manifold benefits** by Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust, on 21st June 2019. A member of the Indian Administration Service (IAS), Mr. Sanjay Bhatia was earlier Chairman of City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and is a noted Sadhaka himself, with over 17 years of experience of meditation therapy for self-transformation and productivity enhancement. The talk focussed on a unique method of meditation based on the experience of inner awakening.

xiii. **A solo theatre piece titled "Cast Off All Shame":**

A solo theatre piece Cast Off All Shame was performed on 24th July, 2019. This is a thoughtful and humorous show that blends Bhakti poetry with stories of today's women. It has been written, directed and performed by Dr. Ulka Mayur, who is a writer, storyteller and a theatre practitioner based in Mumbai. The play begins with the spirit of Janabai taking over a radio show and playing an agony aunt to women in contemporary society. It is in response to the agonising stories of these women that Janabai speaks about the liberalising Bhakti movement, reciting poems of women mystic poets such as Karaikal Amaiyar, Soyarabai, Avvaiyar, Akka Mahadevi, and Lal Ded. Based on extensive research on the Bhakti movement and poetry, this piece unfolds identifiable stories and harbours hope for the culture

wherein all genders are equal and liberated in the true sense. Dr. Ulka Mayur is the co-founder and artistic director of the theatre company Story Circus.

6.5 **Programme to Award the Dr. Aroon Tikekar Fellowship and release of Prarthanasamajacha Itihas:**

The function to announce the 3rd Awardee of the Dr. Aroon Tikekar Fellowship (2019) was held on 1st February 2019, at 5.00 p.m. in the Durbar Hall of the Society. This year, the award was presented to Dr. Manjusha Deshpande on the recommendation of the Jury Committee. She gave a brief account of the subject chosen by her **Forgotten Food: Impact of Migration and Urbanization** and the methodology she will be following to explore it. This was followed by a presentation of the completed research project by the 2nd awardee, Mr. Ajay Kautikwar.

The Publications Committee decided to take advantage of this occasion to release the Society's publication प्रार्थना समाजचा इतिहास [Prarthanasamajachaitihas] (revised edition), edited by Dr. Raja Dixit. This important book by D.G. Vaidya was originally published in 1927 and was unavailable for many years. The Society published this under the scheme of reprinting rare and old books, which is funded by the 'Vimal Shah Memorial Fund.' Mr. S.G. Kale (I.A.S. Retd.), *President of the Society*, presided at this function and released the book. He pointed out that Dr. Raja Dixit, Editor of the revised edition, as well as members of the audience, many of whom had come from Pune, Ratnagiri, Wai and Satara, had observed that the project was a success, thanks to the zeal and the untiring efforts of Vice-President, Dr. Meena Vaishampayan. She had been in constant touch with the Editor and the publisher, India Printing Press and had personally supervised the indexing and the printing of the book. Dr. Raja Dixit had looked far and wide to bring the account of Prarthanasamaj up to date, and had provided 465 footnotes and an index, making the second edition a valuable source for research, apart from being a delight for readers.

The second edition owes its excellence mainly to Dr. Raja Dixit, Dr. Meena Vaishampayan and Dr. Anand Limaye of India Printing Works. It was announced that the book will also be released in Pune in collaboration with the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute. Unfortunately, Prof. J.V. Naik, Renowned Historian and Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Society, who had agreed to release the book, could not attend owing to ill health.

On 5th March 2019, in the spacious, comfortable hall of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), the **Prarthanasamajacha Itihas** was launched in Pune. No other institute could have been more suitable than the BORI for launching such an important, scholarly book. The Chief Guest was the well-known author, historian, and one of the Trustees of BORI, Dr. Sadanand More. Mr. Sharad Kale, President of the Society, presided at the function. Dr. More in his speech appreciated the book and the activities of the ASM. He underlined the importance of the principles of the Prarthanasamaj, drew attention to the new aspects of research about the Prarthanasamaj. Dr. Dixit, the editor, narrated his difficult journey of editing such an old book.

Mr. Sharad Kale, in his Presidential address said that the historical perspective of the reformative movements like Prarthanasamaj always helps future researchers. It is historically important to find out the connection between the thoughts of Vithhal Ramji Shinde and the Samaj. Hence, it was important for such research-based projects to be carried on. Dr. Shrikant Bahulkar, the Hon. Secretary of the BORI, welcomed the august gathering. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan, ASM Vice President, proposed the vote of thanks, and expressed a wish that in future more such collaborative activities should be undertaken, which would be beneficial to both Institutes.

Enthusiastic researchers and the intelligentsia of Pune filled the hall to its full capacity. 47 copies of the book were sold on that day, with our staff member, Mr. Vijay Rikame, assisting in the sale of books.

6.6 COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMES

i. Collaborative Lecture:

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Italy, held a collaborative lecture on 19th October, 2018. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Tanya Roy, who teaches Italian at Delhi University. She talked about languages in this age of technology on the topic The Italian language and the Nets. This topic was chosen by the Italian authorities as Italy celebrates the Italian language all over the world during this week. Signora Stefania Costanza, Consul General of Italy, graciously offered high tea to all who attended the lecture.

ii. Armchair tour organised by the Rotary Club of Bombay:

An armchair tour through 18 countries from India to London titled The World through our Windshield (Driving through our Windshield), presented by Rotarians Ashok and Vatsala Jatia, was held on 28th September, 2018. This programme, arranged by the Rotary Club of Bombay, was well attended.

iii. One-day workshop on Digitization:

A one-day workshop on 'Digitization Standards and Workflows for Cultural Heritage Material' was organised by the Society in collaboration with the British Library on 5th February 2019. The number of participants was limited to 35. The main aim of the workshop was to impart knowledge about the digitization process from the selection of the book to the online access of the digitised book and also to provide practical knowledge about application of OCR software. 33 registered participants and 5 members from the Library Digitisation Project attended the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. S. G. Kale, President of the Society. Prof. Vispi Balaporia, Hon. Secretary of the Society, welcomed the participants and introduced the upcoming sessions in the workshop.

The workshop started with the presentation by Mr. Tom Derrick, Digital Curator, British Library, on planning for digitization, technical standards, equipment set-up and document preparation and handling in the British Library, along with the digitization workflow.

Dr. Maya Avasia, Librarian, presented an overview of digitization of resources at the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. She explained the IFLA guidelines for digitization and presented the digitization workflow from selection, scanning, quality check, metadata creation in the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

Mr. Parvez Banatwala of KGS Microsystems presented the accessing of digitised material through the digital portal Granthsanjeevani. He also explained how to formulate the different searches on the portal.

In the afternoon session, Mr. Tom Derrick gave a presentation on OCR for Indian scripts and conducted a hands-on practical session on two open access OCR softwares Tesseract and Transkribus. He explained how Tesseract is useful for English language texts and Transkribus for Indian language texts as well as handwritten texts. This was followed by a group activity in which seven groups were formed. Each group was asked to prepare a digitisation strategy as per the case study given to them. Accordingly, all groups participated in the activity and representatives from each group made a presentation on the digitisation strategy.

The workshop concluded with distribution of certificates to all the participants.

6.7 COLLABORATIVE COURSES HELD:

1. Local Culture 6 (2018-19)

The Local Culture Course, a collaboration between Wilson College and the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, started in 2012-13 and now into its sixth year, is a field based course focusing exclusively on the local culture of Mumbai city and immediate suburbs with on-site lectures by experts. The Course this year had several sessions moving beyond South Mumbai and Colonial history, and explored the cultural spaces of suburban Mumbai.

	Session / Visits	Resource person
i.	An invitation to participate in the Langaar held on the occasion of Guruparab, Khalsa College.	
ii.	Evolution of Mumbai, Wilson College	Dr. Kurush Dalal
iii.	Open Codes Exhibition, Max Mueller Bhavan	Ms. Alisha Sadikot
iv.	Khotachiwadi	Andre Baptista
v.	Asiatic Society of Mumbai	Staff of the Library
vi.	Art Gallery, TIFR	Curator Bhavya Ramakrishnan
vii.	Jogeshwari Caves	Dr. Suraj Pandit
viii.	2 Walks at Vile Parle	Mr. Sandeep Dahisarkar
ix.	Wadala Salt Pans Walk	Mr. Vinayak Parab
x.	Banganga	Ms. Sneha Puratattva Jidnyasu
xi.	Walk with Words, Fort	Ms. Alisha Sadikot
xii.	Dadar- Matunga	Ms. Alisha Sadikot
xiii.	St. Thomas Cathedral, Fort	Mr. Rajan Jayakar

The overwhelming success of the course through the years has been due to the students and other participants who have enrolled themselves every year and participated wholeheartedly in the walks in spite of their busy schedules. The Course Coordinator is Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla

2. Certificate Course - Indian Numismatics & Scripts

Indian Numismatics and Scripts is a collaboration between the Department of History Wilson College and the Asiatic Society of Mumbai. This year twenty four students of TYBA and SYBA participated in the course.

The classroom sessions were held between 18th and 23rd August 2018. Mr. Raamesh Gowri conducted the sessions on Brahmi and Kharoshti Scripts, during which he familiarised the students with the basic alphabet of both the scripts. The students practised writing their own names and enjoyed playing word games in Brahmi script.

Dr. Mahesh Kalra conducted the session on Indian Numismatics, in which students not only learnt the history of Indian Coinage but also observed coins - real and replicas of different eras from the personal collection of Dr. Kalra.

On 25th August, a visit was organised under the guidance of Mr. Raamesh Gowri to Kanheri caves to learn more about Brahmi inscriptions.

A second visit was organised to the Asiatic Society where students took a tour of the premises - the Library, Durbar Hall etc. and also got an opportunity to view rare artefacts from the rich collection of the society.

7. **MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research**

Chairman: Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar

Convenor: Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (Hon. Director)

During the year under report, the Kane Institute organized the annual seminar and lecture.

Mrs. D. Nagamani registered herself for Ph. D. in History, under the guidance of Dr. Anuradha Ranade.

During the year, five students were interviewed for Ph.D. admission in the subject of History and Ancient Indian Culture.

During the year, three Research students who had registered for the Ph. D. degree in History (University of Mumbai) successfully completed their research and viva voce examinations. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is awarded to them.

Name of the Students	Topic	Name of the Guides
Mrs. Kirana Uttam Thakare	The History of Varlis in Thane District (1945-1980)	Dr. Mangala Purandare
Mrs. Teresa Thomas Pereira	वसई तालुक्यातील स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थेचा इतिहास (१८६४-१९७५)	Dr. Mangala Purandare
Mrs. Ramila Gaikwad	दक्षिण कोकणातील भूदान चळवळीचा इतिहास (१९५९-१९६०)	Dr. Anuradha Ranade

Hearty congratulation to the students and their guides

7.1 **MM DR. P.V. KANE MEMORIAL LECTURE**

The 38th MM Dr. P. V. Kane Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. V. Selvakumar, Associate Professor, Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur, on "Early Political systems in South India: A Study of State Formation (Early Historic period to the Chola Times)" on 7th February, 2019. Dr. Usha Vijailakshami, Lecturer, Department of History, Patkar College, Mumbai, presided at the lecture which was well attended.

7.2 **KANE MEMORIAL SEMINAR**

The two-day MM Dr. P. V. Kane Memorial National Seminar on "The Concept of State: Theory and Practice in Ancient India" was held on Friday, 22nd and Saturday, 23rd February 2019 in the Durbar Hall of the Society. The seminar was organised through the sponsorship of Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Dr. R. Champakalakshami, Historian and former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, at 10.00 a.m., on 22nd February. The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Ashok Chausalkar, a reputed scholar of Political Theory and Indian Political Philosophy, Kolhapur. The seminar was an enriching experience and was very well attended.

In her inaugural address Dr. R. Champakalakshami, former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, focused on the overview of state formation in ancient India in general and in South India in particular.

In the 1st academic session, Chaired by Dr. Parineeta Deshpande, two papers were presented. Dr. Nirmala Kulkarni, Research Scientist, Centre of Advanced Study in Sanskrit,

Savitribai Phule Pune University, presented a paper on 'Rituals for Harmonious Supremacy. She mainly spoke about the idea of harmony in kingship and referred to some Vedic rituals that the king was supposed to perform for maintaining harmonious relationship with the other members of the administration. The second paper titled 'Vedic Polity: Is it Primitive?' was presented by Dr. Shubhada Joshi, Former Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai. She spoke about the primitive nature of state in the Vedic period and attempted to trace the 'Saptanga-theory' in the Vedic literature.

In the post lunch session, which was chaired by Dr. Shubhada Joshi, two papers were presented. Dr. Manjiri Bhalerao, Associate Professor of Indology, Shri Balmukund Lohia Centre of Sanskrit & Indological Studies, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, presented a paper on "State and Divine Kingship in Ancient India: Some Case Studies." With numismatic and epigraphical sources, she tried to study the nature of state and the attempts of ancient kings to consolidate their power in their spacio-temporal framework. The second paper was presented by Dr. Usha Thakkar, President, Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Mumbai on 'Kautilya on Inter-State Relation', which revealed his rare political insight. She said that Kautilya's Mandala theory is based on a geo-political assumption that the immediate neighbour state is the enemy (real or potential) and a state next to the immediate neighbour, by the same logic, being the enemy of its immediate neighbour, is likely to be one's friend. There was a lively discussion of both the papers.

The third session was chaired by Dr. Prachi Moghe, Assistant Director, Bharatiya Vidyabhavan, Mumbai. Both the papers in this Session were related to the *Arthashastra* of Kautilya. First was by Dr. Sanhita Joshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai. The title of her paper was 'State a tool or a teleos?: A Comparative Study of Kautilian State and Modern Conception of State.' She tried to answer this question by exploring Kautilya's conception of state, comparing it with the modern idea of state to trace the similarities and dissimilarities. She said that according to Kautilya, state is the tool for happiness of the subjects, while modern state is more oriented towards its own survival. The next paper was by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai, Deputy Director, Chanakya International Institute of Leadership Studies (CIILS), an autonomous Institute based in the University of Mumbai. In his paper 'Good governance – Exploring *Arthashastra* and its concept of state through great leadership' he said that Kautilya was instrumental in creating a model of good governance that is still looked upon with wonder by modern day scholars of political science, ancient Indian culture and history.

The Seminar continued on the next day, i.e. Saturday, the 23rd February 2019 from 11.00 a.m. onwards.

The 1st session was chaired by Dr. Alka Bakre, former Head and R.G. Bhandarkar Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai and three papers were presented in this session. Dr. Apurva Nibandhe, visiting faculty, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, presented a paper on 'The Concept of State in Ramayana', in which she elaborated the concept of 'Ram-rajya' as a brand of good governance. The second paper was presented by Dr. Suraj Pandit, Head, Department of Ancient Indian Culture, Sathaye College, Mumbai. The title of his paper was 'The Concept of State : A Buddhist Perspective'. Then Dr. Prachi Moghe presented her paper on 'The Concept of State According to the Dharmashastra'.

In the post lunch session, which was chaired by Dr. Meenal Katarnikar, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, two papers were presented. Dr. Madhavi Narsalay, Assistant Prof. Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, presented a paper on 'Concept of State with special reference to Nitivakyamrta'. Nitivakyamrta, based on Kautilya's Arthashastra is a Jain treatise by Somadevasuri. It is composed for guiding the

kings according to the Jain tradition. Dr. Narsalay opined that Jain concept of State and King does not differ much from the principles laid down by Kautilya. The second paper was presented by Dr. Kamini Gogri, former Assistant Professor and Coordinator of various courses, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, on 'Theory of State as depicted in Jain Scriptures'. She said that, unlike the Buddhist suttas, the early Jain canonical texts do not contain any clear or explicit account of a theory of the origin of the state. It is, however, not unlikely that such a theory was unknown to them. The incidental references to time-periods and mythical or legendary empires of the past and to types of *dandaniti* in the *Thananga*, for example, suggest such a conclusion.

The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Ashok Chausalkar, a great scholar of Political Theory and Indian Political Philosophy, Kolhapur. His address was extremely informative. He referred to the oriental despotism, hydraulic societies and control of state over production. His address was very enlightening and relevant to the present political scenario.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parineeta Deshpande, Hon. Director of the Kane Institute. She thanked the keynote speaker, the speaker of the valedictory session, all the paper presenters, the distinguished scholars, Committee members, the students, the office bearers, Mr. Vijay S. Rikame for his efforts, along with the other staff, and also the President, Mr. Sharad Kale for his inspiring presence and Hon. Secretary, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, for her support.

7.3 **Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture**

This is the fifth year of the Certificate course in Ancient Indian Culture which was started in the academic year 2014-15. As in the previous year, this year too, the course received an encouraging response and 26 participants enrolled themselves for this course. They came from diverse backgrounds with an intention of learning more about India's glorious past. The course, which started on 4th August 2018, was conducted on every Saturday between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., (total 90 hours - approximately 8 months). The fee charged for this course was Rs.3,500/- per student. The medium of instruction and question papers was English. However, in response to the demand of the students, the lectures were delivered in both English and Marathi. The students were provided with the summary of lectures which helped them to grasp the topic. The committee also purchased some useful Marathi and English books on related topics, for the benefit of students as well as the future batches.

The course comprised two papers titled 'Sources of Ancient Indian Culture' and 'Facets of Ancient Indian Culture'. The papers carried 75 marks each and students were supposed to submit an assignment of 25 marks each. The Faculty invited to deliver the lectures were most knowledgeable and experienced in their field. Like last year, this year also the course was inaugurated with a lecture by Dr. (Smt.) Sindhu Dange on Vedic Sources of Indian Culture. The students were very happy with all the lectures and the contents of the course. Two educational field trips were also arranged. On 13th October 2018, students were taken to the coin gallery of Chhatrapati Shivaji Museum and RBI Museum. Dr. Mahesh Kalra the subject expert guided the students to observe the coins. The second field trip was to visit the Ambarnath Shivalaya near Ambarnath, along with Dr. Kumud Kanitkar, Faculty of the Course, on 3rd February 2019. The students were asked to submit an assignment on these two field trips. The syllabus was successfully completed in the month of March 2019 and examinations were conducted on 20th & 27th April 2019, giving the students enough time for preparation.

7.4 **Certificate Course in Sanskrit**

This is the Second year of the Certificate Course for Sanskrit Language, which was started in the academic year 2017-18. Twelve students enrolled themselves for this course. They came from diverse backgrounds, eager to learn the heritage language of India. The course was

conducted on every Saturday between 1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., (total 120hrs.- approximately 8 months), and started on 4th August 2018. The fee charged for this course was Rs.3,500/- per student. The medium of instruction and question papers was English. However, on request from the students, explanations were given in Marathi.

The course comprised two papers. Paper one focused on Grammar and Language skills. Paper two dealt with Reading, Comprehension, and Translation. The papers carried 80 marks each and students were required to submit an assignment, carrying 05 marks each and oral exams of 15 marks each. The students were very happy with all the lectures and the contents of the course. The syllabus was successfully completed by 16th February 2019 and examinations were conducted on 20th April & 27th April 2019. The students submitted their assignments for both the papers. The results of both the examinations were declared by May end and Certificates were distributed to the students on 22nd June, 2019.

The Managing Committee, especially the Hon. President, Mr. S.G. Kale, the Hon. Secretary, Prof. Vispi Balaporia and the office staff extended full support for the course. Mr. Vijay S. Rikame worked very efficiently as the coordinator for these courses.

8. ASM JOURNAL

Chairman: Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar

Convenor: Dr. Kurush Dalal

The Society's Journal Vol. 89 for 2015-2016 edited by Dr. Parineeta Despande and Dr. Ambarish Khare is under preparation.

We are pleased to report a communication received from the Co-ordinator, UGC-Cell for Journal Analysis, that the Society's Journal is included in the UGC-CARE List and can be searched on <http://ugccare.unipune.ac.in>

9. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIPS & MEDALS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson : Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande

Convenor : Dr. Prachi Moghe

9.1 AWARD OF JUNIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS:

During the year, the following Junior Research Scholarships of the Society for the year **2018- 2019** were awarded to **09** candidates for their research projects as shown below:

S.N.	Junior Research Scholarships	Name of the awardees	Topic
1.	Justice K. T. Telang Scholarship in Indology	Mr. Nitin Hadap	Drushya Loka: Mythical Worlds in Indian Art and Iconography
2.	Asiatic Society's Scholarship (Social Science)	Ms. Kavita Pandey	A Study of the Acworth Leprosy Museum Mumbai and an archetypal Social and Medical scourge of India
3.	Asiatic Society's Scholarship (Social Science)	Mr. Yogiraj Sapre	A Study of Changing Social Customs and Influence of various Doctrines and Sects on the Life of the Koli Community in Alibag Taluka, Raigad District
4.	Chief Justice M.C. Chagla Doctoral Scholarship in "Modern Indian History"	Ms. Devika Kerkar	J. B. Kripalani: The Opposition Year

5.	INDAL Scholarship in 'Social Science'	Mr. Amit Bhagat	Study of socio-cultural elements of Megalithic culture and continuation of living megalithic traditions among the Madia -Gond tribe of Vidarbha region
6.	Gulestan Billimoria Scholarship in the subject relating to the study of Mumbai/Maharashtra	Mr. Nikhil Purohit	Visitors Accessibility in Current (Contemporary) Art Exhibition and Art Programming of Mumbai
7.	Smt. Vimal N. Shah Memorial Research Scholarship in 'Media Studies'	Mr. Nikhil Bellarykar	The Portrayal and Reception of Maratha Navy under the Angres in Contemporary 18 th Century Dutch Print Media
8.	Smt. Vimal N. Shah Memorial Research Scholarship in 'Pali / Buddhist Studies'	Mr. Amey Vaidya	The Study of Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara with special reference to the Manuscript titled "Ekadashamukham"
9.	Dr. (Smt.) Sheela Raj Memorial Scholarship in 'History'	Mr. Vinod Yadav	महाराष्ट्र राज्य पुराभिलेखागार में मराठी व हिंदी अखबारों में मनपा विद्यालय से संबंधित खबरें - एक ऐतिहासिक वर्णन (1947 -2010)

9.2 The Committee felt that the research proposals of the following two Junior Research Scholarships for the year 2018-19 did not meet with the academic standards required and should not be re-advertised:

1. G. S. Pohekar Memorial Scholarship: research in any area concerning Japan - education, culture, etc.
2. Asiatic Society's Scholarship in 'Labour Studies'

9.3 AWARD OF SILVER MEDAL ON RENOWNED SCHOLAR (2016-2018):

The Selection Committee for the award of Silver Medal has unanimously decided to award the Asiatic Society's Silver Medal (January 2016- December 2018) to Dr. Renuka J. Porwal for her book '**The Jaina Stupa at Mathura: Art and Icons (2016)**', which, in the view of the Committee, will contribute to furthering the objects of the Society, namely the investigation and encouragement of Oriental Arts, Sciences and Literature.

10. Tagore Fellowship/Scholarship:

The Society is happy to inform that the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library has conveyed that the National Selection Committee (NSC) has awarded the Tagore Scholarship to Dr. Sulabha Kore(TNFCR 2017-18).

In addition, the final report of Dr. Rajyalakshmi Seth, previous Tagore National Scholar (2015), has also been approved by the NSC. Dr. Seth's report has been uploaded on the Society's website and sent to the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library for further action.

This year, the Institutional Level Search-cum-Screening Committee (ILSSC) of the Asiatic Society has short-listed and recommended the names of the following persons for the award of Tagore Fellowship / Scholarship (2018-19) to the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library:

Tagore Fellowship:**Name of the applicant**

1. Dr. Jayshree Rajagopalan
2. Ms. Indumati Raman

Topic

Rasa Representation in *Vālmiki Rāmāyana*
Design & Rhetoric in Bhagavata Mela Yakshaganam
(Natakam)

Tagore Scholarship:**Name of the applicant**

1. Dr. Gita Kasturi Malini
2. Mr. Murali R.A

Topic

Vijayottara Tantra and Kundalini Yoga
Culture of Scholarship: Towards a New History
of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

11. MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01-04-2018 TO 31-03-2019:**11.1 MEMBERSHIP:**

During the year under review, **2** member resigned, **5** expired, while **136** new Members/ Reader and Indian Student Members were enrolled. The total number of members as on **31st March, 2019**, is **3,092**. The details are shown in the table below:

Category	As on 1/4/2018	New Members	Resig nation	Death	Transfer of Status	Members deleted under Rule 5 (C)	Total Members as on 31/3/19
Resident-Life (RL)	1857	38	-	6	10	-	1899
Resident (R)	583	39	2	1	-9	-	610
Indian Student Members	156	25	-	-	-	-	181
Reader Membership	215	24	-	-	-1	-	238
Non-Resident (NR)	10	7	-	-	-	-	17
Non-Resident-Life (NRL)	113	2	-	-	-	-	115
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	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diplomat Members	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	2962	136	2	7	-	-	3089

11.2 List of 262 Resident Life & 36 Non-Resident Life members has been compiled, indicating that it has not been possible to establish their current address nor their e-mail id, despite every effort being made over the past several years.

11.3 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:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr. Ajit Mahadevan | 4. Mr. Foy Nissen |
| 2. Mr. Nandakumar M. Rege | 5. Prof. J.V. Naik |
| 3. Mr. Darryl R. D'Monte | 6. Mr. Raja Dhale |

B Resident:

Ms. Nancy R. Daruwala

11.4 The following indicates the attendance of the Members of the Scrutinizing Committee for the meetings held during the period (from AGM 2018 to AGM 2019- 6 meetings were held).

SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS [AGM 2018 to AGM 2019 – October -2018 to June 2019]:

Sr. No.	Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent	Total
1.	Mr. Baldev G.Chawla (Chairman)	5	2	-	7
2.	Dr. Prasad P.Akolkar (Convenor)	7	-	-	7
3.	Dr. Kumud Kanitkar	5	2	-	7
4.	Dr. Jyotsna P. Patwardhan	4	2	1	7
5.	Dr. Usha Vijailakshmi	2	4	1	7
6.	Dr. Prachi Moghe	2	4	1	7
7.	Ms. Mamta Kanade	3	3	1	7

12. MANAGING COMMITTEE

The Managing Committee of the Society consists of 21 members headed by the Chairman. In addition to the above, there are 2 co-opted members, 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, 2018 till 16th August, 2018 (4 meetings held):

1st April, 2018 till AGM of 2018 (till 16th August, 2018)

Sr. Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent	Total
1. Mr. S.G. Kale (President)	4	-	-	4
2. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar (Vice-President)	3	1	-	4
3. Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher (Vice-President)	2	2	-	4
4. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (Vice-President)	3	1	-	4
5. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (Vice-President)	3	1	-	4
6. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary)	4	-	-	4
7. Mr. Anil Newalkar (Hon. Finance Secretary) (Ex-Officio Member –w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019)	3	1	-	4
8. Mr. Arvind V. Sonawale (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary) (w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019)	4	-	-	4
9. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat (Hon. Jt. Finance. Secretary) (Ex-Officio Member w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019)	4	-	-	4
10. Dr. Namrata Ganneri [Resigned w.e.f. March, 2018]	-	-	-	-
11. Mr. Haridas K.	-	4	-	4
12. Mr. Digambar Kamble	4	-	-	4
13. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar	4	-	-	4
14. Mr. Surendra Kulkarni	4	-	-	4
15. Mr. K. K. Mishra	1	2	1	4
16. Dr. Mohsina Mukadam [Ceased to be member under Rule 16(a) w.e.f. April, 2018]	-	-	-	-
17. Dr. Shehernaz R. Nalwalla	4	-	-	4
18. Dr. Suraj Pandit	2	2	-	4
19. Ms. Pushpa Rai (Ceased to be member under Rule 16(a) w.e.f. November, 2018)	-	-	-	-
20. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar	2	2	-	4
21. Mr. Girish Vakil	1	2	1	4
22. Dr. Usha R. Vijailakshmi	3	1	-	4
23. Mr. Rusheed Wadia	2	2	-	4
24. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar (Co-opted - w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	2	2	-	4
25. Mr. Murali R. (Co-opted - w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	3	1	-	4
26. Hon. Director, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute - Invitee - Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (Extended for the period 01-04-2017 to 31/03/2019)	3	1	-	4
27. ASM – Employees' Representative Mr. Sunil Bhirud	4	-	-	4
28. Central Government Nominee: The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India	4	-	-	4
29. State Government Nominee: Shri Kiran Dhandore Director, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Maharashtra	4	-	-	4

12.2 The following indicates the attendance of the members at the Managing Committee meetings during the period from 19th August, 2018 to 31st March, 2019 (7 meetings held):

20th August, 2018 to 31st March, 2019

Sr. Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent	Total
1. Mr. S.G. Kale (President)	7	-	-	7
2. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar (Vice-President)	6	1	-	7
3. Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher (Vice-President)	7	-	-	7
4. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (Vice-President)	7	-	-	7
5. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (Vice-President)	7	-	-	7
6. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary)	7	-	-	7
7. Mr. Anil Newalkar (Hon. Finance Secretary) (<i>Ex-Officio Member –w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	4	3	-	7
8. Mr. Arvind V. Sonawale (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary) (<i>w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	7	-	-	7
9. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary) (<i>Ex-Officio Member w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	7	-	-	7
10. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak	7	-	-	7
11. Dr. Kurush Dalal	3	4	-	7
12. Mr. V.V. Ganpule	5	2	-	7
13. Dr. Gita Kasturi	6	1	-	7
14. Dr. Anand Joshi	5	2	-	7
15. Mr. Haridas K.	1	6	-	7
16. Mr. Digambar Kamble	5	2	-	7
17. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar	7	-	-	7
18. Mr. Surendra Kulkarni	5	2	-	7
19. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni	5	1	1	7
20. Dr. Shehernaz R. Nalwalla	6	1	-	7
21. Dr. Suraj Pandit	6	1	-	7
22. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar	5	2	-	7
23. Mr. Rusheed Wadia	4	3	-	7
24. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar (Co-opted - w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	3	4	-	7
25. Mr. Murali R. (Co-opted w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	5	2	-	7
26. Hon. Director, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute - Invitee - Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (<i>Extended for the period 01-04-2017 to 31/03/2019</i>)	5	2	-	7
27. ASM – Employees' Representative - Mr. Sunil Bhirud	6	1	-	7
28. Central Government Nominee: <i>The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India</i>	5	2	-	7
29. State Government Nominee: <i>Shri Subhas Rathod Director, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Maharashtra</i>	7	-	-	7

12.3 The following indicates the attendance of the members at the Managing Committee meetings during the period (from 1st April, 2019 till AGM of 2019 (3 meetings held till 25th July, 2019):

1st April, 2019 till AGM of 2019 (till 25th July, 2019)

Sr. Names of Members	Attendance	Leave of Absence	Absent	Total
1. Mr. S.G. Kale (President)	3	-	-	3
2. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar (Vice-President)	3	-	-	3
3. Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher (Vice-President)	3	-	-	3
4. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (Vice-President)	2	2	-	3
5. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (Vice-President)	1	1	-	3
6. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary)	3	-	-	3
7. Mr. Anil Newalkar (Hon. Finance Secretary) (<i>Ex-Officio Member –w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	2	1	-	3
8. Mr. Arvind V. Sonawale (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary) (<i>w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	3	-	-	3
9. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary) (<i>Ex-Officio Member w.e.f. 7-9-2017 till AGM of 2019</i>)	3	-	-	3
10. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak	3	-	-	3
11. Dr. Kurush Dalal	3	-	-	3
12. Mr. V.V. Ganpule	3	-	-	3
13. Dr. Gita Kasturi	2	1	-	3
14. Dr. Anand Joshi	1	2	-	3
15. Mr. Haridas K.	1	2	-	3
16. Mr. Digambar Kamble	3	-	-	3
17. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar	3	-	-	3
18. Mr. Surendra Kulkarni	3	-	-	3
19. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni	2	1	-	3
20. Dr. Shehernaz R. Nalwalla	3	-	-	3
21. Dr. Suraj Pandit	1	2	-	3
22. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar	2	1	-	3
23. Mr. Rusheed Wadia	2	1	-	3
24. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar (Co-opted - w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	-	3	-	3
25. Mr. Murali R. (Co-opted w.e.f. 07-09-2017 till AGM of 2019)	3	-	-	3
26. Hon. Director, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute - Invitee - Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (<i>Extended for the period 01-04-2019 to 31/03/2021</i>)	1	2	-	3
27. ASM – Employees' Representative - Mr. Sunil Bhirud	3	-	-	3
28. Central Government Nominee: <i>The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India</i>	1	2	-	3
29. State Government Nominee: <i>Shri Subhas Rathod Director, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Maharashtra</i>	2	1	-	3

13. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There are many 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 and from AGM 2018 to AGM 2019:

(From 1st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2019 and from AGM 2018 till AGM 2019):

Sr. No.	Committee Meetings	No. of meetings held	
		Financial Year Wise From: 01-04-2018 To: 31-03-2019	AGM Wise From: 25-08-2018 Till 31st July, 2019
1.	Managing Committee	11	03
2.	Finance and Projects Committee	02	02
3.	Pre-Modern Book Selection Committee	08	08
4.	Modern Book Selection Committee	10	10
5.	Periodicals Committee meeting	04	04
6.	Endowment Lectures Committee	03	03
7.	MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research Committee	03	02
8.	Research Fellowships & Medals Committee	06	06
9.	Journal Committee	03	04
10.	ASM Literary Club	01	01
11.	Mumbai Research Centre	10	09
12.	Staff Welfare Committee	—	-

14. LIBRARY SERVICES

14.1 Regular updates were sent to Members by e-mail including Thursday Books Display Lists and list of issuable periodicals.

A. During the year, **1901** books + 41 bound volumes were added to the Library. The details are given below:

439 books have been purchased and **731** presented including (508 + 223 presented by Mr. Punde and Dr. Gilder), 14 monographs and **41** bound volumes of periodicals were added to the collection.

B. The following table shows the **subject-wise number of books purchased** during the year 2018-2019:

Class	No. of books Purchased	Class	No. of books Purchased
Generalia	10	Philosophy	17
Religion	41	Social Science	79
Linguistics	3	Science	7
Technology	11	Art	16
Literature	132	History & Geography	123

Total Books Purchased 439C. Thus, the total number of books and bound volumes of periodicals as on 31st March, 2019 is **2,60,894**.

C/F: Total number of books and periodicals as on 31st March, 2018		2,58,952
Total number of books + review copies + bound volumes of periodicals added as on 31 st March, 2019	1942	
Total number of books + review copies + bound volumes of periodicals as on 31 st March, 2019		2,60,894

14.2 List of book donors:

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

A) Individual:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Ms. Humera Ahmed | 18 Mr. Ravindra Kumar (Author) |
| 2 Dr. Asavari Uday Bapat | 19 Ms. Niloufer Mackay |
| 3 Mr. Laxman Bhole | 20 Mrs. Justice Sujata Manohar |
| 4 Mr. Sudheer Brahme | 21 Ms. Meena Menon |
| 5 Ms. Sarojini Chavhan (Author) | 22 Mr. Vithal Nadkarni |
| 6 Ms. Perviz Cooper | 23 Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla |
| 7 Mr. Rusi J. Daruwala | 24 Estate of late Foy Nissen |
| 8 Dr. Devangana Desai | 25 Dr. Dattatray D. Punde |
| 9 Dr. Aruna Dhere | 26 Mr. S. Ramamoorthi |
| 10 Dr. Ramesh Gaur | 27 Dr. Rashmi Rekha Saikia |
| 11 Mrs. Ketayun N. Gilder | 28 Dr. Suryaprabha Shashidharan |
| 12 Dr. (Mrs.) Vijaya Gupchup | 29 Ms. Yojana Shivanand |
| 13 Mr. Nirmal Kumar Jain | 30 Mr. Laxman Shreshtha |
| 14 Dr. Leela Jois | 31 Dr. Peter Skilling |
| 15 Mrs. Sumati Joshi | 32 Dr. Meena Talim |
| 16 Dr. Ravi Khetrupal | 33 Mr. Yogesh Thakker |
| 17 Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar | 34 Mr. M.R. Venkatesh |

B) Institutions:**(Under Pre-Modern Category)**

- 1 Parul Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.
- 2 Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Information Centre

(Under Modern Category)

- 1 Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- 2 Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel National Police Academy
- 3 Urban Design Research Institute

14.3 Daily Newspapers received Gratis:

The Society has received the following 8 Daily Newspapers as gratis:

Anand Bazar Patrika (Bengali), Daynik Dabang Duniya Mumbai (Marathi), Free Press Journal (English), Mumbai Samachar (Gujarati), Navashakti (Marathi), Sunday Guardian (English), Telegraph (English), Inquilab- till December 2018 (Urdu).

14.4 Purchased daily newspapers:

The Society subscribed to 12 additional newspapers:

English Times of India with (Mumbai Mirror), Economic Times, Hindustan Times, Indian Express, Business Standard, The Hindu, The Statesman
Hindi/Marathi Hindi : Navbharat Times /
Marathi : Navakal, Loksatta, Maharashtra Times, Samana

14.5 Periodicals:

- A. The number of subscribed periodicals during the year was 49. In addition, 30 periodicals were received in exchange of the Society's Journal and 21 periodicals were received gratis. The details are given below:

Periodicals approved for subscription 2018-19		Exchange and Gratis	
Subscribed directly from Sage and other publishers	24 titles	Gratis (periodicals and newsletters)	23 titles
Subscribed through Allied publisher Subscription Agency	15 titles	Exchange (in lieu of Society's Journal)	30 titles
Subscribed through Informatics Publishing Limited	10 titles		
Total approved for purchase	49 titles	Total:	53 titles

The number of bound volumes of periodicals accessioned is 41; and 409 Sets are ready for binding

B. Periodicals received gratis:

The following periodicals were received gratis by the Society:

List of Gratis Periodicals And Newsletters

Sr. No.	Titles	Sr. No.	Titles
1	Acta Asiatica: Bulletin of the Institute of Eastern Culture	13	Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka
2	Aisi Akshare	14	Korea
3	Bulletin of the Aurobindo International Centre of Education	15	News From China (Newsletter)
4	Defence Science Journal	16	Prabuddha Bharata or Awakened India
5	Denver Quarterly	17	Royal Asiatic Society (Hong Kong Branch) Newsletter
6	DESIDOC Journal of Library Information Technology	18	Southern Economist
7	DRDO (Newsletter)	19	Sraddha
8	Gyana Mochak Trimasik	20	Third Concept
9	IIPC Photographic Journal	21	Tibetan Bulletin
10	IIPS Working Papers Series	22	Transaction of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
11	Journal of Mathematical Science	23	Vaichariki
12	Journal of the Pakistan Historical Society		

C. List of donors of periodicals:

Individual donors (Members and Non-members):

Name of the donor

Name of the periodical/s

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Dr. A.P Jamkhedkar | Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka |
| 2. Mr. Surendra Kulkarni | Rs.5,000/- for periodicals |
| 3. Dr. T.A. Srikanth | "Prabuddha Bharata or Awakened India"
(for the period May2009 - April 2029) |

Institution donor:

Name of the donor

Name of the periodical/s

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Sarvadnya Vidyapeeth | Gyana Mochak Trimasik |
| 2. Pakistan Historical Society | Journal of the Pakistan Historical Society |

D. JSTOR:

JSTOR- Asiatic Society started subscribing to JSTOR- full text online archives of journals from 2010 and it is becoming popular among the members. The total number of full-text articles requested for the period Jan - Dec 2018 is 1,131 downloads.

14.6 Book Lending (Issue) Section:

During the year, 7,675 books (4,891 old and 1,649 new) and 1,135 periodicals (magazines) were issued to the members.

189 visitors under Daily Membership category were given reference facility on the premises. 20 foreign scholars visited the Library under the Daily Membership Category.

15. PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION

A. Conservation Section:

The details of work carried out during the year is given below:

Process	Work during the year
Fumigation of books	1,319 books
Fumigation of Membership Ledgers	35 bound volume ledgers
De-acidification	48,973 pages
Tissue repair	(158 books tissueed) 48,024 pages

Binding of 132 books was done after the process of tissue repair of books. Prepared list of 1,241 presented books. Also, assisted Ms. Amalina Dave in her pilot project (Phase I) for restoration of rare books and maps.

Besides this work, anti-termite treatment was carried out in all sections of the Society as per schedule.

B. Microfilming and Digitization Section:

During the year, 211 microfilming rolls containing Times of India from 1886 to 1928 and 5,102 digitized books were checked for quality under the Library Digitization Project.

43 researchers / scholars referred the digitised / microfilmed material from the Special Collection Room for their research purpose and 440 microfilm printouts were given to the researchers on payment.

Microfilm rolls from 3,037 which were microfilmed earlier, were re-checked for any damage due to fungus or moisture, cleaned.

16. BINDERY SECTION

During the year under review, 2,122 books were fully bound again 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 Society is partly funded by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture. During the year, the Society had received grant-in – aid to the tune of Rs.1 Crore. There is need of additional support from Governemnt of India, Ministry of Culture by way of strengthening the Corpus Fund, increasing annual grant-in-aid and according recognition to the Society as an 'Institute of National Importance', on the lines of the Asiatic Society of Kolkata.

18. THANKS

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for their financial assistance. The Directorate of Libraries and State Central Library, Collector of Mumbai and its office, MRA Police Station for their co-operation in conducting various functions in the Town Hall, and the Public Works Department for attending to the necessary Civil and Electrical Work.

We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Bombay, H.T. Parekh Foundation, Saraswat Co-op. Bank Ltd., Shri Brihad Bharatiya Samaj, Mrs. Kalpana Sheth, the Punshi Narain Devi Vidyawati Charitable Trust, Mr. Cyrus Guzder, and other donors who have helped the Society generously and supported its activities. We are thankful to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya for inviting us to participate in their events and programmes.

We are also thankful to various individuals, organisations and well-wishers for their support in organising our programmes and activities and generously sharing their expertise.

We thank our auditors as well as our dedicated 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

S. G. Kale
President

Vispi Balaporia
Hon. Secretary

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THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

FINANCIAL REVIEW

1. Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March, 2019 shows a Surplus of Rs. 42,22,848/- after providing for a sum of Rs. 42,83,656/- towards depreciation and Rs. 40,00,000/- transferred to ASM Development Fund.
2. Summarized Income & Expenditure account for the Year Ended 31 March 2019 is as, follows:

Particulars	Rupees	Previous year Rupees
Income		
Income from investment of Corpus Fund	82,20,762	82,40,608
Income from investment of Reserve Fund	8,21,399	7,28,574
Interest on Saving Account	1,74,982	2,72,837
A	92,17,143	92,42,019
Income from membership subscription and other income	8,46,944	7,59,448
Grant from Government of India / BMC	1,45,00,000	1,23,00,000
Income from sale of ASM Journal	30,530	13,360
Income from donations	12,87,270	1,16,707
B	1,66,64,744	1,31,89,515
Total A + B	2,58,81,887	2,24,31,534
Expenditure		
Staff salaries including PF & allowances	51,99,183	56,04,002
General Expenses	41,64,491	30,15,578
I	93,63,674	86,19,580
Expenses on objects of the trust :		
Subscription to periodicals	32,82,245	29,34,181
Other activities	47,27,493	44,64,831
II	80,09,738	73,99,012
Total I + II	1,73,73,412	1,60,18,592
Depreciation provided III	42,83,656	38,71,850
Opening & Closing Stock Difference	1,971	3448
Total I to III	2,16,59,039	1,98,93,890
Excess of income over expenditure	42,22,848	25,37,644
Less: Transferred to ASM Development fund	40,00,000	20,00,000
Balance transferred to Income & Expenditure account.	2,22,848	5,37,644

3. During the year the Society has received the Plan Grant of Rs.1,25,00,000 /-, from the Government of India Ministry of Culture out of which Rs.,25,00,000/- pertaining to last year i.e. 2017-18.The grant has been utilized on the following schemes/activities/ projects of the society.

No	Particulars	Amount
1	Salary Purchase and Processing of Periodicals	16,00,732
2	Purchase of Periodicals	6,89,426
3	Salary Purchase and Processing of Books	29,35,048
4	Purchase of Books	4,13,457
5	Critical edition and translation of MSS	29,719
6	Founders & Guardians of the ASM	1,65,469
7	News Paper & Periodicals	22,154
8	Salary Microfilming Laboratory	18,45,045
9	Binding Materials	77,176
10	Salary Conservation Laboratory	20,71,239
11	Conservation Lab. Expenses	54,003
12	Conferment of fellowship function	1,50,761
	TOTAL Rs.	1,00,54,229

On behalf of the Managing Committee

Anil G. Newalkar
Hon. Finance Secretary

S.G. Kale
President

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950

Schedule VIII Vide Rule 17 (1)

Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019

	Schedule	31.3.2019 Rs.	31.3.2018 Rs.
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Trust Fund and Corpus	1	10,68,79,723	10,63,59,243
Equipment Fund	2	1,69,40,611	84,33,710
Manuscripts Fund	3	1,42,552	1,42,552
Microfilming Laboratory & Book Preservation Fund	4	59,34,537	58,68,602
Book Adoption Scheme Fund	5	99,38,499	89,12,260
Other Earmarked Funds	6	14,68,70,754	13,72,15,514
Other Liabilities	7	21,20,359	17,74,314
Income & Expenditure Account	20	26,69,523	24,46,675
Total		29,14,96,558	27,11,52,870
PROPERTIES AND ASSETS			
Immovable Properties	8	1	1
Movable Properties	9	7,67,36,245	6,83,78,558
Equipments	10	1,12,92,819	1,12,78,419
Microfilming Laboratory	11	48,09,507	48,09,507
Computers & Peripherals	12	22,23,897	20,79,550
Special Collections Room	13	10,28,861	10,28,861
Compact Book Shelving System	14	1,23,31,929	1,01,95,788
Parsiana Project Computer		62,919	62,919
Fixed Assets	15	91,85,399	46,10,865
Investments	16	16,33,25,151	15,63,89,638
Deposits, Advances & Stocks	17	25,12,953	26,88,114
Income Accrued & Outstanding	18	41,16,012	47,77,953
Cash & Bank Balances	19	38,70,865	48,52,697
Total		29,14,96,558	27,11,52,870

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UDIN No. 19008317AAAAAA5697

Place: Mumbai
Date : 09/08/2019

THE MUMBAI PUBLIC TRUST ACT, 1950

Schedule IX Vide Rule 17 (1)

Name of the Public Trust : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2019

	Schedule	31.3.2019 Rs.	31.3.2018 Rs.
INCOME			
Interest and Dividend	21	92,17,143	92,42,019
Income from Other Sources	22	1,66,64,744	1,31,89,515
Closing Stock of ASM Journal DVD		48,129	49,720
Closing Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		49,896	49,896
Closing Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		71,100	71,400
Closing Stock of ASM Journals (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		349	429
Total		2,60,51,361	2,26,02,979
EXPENDITURE			
Opening Stock of ASM Journal DVD		49,720	51,709
Opening Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue		49,896	51,030
Opening Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar		71,400	71,700
Opening Stock of ASM Journals (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		429	454
Establishment Expenses	23	51,99,183	56,04,002
General Expenses	24	41,64,491	30,15,578
Expenses on the Objects of the Trust	25	80,09,738	73,99,012
Depreciation	26	42,83,656	38,71,850
		2,18,28,513	2,00,65,335
Surplus / (Deficit)		42,22,848	25,37,644
Less : Transfer to ASM Development Fund		40,00,000	20,00,000
Balance Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account		2,22,848	5,37,644

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	31.3.2019 Rs.	31.3.2018 Rs.
SCHEDULE 1 : TRUST FUND AND CORPUS FUND		
A. Trust Fund		
Premises Fund	1	1
Society's contribution in the Prince of Wales Museum Manuscripts Fund	5,000	5,000
Coins Fund	55,000	55,000
Books, Furniture & Fixtures received from the ASM & Central Library on bifurcation	40,000	40,000
	33,76,795	33,76,795
A	34,76,796	34,76,796
B. Corpus Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	10,28,82,447	10,25,60,807
Add : Donations received during the year	5,00,000	3,00,000
Add : Entrance Fees received during the year	20,480	21,640
	10,34,02,927	10,28,82,447
B	10,34,02,927	10,28,82,447
A+B	10,68,79,723	10,63,59,243
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

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SCHEDULE 2 : (Contd)...		
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	50,00,000	50,00,000
Donation for Library Improvements (including interest)	50,26,278	-
Donation for Office Furniture	34,80,623	-
A	1,68,84,206	83,77,305
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	1,69,40,611	84,33,710
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 : MICROFILMING LABORATORY & BOOK PRESERVATION FUND		
ASM's ICICI-BMC Microfilming Laboratory Fund & ASM's Book Preservation Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	58,68,602	57,88,662
Add : Interest / Dividend	17,040	17,040
Recovery from Microfilming Printouts & Reading	48,895	62,900
	59,34,537	58,68,602

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SCHEDULE 5 : BOOK ADOPTION SCHEME FUND		
As per last Balance Sheet	89,12,260	76,11,992
Add : Donations received during the year	6,75,019	37,58,479
Add : Interest / Dividend	3,51,220	3,53,778
	99,38,499	1,17,24,249
Less : Conservation Laboratory Renovation Expenses	-	28,11,989
	99,38,499	89,12,260
SCHEDULE 6 : OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS		
A. Reserve Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,20,73,877	1,11,29,746
Add : Life subscriptions received during the year	7,30,000	8,70,000
Reimbursement of University Fees for Doctoral Students	9,360	5,600
Interest / Dividend	8,21,399	7,28,574
	1,36,34,636	1,27,33,920
Add : Transfer of interest from the following Funds utilised for the purpose of Purchase of Books :		
Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund	54,249	55,571
Premchand Roychand Book Fund	240	240
Madon Book Fund	2,000	2,000
M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund	560	560
Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund	880	880
G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund	9,280	9,280
	1,37,01,845	1,28,02,451
Less : Interest / Dividend transferred to Income & Expenditure A/c	8,21,399	7,28,574
A	1,28,80,446	1,20,73,877

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
B. Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	21,51,841	21,51,841
Add : Interest / Dividend	1,416	1,306
	21,53,257	21,53,147
Add : 65% of Interest received by Justice K. T. Telang Fund transferred	52,833	54,265
	22,06,090	22,07,412
Less : Interest / Dividend utilised for purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	54,249	55,571
B	21,51,841	21,51,841
C. Premchand Roychand Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,103	4,103
Add : Interest / Dividend	240	240
	4,343	4,343
Less : Interest / Dividend utilised for purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	240	240
C	4,103	4,103
D. Dr. B. C. Law Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	8,777	8,297
Add : Interest / Dividend	480	480
D	9,257	8,777
E. Madon Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet		
Mr. Bejongi Shapurji Madon 5000		
Miss Jerbai Bejonji Madon 5000		
Mr. Kaikushusru Bejonji Madon 5000		
Mr. Ratan Bejonji Madon 5000		

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
Mr. Jehansbur Bejonji Madon 5000		
Interest / Dividend upto 31.3.2003 <u>15900</u>	40,900	40,900
Add : Interest / Dividend	2,000	2,000
	42,900	42,900
Less : Interest / Dividend utilized for purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	2,000	2,000
E	40,900	40,900
F. M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	9,676	9,676
Add : Interest / Dividend	560	560
	10,236	10,236
Less : Interest / Dividend utilized for purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	560	560
F	9,676	9,676
G. Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	35,130	35,130
Add : Interest / Dividend	880	880
	36,010	36,010
Less : Interest / Dividend utilised for the purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	880	880
G	35,130	35,130
H. Gift A Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,30,001	1,30,001
H	1,30,001	1,30,001
I. T. C. Parekh Memorial Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	58,856	57,016
Add : Interest / Dividend	1,840	1,840
I	60,696	58,856

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
J. G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,70,630	1,70,630
Add : Interest / Dividend	9,280	9,280
	1,79,910	1,79,910
Less : Interest / Dividend utilised for the purchase of books transferred to Reserve Fund	9,280	9,280
J	1,70,630	1,70,630
K. ASM Publication Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	30,21,578	29,01,618
Add : Sale of Publications	3,100	-
Sale of catalogue of Sanskrit & Prakrit Manuscripts	1,680	840
Closing Stock of cat. of Sanskrit & Prakrit Manuscripts	4,69,165	4,70,705
Closing Stock of Monographs (nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per monograph as estimated by the management)	3,459	2,617
Interest / Dividend	1,12,080	1,18,852
	36,11,062	34,94,632
Less : Opening Stock of Sanskrit & Prakrit Manuscripts	4,70,705	4,71,218
Opening Stock of Monograph	2,617	1,836
K	31,37,740	30,21,578
L. Vimal Shah Memorial Publication Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	44,19,515	42,90,691
Add : Sale of Publication	3,22,150	26,750
Add : Interest / Dividend	3,04,000	3,04,000
	50,45,665	46,21,441
Less : Expenses during the year	6,13,552	2,01,926
L	44,32,113	44,19,515

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
M. ASM Computerization Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet		7,81,533
7,72,653 Add : Interest / Dividend	8,880	8,880
M	7,90,413	7,81,533
N. Endowments/Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds		
1. Gulestan Billimoria Annual Youth Seminar		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,04,290	1,12,565
Add : Interest / Dividend	18,269	18,136
	1,22,559	1,30,701
Less : Interest / Dividend transferred to Gulestan Billimoria lecture fund	18,269	18,136
	1,04,290	1,12,565
Less : Expenses during the year	18,710	8,275
(i)	85,580	104,290
2. ASM Fund for Centre for Labour Studies in memory of Four Trade Union Leaders :		
As per last Balance Sheet	9,87,734	9,47,147
Add : Interest / Dividend	66,197	66,143
	10,53,931	10,13,290
Less : Expenses during the year	(3,420)	25,556
(ii)	10,57,351	9,87,734
3. Indal Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,40,572	1,42,501
Add : Interest / Dividend	11,120	11,071
	1,51,692	1,53,572
Less : Expenses during the year	8,000	13,000
(iii)	1,43,692	1,40,572

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
4. Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	5,31,192	5,29,272
Add : Interest / Dividend	41,920	41,920
	5,73,112	5,71,192
Less : Expenses during the year	40,000	40,000
(iv)	5,33,112	5,31,192
5. M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Gold Medal Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	24,004	23,044
Add : Interest / Dividend	960	960
(v)	24,964	24,004
6. Campbell Gold Medal Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	30,836	29,442
Add : Interest / Dividend	1,370	1,394
(vi)	32,206	30,836
7. Pohekar Fellowship Fund for Japanese Studies :		
As per last Balance Sheet	3,38,255	3,21,640
Add : Interest / Dividend	23,520	25,615
	3,61,775	3,47,255
Less : Expenses during the year	(15,000)	9,000
(vii)	3,76,775	3,38,255
8. Smt. Nabadurga Banerjee Memorial Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	6,08,645	5,87,641
Add : Donations received during the year		
Add : Interest / Dividend	44,400	42,137
	6,53,045	6,29,778
Less : Expenses during the year	41,530	21,133
(viii)	6,11,515	6,08,645

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
9. Smt. Bansari K. Sheth Memorial Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,50,386	4,33,422
Add : Interest / Dividend	33,537	31,653
	4,83,923	4,65,075
Less : Expenses during the year	30,010	14,689
(ix)	4,53,913	4,50,386
10. Justice K. T. Telang Memorial Lecture and Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	10,13,561	10,28,183
Add : Interest / Dividend	81,281	83,485
	10,94,842	11,668
Less : Expenses during the year	39,269	43,842
	10,55,573	10,67,826
Less : 65% of Interest received transferred to ASM Book Fund	52,833	54,265
(x)	10,02,740	10,13,561
11. Gulestan Billimoria Memorial Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	7,24,086	7,18,323
Add : Interest / Dividend	44,109	44,011
	7,68,195	7,62,334
Add : Interest / Dividend transferred from Gulestan Billimoria Youth Seminar for Exp.	18,269	18,136
	7,86,464	7,80,470
Less : Expenses during the year	16,360	56,384
(xi)	7,70,104	7,24,086

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
12. Dr. L. B. Kenny Lecture / Seminar Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	77,584	63,947
Add : Donations received during the year	50,000	25,000
Add : Interest / Dividend	9,742	5,697
	1,37,326	94,644
Less : Expenses during the year	-	17,060
(xii)	1,37,326	77,584
13. Dr. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	9,63,146	9,18,950
Add : Interest / Dividend	68,000	68,000
	10,31,146	9,86,950
Less : Expenses during the year	18,410	23,804
(xiii)	10,12,736	9,63,146
14. Dr. Sheela Raj Memorial Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	2,10,889	2,10,889
Add : Interest / Dividend	16,000	16,000
	2,26,889	2,26,889
Less : Expenses during the year	(16,000)	16,000
(xiv)	2,42,889	2,10,889
15. B. G. Deshmukh Lecture / Workshop Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	14,33,225	13,89,463
Add : Interest / Dividend	86,430	85,972
	15,19,655	14,75,435
Less : Expenses during the year	17,270	42,210
(xv)	15,02,385	14,33,225

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
16. Durga Bhagwat Memorial Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,86,936	4,99,914
Add : Interest / Dividend	33,746	32,877
	5,20,682	5,32,791
Less : Expenses during the year	20,345	45,855
(xvi)	5,00,337	4,86,936
17. Prof. Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	12,94,598	12,32,450
Add : Interest / Dividend	88,000	83,920
	13,82,598	13,16,370
Less : Expenses during the year	-	21,772
(xvii)	13,82,598	12,94,598
18. Vimal Shah Memorial Research Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	10,25,351	10,36,351
Add : Interest / Dividend	80,000	80,000
	11,05,351	11,16,351
Less : Expenses during the year	(10,000)	91,000
(xviii)	11,15,351	10,25,351
19. Dr. Aroon Tikekar Memorial Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	34,82,253	33,31,271
Add : Donations received during the year	-	35,000
Add : Interest / Dividend	2,91,814	2,40,889
	37,74,067	36,07,160
Less : Expenses during the year	1,50,511	1,24,907
(xix)	36,23,556	34,82,253

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
20. Rajani Dandekar Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,03,690	4,01,690
Add : Interest / Dividend	32,000	32,000
	4,35,690	4,33,690
Less : Expenses during the year	1,000	30,000
(xx)	4,34,690	4,03,690
21. Jayant and Devangana Desai Fellowship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	-	-
Add : Donations received during the year	10,00,000	-
Add : Interest / Dividend	38,938	-
(xxi)	10,38,938	-
N (i) to (xxi)	1,60,82,758	1,43,31,233
O. ASM Development Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,74,73,639	1,54,23,820
Add : Interest / Dividend	1,11,141	49,819
Add : Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	40,00,000	20,00,000
O	2,15,84,780	1,74,73,639
P. Staff Welfare Fund		
1. ASM Staff Welfare Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	13,13,597	12,49,115
Add : Donations received during the year	50,000	-
Add : Interest / Dividend	37,077	64,482
(i)	14,00,674	13,13,597
2. Dr. B. R. Rairikar Bi-Centenary Scholarship Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	45,273	42,966
Add : Interest / Dividend	2,400	2,307
	47,673	45,273
Less : Expenses during the year	3,950	-
(ii)	43,723	45,273
P (i) to (ii)	14,44,397	13,58,870

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
Q. Special Collections Room Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	8,10,609	8,10,609
Q	8,10,609	8,10,609
R. Compact Book Shelving System Fund :		
As per last Balance Sheet	34,95,498	34,95,498
R	34,95,498	34,95,498
S. ASM The Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Charity Trust -		
Project on Parsi Zoroastrian Heritage Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	17,35,218	16,50,657
Add : Interest / Dividend	90,293	84,561
S	18,25,511	17,35,218
T. DELNET Project Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	2,463	2,463
T	2,463	2,463
U. ASM Bi-Centenary Celebration Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	88,67,549	85,40,283
Add : Sale of ASM Brochure	1,875	5,125
Closing Stock of ASM Brochure	76,795	83,666
Interest / Dividend	3,40,630	3,30,818
	92,86,849	89,59,892
Less : Expenses during the year		
Opening Stock of ASM Brochure	83,666	92,343
U	92,03,183	88,67,549

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
V. ASM Literary Club Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	(1,20,622)	(76,552)
Add : Sale of T-Shirts	2,050	-
Closing Stock of T-Shirts	34,944	37,440
Closing Stock of Nylon Bags	16,498	16,498
	(67,130)	(22,614)
Less : Opening Stock of T-Shirts	37,440	37,440
Opening Stock of Nylon Bags	16,498	16,498
Expenses during the year	-	44,070
V	(1,21,068)	(1,20,622)
W. Durbar Hall Renovation / Restoration Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	27,31,215	29,23,245
Less : Expenses during the year	-	1,92,030
W	27,31,215	27,31,215
X. Mumbai Research Project Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	11,61,428	10,94,300
Add : Heritage Walk	14,950	13,150
Interest / Dividend	76,125	62,458
	12,52,503	11,69,908
Less : Expenses during the year	69,739	8,480
X	11,82,764	11,61,428

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SCHEDULE 6 : (Contd)...		
Y. Library Digitization Project Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	2,00,52,375	1,89,67,834
Add : Donations received during the year	59,05,000	54,80,000
Interest / Dividend	6,81,178	6,53,405
	2,66,38,553	2,51,01,239
Less : Expenses during the year	85,56,133	50,48,864
Y	1,80,82,420	2,00,52,375
Z. Depreciation Fund		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,24,09,622	3,85,37,772
Add : Depreciation during the year	42,83,656	38,71,850
Z	4,66,93,278	4,24,09,622
Total A to Z	14,68,70,754	13,72,15,514
SCHEDULE 7 : OTHER LIABILITIES		
For Expenses	10,96,038	8,69,122
Deposit for Valuable Books	5,90,260	5,54,760
Subscription received in advance	78,000	21,000
Govt. of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue Unutilized	45,500	45,500
Interest on Govt. of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue	2,60,561	2,33,932
Others	50,000	50,000
	21,20,359	17,74,314
SCHEDULE 8 : IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES		
Society's Premises (at nominal value as on 1st April, 1951)	1	1
	1	1

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SCHEDULE 9 : MOVABLE PROPERTIES		
Society's Collection in the Prince of Wales Museum	5,000	5,000
Manuscripts (estimated value as on 1st April, 1951)	55,000	55,000
Coins (estimated value as on 1st April, 1951)	40,000	40,000
Memorial Busts	63,160	63,160
Books received from the Library of the ASM & Central Library	30,75,290	30,75,290
A	32,38,450	32,38,450
Books purchased after bifurcation :		
As per last Balance Sheet	4,12,55,884	3,63,82,235
Add : Purchased and processed during the year	4,13,457	4,84,483
Add : Salary Purchase & Processing of Books Dept.	49,97,698	43,89,166
B	4,66,67,039	4,12,55,884
Microfilmed Books (At cost) :		
As per last Balance Sheet	2,38,84,224	2,11,60,290
Add : Salary Microfilming Dept.	29,46,532	27,23,934
C	2,68,30,756	2,38,84,224
A+B+C	7,67,36,245	6,83,78,558
SCHEDULE 10 : EQUIPMENTS		
A. Office Equipment		
Computers, Xerox Machine	8,45,647	8,45,647
Water Cooler	46,273	46,273
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
DVD Player	6,990	6,990

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	31.3.2019 Rs.	31.3.2018 Rs.
Fire Extinguishers	3,03,060	3,03,060
Sound System	26,59,508	26,59,508
Other Office Equipment	14,071	14,071
Staff Personal Locker	1,25,697	1,25,697
Fan	60,000	45,600
Trolley	10,631	10,631
Face Attendance Machine	30,937	30,937
Data Safe Cabinet	27,27,289	27,27,289
A	71,06,709	70,92,309
B. Library Equipment		
Vacuum Press	1,35,653	1,35,653
Other Equipment (purchased out of Special Project Grant)	58,318	58,318
Air conditioner	72,700	72,700
File Cabinets	5,91,517	5,91,517
Aluminum Sliding Book Shelves	31,13,540	31,13,540
B	39,71,728	39,71,728
C. MSS Preservation Equipment		
Microscope	25,441	25,441
Microfilms	1,40,917	1,40,917
Furniture	48,024	48,024
C	2,14,382	2,14,382
A+B+C	1,12,92,819	1,12,78,419
SCHEDULE 11 : MICROFILMING LABORATORY		
Microfilm Reader	19,704	19,704
Preliminary Expenses for Microfilming Project	25,55,820	25,55,820
Equipment	19,93,888	19,93,888
Air Conditioner	2,40,095	2,40,095
	48,09,507	48,09,507

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SCHEDULE 12 : COMPUTERS & PERIPHERALS		
A. Corpus Fund Investment		
Computers	16,78,469	15,34,122
Furniture & Fittings	39,120	39,120
Electrical Fittings	26,975	26,975
Wooden Server Cabin	2,39,400	2,39,400
Intangible Assets :		
Software	1,90,298	1,90,298
Website Development	49,635	49,635
	22,23,897	20,79,550
SCHEDULE 13 : SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROOM		
Air Conditioner	1,97,950	1,97,950
Electrical Fittings	1,47,421	1,47,421
Mobile Racks	6,29,000	6,29,000
Dehumidifier	54,490	54,490
	10,28,861	10,28,861
SCHEDULE 14 : COMPACT BOOK SHELVING SYSTEM		
Mobile Racks	1,21,12,983	99,76,842
Electrical Fittings	2,18,946	2,18,946
	1,23,31,929	1,01,95,788
SCHEDULE 15 : FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture & Fixtures	50,84,502	18,95,141
Electrical Fittings	7,95,263	7,62,643
Vacuum Cleaner	38,960	38,960
Die	3,67,299	3,67,299
Durbar Hall Air conditioner	15,46,822	15,46,822
Hydraulic Lift	13,52,553	-
	91,85,399	46,10,865

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SCHEDULE 16 : INVESTMENTS		
A. Corpus Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	10,18,25,000	10,18,25,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	13,46,000	8,46,000
A	10,31,71,000	10,26,71,000
B. ASM Book Preservation & Microfilming Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	2,13,000	2,13,000
B	2,13,000	2,13,000
C. Book Adoption Scheme Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	29,10,000	29,10,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of Maharashtra	-	2,00,000
(c) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	18,44,011	16,44,011
C	47,54,011	47,54,011
D. Reserve Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	81,28,000	81,28,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with National Housing Bank	4,30,000	4,30,000
(c) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	24,94,168	7,00,000
(d) Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	-	90,000
D	1,10,52,168	93,48,000
E. Asiatic Society of Mumbai Book Fund Investment		
Term Deposits with State Bank of India	32,000	32,000
E	32,000	32,000

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F. Premchand Roychand Book Fund Investment		
Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	3,000	3,000
F	3,000	3,000
G. Dr. B. C. Law Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	6,000	6,000
G	6,000	6,000
H. Madon Book Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	25,000	25,000
H	25,000	25,000
I. M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Book Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	7,000	7,000
I	7,000	7,000
J. Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Book Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	11,000	11,000
J	11,000	11,000
K. T. C. Parekh Memorial Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	23,000	23,000
K	23,000	23,000
L. G. D. Gokhale Charitable Trust Book Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	1,16,000	1,16,000
L	1,16,000	1,16,000

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		M.
ASM Publication Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	14,01,000	14,01,000
M	14,01,000	14,01,000
N. Vimal Shah Memorial Publication Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	38,00,000	38,00,000
N	38,00,000	38,00,000
O. ASM Computerization Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	1,11,000	1,11,000
O	1,11,000	1,11,000
P. Endowments/Memorial Lectures/Fellowship Funds Investment		
1. Gulestan Billimoria Seminar on Youth contribution to Historical, Educational & Social Development of Mumbai city :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	1,91,000	1,91,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	45,000	45,000
(i)	2,36,000	2,36,000
2. ASM Fund for Centre for Labour Studies in memory of Four Trade Union Leaders :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	6,78,000	6,78,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	1,80,000	1,80,000
(ii)	8,58,000	8,58,000

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		3.
Indal Fellowship Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	1,39,000	1,39,000
(iii)	1,39,000	1,39,000
4. Chief Justice Chagla Memorial Fellowship Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	5,24,000	5,24,000
(iv)	5,24,000	5,24,000
5. M. M. Dr. P. V. Kane Gold Medal Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	12,000	12,000
(v)	12,000	12,000
6. Campbell Gold Medal Fund Investment :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	13,000	13,000
(vi)	13,000	13,000
7. Pohekar Fellowship Fund for Japanese Studies :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	2,94,000	2,94,000
(vii)	2,94,000	2,94,000
8. Smt. Nabadurga Banerjee Memorial Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	5,55,000	5,55,000
(viii)	5,55,000	5,55,000

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		
9. Smt. Bansari K. Sheth Memorial Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	3,86,000	3,86,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	40,000	40,000
(ix)	4,26,000	4,26,000
10. Justice K. T. Telang Memorial Lecture and Fellowship Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	9,33,000	9,33,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	1,00,000	1,00,000
(x)	10,33,000	10,33,000
11. Gulestan Billimoria Memorial Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	5,14,000	5,14,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	45,000	45,000
(xi)	5,59,000	5,59,000
12. Dr. L. B. Kenny Lecture / Seminar Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	85,000	85,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	50,000	-
(xii)	1,35,000	85,000
13. Dr. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	8,50,000	8,50,000
(xiii)	8,50,000	8,50,000

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		
14. Dr. Sheela Raj Memorial Fellowship Fund :		
Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	2,00,000	2,00,000
(xiv)	2,00,000	2,00,000
15. B. G. Deshmukh Lecture / Workshop Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	2,50,000	2,50,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	10,00,000	10,00,000
(xv)	12,50,000	12,50,000
16. Durga Bhagwat Memorial Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	1,25,000	1,25,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	3,50,000	3,50,000
(xvi)	4,75,000	4,75,000
17. Prof Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	11,00,000	11,00,000
(xvii)	11,00,000	11,00,000
18. Vimal Shah Memorial Research Fellowship Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	10,00,000	10,00,000
(xviii)	10,00,000	10,00,000
19. Dr. Aroon Tikekar Memorial Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	30,22,000	30,22,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	10,08,001	-
(xix)	40,30,001	30,22,000

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		
20. Rajani Dandekar Fellowship Fund :		
Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	4,00,000	4,00,000
(xx)	4,00,000	4,00,000
21. Jayant and Devangana Desai Fellowship Fund :		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	10,29,124	-
(xxi)	10,29,124	-
P (i) to (xxi)	1,51,18,125	1,30,31,000
Q. ASM Development Fund Investment		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	50,000	-
(b) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	5,50,000	5,50,000
Q	6,00,000	5,50,000
R. Staff Welfare Fund Investment		
1. ASM Staff Welfare Fund :		
Quantum Optima Deposit with I.C.I.C.I. Bank	4,47,546	10,29,537
(I)	4,47,546	10,29,537
2. Dr. B. R. Rairikar Bi-Centenary Scholarship Fund :		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	30,000	30,000
(ii)	30,000	30,000
R (i) to (ii)	4,77,546	10,59,537
S. Project on Parsi Zoroastrian Fund Investment		
(a) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	6,90,000	6,90,000
(b) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	4,59,988	3,99,300
S	11,49,988	10,89,300

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SCHDEULE 16 : (Contd)...		
T. ASM Bi-Centenary Celebration Fund Investment		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	16,82,574	14,60,714
(b) Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	28,00,000	28,00,000
T	44,82,574	42,60,714
U. Govt. of India Grant for Manuscript Catalogue Investment		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	3,49,052	3,03,000
U	3,49,052	3,03,000
V. Mumbai Research Project Investment		
Fixed Deposit with Saraswat Co-op. Bank	10,00,000	10,00,000
V	10,00,000	10,00,000
W. Library Digitization Project Investment		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	94,22,687	1,15,75,076
(b) Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	10,00,000	10,00,000
W	1,04,22,687	1,25,75,076
X. Library Improvement Investment		
(a) Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	50,00,000	-
X	50,00,000	-
Total A to X	16,33,25,151	15,63,89,638
SCHEDULE 17 : 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	46,051	46,051
B	62,051	62,051

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SCHDEULE 17 : (Contd)...		
C. Advances		
Advance Subscription to Periodicals	50,556	1,37,503
Advance for Hydraulic Lift	-	4,00,000
Advance for Dr. Aroon Tikekar Fellowship	25,000	25,000
Advance for Restoration of Books Pilot Project	-	3,05,645
Diwali Advance to Employees	1,91,500	1,56,000
Advance to Employees	9,01,534	2,90,384
Prepaid Expenses	98,697	87,298
C	12,67,287	14,01,830
D. Stocks		
Stock of Microfilms	37,674	37,674
Stock of Tissue Paper	2,35,007	2,63,587
Stock of Catalogue of Sanskrit & Prakrit Manuscripts	4,69,165	4,70,705
Stock of Manuscripts Catalogue	49,896	49,896
Stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar	71,100	71,400
Stock of ASM Journal DVD	48,129	49,720
Stock of Monographs	3,459	2,617
(nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per monograph as estimated by the management)		
Stock of ASM Journals	349	429
(nominal value of Rs. 1.00 per journal as estimated by the management)		
Stock of ASM Brochure	76,794	83,667
Stock of T-Shirts	34,944	37,440
Stock of Nylon Bags	16,498	16,498
Stock of spare parts of microfilming camera	1,38,184	1,38,184
D	11,81,199	12,21,817
A+B+C+D	25,12,953	26,88,114
SCHEDULE 18 : INCOME ACCRUED & OUTSTANDING		
Interest	25,96,137	23,53,808
Mumbai Municipal Corporation	2,918	2,918
Tax Deducted at Source on Dividend / Interest	15,16,957	24,21,227
	41,16,012	47,77,953

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SCHEDULE 19 : CASH & BANK BALANCES		
Current Account with State Bank of India	21,698	20,830
Current Account with ICICI Bank	56,005	26,537
Savings Account with State Bank of India	12,48,478	11,65,690
Savings Account with State Bank of India (Delnet Project)	2,463	2,463
Savings Account with State Bank of India (Bi-Centenary Fund)	47,282	45,663
F.C.R.A. Account with State Bank of India(Bi-Centenary Fund)	14,161	12,546
Savings Account with ICICI Bank	23,70,649	34,26,053
Current Account with Bank of Maharashtra	90,563	1,31,584
Savings Account with Union Bank of India	6,019	3,560
Cash in Hand - ASM	5,903	10,127
Cash in Hand - Bi-Centenary Celebration	7,644	7,644
	38,70,865	48,52,697
SCHEDULE 20 : INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
As per last Balance Sheet	24,46,675	19,09,031
Add : Surplus for the year	2,22,848	5,37,644
	26,69,523	24,46,675
SCHEDULE 21 : INTEREST & DIVIDEND		
Interest on Fixed Deposits / Bonds	82,20,762	82,40,608
Interest / Dividend on Reserve Fund	8,21,399	7,28,574
Interest on Savings Accounts	1,74,982	2,72,837
	92,17,143	92,42,019
SCHEDULE 22 : INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Resident Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	1,93,000	2,87,125
Non-Resident Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	3,802	5,588
Indian Student Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	6,618	4,600
Diplomat Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	-	10,000
Granth Sanjeevani Members' Subscription (Cash Basis)	2,30,177	1,18,651
Arrears Subscription	-	30,500
Readership Subscription	43,175	30,982

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SCHEDULE 22 : (Contd)...		
Membership Cards	2,010	1,980
Temporary Membership	27,075	29,600
Fines	58,038	57,091
Sale of Journals	30,530	13,360
Fees Received for Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture	1,12,000	1,15,500
Xerox Charges	4,634	8,325
Membership Forms	3,555	1,905
Royalty Received	-	176
Miscellaneous Income	1,02,860	45,135
Sale of Scrap	60,000	12,290
Donations	12,87,270	1,16,707
Govt. of India Grant	1,25,00,000	1,00,00,000
Mumbai Municipal Corporation Grant	20,00,000	23,00,000
	1,66,64,744	1,31,89,515
SCHEDULE 23 : ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Office Salaries & Allowances including Provident Fund Contribution	51,99,183	56,04,002
	51,99,183	56,04,002
SCHEDULE 24 : GENERAL EXPENSES		
Printing & Stationery	5,04,731	3,22,409
Postage	27,694	49,901
Conveyance	80,905	37,651
Telephone Charges	1,05,103	1,20,670
Electricity Charges	7,50,475	8,31,656
Repairs & Maintenance	17,65,941	9,31,584
Honorarium to Auditors	33,000	33,000
Legal & Professional Charges	84,662	1,44,097
Uniforms to Staff	5,700	74,590
Washing Charges	35,490	28,130
Binding Charges	77,176	72,147

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SCHEDULE 24 : (Contd)...		
Safe Deposit Locker Rent	14,750	14,375
Bank Charges	16,179	6,658
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,62,673	3,48,698
Rent for Ground Floor Basement	12	12
	41,64,491	30,15,578
SCHEDULE 25 : EXPENSES ON THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST		
Subscription to Periodicals	7,11,580	6,12,311
Salary Subscription to Periodicals Dept.	25,70,665	23,21,870
Cultural Activities	52,591	77,106
Printing, proof reading and postage of ASM Journal	1,08,017	-
M.M. Dr. P. V. Kane Lectures and Seminars	27,957	54,598
Honorarium to Director of MM Dr. P. V. Kane Institute	1,50,000	1,50,000
ASM Literary Club Expenses	39,651	-
ASM Fellowship	52,300	53,000
Tagore National Fellowship	-	3,60,000
Catalogue Coins Project	-	3,000
Conferment of Fellowship Function	1,50,761	1,88,128
Critical Edition & Translation of MSS Expenses	29,719	3,000
Critical Edition & Translation of Buddhist MSS Expenses	-	1,54,926
Founders & Guardians of the ASM	1,65,469	1,85,000
Expenses on Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture	1,35,233	93,385
Restoration of Books (Pilot Project)	3,28,307	-
I. T. Up gradation Project	35,400	10,620
Microfilming Laboratory Expenses :		
Repairs & Maintenance	-	1,18,112
Conservation Laboratory Expenses :		
Salaries & Allowances	33,69,505	29,94,129
Tissue Paper	28,580	16,331
Chemicals & Other Laboratory Expenses	54,003	3,496
	80,09,738	73,99,012

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SCHEDULE 26 : DEPERCIATION

Asset	Cost as on 1.4.18	Additions / (Sold/Written Off)	Cost as on 31.3.19	Depreciation
1. Books	3,61,33,029	4,13,457	3,65,46,486	15,08,781
2. Microfilmed Books	1,86,87,779	-	1,86,87,779	8,71,397
3. Office Equipment	67,78,220	14,400	67,92,620	3,05,325
4. Library Equipment	39,71,729	-	39,71,729	1,82,133
5. MSS Preservation Equipment	1,74,618	-	1,74,618	392
6. Microfilming Laboratory Equipment	48,06,927	-	48,06,927	70,224
7. Computers	15,34,122	1,44,347	16,78,469	1,71,606
8. Air conditioners	21,12,232	-	21,12,232	91,854
9. Furniture & Fittings	21,96,425	31,89,361	53,85,786	3,42,205
10. Electrical Fittings	11,76,685	32,620	12,09,305	51,520
11. Vacuum Cleaner	38,960	-	38,960	1,282
12. Mobile Racks	1,06,05,842	21,36,141	1,27,41,983	6,05,244
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	-	2,39,933	-
	8,88,23,800	72,82,879	9,61,06,679	42,83,656

Note: Depreciation is calculated on Straight Line Method.

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LIST OF DONORS		
Donation received during the period from 1.4.2018 to 31.3.2019		
Sr. No.	Name of the Donor	Amount
A	Donations for Corpus Fund	
1	Mr. Navroz Seervai	2,00,000
2	Mr. Cyrus Guzder	3,00,000
		5,00,000
B	Donations for Library Digitization Project	
1	Shri Brihad Bharatiya Samaj	50,00,000
2	Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3	6,50,000
3	Smt.Usha Kulkarni	1,00,000
4	K.B. Doctor Trust Doctor	50,000
5	Ms.Vaidehi Thakur	1,05,000
		59,05,000
C	Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai	
1	Maintenance Grant	20,00,000
D	Donation for restoration of office space	
1	Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3	34,80,623
E	Grant for National Kane Seminar	
1	ICHR	1,36,000
F	Donation for L.B. Kenny Lecture / Seminar	
1	Mr. B.G.Chawla	50,000
G	Donation for Library Improvements	
1	Mrs. Kalpana D.Sheth	50,00,000
		50,00,000
I	Donation for Staff Welfare Fund	
1	Dr. Devangana Desai	50,000
J	Donation to create Jayant and Devangan Desai Fellowship fund	
1	Dr. Devangana Desai	10,00,000

Sr. No. Name of the Donor		Amount
K	General Donations	
1	Punshi Narain Devi Vidyawati Charitable Trust	5,00,000
2	Mrs.Manju Mehra	1,25,000
3	P. Productions	40,000
4	Centre for Study of Society and Secularism	15,000
5	Rotary Club of Bombay	2,10,000
6	Mr.S.G.Chandorkar	5,000
7	Chandramohan Foundation	15,000
8	Prof.J.V.Naik	10,000
9	Saraswat Co-op.Bank Ltd;	12,000
10	Mr.Cyrus Guzdar	2,00,000
11	Ananta Aspen	15,000
12	Shama Zaidi	270
13	Jt.District Registrar, Mumbai City	15,000
14	Kshirsagar Apte Foundation	25000
15	Dr. A.K.Joshi (for purchase of Books)	1,00,000
		12,87,270
L	Donations for Adopt Book Scheme	
1	The Bombay English Association	1,25,019
2	Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3	4,00,000
3	Ms.Perviz Cooper	1,50,000
		6,75,019

**THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
INVESTMENT SUMMERY AS ON 31/03.2019**

(Details : Schedule No. 16)

Sr. No.	As at 31.3.2018	Investment	As at 31.3.2019
1	13,39,20,000	Government of India 8% Savings (Taxable) Bonds 2003	13,39,20,000
2	1,87,20,101	Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India	2,65,27,605
3	4,30,000	Fixed Deposit with National Housing Bank	4,30,000
4	12,90,000	Fixed Deposit with Bank of Maharashtra	10,00,000
5	10,29,537	Quantum Optima Deposit with ICICI Bank	4,47,546
6	10,00,000	Fixed Deposit with Saraswat Co.Op. Bank	10,00,000
	15,63,89,638	Total	16,33,25,151

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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											
		31/3/2010	31/3/2011	31/3/2012	31/3/2013	31/3/2014	31/3/2015	31/3/2016	31/3/2017	31/3/2018	31/3/2019		
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	INCOME												
1	Interest/Dividend	39,11,933	35,29,229	38,19,807	37,22,158	52,26,935	54,07,605	63,39,490	94,78,007	92,42,019	92,17,143		
2	Income from other sources	1,13,09,153	1,83,14,945	34,10,987	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		
3	Closing stock of ASM Journals	11,217	10,848	10,549	10,585	10,572	435	401	454	429	349		
4	Closing stock of Manuscript Catalogue	-	-	-	64,865	61,916	53,978	51,483	51,030	49,896	48,129		
5	Closing stock of ASM DVD					61,653	58,272	53,499	51,709	49,720	49,896		
6	Closing stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar					72,600	72,600	72,300	71,700	71,400	71,100		
		1,52,32,303	2,18,55,022	1,22,41,343	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		
7	Excess of Expenditure over income	-	-	37,58,439	7,19,634	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Total Rs	1,52,32,303	2,18,55,022	1,59,99,782	1,60,82,964	1,68,09,232	1,92,82,793	2,54,58,506	1,99,18,648	2,26,02,979	2,60,51,361		
	EXPENDITURE:												
1	Establishment Expenses :												
	(Salary & Wages)	30,78,822	35,86,017	45,28,951	41,70,790	44,94,981	50,25,071	50,26,337	60,38,228	56,04,002	51,99,183		
2	General Expenses	10,60,167	15,30,586	18,25,549	24,97,415	20,24,845	18,64,631	29,25,134	34,25,251	30,15,578	41,64,491		
3	Expenses on objects of the Trust	42,16,441	81,91,862	72,03,399	67,53,273	58,87,163	67,25,909	81,29,696	79,36,013	73,99,012	80,09,738		
4	Opening stock of ASM Journals	12,275	11,217	10,848	10,549	10,585	10,572	435	401	454	429		
5	Opening stock of Manuscripts Catalogue					64,865	61,916	53,978	51,483	51,030	49,896		
6	Opening stock of ASM Journals/DVD						61,653	58,272	53,499	51,709	49,720		
7	Opening stock of Proceedings of Kane Seminar						72,600	72,600	72,300	71,700	71,400		
8	Depreciation	18,10,382	22,12,139	24,31,035	26,50,937	29,61,634	33,81,356	37,59,303	41,16,455	38,71,850	42,83,656		
	Total Rs	1,01,78,087	1,55,31,821	1,59,99,782	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		
9	Excess of income over Expenditure	50,54,216	63,23,201	-	-	13,65,159	20,79,085	54,32,751	(17,74,982)	25,37,644	42,22,848		
10	Less: Transfer to ASM Development Fund	30,00,000	30,00,000	-	-	5,00,000	10,00,000	30,00,000	-	20,00,000	40,00,000		
11	Balance Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account	20,54,216	33,23,201	-	-	8,65,159	10,79,085	24,32,751	-	5,37,644	2,22,848		

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
Regd. No. E-1020 (Bom.)

R E P O R T

We have audited the annexed Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2019 of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai and the sub-joined Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended upon that date with the Books of Accounts and Vouchers and have to report as under:

1. (a) The accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Trusts Act, 1950.
 - (b) The receipts and disbursements are properly shown in the accounts.
 - (c) The Bank Balance shown in the Accounts was found correct. The Balance were verified by us with the certificates from the Bankers.
 - (d) All books, deeds, accounts, vouchers and other documents or records required by us were produced before us.
 - (e) Regarding the inventories of the movables of the Trust, attention is invited to the Certificate signed by the Hon. Secretary dated 9th August, 2019.
 - (f) The Manager or Trustees or any other person required to appear before us did so and furnished the necessary information required by us.
 - (g) No property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust.
 - (h) Quotations were invited for all major expenses for repairs and construction.
 - (i) No part of the money of the Trust has been invested contrary to the provision of Section 35 of the Act.
 - (j) There has been no alienation of immovable property contrary to the provision of Section 36 of the Act.
2. (a) There are no cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure or failure or omission to recover moneys or other property belonging to the Trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof.
 - (b) A budget has been filed in the form provided by Rule 16(A).

3. (a) The minimum number of Trustees according to the constitution of the Trust is maintained.
- (b) Number of meetings to be held during the year is not fixed in the constitution, however, 11 meetings were held during the year under audit.
- (c) Minute Book of the proceedings of the meetings is maintained.
- (d) No Trustee has any interest in the investments of the Trust.
- (e) No Trustee is a debtor or creditor of the Trust.
- (f) There were no irregularities pointed out by us in the accounts of the previous year and hence the question of complying with them did not arise.

Mumbai.
Dated: 09/08/2019

SHRI VIRENDRAB. SHAH SHRI A.D. BHORKAR
Chartered Accountants

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**CERTIFICATE FOR THE MOVABLES OF
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI**

Date: 09/08/2019

CERTIFIED that (as per the Report of Dr. A. P. Jamkhedkar, Numismatist and then Vice-President of the Society, dated 20th April, 2011), the Society's hoard of Coins has been examined and all the coins as per the registers are intact.

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 stating that the artefacts given on loan to the Museum and the antiquities mentioned in the lists previously sent are in order.

Vispi Balaporia
Hon. Secretary

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**The Asiatic Society
Budget Estimate**

Sr No	Expenditure / Payments	Completed Year 2018-2019	Budget for 2019-20
1	Establishment expenses		
1	Office Salary	47,76,908	48,49,000
2	Provident Fund Contribution	3,09,975	6,48,000
3	Group Insurance	54,300	72,000
4	Festival Allowance	58,000	58,000
	Total Establishment Expenses 1	51,99,183	56,27,000
2	General Expenses		
1	Stationery	1,94,498	1,60,000
2	Printing	3,10,233	3,50,000
3	Postage	27,694	25,000
4	Conveyance	80,905	50,000
5	Telephone	1,05,103	1,20,000
6	Electricity	7,50,475	8,50,000
7	Repair & maintenance	17,65,941	8,00,000
8	Honorarium to auditors	33,000	33,000
9	Legal Charges	84,662	40,000
10	Uniforms to Staff	5,700	75,000
11	Washing Charges	35,490	30,000
12	Binding materials	77,176	1,00,000
13	Safe Deposit locker Rent	14,750	15,000
14	Bank Charges	16,179	15,000
15	Miscellaneous Expenses	6,62,673	5,00,000
16	Rent for Ground Floor (Basement)	12	12
	Total General Expenses 2	41,64,491	31,63,012
A	From internal resources of ASM		
1	Printing of ASM Journals	1,08,017	1,00,000
2	Dr. P.V. Kane Institute Seminar/lecture	27,957	75,000
3	Honorarium to Director P.V. Kane Institute	1,50,000	1,50,000
4	ASM fellowship	52,300	50,000
5	Culture Activities	52,591	1,00,000
	From internal ASM Fund A	3,90,865	4,75,000

**Of Mumbai
2019-20**

Sr No	Income	Completed Year 2018-2019	Budget for 2019-20
1	Interest & Dividends		
a	Interest on Fixed Deposit/bonds (Corpus)	82,20,762	81,46,000
b	Interest on Reserve fund (Units/bonds)	8,21,399	7,41,740
c	Interest on Saving account	1,74,982	1,00,000
d	Interest on Investments of Bicentenary Surplus	3,40,630	2,24,000
e	Interest on other investments	1,11,141	50,000
	Total Interest & Dividends	96,68,914	92,61,740
2	Income from Other Sources		
	Subscription from:		
a	Resident members Subscription	1,93,000	1,50,000
b	Non-Resident Members Subscription	3,802	2,500
c	Indian student memb. Sub.	6,618	6,000
d	Granth Sanjeevani Membership	2,30,177	1,20,000
e	Membership Subscription Arrears	-	15,000
f	Reader members Subscription	43,175	30,000
g	Temporary Membership	27,075	25,000
h	Membership Cards	2,010	1,300
i	Membership Forms/xerox charges	8,189	8,600
j	Fine for late return of books	58,038	50,000
k	Sale of journals	30,530	40,000
l	Miscellaneous income	1,02,860	80,000
m	General donation	12,87,270	1,00,000
n	Grant from Central Govt.	1,25,00,000	1,81,50,000
o	Sale of Scrap	60,000	50,000

**The Asiatic Society
Budget Estimate**

Sr No	Expenditure / Payments	Completed Year 2018-2019	Budget for 2019-20
	Plan Grant from Govt. of India		
1	Purchase and Processing of periodicals	7,11,580	7,00,000
2	Salary purchase and Processing of periodicals	25,70,665	29,70,000
3	Mumbai Research Centre	-	1,00,000
4	Hand Book of Coin in possessionn of the society	-	50,000
5	Founders & Guardians of the Asiatic Society	1,65,469	1,00,000
6	Critical Edition and Translation of MSS exp.	29,719	2,50,000
7	I.T. Upgradation	35,400	80,000
8	Upgradation of Office Equipments	-	3,00,000
9	Library Equipments	-	1,75,000
10	Conferment of Fellowship function	1,50,761	1,50,000
11	Expenses on Certificate Course in Ancient Indian Culture	1,35,233	1,20,000
12	Literary Festival	-	25,000
13	ASM Literary Club	39,651	50,000
14	Restoration of Books (Pilot Project)	3,28,307	-
	Total Object of the Trust (Plan Grant)	41,66,785	50,70,000
4	Depreciation on fixed Assets	42,83,656	42,59,000
5	Provision for contingency	-	5,00,000
6	Purchase and Processing of Books from funds/Grant	54,11,155	58,70,000
7	Microfilming Lab related		
1	Microfilming Lab. Staff salary	29,46,532	33,00,000
	Total Microfilming lab.	29,46,532	33,00,000
8	Conservation Lab related:		
1	Conservation Lab. Staff Salary	33,69,505	40,30,000
2	Conservation Lab. Chemicals	82,583	50,000
	Total Conservation lab.	34,52,088	40,80,000
	Grand Total Expenditure (1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8)	3,00,14,755	3,23,44,012

**Of Mumbai
2019-20**

Sr No	Income	Completed Year Figures 2018-2019	Budget for 2019-20
p	Grant in aid from Mumbai Municipal Corporation	20,00,000	20,00,000
q	Fees received for Certificate course in ancient Indian Culture	1,12,000	1,15,500
	Total Income from Other Sources	1,66,64,744	2,09,43,900
	Grand Total Income (1+2)	2,63,33,658	3,02,05,640
	Deficit	(36,81,097)	(21,38,372)
		3,00,14,755	3,23,44,012

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI
SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE 2018 - 2019
 TO SCRUTINIZE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
 (ELECTED BY THE AGM)

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mr. Baldev Chawla | - Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Prasad Akolkar | - Convenor |
| 3. Ms. Mamata Kanade | |
| 4. Dr. Kumud Kanitkar | |
| 5. Ms. Prachi Moghe | |
| 6. Ms. Jyotsna Patwardhan | |
| 7. Dr. Usha Vijailakshmi | |

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES (2018 - 2019)

I. FINANCE & PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. S. G. Kale (President) - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Anil Newalkar | - Hon. Finance Secretary |
| 3. Mr. Arvind Sonawale | - Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary |
| 4. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat | - Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary |
| 5. Prof. Vispi Balaporia | - Hon. Secretary |
| 6. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak | - Member |
| 7. Mr. Murali R. | - Member |

II. PRE-MODERN BOOK-SELECTION COMMITTEE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher (VP) - | Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni | |
| 3. Prof. Vispi Balaporia | (Hon. Secretary) - Ex-Officio |
| 4. Mr. Rusi Daruwala | |
| 5. Dr. Devangana Desai | |
| 6. Ms. Renu Parekh | - Convenor |
| 7. Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan | |
| 8. Mr. Yogesh Shah | |
| 9. Dr. Manjiri Thakoor | |
| 10. Dr. Vidya Vencatesan | |

III. MODERN BOOK-SELECTION COMMITTEE:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (VP) - | Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak | - Convenor |
| 3. Dr. Anand Joshi | |
| 4. Mr. Haridas K. | |
| 5. Mr. Digamber Kamble | |
| 6. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar | |
| 7. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni | |
| 8. Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla | |
| 9. Prof. Vispi Balaporia | (Hon. Secretary) - Ex-Officio |
| 10. Ms. Humera Ahmed | |
| 11. Mr. Rusi Daruwala | |
| 12. Mr. Vidyadhar Date | |

13. Dr. Vijaya Gupchup

14. Mr. Vijay K. Gupta

15. Dr. Leela B. Jois

16. Mr. R.R. Kulkarni

17. Adv. Hriday Narain

18. Dr. Chaitra Redkar

19. Mr. Richard Remedios

20. Mr. Y.C. Thakker

21. Dr. Vidya Vencatesan

22. Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar

IV. PERIODICALS COMMITTEE:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar | - Chairperson |
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2. Mr. Haridas K.

3. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni (w. e. f. 20/10/2018)

4. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar (w. e. f. 20/10/2018)

5. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary) - **Ex-Officio**

6. Mr. Veerkumar Doshi

7. Mr. K.K. Mishra - **Convenor**

8. Ms. Putul Sathe

V. ENDOWMENT LECTURES COMMITTEE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak | - Chairperson |
|-------------------------|----------------------|

2. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar

3. Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla

4. Mr. Rusheed Wadia

5. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Sec.) - **Ex-Officio**

6. Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan - **Convenor**

7. Dr. Madhu Kelkar

8. Mr. K. Ganesh Kumar

9. Adv. Devdatta Malshe (Co-opted w.e. f. 01-10-2018)

10. Mr. Vinayak Parab

VI. MM DR.P.V. KANE INSTITUTE FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

1. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar - **Chairperson**
2. Dr. Parineeta Deshpande - **Convenor**
3. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak
4. Dr. Gita Kasturi
5. Dr. Suraj Pandit
6. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary) - **Ex-Officio**
7. Dr. Shakuntala Gawde
8. Ms. Karuna Jadhav
9. Dr. Ambarish Khare
10. Dr. Prachi Moghe
11. Dr. Rupali Mokashi
12. Dr. Madhavi Narsalay
13. Dr. Arunchandra S. Pathak
14. Ms. Vrushali Potnis-Damle
15. Mr. Yogesh Shah
16. Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar

VII. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIPS & MEDALS COMMITTEE:

1. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (VP) - **Chairperson**
2. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (VP)
3. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak
4. Dr. Kurush Dalal
5. Dr. Parineeta Deshpande
6. Dr. Gita Kasturi
7. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar (Co-opted w.e.f. 9-10-18)
8. Dr. Suraj Pandit
9. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar
10. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary) - **Ex-Officio**
11. Dr. Vijaya Gupchup
12. Dr. Prachi Moghe - **Convenor**
13. Dr. Manjiri Thakoor
14. Dr. Maneesha Tikekar (Co-opted w.e.f. 9-10-18)
15. Dr. Usha Vijailakshmi

VIII. JOURNAL COMMITTEE:

1. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar - **Chairman**
2. Dr. Kurush Dalal - **Convenor**
3. Dr. Parineeta Deshpande (Co-opted w.e.f. 04-12-2018)
4. Dr. Suraj Pandit
5. Dr. Shereen Ratnagar
6. Dr. Ambarish Khare

IX. ASM LITERARY CLUB:

1. Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher - **Chairperson**
2. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (VP)
3. Ms. Sushama V. Dabak
4. Dr. Kurush Dalal
5. Prof. Meenal Kshirsagar - **Convenor**
6. Mr. Vithal Nadkarni
7. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary) - **Ex-Officio**
8. Ms. Humera Ahmed
9. Dr. Hemangi Bhagwat
10. Dr. Vijaya Gupchup
11. Mr. K.K. Mishra

X. MUMBAI RESEARCH CENTRE:

1. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar - **Chairperson**
2. Dr. Kurush Dalal - **Convenor**
3. Mr. Surendra Kulkarni
4. Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla
5. Dr. Suraj Pandit
6. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (Ex-Officio - Dr. TC for AS)
7. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary) - **Ex-Officio**
8. Ms. Humera Ahmed
9. Dr. Ravindra Cheema
10. Ms. Zaibunisha Dhariwala
11. Mr. Veerkumar Doshi
12. Dr. Madhu Kelkar
13. Mr. H.J. Mair
14. Mr. Vinayak Parab
15. Ms. Renu Parekh
16. Ms. Vrushali Potnis-Damle
17. Dr. Hemali Sanghavi
18. Mr. Yogesh Shah

XI. STAFF WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Mr. S. G. Kale - **President**
2. Mr. Anil Newalkar - **Hon. Fin. Secretary**
3. Mr. Arvind Sonawale - **H.J.FS**
4. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary)
5. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar

ASM Staff Representatives:

1. Mr. Sunil M. Bhirud - **Convenor**
2. Mr. Sunil Khemkar
3. Mr. Shankar Thombre
4. Mr. Bhalchandra Patil
5. Mr. Prakash Reddy (President ASMEU) - (Invitee)

OTHER COMMITTEES:

A. Publications Committee:

1. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (VP) - **Chairperson**
2. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar (VP)
3. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (HS)
4. Mr. Murali R.
5. Mr. Pradeep Champanerkar

B. Dr. Aroon Tikekar Centre for Advanced Studies

1. Dr. Meena Vaishampayan (VP) - **Chairperson**
2. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (VP)
3. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar (VP) – Ex-officio as Chairman - MRC
4. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat - **Convenor**
5. Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla
6. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (HS) - Ex-Officio
7. Mr. Pradeep Champanerkar
8. Mr. Vilas Dhavale
9. Ms. Smruti Koppikar
10. Mr. Anand Limaye

C. Staff Affairs Sub-Committee:

1. Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande (VP) - Chairperson
2. Prof. Vispi Balaporia (Hon. Secretary)
3. Mr. Anil Newalkar (Hon. Finance Secretary)
4. Mr. A.V. Sonawale (Hon. Jt. Finance Secrery)
5. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat (Hon. Jt. Finance Secretary)
6. Dr. Gita Kasturi – Managing Committee
7. Mr. S.G. Kale (President) - Invitee
8. Mr. Prakash Reddy (President ASMEU) - Invitee

D. Library Digitization Project Committee (2018-19)

1. Shri S.G. Ka - President
2. Mr. Yogesh Kamdar - Vice - President
3. Prof. Vispi Balaporia - Hon. Secretary
4. Mr. Anil Newalkar - Hon. Fin. Secretary
5. Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat - Hon. Jt. Fin. Secretary
6. Mr. Murali R.-
Managing Committee Member
7. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar - Managing Committee Member
8. Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla -
Managing Committee Member (w.e.f. 15-11-18)
9. Dr. Maya Avasia - Librarian

Expert invitees:

10. Mr. Ashok Kumar Kapoor, Former Chief Archivist, RBI
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